

Helsinki facts and figures 2024

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Geography

Area

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

Population density in Helsinki is 3,108 people per sq km of land area.

Land ownership in Helsinki

	km ²	%
City of Helsinki	138.4	64.9
Finnish State	18.3	8.6
Private landowner	18.3	8.6
Housing company	19.4	9.0
Other	19.2	8.9
Total	213.5	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.

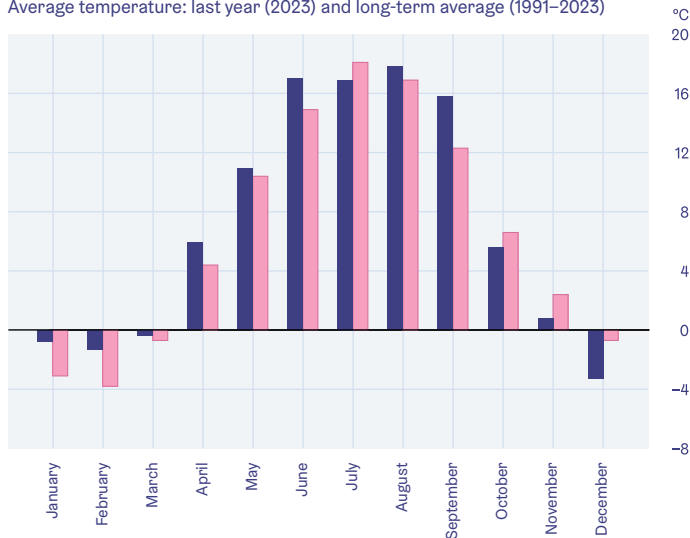
Conservation areas **71** **1,350** hectares



Temperature

The highest recorded temperature in 2023 was 28.1°C (August 7) and lowest -12.2°C (March 9).

Average temperature: last year (2023) and long-term average (1991–2023)



Helsinki in Europe

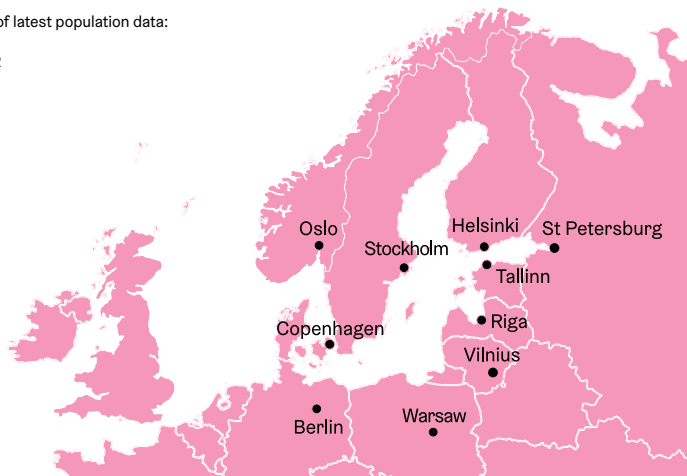
Comparison of cities in the Baltic Sea region

	Total population		Change (%)	Proportion of population	
	City	Region	in 5 years	15 years or younger	65 years or older
Helsinki ¹	674,500	1,582,452	4.1	15.0	18.0
Stockholm ¹	984,748	2,440,027	3.7	18.0	17.4
Oslo ¹	709,037	1,408,760	5.3	17.8	13.0
Copenhagen ¹	653,664	2,109,733	6.6	16.1	10.3
Tallinn ¹	453,864	638,076	9.6	15.8	18.6
Riga ¹	609,489	612,000	-4.9	15.3	21.5
Vilnius ¹	586,836	820,511	4.4	17.1	16.2
Warsaw ¹	1,800,000	5,500,000	1.9	15.4	19.4
Berlin ¹	3,755,251	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:

¹2023

²2022



Population

674,500

Population
of Helsinki
Dec 31, 2023

Population

	Population Dec 31, 2023	(%) of the population of Finland
Helsinki	674,500	12.0
Helsinki Region	1,582,452	28.2

