

Helsinki facts and figures 2023

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Geography

Area

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

Population density in Helsinki is 3,042 people per sq km of land area.

Land ownership in Helsinki

	km ²	%
City of Helsinki	138.4	64.7
Finnish State	18.4	8.6
Private landowner	18.3	8.5
Housing company	19.4	9.0
Other	19.6	9.2
Total	214	100



Shoreline
131 km



Islands
327



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

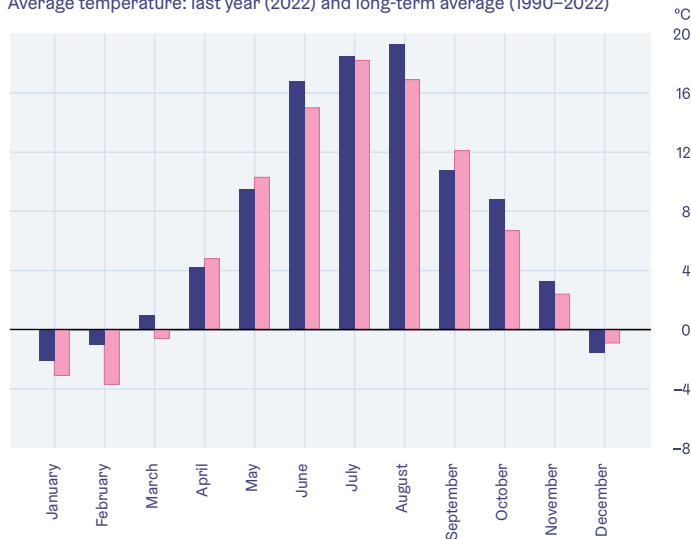
Conservation areas **71** **1,350** hectares



Temperature

The highest recorded temperature in 2022 was 29.5 °C (June 27) and lowest -17.6 °C (January 11).

Average temperature: last year (2022) and long-term average (1990–2022)



Helsinki in Europe

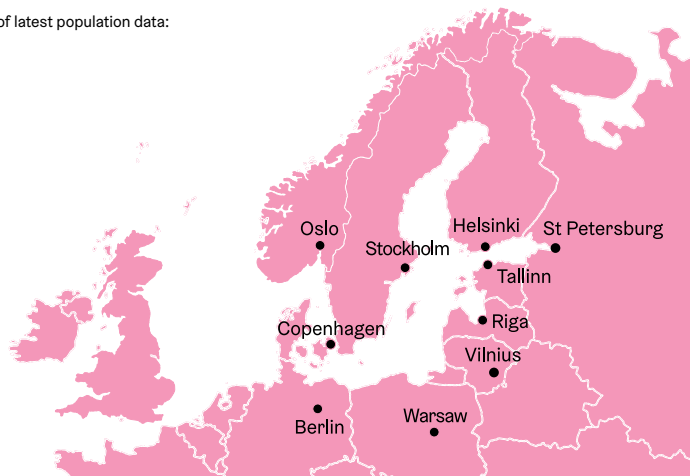
Comparison of cities in the Baltic Sea region

	Total population		Change (%) in 5 years		Proportion of population
	City	Region	City	15 years or younger	65 years or older
Helsinki ¹	664,028	1,555,228	3.2	14.2	17.6
Stockholm ¹	984,700	2,440,027	3.7	16.2	17.8
Oslo ¹	709,037	1,370,700	5.3	17.2	12.8
Copenhagen ¹	644,431	2,067,916	5.1	15.9	10.5
Tallinn ¹	437,811	614,561	2.6	15.7	18.9
Riga ¹	605,802	611,824	−5.6	15.4	21.4
Vilnius ¹	563,012	820,511	3.3	17.1	16.2
Warsaw ¹	1,798,000	5,500,000	1.9	15.4	19.4
Berlin ¹	3,677,472	3,677,472	1.9	13.9	19.2
St Petersburg ²	5,384,300	5,384,300	3.0	14.0	16.0

Year of latest population data:

¹2022

²2021



Population

664,028

Population
of Helsinki
Dec 31, 2022

Population

	Population Dec 31, 2022	(%) of the population of Finland
Helsinki	664,028	11.9
Helsinki Region	1,555,228	28.0

