

Helsinki facts and figures 2026

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Geography

Area

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

Population density in Helsinki is 3,159 people per sq km of land area.

Land ownership in Helsinki

	km ²	%
City of Helsinki	138.4	64.7
Finnish State	16.4	7.6
Private landowner	18.2	8.5
Housing company	19.4	9.1
Other	21.6	10.1
Total	214	100



Shoreline
131 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 **80**

1,622 hectares



Temperature

The highest recorded temperature in 2025 was 28.4 °C (July 12) and lowest -14.2 °C (January 4).

Average temperature: last year (2025) and long-term average (1990–2025)



Helsinki in Europe

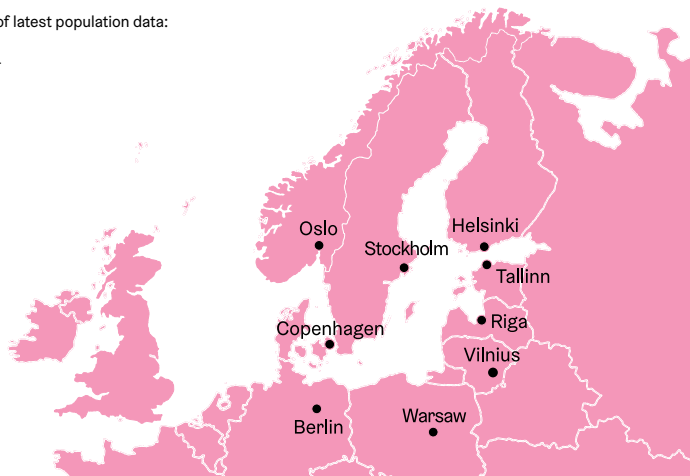
Comparison of cities in the Baltic Sea region

	Total population		Change (%) in 5 years	Proportion of population	
	City	Region	City	15 years or younger	65 years or older
Helsinki ¹	694,392	1,623,283	6.2	14.9	17.7
Stockholm ¹	999,239	2,486,251	2.6	16.8	16.36
Oslo ¹	728,714	1,464,970 ²	5.1	16.2	13.4
Copenhagen ¹	671,714	2 154,557 ²	6.2	14.9	10.8
Tallinn ¹	456,518	647,024	5.1	15.2	18.9
Riga ¹	591,882	852,371	-6.2	15	22.4
Vilnius ¹	617,984	888,043	11.9	17	17.5
Warsaw ¹	1,866,729	5,505,857	4.2	17.7	21.1
Berlin ²	3,685,265	3,685,265	1.1	16.5	19.2

Year of latest population data:

¹2025

²2024



Population

694,392

Population
of Helsinki
Dec 31, 2025

Population

	Population Dec 31, 2025	(%) of the population of Finland
Helsinki	694,392	12.3
Helsinki Region	1,623,283	28.7

Population by gender



52.2%



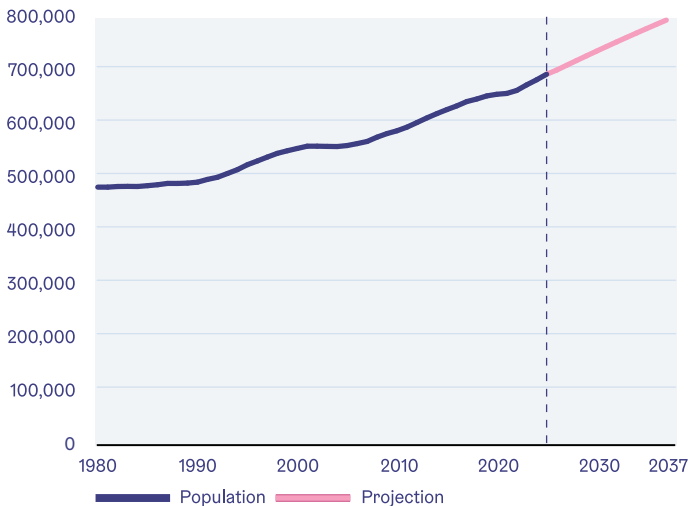
47.8%

Population changes (2024)