Population by gender



52.3%



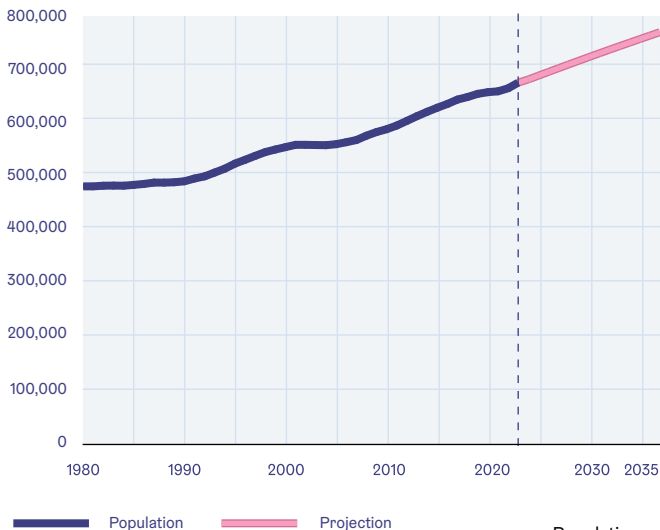
47.7%

Population changes (2022)

	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Births	6,176	14,728
Deaths	5,929	12,643
In-migrants	45,760	58,769
Out-migrants	40,335	41,493

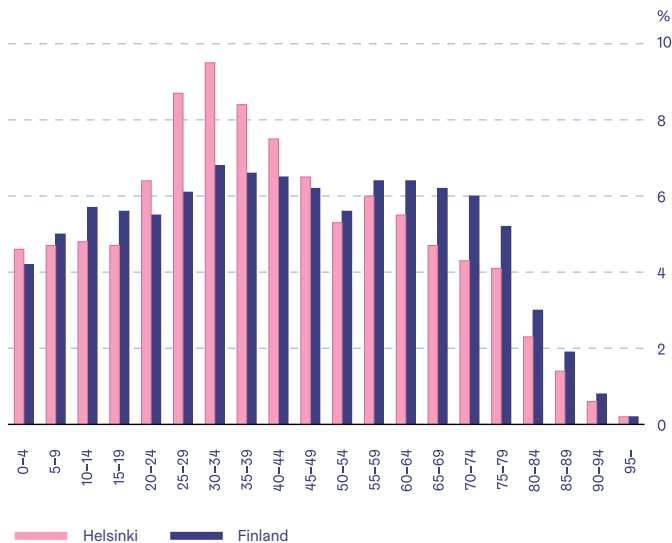
The population of Helsinki increased by 1.6% in 2023.

Population of Helsinki 1980–2023 and projection to 2037



The largest age group in Helsinki are the 30–34-year-olds, who number 64,010.

Age groups



The average age of the population is 41.2 years in Helsinki, and 43.8 in Finland.

Population by mother tongue

	Helsinki	%	Finland	%
Finnish and Sami	505,778	75.0	4,759,527	84.9
Swedish	36,844	5.5	286,030	5.1
Other	131,878	19.5	558,294	10.0

In Helsinki, 19 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	21,227	3.1
Somali	14,064	2.1
Arabic	10,420	1.5
English	9,882	1.5
Estonian	9,600	1.4
Chinese	4,710	0.7
Persian	4,174	0.6
Kurdish	4,087	0.6

Eighty thousand residents of Helsinki hold a foreign citizenship, compared to about 373,000 in all of Finland.

Housing

Households (Dec 31, 2023, proportion of all households in Helsinki)



One-person

51.1%



Two-person

29.0%



Three-person

9.7%



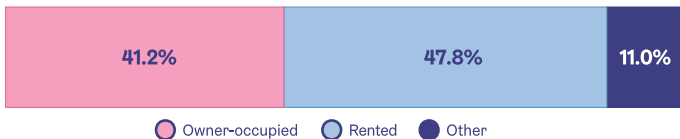
Four or more persons

10.2%

The total number of households in Helsinki is 356,248, and the average size is 1.8 persons.

Housing stock (Dec 31, 2023)

	Helsinki
Dwellings, total	394,373
% in detached or terraced houses	12.4
% in blocks of flats	87.6
1-2 rooms, %	59.3
3-4 rooms, %	34.7
5 or more rooms, %	6.1



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

Housing costs (2023)

	Helsinki	Finland
Average rent, €/m ² /month	18.9	15.0
Average price per sq m of old dwellings, €/m ²	5,278	2,688
Most expensive postcode area, €/m ²	8,773	9,829
Least expensive postcode area, €/m ²	2,120	405

Housing stock by construction year

Year	No. of dwellings	% of all dwellings
-1920	19,514	5.0
1921-1939	48,306	12.5
1940-1959	49,946	12.9
1960-1979	103,207	26.7
1980-1999	76,937	19.9
2000-2019	71,058	18.4
2020-	18,085	4.7