Population by gender



52.3%



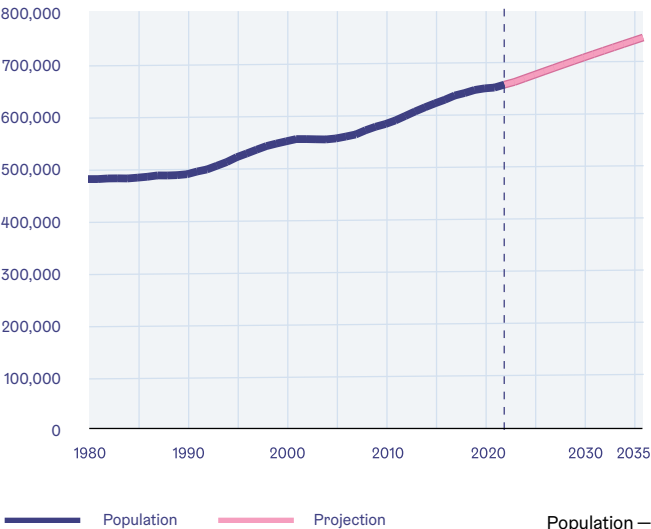
47.7%

Population changes (2021)

	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Births	7,082	16,419
Deaths	5,548	11,567
In-migrants	42,729	50,460
Out-migrants	42,732	43,503

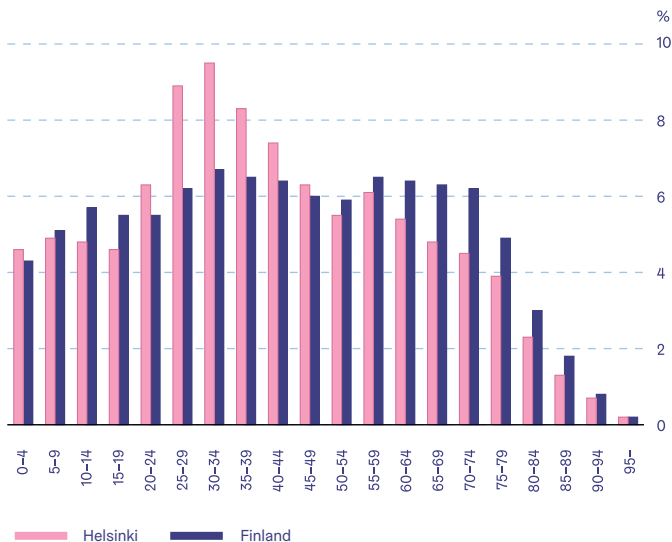
The population of Helsinki increased by 0.8% in 2022.

Population of Helsinki 1980–2022 and projection to 2036



The largest age group in Helsinki are the 30–34-year-olds, who number 62,984.

Age groups



The average age of the population is 41.1 years in Helsinki, and 43.7 in Finland.

Population by mother tongue

	Helsinki	%	Finland	%
Finnish and Sami	505,596	76.1	4,780,926	85.9
Swedish	36,748	5.6	287,052	5.2
Other	121,684	18.3	495,992	8.9

In Helsinki, 18 per cent of the population speak a mother tongue other than Finnish, Swedish or Sami.

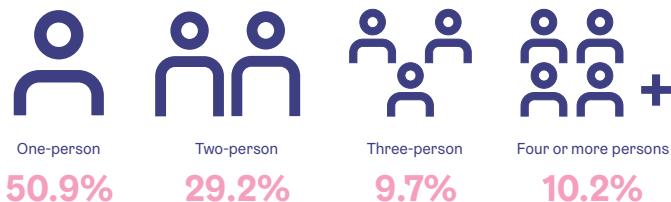
Most common foreign mother tongues in Helsinki

	No. of speakers	%
Russian	20,502	3.1
Somali	13,289	2.0
Estonian	9,864	1.5
Arabic	9,760	1.5
English	8,936	1.3
Chinese	4,283	0.6
Kurdish	3,855	0.6
Persian	3,853	0.6

Seventy-three thousand residents of Helsinki hold a foreign citizenship, compared to about 324,000 in all of Finland.

