

Helsinki facts and figures 2021

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Geography

Area

	km ²
Helsinki	719
Land area (including inland waters)	217
Sea area	502

Population density in Helsinki is 3,020 people per sq km of land area.

Land ownership in Helsinki

	km ²	%
City of Helsinki	137.2	64.1
Finnish State	17.2	8.0
Private landowner	18.4	8.6
Housing company	19.2	9.0
Other	21.9	10.3
Total	214	100



Shoreline
123 km



Islands
327



● Helsinki Region
 ● Metropolitan area
 ● Helsinki

Nearly 34 per cent of Helsinki's land area consists of green space managed by the city.

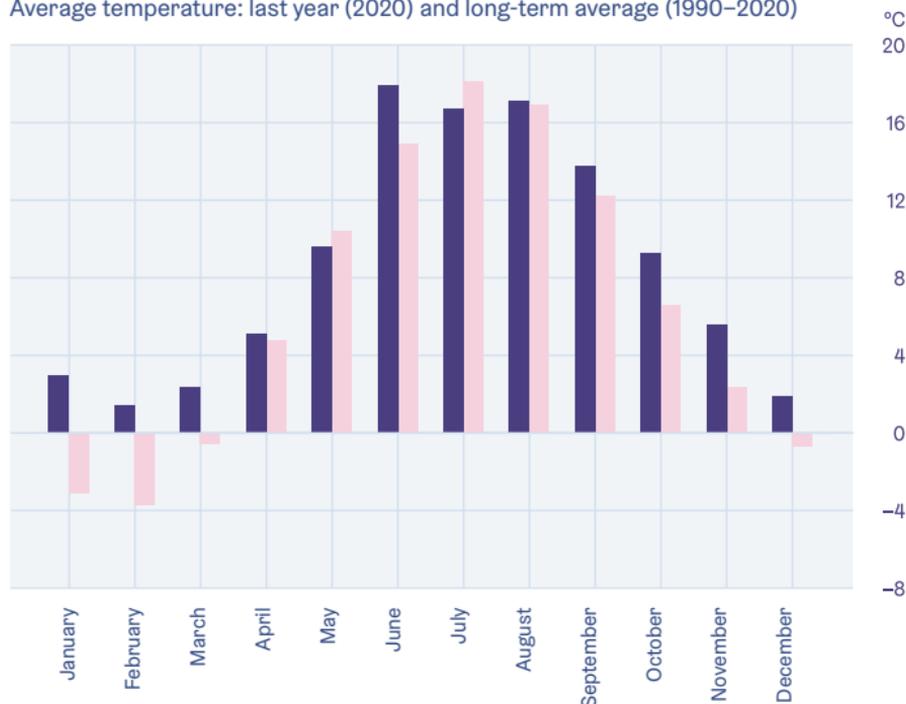
Conservation areas **61** **1,089** hectares



Temperature

The warmest daily average in 2020 was 28.0°C (June 27) and coldest -8.2°C (February 29).

Average temperature: last year (2020) and long-term average (1990–2020)

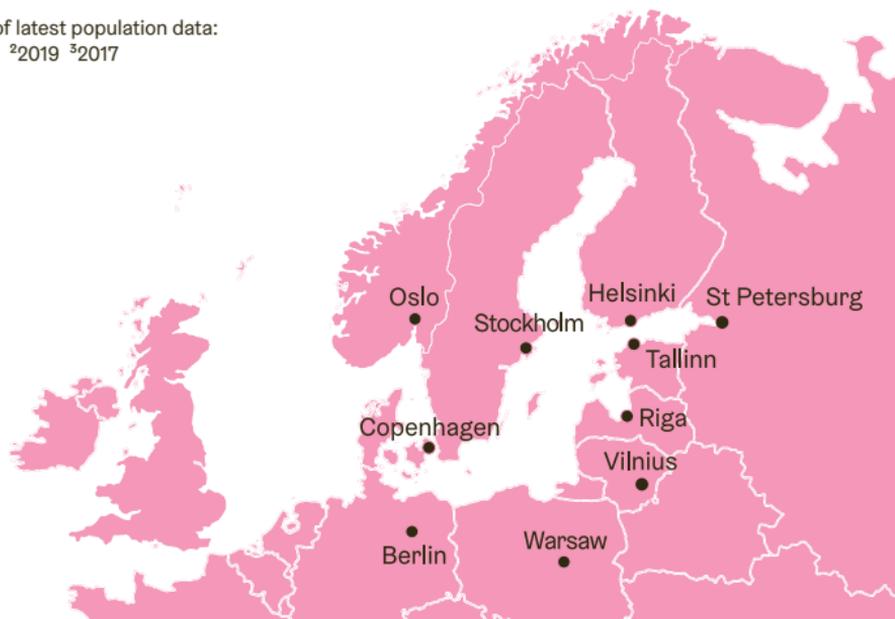


Helsinki in Europe

Comparison of cities in the Baltic Sea region

	Total population		Change (%) in 5 years		Proportion of population	
	City	Region	City	15 years or younger	65 years or older	
Helsinki ¹	656,920	1,524,489	4.6	14.3	17.4	
Stockholm ¹	975,551	2,377,081	6.8	19.0	15.0	
Oslo ¹	697,549	1,359,686	7.1	17.3	12.6	
Copenhagen ¹	637,895	2,057,142	9.0	15.1	10.4	
Tallinn ¹	437,619	605,029	5.8	16.5	20.0	
Riga ¹	627,487	627,487	-2.1	15.6	20.7	
Vilnius ¹	561,836	816,000	3.5	17.1	16.2	
Warsaw ²	1,790,700	5,423,168	3.0	15.4	19.4	
Berlin ²	3,669,500	3,669,500	5.0	13.9	19.2	
St Petersburg ¹	5,398,100	5,398,100	4.0	13.7 ³	15.9 ³	

