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2016

Facts about Helsinki

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By decree of King Gustav Vasa of Sweden in 1550, the city was founded at the mouth of river Vantaa. From there, the city was moved further south to its present location in 1643. Helsinki has been the capital city since 1812, three years after Finland became an autonomous Grand Duchy of the Russian Empire.

Helsinki continued as the capital after Finland gained its independence in 1917. Today, Helsinki is the centre of the Helsinki Region, a functional urban region of about 1.4 million inhabitants and 753,800 jobs.



Population 1st January 2016

Helsinki	628,208
Espoo	269,802
Hyvinkää	46,463
Järvenpää	40,900
Kauniainen	9,486
Kerava	35,293
Kirkkonummi	38,649
Mäntsälä	20,685
Nurmijärvi	41,897
Pornainen	5,125
Sipoo	19,399
Tuusula	38,459
Vantaa	214,605
Vihti	28,919
Total	1,437,890



Geography and Environment

Geography and environment	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>
Total area on 1st January 2016	719	5,523
Sea	502	1,680
Land	217	3,843

Population density on 1st January 2016

Inhabitants per km ² land	2,902	374
● Shoreline (mainland), km	123	
● Islands	315	
● Number of vascular plants	1,064	
● Number of nesting bird species	164	
● Helsinki's symbol plant	maple	
● Helsinki's symbol animal	squirrel	

Mean temperature *2015*

● Whole year	7.8°C
● warmest month August, mean temperature	17.5°C
● Coldest month January, mean temperature	-0.9°C

Helsinki Metropolitan Area

2015

Water consumption per inhabitant, litres per 24 h (HSY¹) *216*

Helsinki Metropolitan Area

Waste management (HSY¹)	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
● Waste received, 1,000 tons	517.0	312.8
● Waste per inhabitant, tons per annum	0.5	0.3

¹ HSY=Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority.

Capital Cities around the Baltic Sea

	Population total		Proportion of		Population
	City	Region	under 15 yo	over 65 yo	with a tertiary education ¹
Helsinki	628,208	1,437,890	14.0	16.6	40
Stockholm	911,989	2,198,044	17.0	14.4	35
Oslo	646,301	1,230,361	17.1	12.2	39
Copenhagen	580,184	1,970,076	15.4	10.3	36
Tallinn	413,782	575,601	15.4	17.6	35
Riga	641,007	641,007	14.5	19.7	26
Vilnius	542,626	807,523	15.6	15.7	35
Berlin	3,562,166	3,562,166	12.8	19.2	25
St. Petersburg	5,191,690	5,191,690	12.5	15.2	32

¹ % of working age.



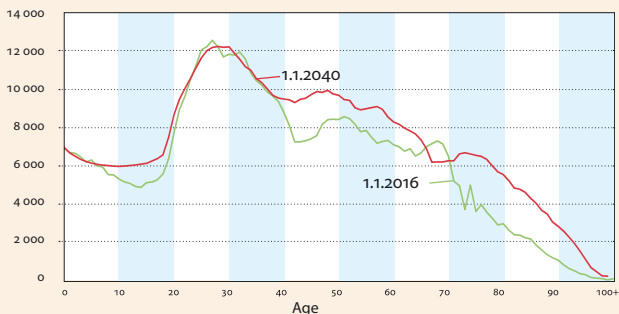
Population

Population	1950	1970	1980	2015/2016
Helsinki	368,519	523,677	483,675	628,208
● % of Finnish population	9.2	11.1	10.1	11.4
Helsinki Region	496,517	827,400	930,368	1,437,890
● % of Finnish population	12.3	17.6	19.5	26.2

Population structure 2015/2016	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Total population	628,208		1,437,890	5,487,308
Age groups				
● 0–6	45,379	7.2	8.2	7.6
● 7–15	47,675	7.6	9.7	9.8
● 16–64	431,090	68.6	66.3	62.1
● 65–74	60,865	9.7	9.6	11.7
● 75–84	30,250	4.8	4.5	6.2
● 85+	12,949	2.1	1.7	2.5
Men	297,151	47.3	48.5	49.2
Women	331,057	52.7	51.5	50.8
Finnish-speaking	504,011	80.2	82.1	88.7
Swedish-speaking	36,004	5.7	5.7	5.3
Other languages	88,193	14.0	12.2	6.0
Finnish nationality	570,601	90.8	91.9	95.8
Other nationalities	57,607	9.2	8.1	4.2



