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 1.5 million inhabitants and 766,900 jobs.



Population 1st January 2017

Helsinki	635,181
Espoo	274,583
Hyvinkää	46,596
Järvenpää	41,529
Kauniainen	9,397
Kerava	35,511
Kirkkonummi	39,033
Mäntsälä	20,853
Nurmijärvi	42,010
Pornainen	5,108
Sipoo	19,922
Tuusula	38,388
Vantaa	219,341
Vihti	28,967
Total	1,456,619



Geography and Environment

Geography and environment	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Total area on 1st January 2017 Sea Land	719 502 217	5,523 1,680 3,843
Population density on 1st January 20	017	
Inhabitants per km² land	2,934	379
Helsinki	2016	
 Shoreline (mainland), km Islands Number of vascular plants Number of nesting bird species Helsinki's symbol plant Helsinki's symbol animal 	123 315 1,064 164 maple squirrel	
Mean temperature		2016
 Whole year warmest month July, mean temperatu Coldest month January, mean temperation 		6.6°C 17.8°C −8.8°C
	Helsinki N	Netropolitan Area 2016
Water consumption per inhabitant, I	itres per 24 h (HSY	(1) 225
Waste management (HSY ¹)	Helsinki i 2015	Metropolitan Area 2016
Waste received, 1,000 tonsWaste per inhabitant, tons per annum	312.8 0.3	408.0 0.4

¹ HSY=Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority.

Capital Cities around the Baltic Sea

	Popula City	tion total Region	Propo under 15 yo	rtion of over 65 yo	Population with a tertiary education ¹
Helsinki	635,181	1,456,619	14.1	16.7	41
Stockholm	923,516	2,231,439	17.2	14.5	35
Oslo	658,390	1,252,923	17.0	12.2	39
Copenhagen	591,481	1,994,025	15.3	10.3	36
Tallinn	423,420	576,265	15.9	18.1	35
Riga	639,630	639,630	14.9	19.9	26
Vilnius	543,403	805,380	16.0	15.9	35
Berlin	3,610,156	3,610,156	13.1	19.1	25
St. Petersburg	5,225,690	5,225,690	13.7	15.9	32

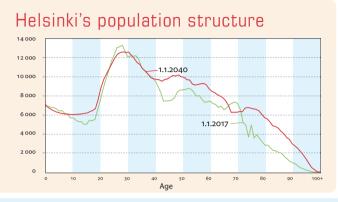
1 % of working age.



Population

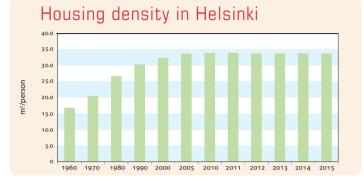
Population	1950	1970	1980	2016/2017
Helsinki	368,519	523,677	483,675	635,181
% of Finnish population	9.2	11.1	10.1	11.5
Helsinki Region	496,517	827,400	930,368	1,456,619
• % of Finnish population	12.3	17.6	19.5	26.5
Population structure 2016/2017	Helsinki	%	Helsinki Region	Finland
Total population Age groups	635,181	1	,456,619	5,503,297
• 0-6	45,807	7.2	8.0	7.5
• 7-15	48,799	7.7	9.8	9.8
• 16-64	434,583	68.4	66.1	61.8
• 65-74	61,173	9.6	9.6	11.8
• 75-84	31,611	5.0	4.7	6.5
• 85+	13,208	2.1	1.7	2.6
Men	301,010	47.4	48.6	49.3
Women	334,171	52.6	51.4	50.7
Finnish-speaking	505,708	79.6	81.5	88.3
Swedish-speaking	36,197	5.7	5.6	5.3
Other languages	93,214	14.7	12.9	6.5
Finnish nationality	575,411	90.6	91.5	95.6
Other nationalities	59,770	9.4	8.5	4.4





Population structure	Helsinki 2011–2015	Finland 2015
Life expectancy Total Men Women Average age (2016)	80.7 77.5 83.3 40.5	81.4 78.5 84.1 42.5
Population changes 2015	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Births Deaths Immigrants Emigrants	7,016 5,135 41,898 36,351	16,065 10,065 48,457 36,802
Dwelling households 2010	6 Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Total Average size • 1-member households, % • 2-member households, % • 5-member households, %	321,381 1.9 48.2 30.9 3.1	679,301 2.1 41.9 31.7 4.5