Year of latest population data:
¹2020 ²2019 ³2017



Population

656,920

Population
of Helsinki
Dec 31, 2020

Population

	Population Dec 31, 2020	(%) of the population of Finland
Helsinki	656,920	11.9
Helsinki Region	1,524,489	27.5

Population by gender



52.5%



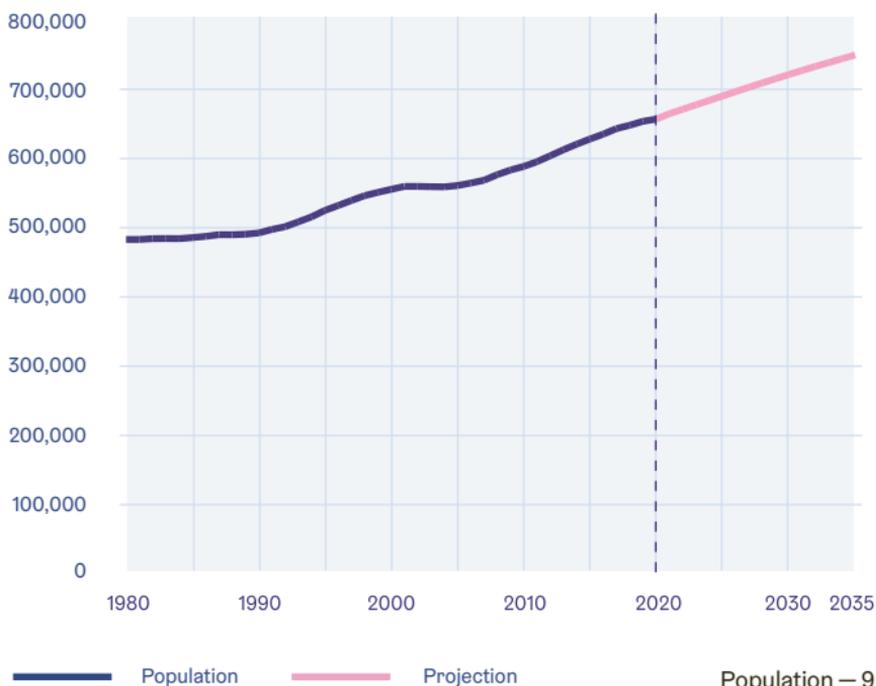
47.5%

Population changes (2019)

	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Births	6,332	14,526
Deaths	5,118	10,576
In-migrants	42,670	52,655
Out-migrants	38,027	37,209

The population of Helsinki increased by 0.5% in 2020.

Population of Helsinki 1980–2020 and projection to 2035



The largest age group in Helsinki are the 30–34-year-olds, who number 61,848.

Age groups



The average age of the population in 40.9 years in Helsinki, and 43.4 in Finland.

Population by mother tongue

	Helsinki	%	Finland	%
Finnish	510,912	77.8	4,813,075	87.0
Swedish	36,754	5.6	287,871	5.2
Other	109,254	16.6	432,847	7.8

In Helsinki, 17 per cent of the population speak a mother tongue other than Finnish, Swedish or Sami.

Most common foreign mother tongues in Helsinki

	No. of speakers	%
Russian	19,032	2.9
Somali	11,982	1.8
Estonian	10,289	1.6
Arabic	8,376	1.3
English	7,424	1.1
Chinese	3,992	0.6
Kurdish	3,670	0.6
Persian	3,287	0.5

Sixty-five thousand residents of Helsinki hold a foreign citizenship, compared to about 279,000 in all of Finland.

Housing

Households (Dec 31, 2019, proportion of all households in Helsinki)



The total number of households in Helsinki is 339,786, and the average size is 1.7 persons.

Housing stock (2019)

	Helsinki
Dwellings, total	371,295
% in detached or terraced houses	13.2
% in blocks of flats	85.7
1-2 rooms, %	59.0
3-4 rooms, %	34.5
5 or more rooms, %	6.2



Housing density in Helsinki is 34.2 m² of floor area per person, compared to 41.0 m² in all of Finland.

Housing costs (2020)

	Helsinki	Finland
Average rent, €/m ² /month	18.3	14.0
Average price per sq m of old dwellings, €/m ²	4,493	2,104
Most expensive postcode area, €/m ²	8,713	8,713
Least expensive postcode area, €/m ²	2,321	313

Housing stock by construction year

Year	No. of dwellings	% of all dwellings
Before 1920	19,137	5.2
1920–1939	48,412	13.0
1940–1959	50,561	13.6
1960–1979	103,489	27.9
1980–1999	78,161	21.0
2000–2019	71,483	19.3

Education

Ninety-four per cent of 3–6-year-old children in Helsinki take part in early childhood education.

Number of students and schools at different educational levels

	No of students ¹		No of establishments ²	
	Total	City-owned	Total	
Early childhood education	27,000	341	471	
Comprehensive school	54,000	104	134	
General upper secondary	17,000	16	39	
Vocational education	45,000	1	11	
Universities of applied sciences	22,000		3	
University education	38,000		5	

Year of data: ¹ 2019, ² 2020.