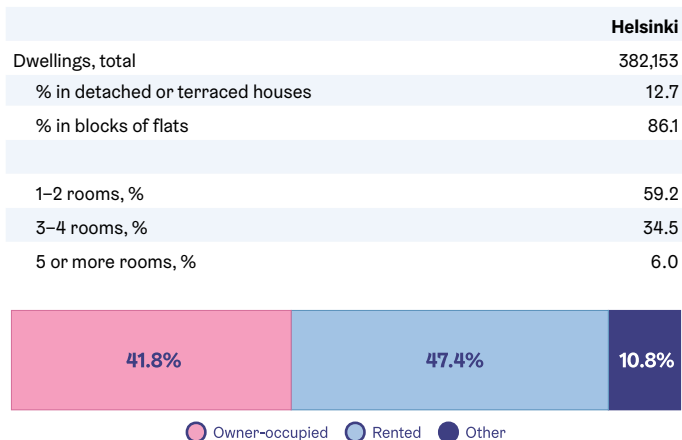
Housing

Households (Dec 31, 2022, proportion of all households in Helsinki)



The total number of households in Helsinki is 350,809, and the average size is 1.8 persons.

Housing stock (Dec 31, 2021)



Housing density in Helsinki is 34.6 m² of floor area per person, compared to 41.7 m² in all of Finland.

Housing costs (2022)

	Helsinki	Finland
Average rent, €/m ² /month	18.7	14.6
Average price per sq m of old dwellings, €/m ²	5,690	2,848
Most expensive postcode area, €/m ²	9,604	9,604
Least expensive postcode area, €/m ²	2,712	369

Housing stock by construction year

Year	No. of dwellings	% of all dwellings
–1920	19,420	5.1
1921–1939	48,377	12.7
1940–1959	50,011	13.1
1960–1979	103,182	27.0
1980–1999	77,027	20.2
2000–2019	71,211	18.6
2020–	12,925	3.4

Education

Ninety-three 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	30,000	350	447	
Comprehensive school	57,000	100	115	
General upper secondary	17,000	15	39	
Vocational education	42,000	1	8	
Universities of applied sciences	23,000		5	
University education	36,000		5	

Year of data: ¹ 2021, ² 2021.

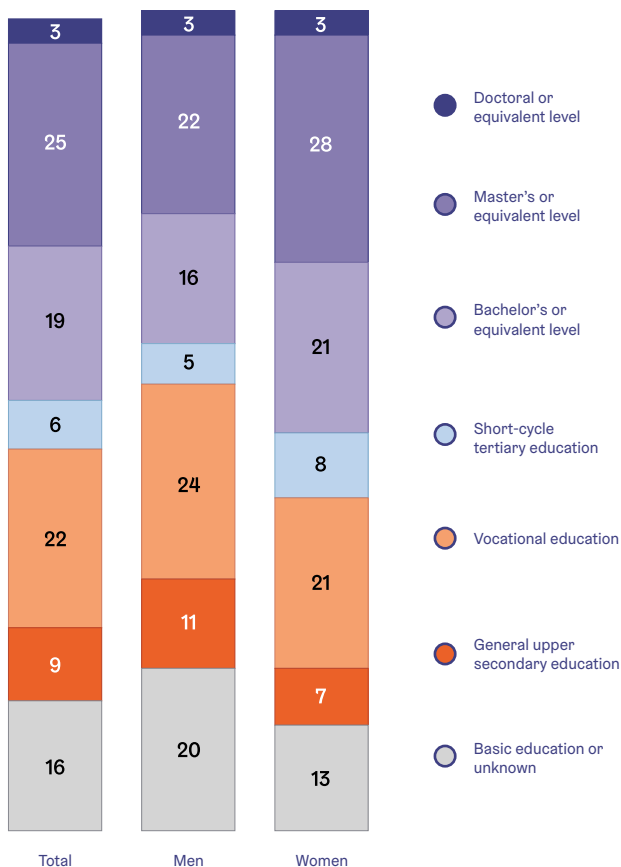
Universities in the Helsinki metropolitan area

Name	No of students
University of Helsinki	30,821
Aalto University	18,848
Hanken School of Economics	2,615
University of the Arts	1,968
National Defence University	1,186



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

Educational structure (Dec 31, 2020, %)