Housing



Housing stock 2015	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
 Dwellings total Detached houses, % Dwellings owned by occupier, % Rented dwellings, % 	350,314 13.2 42.3 46.3	732,847 31.4 50.9 38.5	2,934,440 52.9 57.9 30.8
Number of rooms, %			
 1 room 2 rooms 3 rooms 4 rooms 5 or more rooms 	22.9 36.3 22.0 12.1 6.2	16.5 32.5 23.2 16.1 11.2	14.7 29.9 22.2 18.1 14.4
Housing standards 2015			
Housing density, m ² /person	34.0	36.0	40.1
Housing costs 2016	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	inland
Average rent, euro/m²/month Average purchase price of second-hand		-	12,68
flats, euro/m²	4,094	-	2,299

Construction

New construction and extensions	2015	2016
 Buildings completed Floor area completed, 1,000 m² Residential, 1,000 m² Other than residential, 1,000 m² 	465 273 192	472 282 189
Building starts		
Total floor area, 1,000 m ² • Number of dwellings	682 5,544	601 4,702
Construction permits granted		
Total floor area, 1,000 m ² • Number of dwellings	644 4,922	726 5,197
Dwellings completed		
Total • State subsidised • Rental dwellings • Municipal dwelling	3,718 823 1,439 522	3,985 954 1,514 482

Construction of dwellings and business premises

	31st Dec. 2014	31st Dec. 2015
Building stock, number of buildings	41,731	42,146
Floor area, million m ²	47	48
 Residential, million m² 	28	29
 Other than residential, million m² 	19	19



Health Care

Health care	2016	per 1,000 inhabitants
 Sub-district health centres of the city Hospitals of the city¹ 	25 5	
Primary health care		
Health centre physicians Visits of which	372 5,870,854	0.6 9,243
 to community care physicians 	774,980	1,220
 to public health nurses 	778,472	1,226
 at health centre 24 h duty 	141,376	223
 within home care 	2,874,931	4,526
 within dental care Medical care in the city's hospitals 	469,091	739
 Hospital beds 	752	1.2
 Nursing days 	264,142	416
Specialised medical care		
Visits at	370,209	583
units for community psychiatric careoutpatient departments of other medical	244,548	385
specialities Hospital care at city's hospitals	125,661	198
 Somatic hospital beds 	230	0.4
 Somatic impatient days 	79,625	125
 Psychiatric hospital beds 	246	0.4
 Psychiatric impatient days 	70,916	112
The table includes the performances of the city's own servi 2015, the figures for the community care include both visits ar		

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

Social Welfare

Children in municipal day care ¹	2015	2016	
 1-6 year olds on 31st December Per hundred 1-6 year olds 	24,763 64.4	25,715 65.8	
Number of municipal playgrounds on 31st Dec	64	63	
Child home care allowance			
 Families receiving the benefit on 31st Dec 	7,342	7,305	
Child welfare clients ²	7,751	6,268	
• Per hundred 0–17 year olds	7.5	6.0	
Social assistance			
Households having received social assistance among which single households, % Percentage of recipitiens in the population	52,613 77.3 12.1	51,895 77.0 11.9	
Persons having received service by virtue of the law on care for the handicapped	12,302	12,012	
Persons having received transport benefits ³	11,346	11,059	
Places at elderly care institutions on 31st Dec	1,584	1,533	
• Per hundred 75 year olds and older	3.7	3.4	
Places in service housing for the elderly	3,018	2,602	
 Per hundred 75 year olds and older 	7.0	5.8	

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

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	2014	2015
PerfomancesVisits	258 179,939	261 209,976
Professional theatres	11	11
PerfomancesVisits	3,114 644,843	2,782 730,266
Dance theatres	3	3
PerfomancesVisits	278 58,722	285 72,189
Number of concerts	2015	2016
Helsinki Philharmonic OrchestraRadio Symphony Orchestra	106 78	82 91
Number of cinema auditoria	35	37
 Visits per inhabitant 	3.1	3.0
City Library, lending outlets	48	49
 Number of books on 31st December (1,000) Other material (1,000) Loans (1,000) Visits (1 000) Visits per inhabitant 	1,536 298 8,827 6,133 9.8	1,524 295 9,284 6,280 9.9
Youth work premises, m ²	39,721	40,090
• m²per 7–18 year old	0.6	0.6
Linnanmäki amusement park, number of visitors	1,000,000	1,100,000
Korkeasaari Zoo, number of visitors	523,600	479,394