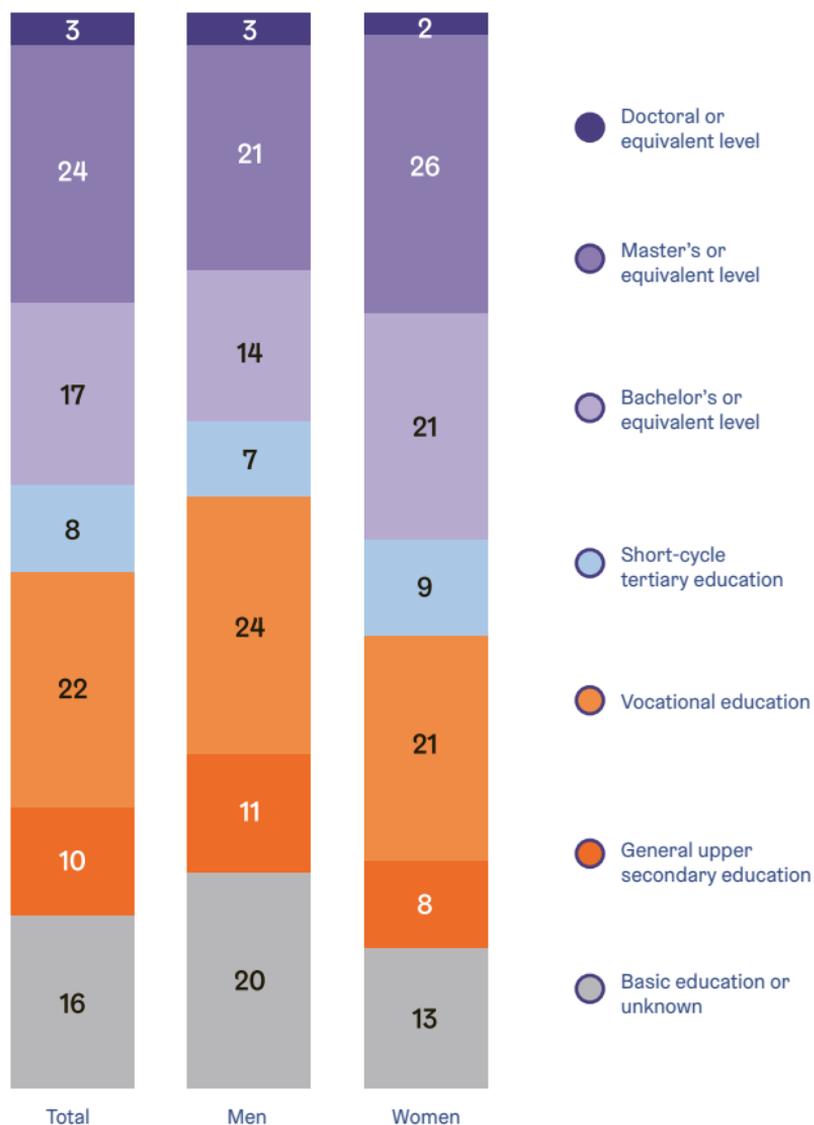
Universities in the Helsinki metropolitan area

Name	No of students
University of Helsinki	31,620
Aalto University	17,626
Hanken School of Economics	2,505
University of the Arts	1,946
National Defence University	910

Ninety per cent of children starting primary school in Helsinki choose the local school close to home.



Educational structure (Dec 31, 2018, %)



Employment

73.4%

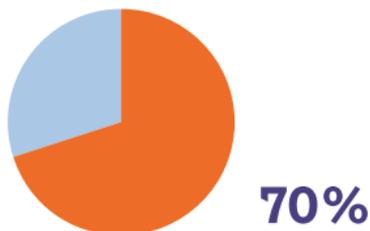
Employment rate in Helsinki

Employment (2020)

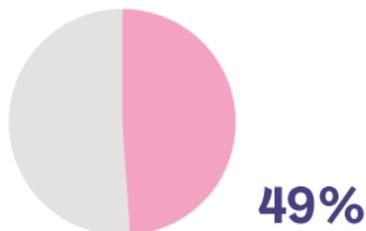
	Helsinki	Region	Finland
Employed persons	334,600	767,100	2,528,200
Unemployed persons	29,600	60,000	212,500
Employment rate (15–64-year-olds), %	73.4	74.3	71.6
Unemployment rate (15–74-year-olds), %	8.1	7.3	7.8

Welfare and health

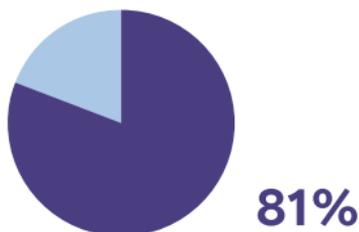
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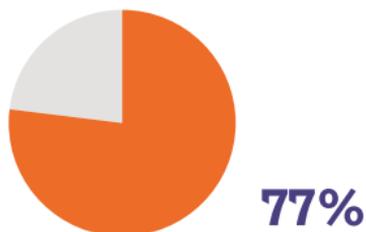
Feel at least fairly healthy (2018)



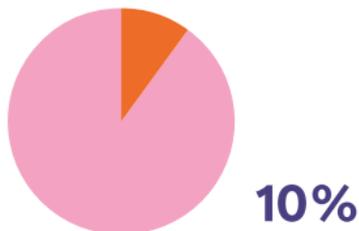
Feel happy at least fairly often (2018)



Feel safe in their neighbourhood on weekend evenings (2018)



Take exercise in their free time (2018)



Smoke daily (2018)



Feel lonely (2018)

Life expectancy at birth (2020)

78.4

Men (years)

Helsinki (1978): **67.0**

Finland (2020): **79.0**



84.5

Women (years)

Helsinki (1978): **77.2**

Finland (2020): **84.6**

Helsinki residents are healthier than Finnish people on average.