Employment

79.3%

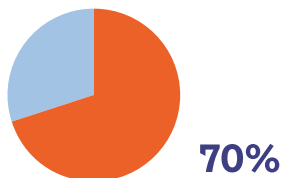
Employment rate in Helsinki

Employment (2022)

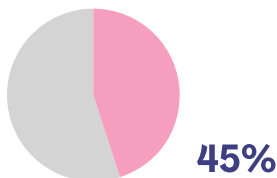
	Helsinki	Region	Finland
Employed persons (15–74-year-olds)	357,100	802,200	2,619,200
Unemployed persons (15–74-year-olds)	25,200	59,200	190,200
Employment rate (20–64-year-olds), %	79.3	80.3	78.1
Unemployment rate (20–64-year-olds), %	6.1	6.3	6.3

Welfare and health

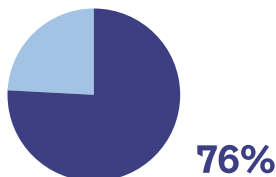
In Helsinki,



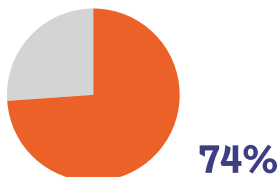
Feel at least fairly healthy (2021)



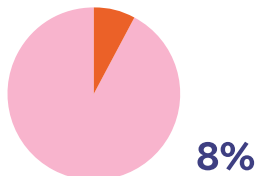
Feel happy at least fairly often (2021)



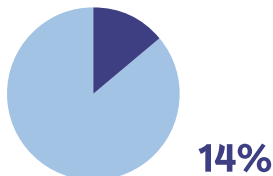
Feel safe in their neighbourhood on weekend evenings (2021)



Take exercise in their free time (2021)



Smoke daily (2021)



Feel lonely (2021)

Life expectancy at birth (2022)

78.3

Men (years)

Helsinki (1978): **67.0**
Finland (2022): **78.6**



83.6

Women (years)

Helsinki (1978): **77.2**
Finland (2022): **83.8**

Median taxable income, euros

	2020	2021
Helsinki	29,828	30,589
Finland	26,077	26,637

Prolonged poverty risk (% of dwelling population)

	2020	2021
Helsinki	5.9	6.3
Finland	7.5	7.8

Culture and leisure

Events

	Attendance (2022)
Helsinki Festival	182,000
Lux Helsinki	100,000
Flow Festival	90,000
Tuska Open Air Metal Festival	49,000
World Village Festival	21,500

Helsinki Central Library
Oodi registered 1,820,297
visits in 2022.

Cinema



Number of screens (2021)

58

Visits per resident

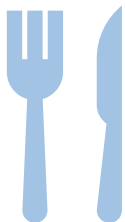
1.1



Restaurants

1,851

Restaurants in Helsinki with an alcohol serving licence



Theatres (2021)

Number of professional theatres		12
Performances		1,591
Total attendance, persons		231,631

Classical music (2022)

National Opera	
Performances	136
Tickets sold, total	160,616

Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra*	
Concerts	121
Total attendance, persons	73,434

Radio Symphony Orchestra	
Concerts	60
Total attendance, persons	57,490

* includes open full rehearsals and international performances

Museums (2022)

	Visits
Helsinki City Museum	240,495
Amos Rex	227,760
Helsinki Art Museum	107,647
Ateneum Art Museum	184,373
National Museum	181,088
Design Museum	103,459

City Library (2022)

Libraries and other service points	45
Books (1,000)	1,587
Other material (1,000)	204
Loans (1,000)	8,765
Visits (1,000)	6,570
Visits per resident	10.0

City of Helsinki culture and leisure services (2022)

Grants (millions of euros)	
Art and culture	23.0
Sport teams and groups	15.0
District cultural centres	
Performances	1,864
Total event attendance	589,984

Helsinki has 34 official beaches.