	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Births	6,276	15,054
Deaths	5,420	11,807
In-migrants	36,763	60,246
Out-migrants	33,450	40,361

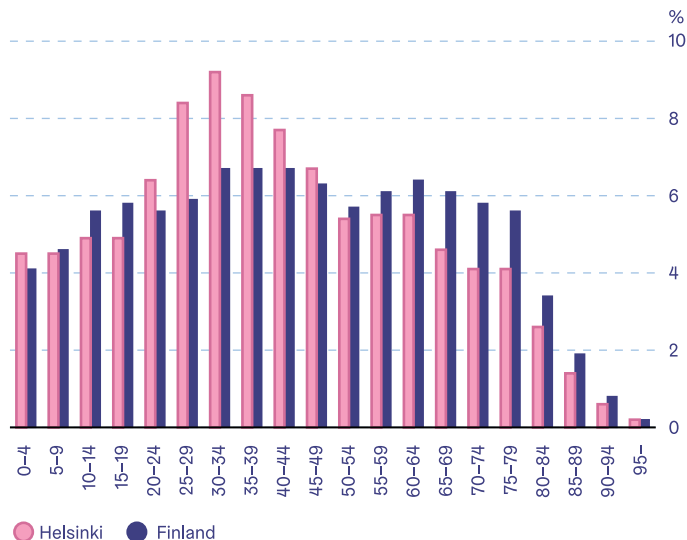
The population of Helsinki increased by 1.5% in 2025.

Population of Helsinki 1980–2025 and projection to 2037



The largest age group in Helsinki are the 30–34-year-olds, who number 64,028.

Age groups



The average age of the population is 41.2 years in Helsinki, and 44.1 in Finland.

Population by mother tongue

	Helsinki	%	Finland	%
Finnish and Sami	509,561	73.4	4,721,878	83.5
Swedish	37,349	5.4	284,611	5.0
Other	147,482	21.2	646,392	11.4

In Helsinki, 21 per cent of the population speak a mother tongue other than Finnish, Swedish or Sami.

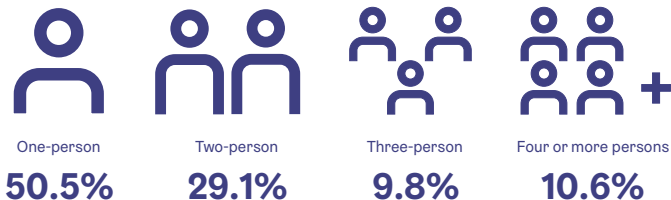
Most common foreign mother tongues in Helsinki

	No. of speakers	%
Russian	21,540	3.1
Somali	16,115	2.3
Arabic	11,736	1.7
English	11,072	1.6
Estonian	9,063	1.3
Chinese	5,224	0.8
Persian	5,081	0.7
Kurdish	4,473	0.6

Eighty-seven thousand and six hundred residents of Helsinki hold a foreign citizenship compared to about 432,700 in all of Finland.

Housing

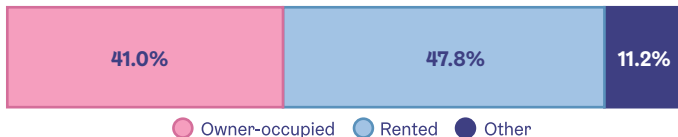
Households (Dec 31, 2025, proportion of all households in Helsinki)



The total number of households in Helsinki is 363,482, and the average size is 1.85 persons.

Housing stock (Dec 31, 2024)

	Helsinki
Dwellings, total	398,541
% in detached or terraced houses	12.2
% in blocks of flats	87.8
1-2 rooms, %	59.2
3-4 rooms, %	34.7
5 or more rooms, %	6.1



Housing density in Helsinki is 34.3 m² of floor area per person, compared to 41.6 m² in all of Finland.