Helsinki's population structure



Population structure

Helsinki 2010–2014

Finland 2014

Life expectancy

Total	80.4	81.1
Men	77.2	78.2
Women	83.1	83.9
Average age (2015)	40.5	42.3

Population changes 2014

Helsinki

Helsinki Region

Births	6,907	16,302
Deaths	5,049	9,771
Immigrants	40,312	46,836
Emigrants	33,884	35,243

Dwelling households 2015

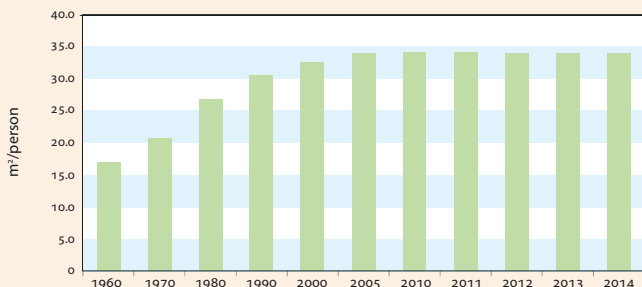
Helsinki

Helsinki Region

Total	318,225	670,300
Average size	1.9	2.1
● 1-member households, %	48.4	41.9
● 2-member households, %	30.8	31.7
● 5-member households, %	3.2	4.5

Housing

Housing density in Helsinki



Housing stock 2014

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Dwellings total	346,751	723,229	2,917,955
● Detached houses, %	13.2	31.6	53.1
● Dwellings owned by occupier, %	42.6	59.4	58.2
● Rented dwellings, %	46.4	31.2	31.0

Number of rooms, %

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
● 1 room	23.0	14.3	14.6
● 2 rooms	36.3	29.9	29.9
● 3 rooms	21.9	22.4	22.2
● 4 rooms	12.1	18.2	18.1
● 5 or more rooms	6.2	14.3	14.3

Housing standards 2014

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Housing density, m²/person	34.1	36.0	39.9

Housing costs 2015

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Average rent, euro/m²/month	15,53	12,41
Average purchase price of second-hand flats, euro/m²	3,997	2,273

Construction

New construction and extensions

	2014	2015
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Buildings completed

Floor area completed, 1,000 m ²	434	465
● Residential, 1,000 m ²	326	273
● Other than residential, 1,000 m ²	108	192

Building starts

Total floor area, 1,000 m ²	400	682
● Number of dwellings	3,065	5,544

Construction permits granted

Total floor area, 1,000 m ²	579	644
● Number of dwellings	5,012	4,922

Dwellings completed

Total	3,679	3,718
● State subsidised	1,371	823
● Rental dwellings	1,443	1,439
● Municipal dwelling	1,000	522

Construction of dwellings and business premises

	31st Dec. 2013	31st Dec. 2014
Building stock, number of buildings	41,428	41,731
Floor area, million m ²	47	47
● Residential, million m ²	28	28
● Other than residential, million m ²	19	19



Health Care

Health care

2015 per 1,000 inhabitants

- Sub-district health centres of the city
- Hospitals of the city¹

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Primary health care

Health centre physicians	347	0.6
Visits	5,743,097	9,142
of which		
● to community care physicians	782,166	1,245
● to public health nurses	733,097	1,167
● at health centre 24 h duty	134,182	214
● within home care	2,809,984	4,473
● within dental care	457,869	729
Medical care in the city's hospitals		
● Hospital beds	822	1.3
● Nursing days	278,439	443

Specialised medical care

Visits at	349,516	556
● units for community psychiatric care	232,658	370
● outpatient departments of other medical specialities	116,858	186
Hospital care at city's hospitals		
● Somatic hospital beds	230	0.4
● Somatic impatient days	78,634	125
● Psychiatric hospital beds	250	0.4
● Psychiatric impatient days	77,955	124

The table includes the performances of the city's own service only. Since 2015, the figures for the community care include both visits and consultations.

¹ Hospitals: Herttoniemi, Laakso, Malmi, Suursuo, Haartman, Aurora.