812

Indoor sports facilities



552 km

Jogging tracks and footpaths



16*

Swimming halls



92

Dog parks



13

Indoor skating rinks



68

Outdoor recreation and excursion areas



34

Beaches



168

Skating rinks and artificial ice rinks



21

Winter swimming places



1,300 km

Cycling routes



12,000

Moorings for leisure boats

* including outdoor swimming pools and a sea pool

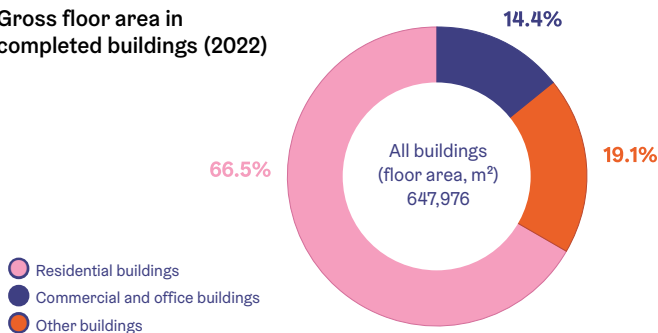
Construction

6,047

Dwellings completed in
Helsinki 2022

Average for 2018–2022: 6,394

Gross floor area in completed buildings (2022)



Construction starts (2022)

	Floor area, m ²
All buildings	644,550
Residential	363,583
Other	280,876

Economy

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

	Greater Helsinki	Finland
GDP (PPS, EU28=100) 2020	148	113

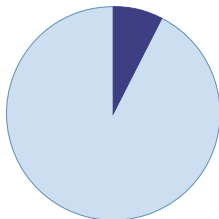
There are 471,400 jobs in Helsinki.

Jobs (2022)

	Helsinki	Region	Finland
All industries, total	471,400	852,600	2,619,200
Primary production	0.1	0.4	3.9
Secondary production	10.1	15.4	21.0
Services, total	89.1	83.5	74.0
Market services	63.4	59.2	46.5
Public administration, welfare services	25.7	24.3	27.6
Other or unknown	0.7	0.7	1.1

7.7%

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



Workplace self-sufficiency in Helsinki is 131.8%.

Enterprises (2021)

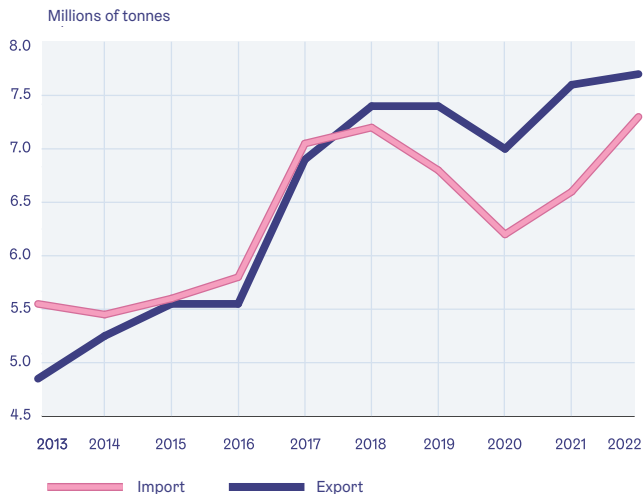
	Helsinki	Region	Finland
Turnover, bn euros	97.6	196	471.5
Personnel, total	260,813	484,728	1,378,653
Business establishments, total	54,641	108,477	410,997

Helsinki has 27,717 entrepreneurs, compared to 64,914 in the Helsinki Region.

Largest enterprises in Helsinki (2021, by number of personnel)

Name of enterprise	Personnel
1. Nordea Bank Finland Abp	3,613
2. HOK-Elanto Liiketoiminta Oy	3,030
3. ABB Oy	2,698
4. SLP Group Oy	2,363
5. YIT Finland Oy	2,138

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	2021	2022
Domestic, tonnes	2,035	2,031
International, tonnes	173,585	141,490



Helsinki had 64 hotels with a total of 23,424 bed places in 2022.