Education

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

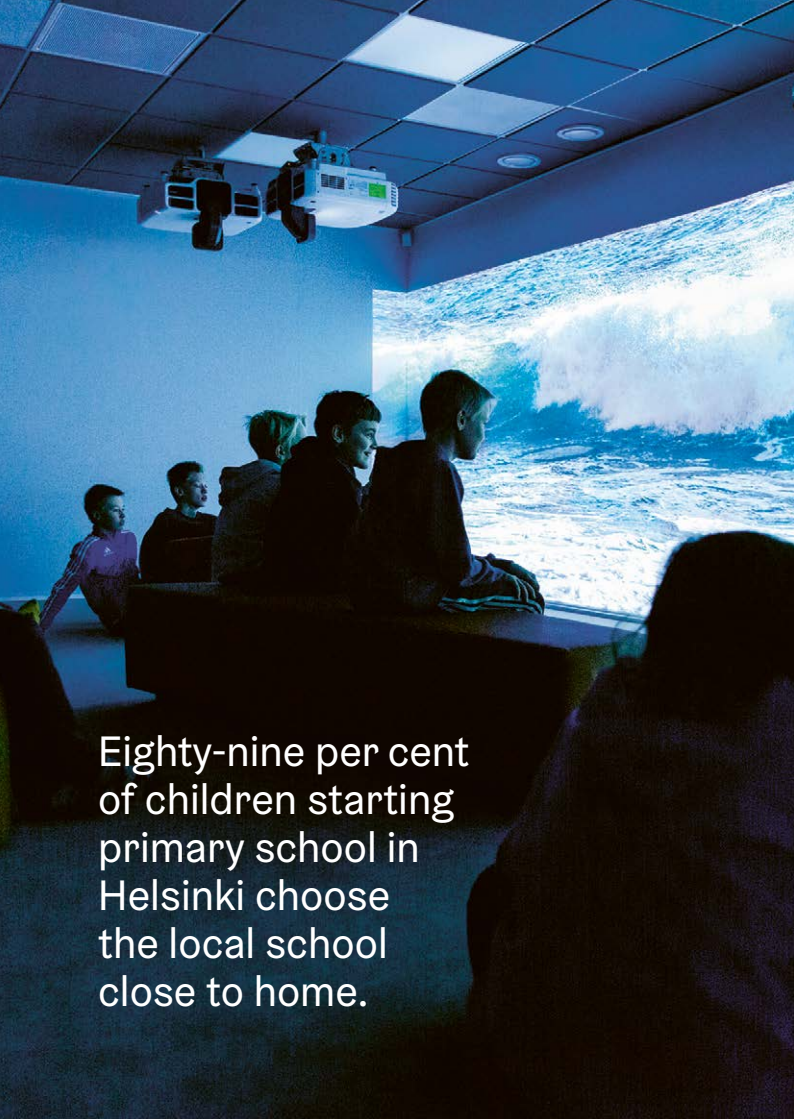
Number of students and schools at different educational levels

	No of students ¹		No of establishments ²	
	Total	City-owned	Total	
Early childhood education	30,000	325	463	
Comprehensive school	58,000	87	115	
General upper secondary	18,000	11	39	
Vocational education	43,000	1	8	
Universities of applied sciences	24,000		5	
University education	36,000		5	

Year of data: ¹ 2022, ² 2022.

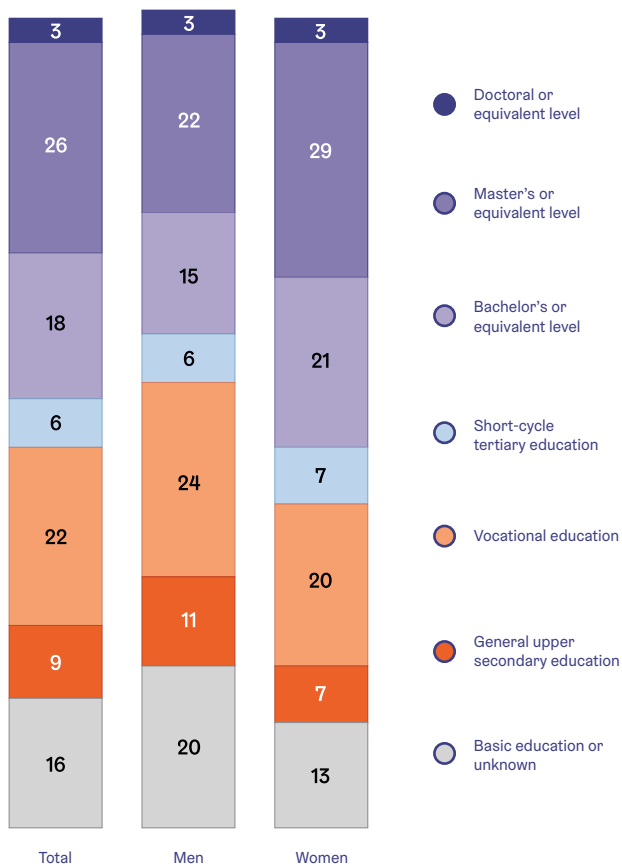
Universities in the Helsinki metropolitan area