Housing costs (2025)

	Helsinki	Finland
Average rent, €/m ² /month	18.9	14.9
Average price per sq m of old dwellings, €/m ²	4,983	2,594
Most expensive postcode area, €/m ²	9,653	9,653
Least expensive postcode area, €/m ²	1,737	450

Housing stock by construction year

Year	No. of dwellings	% of all dwellings
-1920	19,687	4.9
1921-1939	48,467	12.2
1940-1959	50,004	12.5
1960-1979	102,861	25.8
1980-1999	76,961	19.3
2000-2019	71,140	17.9
2020-	29,421	7.4

Education

94 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 (2024)

	No. of students		No. of establishments	
	Total	City-owned	Total	
Early childhood education	30,800	324	526	
Comprehensive school	61,000	88	100	
General upper secondary	18,600	14	29	
Vocational education	47,500	1	8	
Universities of applied sciences	25,700		5	
University education	37,100		5	

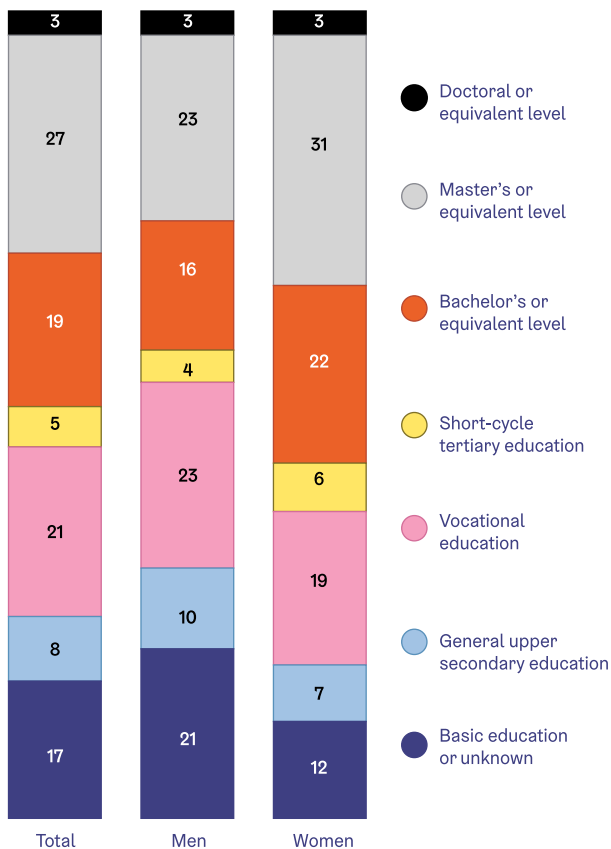
Universities in the Helsinki metropolitan area

Name	No. of students
University of Helsinki	32,704
Aalto University	21,618
Hanken School of Economics	2,908
University of the Arts	1,918
National Defence University	1,137

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



Educational structure (Dec 31, 2024, %)



Employment

72.6%

Employment rate in Helsinki

Employment (2024)

	Helsinki	Region	Finland
Employed persons	315,833	731,048	2,330,840
Unemployed persons	44,735	97,222	320,163
Employment rate (20–64-year-olds), %	72.6	74.2	73.6
Unemployment rate, %	12.1	11.4	11.7

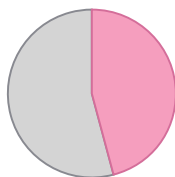
Welfare and health

In Helsinki,



68 %

Feel at least fairly healthy (2024)



46 %

Feel happy at least fairly often (2024)



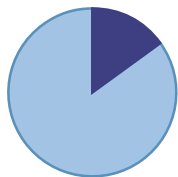
7 %

Smoke daily (2024)



47 %

Meet the recommendations for physical activity (2024)



15 %

Feel lonely (2024)

Life expectancy at birth (2025)

79.6

Men (years)

Helsinki (1978): **67.0**

Finland (2024): **79.8**



84.7

Women (years)

Helsinki (1978): **77.2**

Finland (2024): **84.7**

Median taxable income, euros

	2023	2024
Helsinki	33,305	34,331
Finland	29,074	301,73

Prolonged poverty risk (% of dwelling population)

	2023	2024
Helsinki	6.6	7.1
Finland	7.8	8.1

Culture and leisure

Events

	Attendance (2025)
Helsinki Festival	242,912
Lux Helsinki	300,000
Flow Festival	92,000
Tuska Open Air Metal Festival	60,000
World Village Festival	62,000

Helsinki Central Library
Oodi registered almost
2.7 million visits
in 2025.