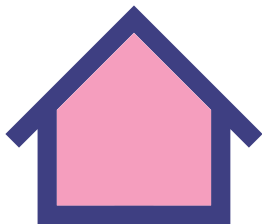


Travel

Overnight stays in registered accommodation establishments

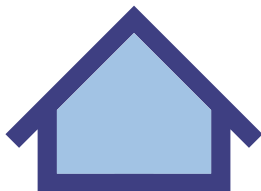
3,723,718

Total
(+76% from 2021)



1,549,898

Foreign visitors



2,173,820

Finnish visitors

Overnight stays, top 5 source markets



#1

Germany
182,553



#2

USA
152,316



#3

Sweden
115,445



#4

UK
108,760



#5

France
70,585

Congresses (2022)

International congresses	159
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Number of congress visitors	27,892
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Passenger traffic (millions of passengers)

	2021	2022
Airport	4	13
Port	4	8
Railway station	40	50

Popular tourist attractions

#1

Linnanmäki
Amusement
Park



#2

Suomenlinna



#3

Korkeasaari
Zoo



#4

Temppeli-
aukio Church



#5

Uspenski
Cathedral



#5

Helsinki
Cathedral
and Crypt

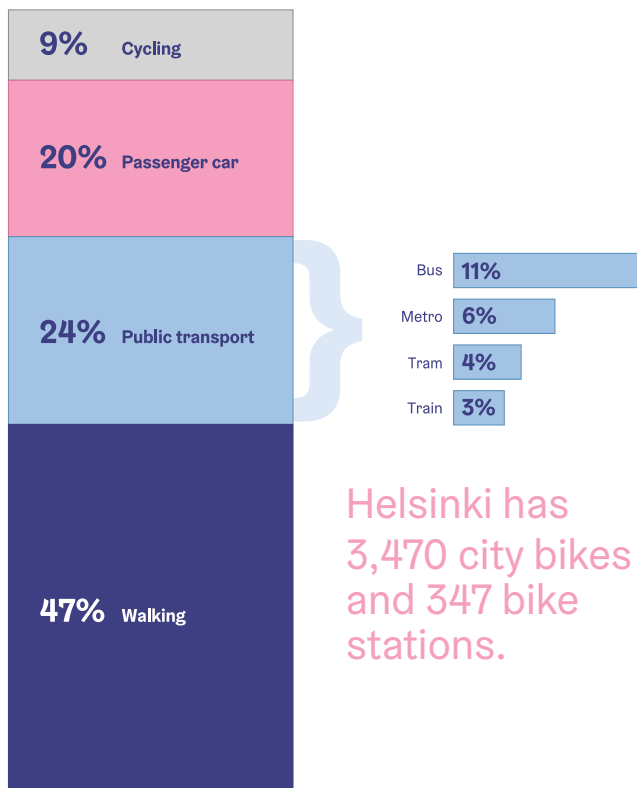


	Visitors
Linnanmäki Amusement Park	1,000,000
Suomenlinna	854,500
Korkeasaari Zoo	523,427
Temppeliaukio Church	284,333
Uspenski Cathedral	250,000
Helsinki Cathedral and Crypt	250,000



Transport

Modal split
(% of all journeys in Helsinki, 2022)



Helsinki has
3,470 city bikes
and 347 bike
stations.

The total number of cruise passengers visiting Helsinki in 2022 was 162,000.

Public transport in Helsinki

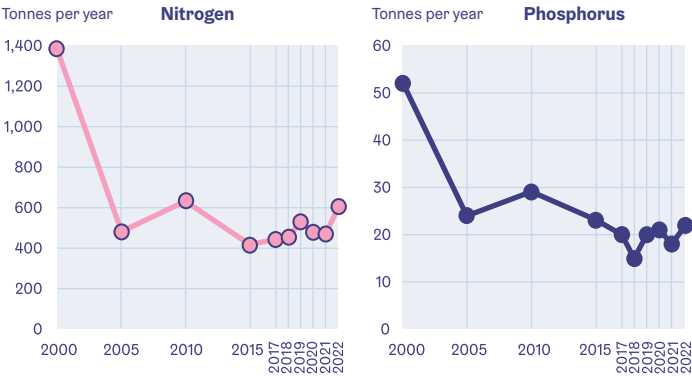
	2021	2022
Journeys, total, millions	174	209
Bus	43	53
Tram	32	42
Metro	56	67
Ferry	1	2
Commuter train	42	45