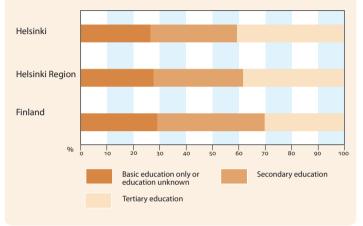
	2015	2016	
Museums	58	57	
Number of visitors at			
Helsinki City Museum Helsinki Art Museum	130,864	401,181	
The Finnish National Gallery	93,136	253,522	
Ateneum Art Museum	263,960	397,198	
 The Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma 	235,560	319,945	
 Sinebrychoff Art Museum 	34,013	55,521	
National Museum of Finland	121,703	177,916	
Finnish Museum of Art and Desing	80,197	100,158	
Seurasaari Open Air Museum	41,031	47,244	
Museum of Finnish Architecture	21,267	25,521	
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	76	75	
Beaches	24	24	
Boat moorings	11,923	11,930	

Education

Education in Helsinki for 7-18 year o	lds	2015	2016	
Comprehensive schools (7–16 year olds	141	134		
Pupils, total		49,144	50,281	
In city's schools		39,154	40,308	
• of which in Swedish-language schools		3,378	3,491	
In private schools		7,456	7,463	
In state schools		2,534	2,510	
Upper secondary schools (16–18 year o	lds)	35	35	
Pupils, total		13,915	13,911	
In city schools		8,247	8,217	
• of which in in Swedish-language schoo	ols	1,189	1,186	
In private schools		4,899	4,918	
In state schools		769	776	
Adult secondary		3	3	
Pupils, total		5,717	5,611	
Number of students 2015	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland	
Basic education for 7-16 year olds	49,779	142,075	550,236	
Secondary education for 16-18 year olds	15,867	32,208	104,028	
Vocational training	43,370	81,396	325,046	
Polytechnics	22,665	36,644	139,727	
Universities	42,250	54,663	157,436	
Educational structure on 31st Decem	nber 201	5		
% of 15 years olds and older with		-		
Basic education or education unknown	27	28	20	
Secondary education total	27		29	
Baccalaureat-level	33 12	34 10	41	
Vocational secondary			7	
Tertiary education total	21	24	34	
•	41	38	30	
Lowest tertiany	8	9	10	
Lower tertiary	14	13	11	
Higher tertiaryResearcher education	17	14	9	
 Researcher education 	2	2	1	

Educational structure

15 year olds and older by education on 31st December 2015





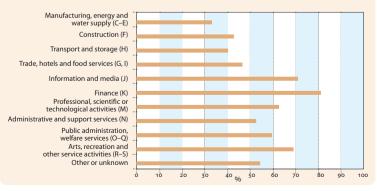
Municipal Service

Municipal service revenue and expenditure 2016

		Operational			ırchased services
		expenditure/ inhabitant. €	Number of staff		as a percentage of total services
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Service producers	2,924.9	7,754.2	38,056	100	38.0
of which					
 Education Dpt. 	46.5	1,071.4	6,421	16.9	25.3
 Dpt of Social Serv 	ice				
and Health Care	449.9	3,443.2	15,736	41.3	47.5
 Dpt of Early Education 	ation				
and Care	66.1	618.1	6,056	15.9	14.2
 Publis Works Dpt. 	326.6	312.6	1,417	3.7	43.1
 Rescue Dpt. 	24.0	82.2	681	1.8	10.1
 City Transport 	283.7	182.5	1,156	3.0	28.1

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

Helsinki's share of jobs in the Helsinki Region in 2016



Economic Aspects

	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
GNP per capita 2014 (PPS, EU28=	100)	148.4	110.0
Jobs in 2016			
All industries total Primary production (A–B) Processing (C–F) Services total (G–S) Market services (G–N, R–S) Public administration, welfare services (O–Q) Other or unknown (T–X)	421,470 0.1 10.5 88.7 61.5 27.2 0.7	766,923 0.4 15.7 83.1 58.1 25.0 0.8	2,448,093 4.1 21.8 73.3 45.0 28.3 0.8
Information and media sectors' s	hare of job	s in 2016, %	
	10.4	8.0	4.1
Workplace self-sufficiency 2016,	%		
	129.9	105.7	100
Enterprises total 2015			
NumberTurnover, million eurosStaff, total	45,203 74,822,9 246,086	89,784 164,885,5 480,218	360,296 379,765,7 1,421,907
Labour force, 2016, 15–74 year old	S		
EmployedUnemployedUnemployment rate, %	324,500 27,800 7.9	725,300 58,100 7.4	2,448,100 236,800 8.8
Economic activity rate, 2016			
Among 15–64 year olds Number of employed 	73.1 316,900	73.2 708,700	68.7 2,379,500