Cinema



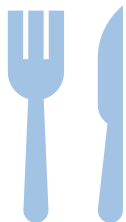
Number of screens (2025) 66

Visits per resident 1.5



Restaurants

2,016



Restaurants in Helsinki with an alcohol serving licence

Theatres (2024)

Number of professional theatres	13
Performances	2,768
Total attendance, persons	599,611

Classical music (2025)

National Opera	
Performances	162
Tickets sold, total	198,677

Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra*	
Concerts	128
Total attendance, persons	100,410

Radio Symphony Orchestra	
Concerts	69
Total attendance, persons	79,864

Museums (2025)

	Visits
Helsinki City Museum	325,713
Amos Rex	228,303
Helsinki Art Museum	178,272
Ateneum Art Museum	507,881
Kiasma	274,394
The Architecture & Design Museum	134,315

City Library (2025)

Libraries and other service points	47
Books (1,000)	1,608
Other material (1,000)	141
Loans (1,000)	9,987
Visits (1,000)	9,223
Visits per resident	13.5

City of Helsinki culture and leisure services (2025)

Grants (millions of euros)	
Art and culture	25.0
Sport teams and groups	10.1

Helsinki has 36 official beaches.



857

Indoor sports facilities



700 km

Jogging tracks and footpaths



16*

Swimming halls



93

Dog parks



13

Indoor skating rinks



72

Outdoor recreation and excursion areas



36

Beaches



158

Skating rinks and artificial ice rinks



20

Winter swimming places



2,214 km

Cycling routes



12,000

Moorings for leisure boats

* including outdoor swimming pools and a sea pool

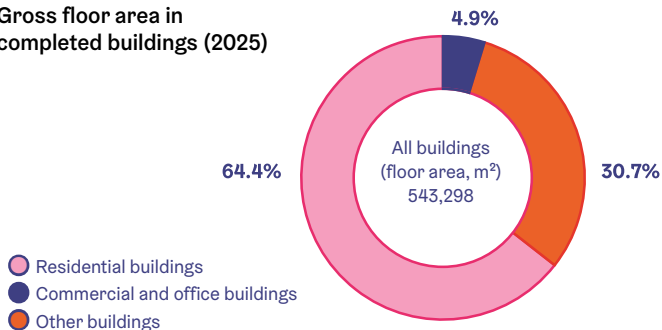
Construction

4,186

Dwellings completed in Helsinki 2025

Average for 2018–2025: 6,049

Gross floor area in completed buildings (2025)



Construction starts (2025)

	Floor area, m ²
All buildings	575,457
Residential	308,737
Other	266,720

Economy

Gross domestic product per capita, index (EU27=100)

	Greater Helsinki	Finland
GDP (PPS, EU27=100) 2023	183.2	104.0

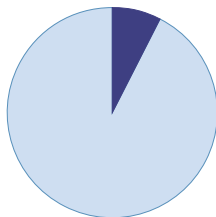
There are 430,886 jobs in Helsinki.

Jobs (2023)

	Helsinki	Region	Finland
All industries, total	430,886	803,995	2,417,365
Primary production	0.1	0.3	2.7
Secondary production	9.6	14.8	20.0
Services, total	88.8	83.4	75.8
Market services	61.2	57.5	45.5
Public administration, welfare services	27.6	25.9	30.3
Other or unknown	1.5	1.6	1.5

7.7%

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



Workplace self-sufficiency in Helsinki was 132.7% in 2023.