Name	No of students
University of Helsinki	31,004
Aalto University	19,667
Hanken School of Economics	2,647
University of the Arts	1,985
National Defence University	1,061



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

Educational structure (Dec 31, 2021, %)



Employment

78.5%

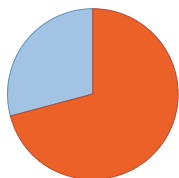
Employment rate in Helsinki

Employment (2023)

	Helsinki	Region	Finland
Employed persons (15–74-year-olds)	349,000	809,000	2,628,000
Unemployed persons (15–74-year-olds)	29,000	67,000	204,000
Employment rate (20–64-year-olds), %	78.5	79.3	77.9
Unemployment rate (20–64-year-olds), %	7.2	7.0	7.2

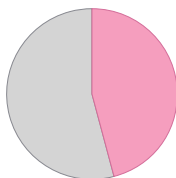
Welfare and health

In Helsinki,



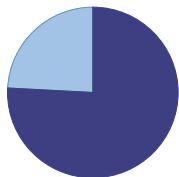
71%

Feel at least fairly healthy (2023)



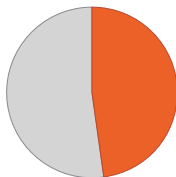
46%

Feel happy at least fairly often (2023)



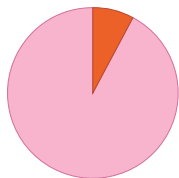
76%

Feel safe in their neighbourhood on weekend evenings (2021)



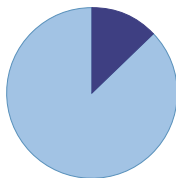
48%

Meet the recommendations for physical activity (2023)



8%

Smoke daily (2023)



13%

Feel lonely (2023)

Life expectancy at birth (2023)

79.0

Men (years)

Helsinki (1978): **67.0**
Finland (2023): **79.0**



84.1

Women (years)

Helsinki (1978): **77.2**
Finland (2023): **84.2**

Median taxable incom, euros

	2021	2022
Helsinki	30,589	31,779
Finland	26,637	27,579

Prolonged poverty risk (% of dwelling population)

	2021	2022
Helsinki	6.3	6.4
Finland	7.8	7.8

Culture and leisure

Events

	Attendance (2023)
Helsinki Festival	180,273
Lux Helsinki	400,000
Flow Festival	90,000
Tuska Open Air Metal Festival	63,000
World Village Festival	49,000

Helsinki Central Library Oodi registered almost two and a half million visits in 2023.

Cinema



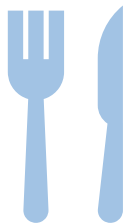
Number of screens (2022) 60

Visits per resident 1.9



Restaurants

1,928



Restaurants in Helsinki with an alcohol serving licence

Theatres (2022)

Number of professional theatres	13
Performances	2,172
Total attendance, persons	430,690

Classical music (2023)

National Opera	
Performances	115
Tickets sold, total	93,480

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

Radio Symphony Orchestra	
Concerts	68
Total attendance, persons	84,775

* includes open full rehearsals and international performances

Museums (2023)

	Visits
Helsinki City Museum	433,163
Amos Rex	253,627
Helsinki Art Museum	108,537
Ateneum Art Museum	533,961
National Museum	219,250
Design Museum	186,152

City Library (2023)

Libraries and other service points	45
Books (1,000)	1,579
Other material (1,000)	157
Loans (1,000)	9,214
Visits (1,000)	8,156
Visits per resident	12.3

City of Helsinki culture and leisure services (2023)

Grants (millions of euros)	
Art and culture	29.6
Sport teams and groups	15.9

Helsinki has 35 official beaches.