Morbidity index (Finland=100)*

	2017	2018	2019
Helsinki	89	88	87

*When the index value is below 100, the population is healthier than the Finnish average.

Median taxable income, euros

	2018	2019
Helsinki	28,620	29,596
Finland	24,942	25,716

Prolonged poverty risk (% of dwelling population)

	2018	2019
Helsinki	5.9	6.1
Finland	7.5	7.7

Culture and leisure

Events

	Attendance (2020)
Vappu at Home	700,000 ¹
Lux Helsinki	600,000
Helsingin juhlatiivat	37,000
Helsinki Cup	16,000
Helsinki City Running Day	9,300

¹Virtual participants

Helsinki Central Library
Oodi registered 1,110,533
visits in 2020.

Cinema



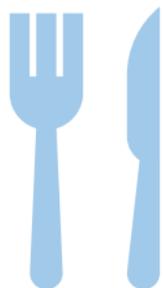
Number of screens (2019) 59

Visits per resident 3.2



Restaurants

1,810



Restaurants in Helsinki with an alcohol serving licence

Theatres (2020)

Number of professional theatres	11
Performances	1,392
Total attendance, persons	220,157

Classical music (2020)

National Opera	
Performances	87
Tickets sold, total	63,308

Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra*	
Concerts	117
Total attendance, persons	31,638

Radio Symphony Orchestra	
Concerts	53
Total attendance, persons	30,838

Museums (2020)

	Visits
Helsinki City Museum	148,303
Amos Rex	129,924
Helsinki Art Museum	84,041
National Gallery	
• Ateneum Art Museum	209,763
• Kiasma Museum of Modern Art	162,501
National Museum	109,809
Design Museum	43,042

City Library (2020)

Libraries and other service points	45
Books (1,000)	1,566
Other material (1,000)	244
Loans (1,000)	7,281
Visits (1,000)	5,197
Visits per resident	8.0

City of Helsinki culture and leisure services (2020)

Grants (millions of euros)	
Art and culture	23.0
Sport teams and groups	15.0
District cultural centres	
Performances	1,243
Total event attendance	296,000

Helsinki has 33 official beaches.



799

Indoor sports facilities



219

Jogging tracks and footpaths



17*

Swimming halls



94

Dog parks



12

Indoor skating rinks



50

Outdoor recreation and excursion areas



33

Beaches



168

Skating rinks and artificial ice rinks



13

Winter swimming places



1,200 km

Cycling routes



12,000

Moorings for leisure boats

* including outdoor swimming pools and a sea pool

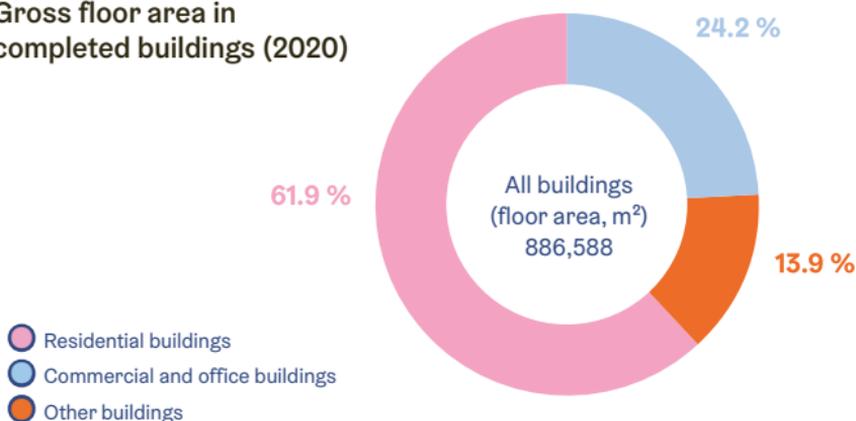
Construction

6,899

Dwellings completed in Helsinki 2020

Average for 2013–2020: 4,727

Gross floor area in completed buildings (2020)



Construction starts (2020)

	Floor area, m ²
All buildings	785,455
Residential	529,980
Other	245,772

Economy

Gross domestic product per capita, index (EU28=100)

	Greater Helsinki	Finland
BKT (PPS, EU28=100) 2018	145	110

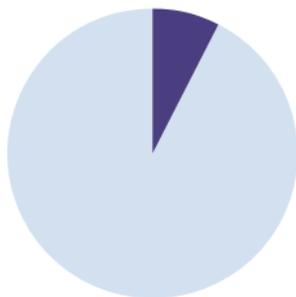
There are 445,000 jobs in Helsinki.

Jobs (2019)

	Helsinki	Region	Finland
All industries, total	445,000	812,300	2,565,600
Primary production	0.1	0.3	3.0
Secondary production	10.2	14.9	20.8
Services, total	88.2	83.2	74.3
Market services	61.3	58.5	45.8
Public administration, welfare services	26.9	24.7	28.5
Other or unknown	1.5	1.6	1.9

7.7%

Research and development jobs
(proportion of all jobs in the Helsinki Region)



Workplace self-sufficiency in Helsinki is 128.3%.