Enterprises (2024)

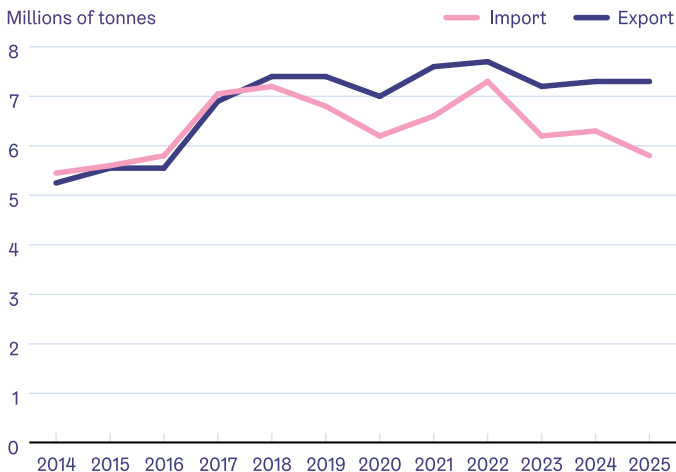
	Helsinki	Region	Finland
Turnover, bn euros	108.2	213.1	517.1
Personnel, total	283,522	534,581	1,489,950
Business establishments, total	81,516	163,667	647,833

Helsinki has 29,419 entrepreneurs, compared to 68,795 in the Helsinki Region.

Largest enterprises in Helsinki (2023, by number of personnel)

Name of enterprise	Personnel
1. Nordea Bank Finland Abp	3,958
2. ABB Oy	3,129
3. HOK-Elanto Liiketoiminta Oy	2,636
4. Ukko yrittäjyyspalvelut Oy	2,223
5. YIT Housing 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	2024	2025
Domestic, tonnes	1,315	589
International, tonnes	181,033	183,434



Helsinki had 73 hotels
with a total of 26,801
bed places in 2025.

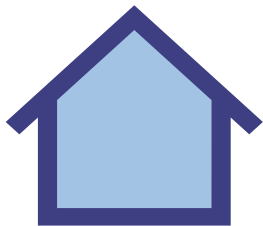


Travel

Overnight stays in registered accommodation establishments

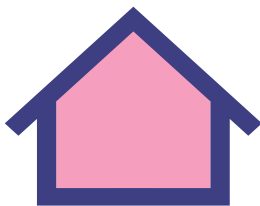
4,927,419

Total (+13.7% from 2024)



2,589,412

Finnish visitors



2,338,007

Foreign visitors

Overnight stays, top 5 source markets



#1

USA
281,360



#2

Germany
242,448



#3

UK
183,566



#4

Sweden
153,279



#5

Japan
126,013

Congresses (2025)

International congresses

203

Number of congress visitors

66,660

Passenger traffic (millions of passengers)