Passenger cars

	2022
Vehicles in traffic use, total	219,701
Petrol	144,439
Diesel	44,417
Hybrid	18,816
Electric	9,355
Other	2,674

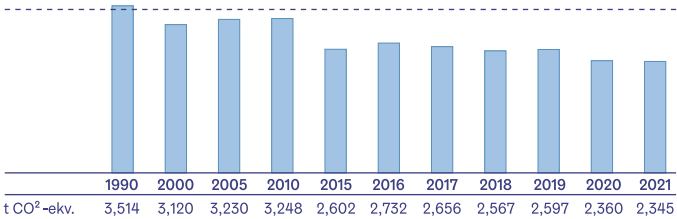
Environment

Emissions from wastewater treatment



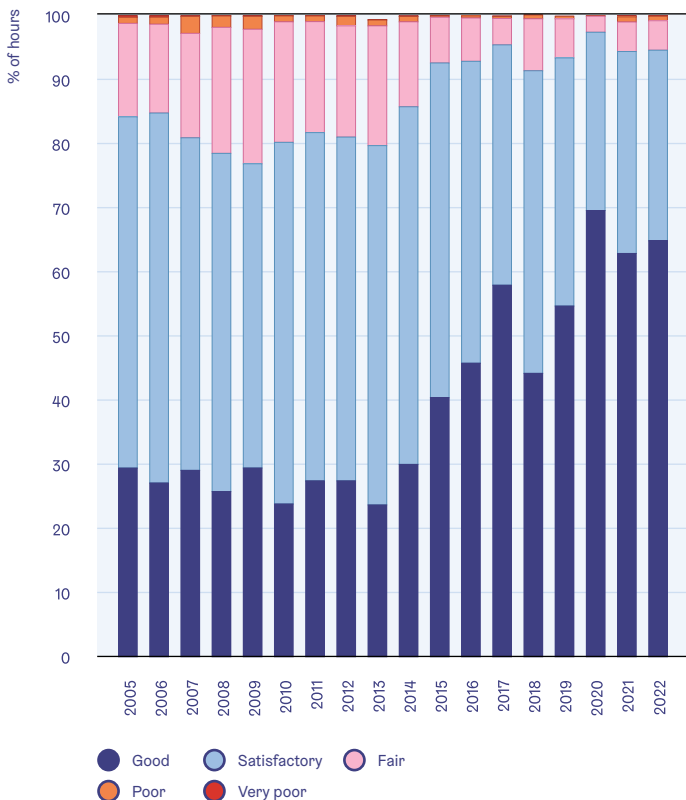
Greenhouse emissions

The emissions of greenhouse gases have been cut down by 33% since 1990 in Helsinki.



Air quality was good or satisfactory
95% of the time in Helsinki in 2022.

Air quality in city centre



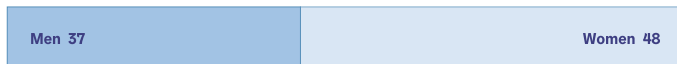
City administration and economy

City council (December 31, 2022)



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

Councillors



Mayors



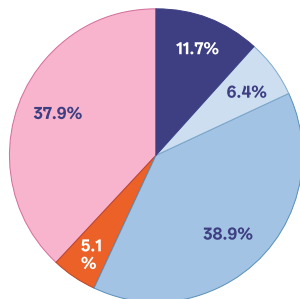




The City of Helsinki employs 37,513 people.

Personnel by division

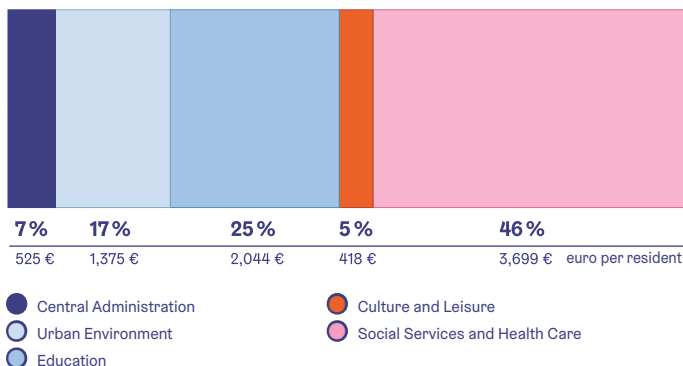
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- Urban Environment
- Education
- Culture and Leisure
- Social Services and Health Care