842

Indoor sports facilities



668 km

Jogging tracks and footpaths



16*

Swimming halls



92

Dog parks



13

Indoor skating rinks



72

Outdoor recreation and excursion areas



35

Beaches



165

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

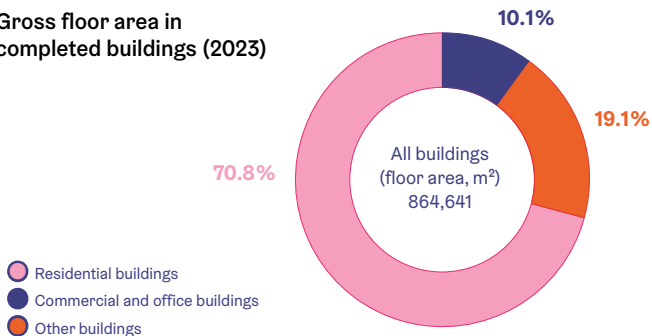
Construction

8,179

Dwellings completed in Helsinki 2023

Average for 2018–2023: 6,691

Gross floor area in completed buildings (2023)



Construction starts (2023)

	Floor area, m ²
All buildings	665,558
Residential	400,251
Other	265,307

Economy

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

	Greater Helsinki	Finland
GDP (PPS, EU27=100) 2021	144	111

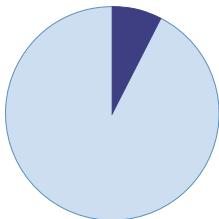
There are 474,243 jobs in Helsinki.

Jobs (2023)

	Helsinki	Region	Finland
All industries, total	474,243	861,463	2,627,658
Primary production	0.2	0.3	3.7
Secondary production	10.9	15.7	21.1
Services, total	87.3	82.6	74.0
Market services	68.6	69.3	62.1
Public administration, welfare services	31.4	30.7	37.9
Other or unknown	1.6	1.4	1.2

7.7%

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



Workplace self-sufficiency in Helsinki is 132.2%.

Enterprises (2022)

	Helsinki	Region	Finland
Turnover, bn euros	112.1	224.9	545.3
Personnel, total	286,214	535,028	1,497,450
Business establishments, total	81,151	161,963	606,810

Helsinki has 28,677 entrepreneurs, compared to 67,144 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. ABB Oy	3,030
3. HOK-Elanto Liiketoiminta 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	2022	2023
Domestic, tonnes	2,031	2,013
International, tonnes	141,490	172,108



Helsinki had 75 hotels with a total of 26,462 bed places in 2023.

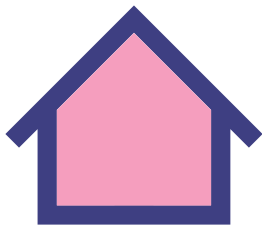


Travel

Overnight stays in registered accommodation establishments

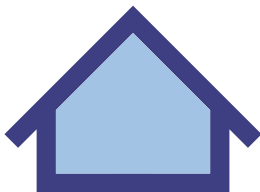
3,949,625

Total
(+6.1% from 2022)



1,784,703

Foreign visitors



2,164,922

Finnish visitors

Overnight stays, top 5 source markets



#1

USA
214,454



#2

Germany
193,067



#3

Sweden
129,999



#4

UK
129,886



#5

France
75,565

Congresses (2023)

International congresses

202

Number of congress visitors

38,695

Passenger traffic (millions of passengers)