	2024	2025
Airport	16	17
Port	9	10
Railway station	50	50

Popular tourist attractions

#1



Linnanmäki
Amusement
Park

#2



Suomenlinna

#3



Korkeasaari
Zoo

#4



Temppeli-
aukio Church

#5



Uspenski
Cathedral

#5



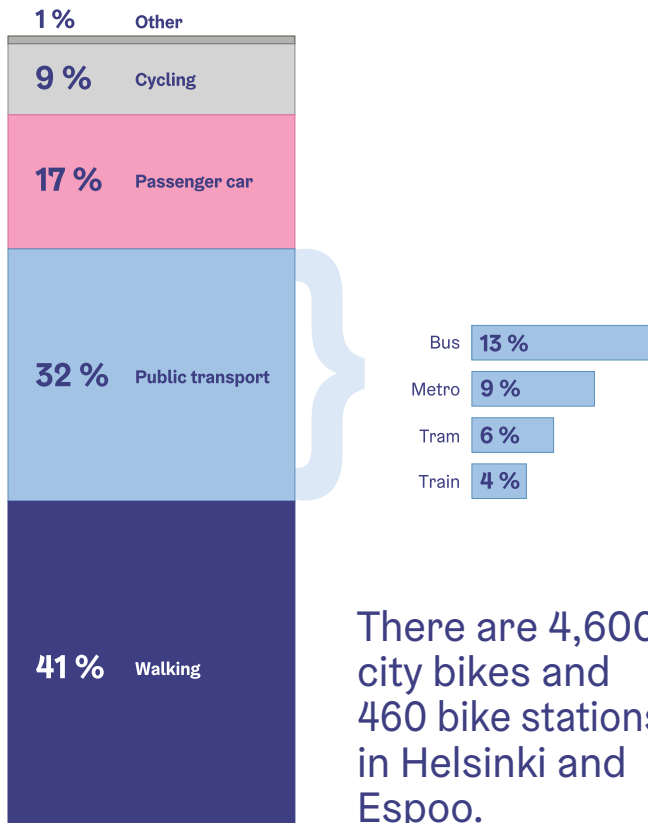
Helsinki
Cathedral
and Crypt

	Visitors
Linnanmäki Amusement Park	1,000,000
Suomenlinna	991,000
Korkeasaari Zoo	545,912
Temppeliaukio Church	499,340
Uspenski Cathedral	350,000
Helsinki Cathedral and Crypt	350,000



Transport

Modal split (% of all journeys in Helsinki, 2025)



There are 4,600 city bikes and 460 bike stations in Helsinki and Espoo.

The total number of cruise passengers visiting Helsinki in 2025 was 175,000.

Public transport in Helsinki

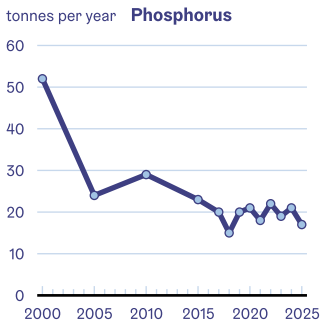
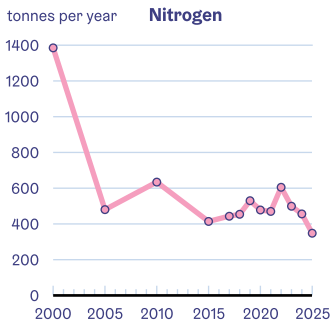
	2024	2025
Journeys, total, millions	266	280
Bus	67	72
Tram	62	62
Metro	74	78
Ferry	2	2
Commuter train	61	66

Passenger cars

	2025
Vehicles in traffic use, total	214,709
Petrol	123,037
Diesel	33,211
Hybrid	26,928
Electric	29,314
Other	2,219

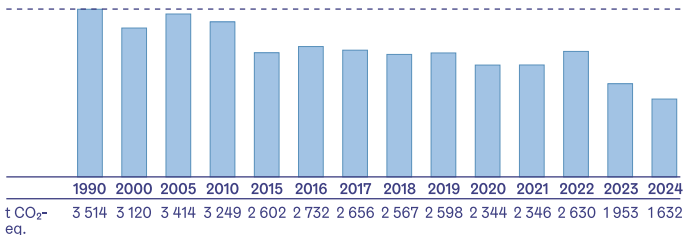
Environment

Emissions from wastewater treatment



Greenhouse emissions

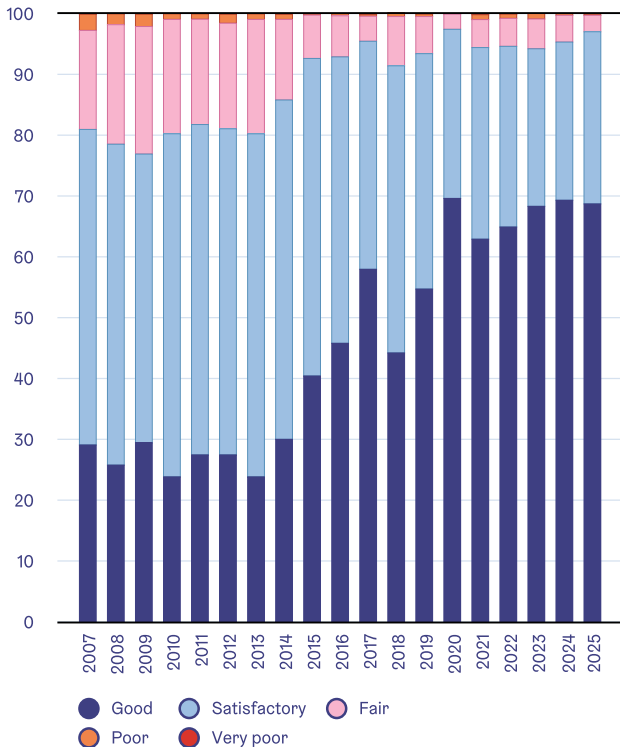
The emissions of greenhouse gases have been cut down by 54% since 1990 in Helsinki.