Personnel, most common job titles

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|-----|--|-------|------|--|-------|
| # 1 | Childcarer in early childhood education and care | 3,400 | # 6 | Class teacher | 1,826 |
| # 2 | Practical nurse | 3,060 | # 7 | Instructor | 987 |
| # 3 | Teacher in early childhood education and care | 2,583 | # 8 | Public health nurse | 907 |
| # 4 | Nurse | 1,909 | # 9 | Social services instructor | 862 |
| # 5 | Part-time teacher | 1,847 | # 10 | Comprehensive school full-time teacher | 760 |

City of Helsinki expenses by division (2022)

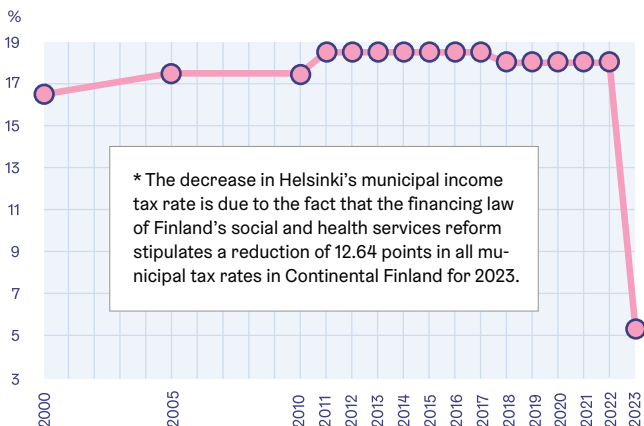


Profit and loss account

	million euros
Operating profit	1,165
Production for own use	120
Operating expenses	-5,126
Operating profit margin	-3,842
Tax revenue	4,100
State subsidies	378
Financing income	113
Financing expenses	-16
Annual contribution margin	733
Depreciations and impairment	-387
Result for the financial period	347
Appropriations	17
Surplus/deficit (-) for the financial period	364

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

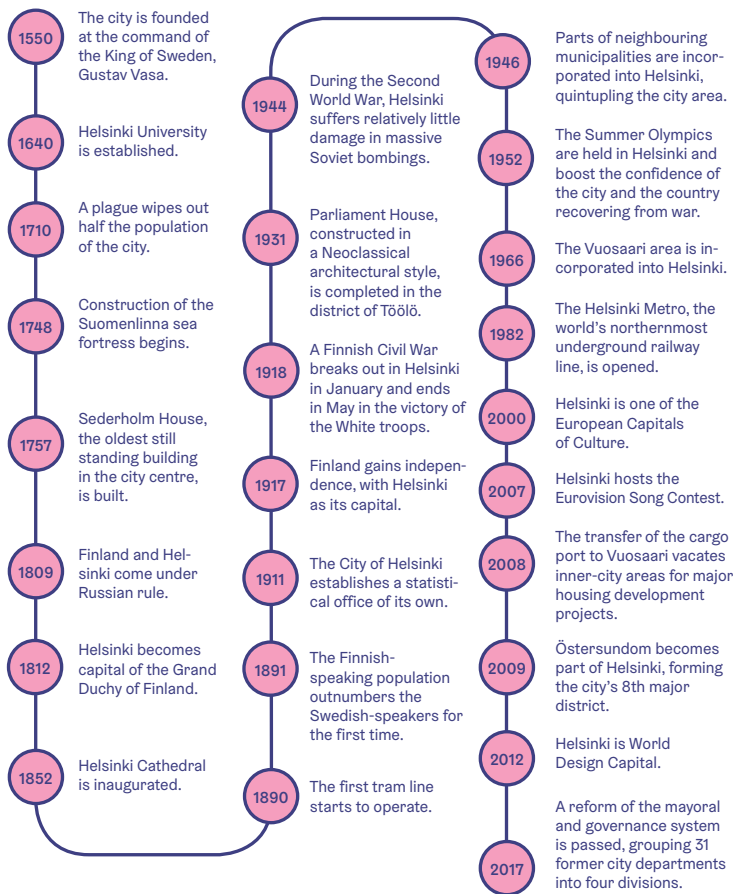
Municipal tax rate*



Loan stock

	Dec 31, 2022	Dec 31, 2010
City		
Loans at interest, euro per resident	1,431	1,989
City group		
Loans, euro per resident	9,800	6,917

History of Helsinki





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