Social Welfare

Children in municipal day care¹	2014	2015
● 1–6 year olds on 31st December	24,350	24,763
● Per hundred 1–6 year olds	64.5	64.4
Number of municipal playgrounds on 31st Dec	66	64
Child home care allowance		
● Families receiving the benefit on 31st Dec	7,318	7,342
Child welfare clients²	9,870	7,751
● Per hundred 0–17 year olds	9.7	7.5
Social assistance		
Households having received social assistance	48,070	52,613
● among which single households, %	76.7	77.3
Percentage of recipients in the population	11.3	12.1
Persons having received service by virtue of the law on care for the handicapped	12,775	12,302
Persons having received transport benefits³	11,778	11,346
Places at elderly care institutions on 31st Dec	1,645	1,584
● Per hundred 75 year olds and older	3.8	3.7
Places in service housing for the elderly	3,042	3,018
● Per hundred 75 year olds and older	7.1	7.0

¹ Includes municipal daycare centres, family centres and daycare centres with contract of purchase.

² Since the Social Care Act came into force on 1 April 2015, the number of child protection clients has decreased.

³ Includes transport benefit according to the law on care for the handicapped.

Culture and Leisure

National Opera	2013	2014
● Performances	282	258
● Visits	195,576	179,939
Professional theatres	11	11
● Performances	2,973	3,114
● Visits	621,785	644,843
Dance theatres	3	3
● Performances	283	278
● Visits	52,516	58,722
Number of concerts	2014	2015
● Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra	126	106
● Radio Symphony Orchestra	93	78
Number of cinema auditoria	34	35
● Visits per inhabitant	2.9	3.1
City Library, lending outlets	48	48
● Number of books on 31st December (1,000)	1,551	1,536
● Other material (1,000)	309	298
● Loans (1,000)	8,815	8,827
● Visits (1 000)	6,409	6,133
● Visits per inhabitant	10.3	9.8
Youth work premises, m²	40,090	39721
● m ² per 7–18 year old	0.6	0.6
Linnanmäki amusement park, number of visitors	1,000,000	1,000,000
Korkeasaari Zoo, number of visitors	485,400	523,600

	2014	2015
Museums	62	58
Number of visitors at		
Helsinki City Museum	202,615	130,864
Helsinki Art Museum	91,459	93,136
The Finnish National Gallery		
• Ateneum Art Museum	410,173	263,960
• The Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma	147,768	235,560
• Sinebrychoff Art Museum	28,066	34,013
National Museum of Finland	115,617	121,703
Finnish Museum of Art and Design	73,092	80,197
Seurasaaari Open Air Museum	37,226	41,031
Museum of Finnish Architecture	21,658	21,267
Recreational trails and jogging tracks, km	216	216
Indoor sports facilities and fitness gyms	32	32
Swimming halls	13	13
Ice stadiums	12	12
Natural skating rinks	66	76
Beaches	24	24
Boat moorings	11,965	11,923
		<i>31st Dec 2014</i>
Restaurants		1,271
• Sales of food and beverages, 1,000 euro ¹		322,041

¹ Contents of sales changed 2014.

Education

Education in Helsinki for 7-18 year olds	2014	2015
Comprehensive schools (7-16 year olds)	143	141
Pupils, total	48,020	49,144
In city's schools	38,114	39,154
● of which in Swedish-language schools	3,276	3,378
In private schools	7,412	7,456
In state schools	2,494	2,534
Upper secondary schools (16-18 year olds)	37	35
Pupils, total	13,797	13,915
In city schools	8,166	8,247
● of which in in Swedish-language schools	1,180	1,189
In private schools	4,825	4,899
In state schools	806	769
Adult secondary	3	3
Pupils, total	6,102	5,717

Number of students 2014	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
Basic education for 7-16 year olds	47,645	136,590	542,932
Secondary education for 16-18 year olds	15,933	32,175	103,876
Vocational training	41,524	77,568	321,727
Polytechnics	22,404	36,298	138,719
Universities	44,623	57,176	163,759

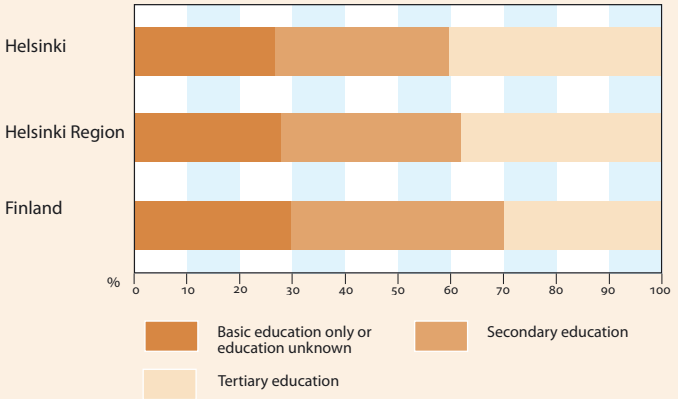
Educational structure on 31st December 2014