	2022	2023
Airport	13	15
Port	8	9
Railway station	50	50

Popular tourist attractions

#1



Linnanmäki
Amusement
Park

#2



Suomenlinna

#3



Korkeasaari
Zoo

#4



Temppe-
li-
aukio Church

#5



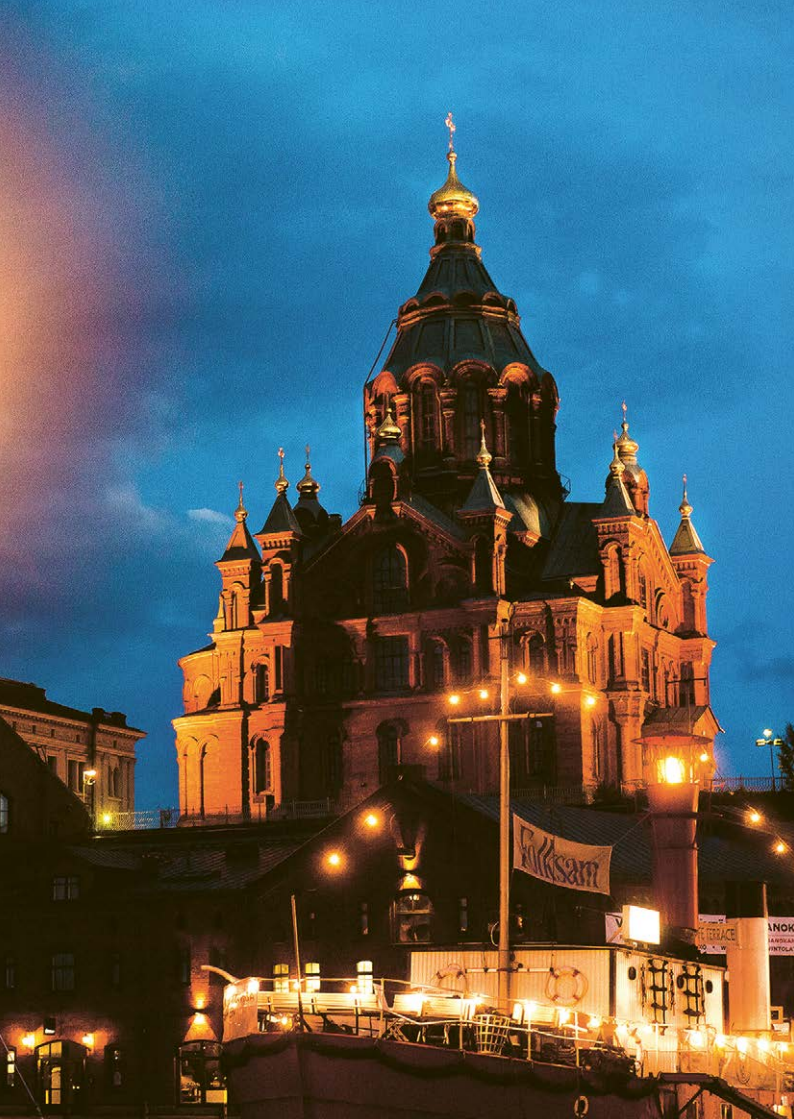
Uspenski
Cathedral

#5



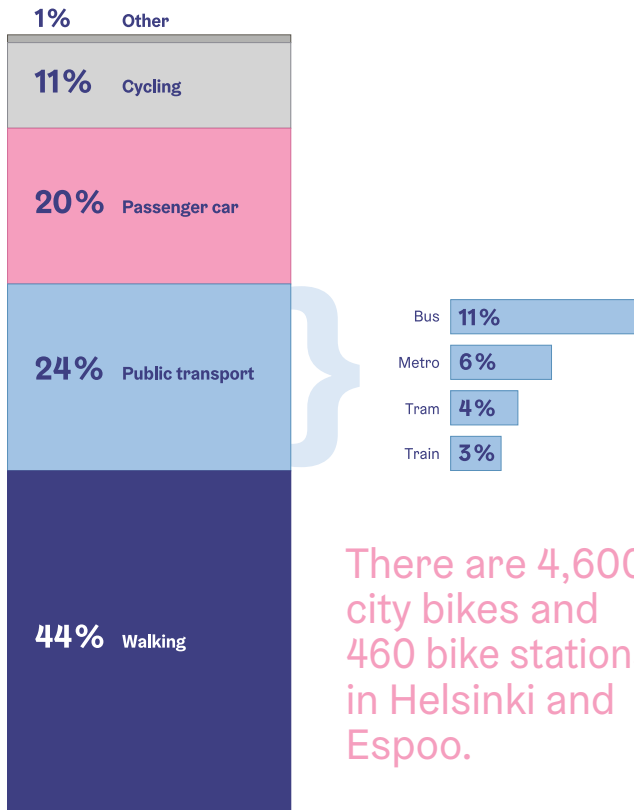
Helsinki
Cathedral
and Crypt

	Visitors
Linnanmäki Amusement Park	1,000,000
Suomenlinna	1,000,000
Korkeasaari Zoo	490,460
Temppe- li- aukio Church	330,000
Uspenski Cathedral	280,000
Helsinki Cathedral and Crypt	280,000



Transport

Modal split
(% of all journeys in Helsinki, 2023)



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

The total number of cruise passengers visiting Helsinki in 2023 was 163,000.

Public transport in Helsinki

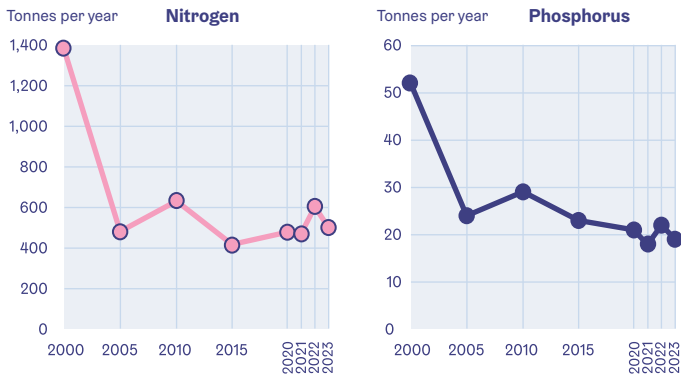
	2022	2023
Journeys, total, millions	209	248
Bus	53	63
Tram	42	44
Metro	67	79
Ferry	2	2
Commuter train	45	60