Enterprises (2019)

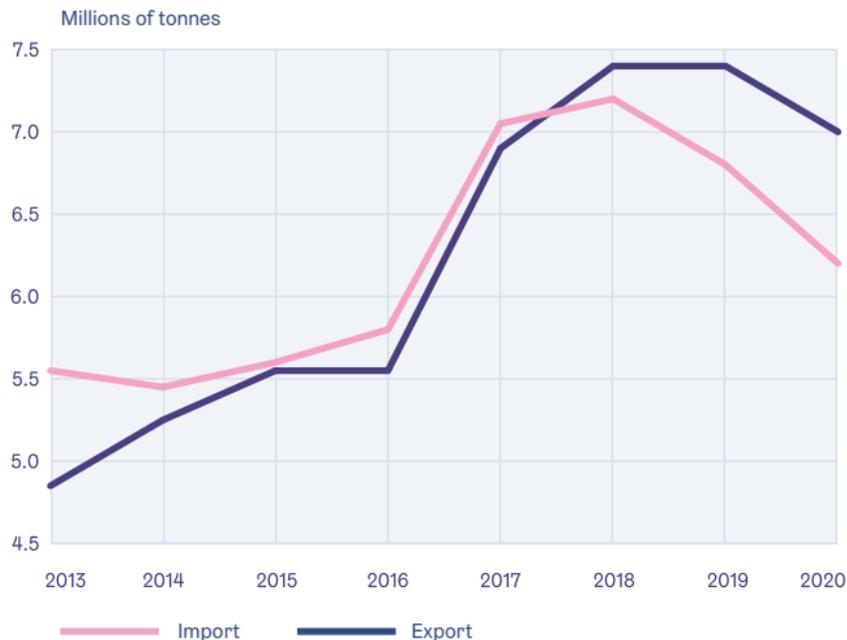
	Helsinki	Region	Finland
Turnover, bn euros	90.1	187.6	442.8
Personnel, total	286,168	537,474	1,524,397
Business establishments, total	52,184	103,092	400,346

Helsinki has 25,012 entrepreneurs, compared to 58,654 in the Helsinki Region.

Largest enterprises in Helsinki (2019, by number of personnel)

Name of enterprise	Personnel
1. Nordea Bank Finland Abp	4,320
2. HOK-Elanto Liiketoiminta Oy	3,054
3. ABB Oy	3,030
4. SLP Group Oy	2,919
5. Posti Oy	2,294

Import and export through Port of Helsinki



The Port of Helsinki is Finland's largest cargo port in terms of the value of goods.

Air freight

Helsinki Airport	2019	2020
Domestic, tonnes	1,637	1,611
International, tonnes	214,786	141,368



Helsinki had 56 hotels with a total of 16,623 bed places in 2020.



Travel

Overnight stays in registered accommodation establishments

1,616,635

Total
(-64% from 2019)



1,121,234

Foreign visitors



495,401

Finnish visitors

Overnight stays, top 5 source markets



#1

Russia
58,993



#2

Germany
48,729



#3

UK
31,453



#4

USA
30,986



#5

Sweden
30,428

Congresses (2020)

International congresses

90

Number of congress visitors

18,837

Passenger traffic (millions of passengers)

	2019	2020
Airport	22	5
Port	12	5
Railway station	70	40

Passenger traffic to Helsinki was ground to a halt by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Popular tourist attractions

#1



Linnanmäki
Amusement
Park

#2



Suomenlinna

#3



Korkeasaari
Zoo

#4



Temppeli-
aukio Church

#5



Uspenski
Cathedral

#5



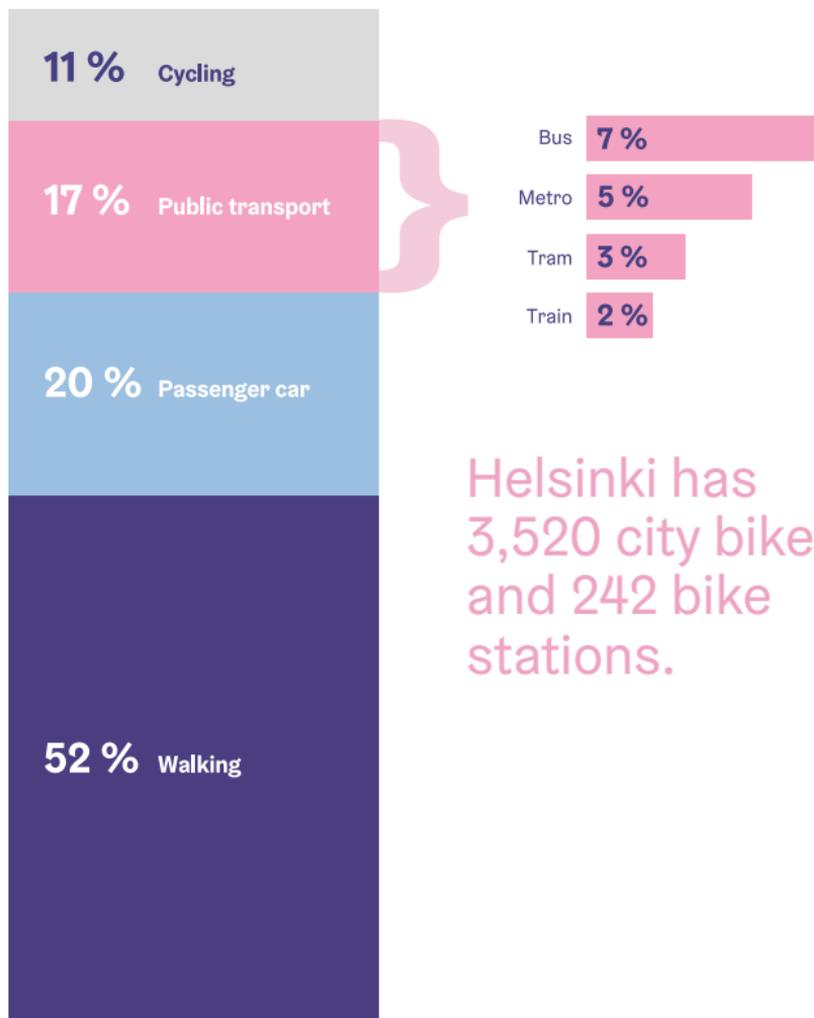
Helsinki
Cathedral
and Crypt

	Visitors
Linnanmäki Amusement Park	700,000
Suomenlinna	450,000
Korkeasaari Zoo	353,194
Temppeliaukio Church	92,145
Uspenski Cathedral	50,000
Helsinki Cathedral and Crypt	50,000



Transport

Modal split
(% of all journeys in Helsinki, 2020)



Helsinki has
3,520 city bikes
and 242 bike
stations.