% of 15 years olds and older with

Basic education or education unknown	27	28	30
Secondary education total	33	34	41
● Baccalaureat-level	12	10	7
● Vocational secondary	21	24	34
Tertiary education total	40	38	30
● Lowest tertiary	9	10	10
● Lower tertiary	13	12	10
● Higher tertiary	17	14	9
● Researcher education	2	2	1

Educational structure

15 year olds and older by education on 31st December 2014



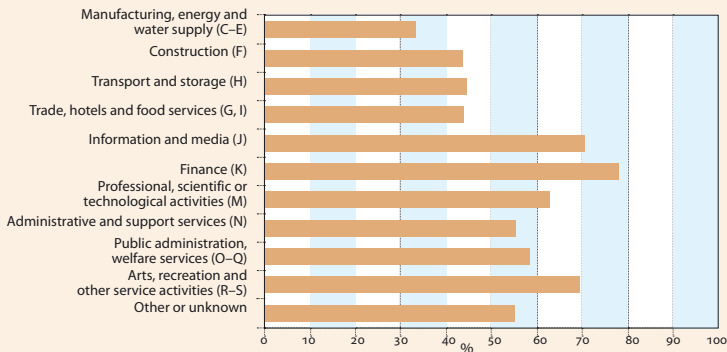
Municipal Service

Municipal service revenue and expenditure 2015

	Operational revenue/ inhabitant, €	Operational expenditure/ inhabitant, €	Number of staff	Percentage of staff	Purchased services as a percentage of total services
Service producers	2,873.4	7,885.8	38,876	100	38.0
of which					
• Education Dpt.	45.7	1,062.3	6,394	16.9	24.7
• Dpt of Social Service and Health Care	442.7	3,611.0	15,946	42.1	46.8
• Dpt of Early Education and Care	64.8	603.7	5,837	15.4	13.9
• Publis Works Dpt.	329.6	315.4	1,464	3.9	43.2
• Rescue Dpt.	23.8	82.0	668	1.8	9.2
• City Transport	278.6	175.7	1,021	2.7	51.3

Operational revenue, operational expenditure and purchased services include city-internal items.

Helsinki's share of jobs in the Helsinki Region in 2015



Economic Aspects

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
GNP per capita 2013 (PPS, EU28=100)		154.7	115.0

Jobs in 2015

All industries total	411,307	753,815	2,436,810
● Primary production (A–B)	0.1	0.4	4.5
● Processing (C–F)	10.7	15.5	21.4
● Services total (G–S)	88.3	83.2	73.4
● Market services (G–N, R–S)	61.3	58.0	45.1
● Public administration, welfare services (O–Q)	27.0	25.2	28.3
● Other or unknown (T–X)	0.9	0.8	0.8

Information and media sectors' share of jobs in 2015, %

	10.9	8.4	4.3
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Workplace self-sufficiency 2015, %

	130.0	105.4	100
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Enterprises total 2014

● Number	44,898	89,409	363,947
● Turnover, million euros	75,317.8	168,747.7	385,353.1
● Staff, total	245,097	479,173	1,432,906

Labour force, 2015, 15–74 year olds

● Employed	316,300	715,300	2,436,800
● Unemployed	28,500	62,900	252,100
● Unemployment rate, %	8.3	8.1	9.4

Economic activity rate, 2015

Among 15–64 year olds	72.4	72.5	68.1
● Number of employed	308,100	697,700	2,367,900

Trade and Tourism

Goods traffic through the Port of Helsinki (1,000 tons)

	2014	2015
International goods traffic	10,694	11,180
● Imports	5,446	5,610
● Exports	5,248	5,570
Coastal trade	134	231
Total goods traffic	10,828	11,411

Retail trade

	2013	2014
● Sales outlets	3,311	3,239
● Employees	19,484	18,813
● Turnover, million euros	4,888	4,763

Wholesale trade

● Sales outlets	3,235	3,096
● Employees	16,773	15,675
● Turnover, million euros	29,171	23,362

	2014	2015
Passangers (million)	76	81
● Via Helsinki–Vantaa Airport	16	16
● Via Port of Helsinki	12	12
● Via Helsinki main railway station	48	53