Passenger cars

	2023
Vehicles in traffic use, total	219,281
Petrol	138,072
Diesel	40,176
Hybrid	22,712
Electric	15,797
Other	2,524

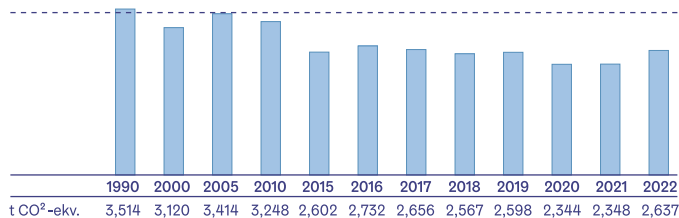
Environment

Emissions from wastewater treatment



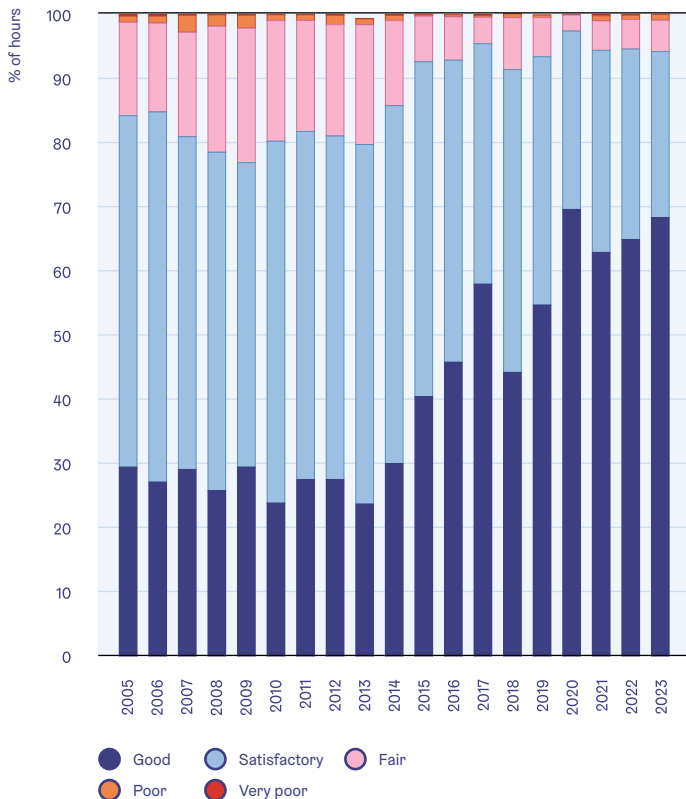
Greenhouse emissions

The emissions of greenhouse gases have been cut down by 25% since 1990 in Helsinki.



Air quality was good or satisfactory 94% of the time in Helsinki in 2023.

Air quality in city centre



City administration and economy

City council (January 1, 2024)

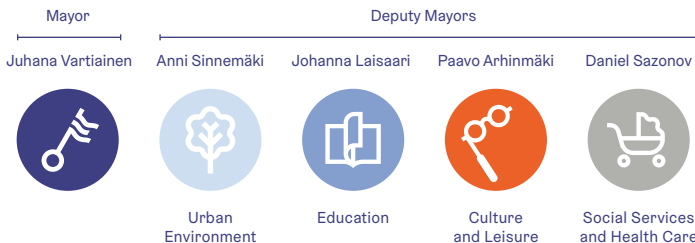


(KOK) National Coalition Party · (Vihr.) Green League · (SDP) Social Democratic Party · (VAS) Left Alliance · (PS) Finns Party · (RKP) Swedish People's Party · (LNH) Liike Nyt Helsinki · (KESK) Centre Party · (KD) Christian Democrats

Councillors



Mayors

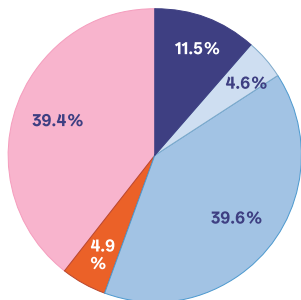






The City of Helsinki employs 37,599 people.