Due to the travel restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Helsinki had no visits by cruise liner passengers in 2020.

Public transport in Helsinki

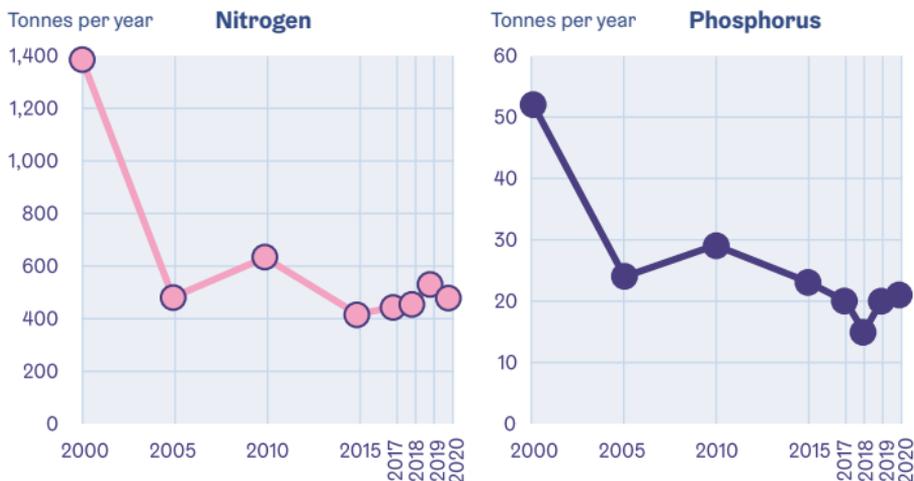
	2019	2020
Journeys, total, millions	299	188
Bus	78	45
Tram	57	35
Metro	93	60
Ferry	2	1
Commuter train	70	47