Trade and Tourism

Goods traffic through the Port of Helsinki (1,000 tons)	
International goods traffic • Imports • Exports Coastal trade Total goods traffic	2015 11,180 5,610 5,570 231 11,411	2016 11,394 5,837 5,557 227 11,621
Retail trade	2014	2015
Sales outletsEmployeesTurnover, million euros	3,239 18,813 4,763	3,231 17,722 4,786
Wholesale trade		
Sales outletsEmployeesTurnover, million euros	3,096 15,675 23,362 2015	2,990 15,315 20,898 2016
Passangers (million)	81	82
 Via Helsinki–Vantaa Airport Via Port of Helsinki Via Helsinki main railway station 	16 12 53	17 12 53
International congresses and events	275	286
Hotels	54	61
 Overnight stays, total (million) 	3,5	3,6

Transport and Communications

Transport and communications	Helsinki	Finland	
Registered cars on 31st December 2016 • per 1,000 inhabitants Registered motorcycles on 31st December 2016 • per 1,000 inhabitants	260,301 410 17,278 27	3,346,005 608 265,960 48	
Number of mobile phones per 100 inhabita	173		
 Internet users (16–89 year olds), 2016 Percentage of the population, % 	05	88	
	95 Helsinki 2015	Helsinki 2016	
Public transport within the city			
Journeys total (million) • Buses • Trams • Metro • Ferries	205.0 85.0 55.2 62.9 1.9	205.4 82.5 56.6 64.1 2.2	
Local traffic of the State Railways, million jou	urneys	46.8	
Traffic at the Port of Helsinki, vessel calls	8,413	8,469	
Traffic at Helsinki–Vantaa Airport			
Domestic freight, tonsInternational freight, tons	847 166,005	1,381 170,492	

Universities



City Administration

City Council	2017–2020
Number of members	85
 National Coalition Party (Conservatives) 	25
 Green League of Finland 	21
 Social Democratic Party of Finland 	12
Left-wing Alliance	10
The Finns	6
 Swedish People's Party in Finland 	5
 Centre Party of Finland 	2
 Christian Democrats in Finland 	2
The Feminist Party	1
 The Pirate Party of Finland 	1

City Personnel	31st Dec 2015	31st Dec 2016
Total	37,876	38,056
 Permanent 	31,422	31,180
 Temporary 	6,454	6,876
% by Department		
 Mayor's sector 	2.6	2.7
 Social affairs and public health 	57.5	57.3
 City planning and real estate 	2.5	2.5
 Environmental authority 	14.2	14.2
 Cultural and personnel affairs 	23.2	23.3



City Economy

Expenditure	2015 million €	2016 million €	€/inhabitant	
Social affairs, public health and early				
education and care	2,418.0	2,345.9	3,691	
City planning and real estate	424.4	436.5	687	
Environmental authority	914.0	860.1	1,353	
Cultural affairs	727.8	739.4	1,163	
General administration	204.3	221.4	348	
Expenditure for loans, credits etc.	34.4	18.4	29	
Other expenditure	0.6	1.5	1	
Manufacturing for own use	-114.8	-117.1	-184	
Total	4,608.7	4,506.1	7,090	
Revenue	2015 million €	2016 million €	€/inhabitant	
Tax revenue	3,067.9	3,205.6	5,043	
Operational revenue	1,041.6	1,081.5	1,701	
Loans, credits etc.	104.9	133.4	210	
Other income	412.9			
	412.9	555.9	857	
Total	4,627.3	555.9 4,976.3	857 7,829	
Total The City's				
	4,627.3		7,829	
The City's	4,627.3		7,829 €/inhabitant	
The City's Interest-bearing loans per inhabitant	4,627.3		7,829 €/inhabitant 2,157	
The City's Interest-bearing loans per inhabitant The Business Group's	4,627.3		7,829 €/inhabitant 2,157 €/inhabitant	

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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