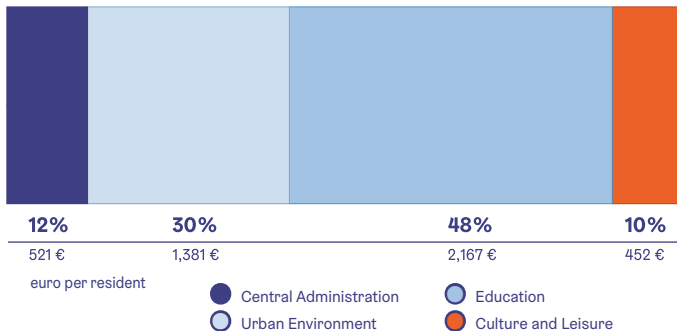
Personnel by division



Personnel, most common job titles

# 1	Childcarer in early childhood education and care	3,105	# 6	Part-time teacher	1,758
# 2	Practical nurse	3,030	# 7	Instructor	918
# 3	Teacher in early childhood education and care	2,676	# 8	Social services instructor	916
# 4	Nurse	1,788	# 9	Public health nurse	835
# 5	Comprehensive school full-time teacher	1,760	# 10	Comprehensive school lecturer	824

City of Helsinki expenses by division (2023)

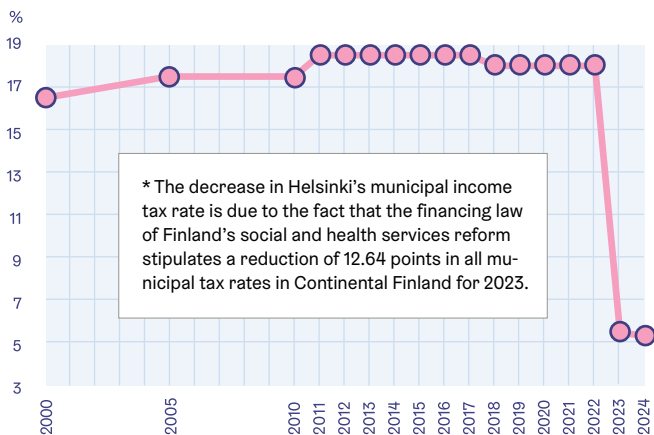


Profit and loss account

	million euros
Operating profit	1,173
Production for own use	124
Operating expenses	-5,452
Operating profit margin	-4,155
Tax revenue and state subsidies	4,839
Financing income and expenses	170
Annual contribution margin	855
Depreciations and impairment	-376
Result for the financial period	466
Appropriations	1
Surplus/deficit (-) for the financial period	467

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

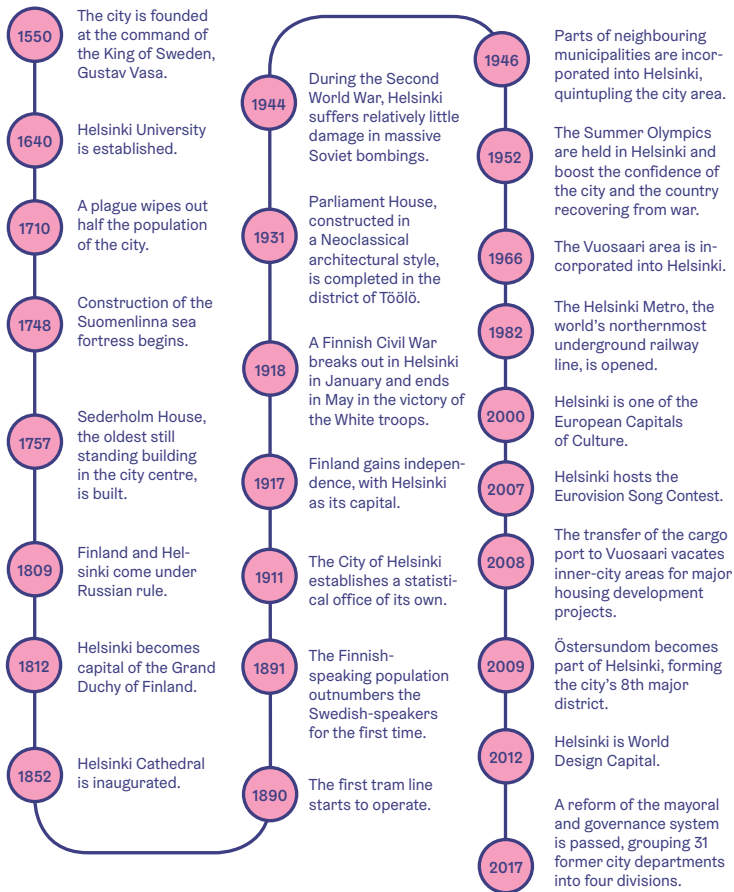
Municipal tax rate*



Loan stock

	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2010
City		
Loans at interest, euro per resident	1,342	1,989
City group		
Loans, euro per resident	10,891	6,917

History of Helsinki





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