Passenger cars

	2020
Vehicles in traffic use, total	219,185
Petrol	152,525
Diesel	51,879
Hybrid	10,284
Electric	2,031
Other	2,466

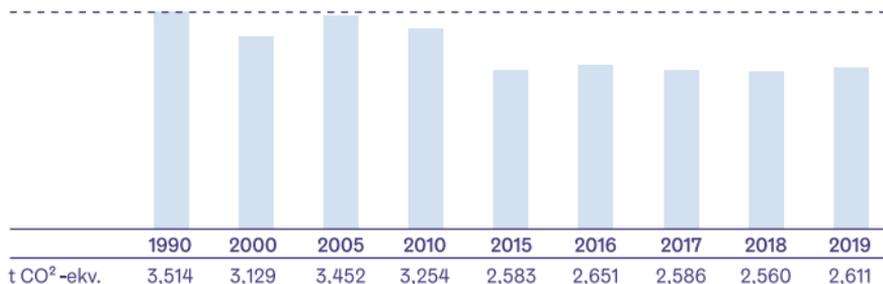
Environment

Emissions from wastewater treatment



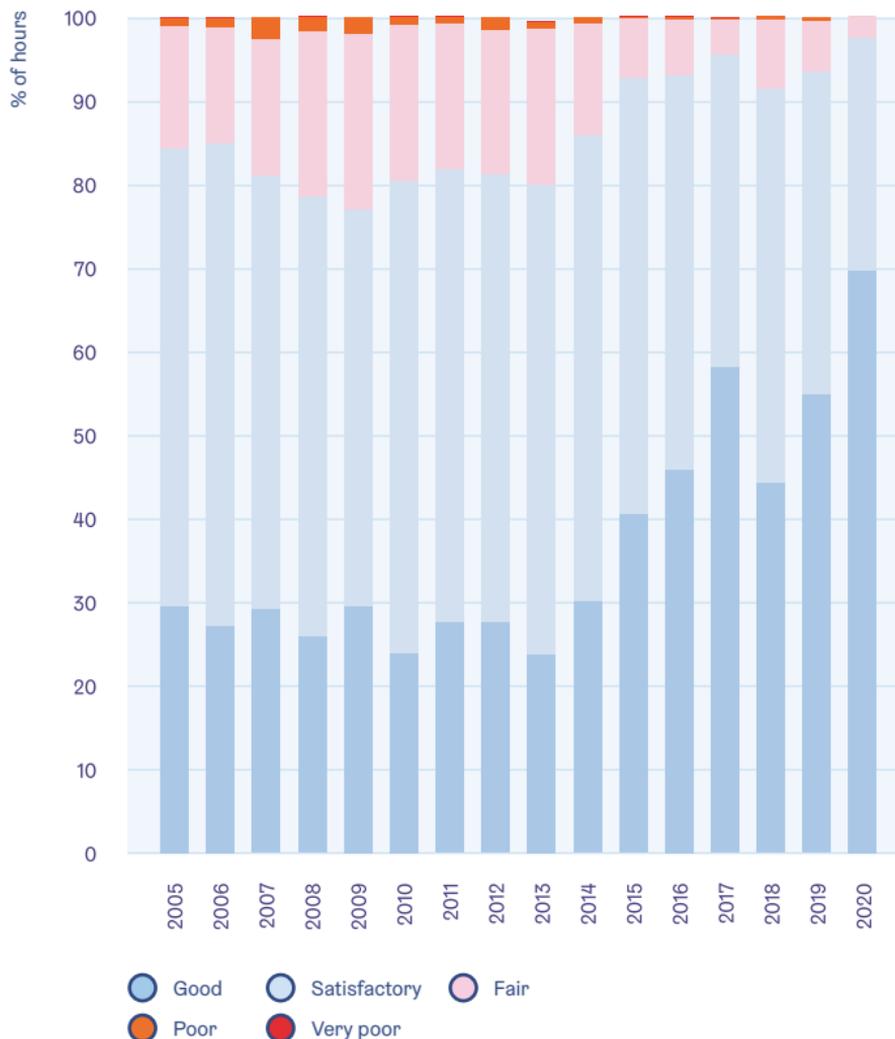
Greenhouse emissions

The emissions of greenhouse gases have been cut down by 26% since 1990 in Helsinki.



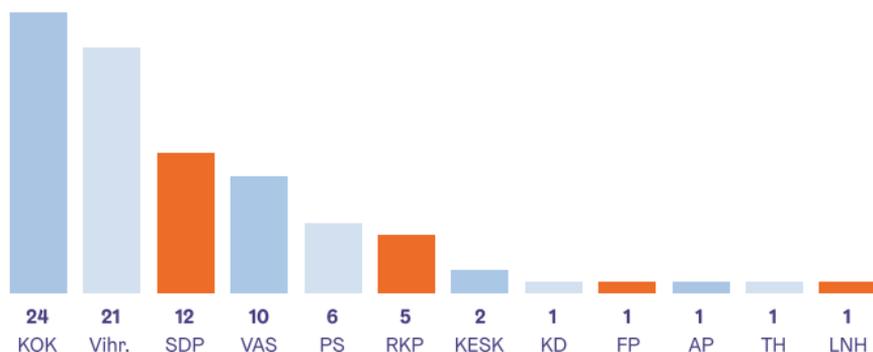
Air quality was good or satisfactory 97% of the time in Helsinki in 2019.

Air quality in city centre



City administration and economy

City council (Dec 31, 2020)



(KOK) National Coalition Party • (Vihr.) Green League • (SDP) Social Democratic Party • (VAS) Left Alliance • (PS) Finns Party • (RKP) Swedish People's Party • (KESK) Centre Party • (KD) Christian Democrats • (FP) Feminist Party • (AP) Open Party • (TH) Terve Helsinki • (LNH) Liike Nyt Helsinki

Councillors



Mayors



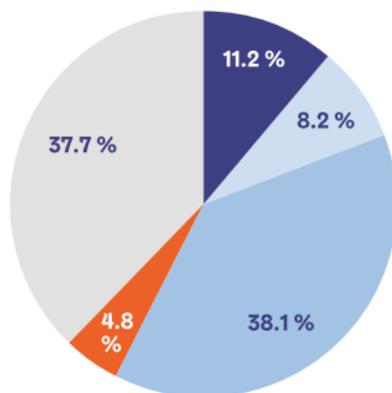




The City of Helsinki employs 38,702 people.

Personnel by division

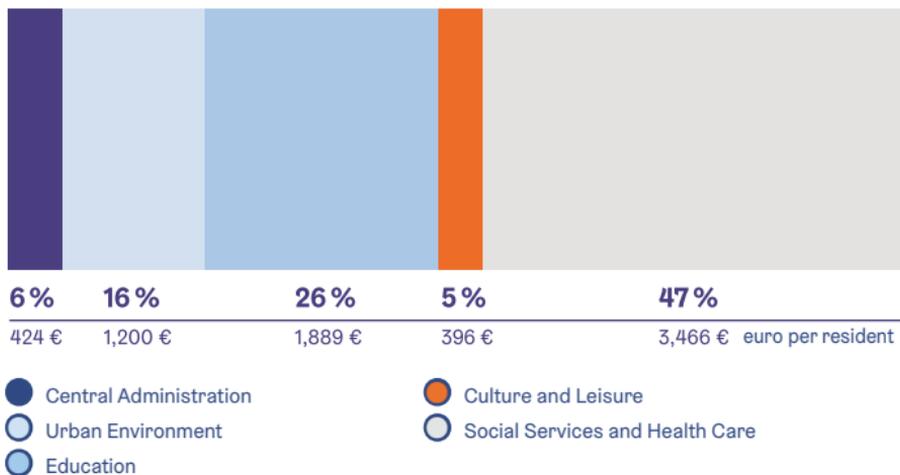
- Central Administration
- Urban Environment
- Education
- Culture and Leisure
- Social Services and Health Care



Personnel, most common job titles

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|-----|--|-------|------|--|-------|
| # 1 | Practical nurse | 3,329 | # 6 | Part-time teacher | 1,223 |
| # 2 | Childcarer in early childhood education and care | 3,098 | # 7 | Instructor | 1,135 |
| # 3 | Teacher in early childhood education and care | 2,446 | # 8 | Public health nurse | 948 |
| # 4 | Nurse | 1,970 | # 9 | Social services instructor | 730 |
| # 5 | Class teacher | 1,678 | # 10 | Comprehensive school full-time teacher | 714 |

City of Helsinki expenses by division (2020)