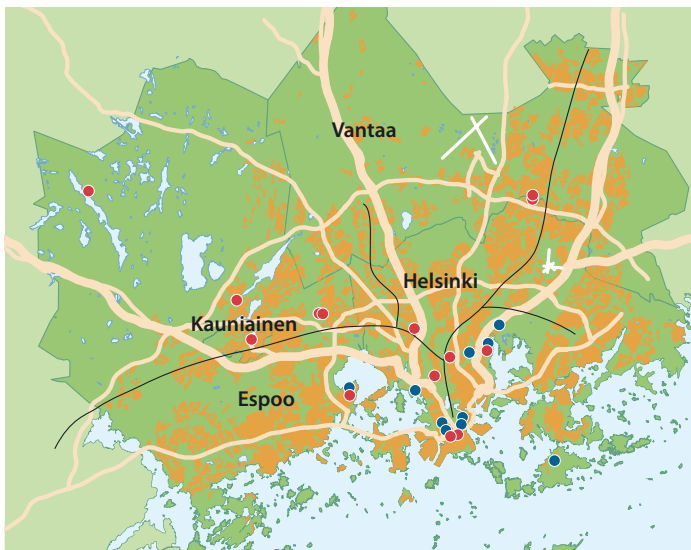
International congresses and events	310	275
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Hotels	52	52
● Overnight stays, total (million)	3,1	3,3

Transport and Communications

Transport and communications	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Registered cars on 31st December 2015	253,528	3,257,581
● per 1,000 inhabitants	404	594
Registered motorcycles on 31st December 2015	16,994	261,826
● per 1,000 inhabitants	27	48
Number of mobile phones per 100 inhabitants, 2015		172
Internet users (16–74 year olds), 2015		
● Percentage of the population, %	98	93
	<i>Helsinki 2014</i>	<i>Helsinki 2015</i>
Public transport within the city		
Journeys total (million)	205.7	205.0
● Buses	86.3	85.0
● Trams	55.5	55.2
● Metro	62.1	62.9
● Ferries	1.8	1.9
Local traffic of the State Railways, million journeys		46.8
Traffic at the Port of Helsinki, vessel calls	7,968	8,413
Traffic at Helsinki–Vantaa Airport		
● Domestic freight, tons	987	598
● International freight, tons	175,729	150,366

Universities



- Universities
- Polytechnics



City Administration

City Council

2013–2016

Number of members	85
● National Coalition Party (Conservatives)	23
● Green League of Finland	19
● Social Democratic Party of Finland	15
● Left-wing Alliance	9
● The Finns	8
● Swedish People's Party in Finland	5
● Centre Party of Finland	3
● Christian Democrats in Finland	2
● The Communist Party of Finland	1

City Personnel

31st Dec 2014

31st Dec 2015

Total	40,350	37,876
● Permanent	33,884	31,422
● Temporary	6,466	6,454
% by Department		
● Mayor's sector	5.7	2.6
● Social affairs and public health	53.3	57.5
● City planning and real estate	2.3	2.5
● Environmental authority	16.8	14.2
● Cultural and personnel affairs	21.8	23.2



City Economy

Expenditure

	2014 million €	2015 million €	€/inhabitant
Social affairs, public health and early education and care	2,314.2	2,418.0	3,849
City planning and real estate	390.4	424.4	676
Environmental authority	900.2	914.0	1,455
Cultural affairs	698.4	727.8	1,159
General administration ¹	770.1	204.3	325
Expenditure for loans, credits etc.	23.6	34.4	55
Other expenditure	0.1	0.6	1
Manufacturing for own use	-124.8	-114.8	-183
Total	4,972.2	4,608.7	7,336

Revenue

	2014 million €	2015 million €	€/inhabitant
Tax revenue	2,951.9	3,067.9	4,884
Operational revenue	1,761.7	1,041.6	1,658
Loans, credits etc.	80.3	104.9	167
Other income ¹	1,422.8	412.9	657
Total ¹	6,216.8	4,627.3	7,366

The City's

	€/inhabitant
Interest-bearing loans per inhabitant	2,518

The Business Group's

	€/inhabitant
Loans per inhabitant	7,977

Tax rate (2015)

18.5

¹The figures for 2014 include the shares of the public utilities Helsinki Energia and Port of Helsinki. The figures for 2015 no longer include these items.

Figures according to the city's external profit and loss account.
Manufacturing for own use is deducted from expenses as an item of its own.



The symbol animal of the City of Helsinki is the **squirrel** (*Sciurus vulgaris*), and its symbol plant the **maple** (*Acer platanoides*).

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