Air quality was good or satisfactory 97% of the time in Helsinki in 2025.

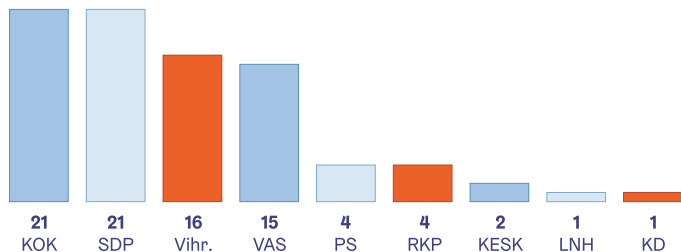
Air quality in city centre

% of hours



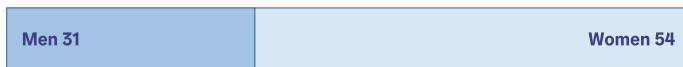
City administration and economy

City council (January 1, 2026)

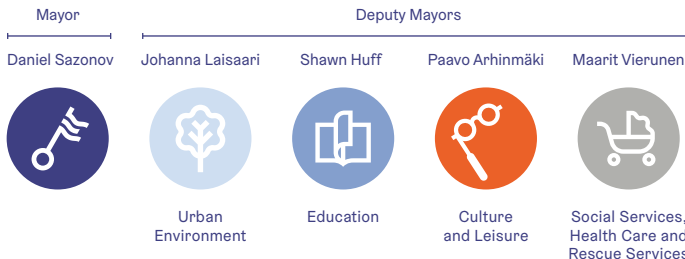


(KOK) National Coalition Party • (SDP) Social Democratic Party • (Vihr.) Green League
• (VAS) Left Alliance • (PS) Finns Party • (RKP) Swedish People's Party
• (KESK) Centre Party • (LNH) Liike Nyt Helsinki • (KD) Christian Democrats

Councillors



Mayors



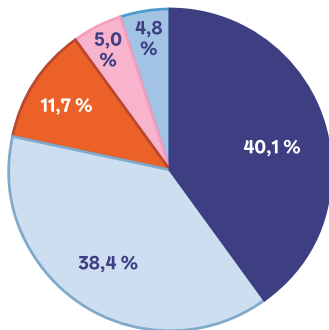




The City of Helsinki employs 39,551 people.

Personnel by division

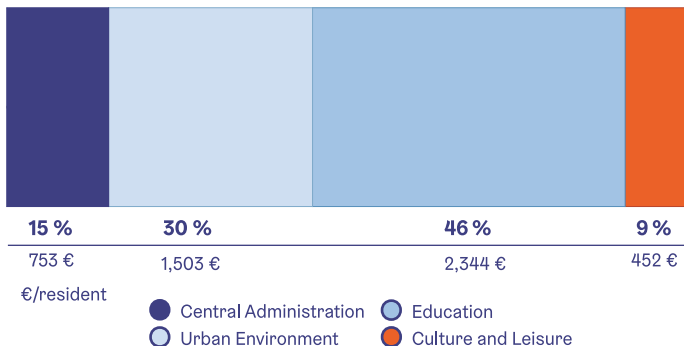
- Social Services, Health Care and Rescue Services
- Education
- Central Administration
- Urban Environment
- Culture and Leisure



Personnel, most common job titles

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|-----|---|------|--|
| # 1 | Practical nurse
3,106 | # 6 | Part-time teacher
1,666 |
| # 2 | Childcarer in early childhood education and care
2,993 | # 7 | Comprehensive school lecturer
1,102 |
| # 3 | Teacher in early childhood education and care
2,734 | # 8 | Social services instructor
979 |
| # 4 | Nurse
1,989 | # 9 | Instructor
972 |
| # 5 | Comprehensive school full-time teacher
1,670 | # 10 | Public health nurse
841 |