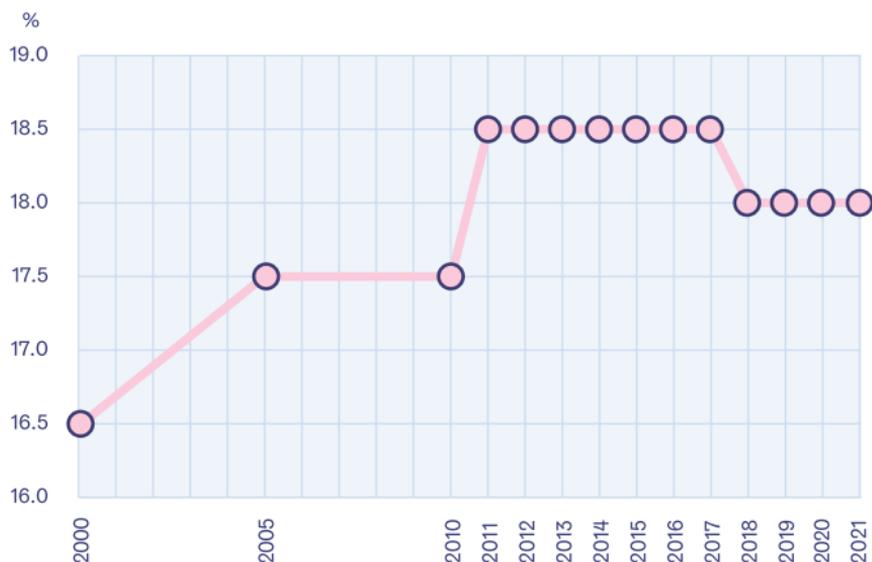


Profit and loss account

	million euros
Operating profit	1,145
Production for own use	193
Operating expenses	-4,662
Operating profit margin	-3,325
Tax revenue	3,566
State subsidies	480
Financing income	159
Financing expenses	-17
Annual contribution margin	863
Depreciations and impairment	-366
Result for the financial period	497
Appropriations	2
Surplus/deficit (-) for the financial period	499

Tax revenues received by Helsinki equal 80% of the total expenses of the City.

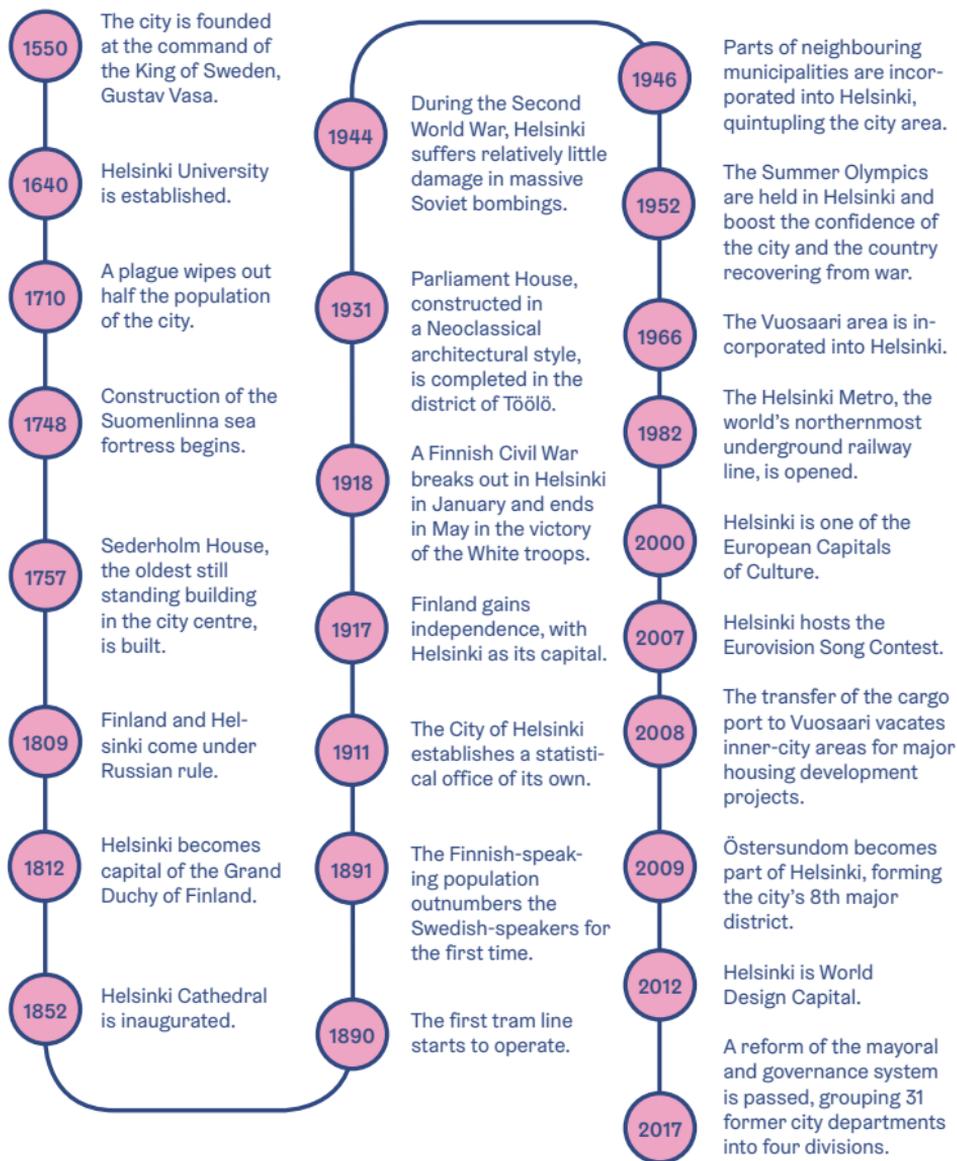
Municipal tax rate



Loan stock

	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2010
City		
Loans at interest, euro per resident	1,508	1,989
City group		
Loans, euro per resident	8,442	6,917

History of Helsinki





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