City of Helsinki expenses by division (2025)

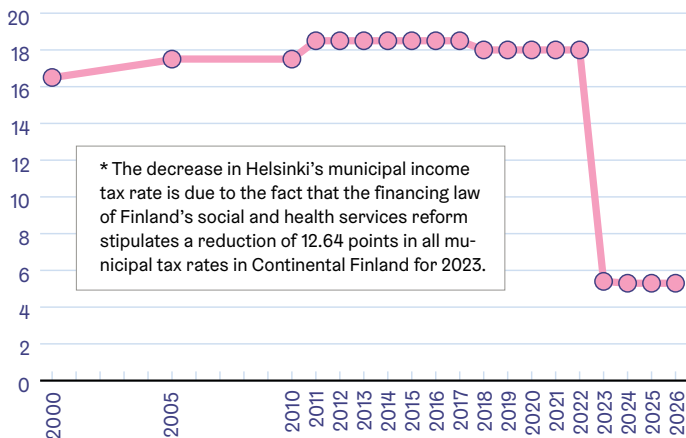


Profit and loss account

	million euros
Operating profit	1,383.0
Operating expenses	-3,266.8
Operating profit margin	-1,883.8
Tax revenue and state subsidies	2,276.7
Financing income and expenses	145.9
Annual contribution margin	538.8
Depreciations and impairment	-392.5
Result for the financial period	146.3
Appropriations	-8.1
Surplus/deficit (-) for the financial period	138.2

Tax revenues received by Helsinki equal 44% of the total expenses of the City.

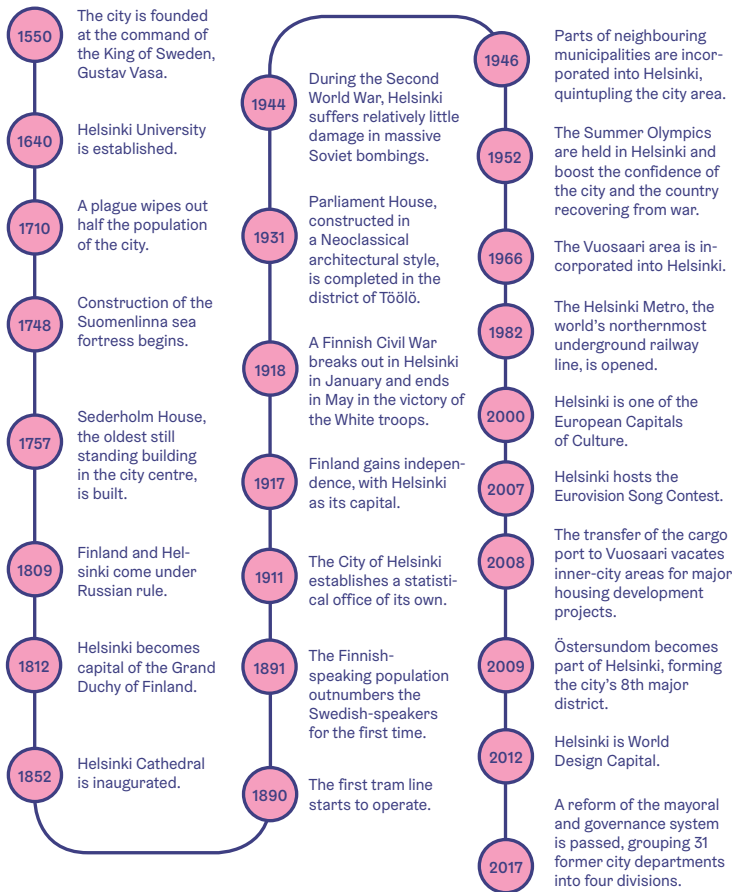
Municipal income tax rate*



Loan stock

	Dec 31, 2010	Dec 31, 2025
City		
Loans at interest, euro per resident	1,989	1,159
City group		
Loans, euro per resident	6,917	12,753

History of Helsinki





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