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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 since 1812, three years after Finland became an autonomous Grand Duchy of the Russian Empire. Helsinki

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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 1.2 million inhabitants and 660,000 jobs.

Geography and environment

Geography and environment	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Total area on 1 January 2005	686	4,693
Sea	500	1,602
Land	186	3,091

Population density on 1 January 2005

inhabitants per km ² land	2,993	401
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Helsinki

2004

Shoreline (mainland), km	98
Islands	315
Number of vascular plants	1,064
Number of nesting bird species	164
Helsinki's symbol plant	maple
Helsinki's symbol animal	squirrel

Mean temperature in 2004

whole year	6.2°C
warmest month August, mean temperature	17.3°C
coldest month February, mean temperature	-5.7°C

Geography and environment

Polluting emissions in the air 2004

Helsinki

Estimate of various polluting emissions into the air	Total	Energy, %	Motor vehicle traffic, %
Sulphur dioxide, tons	3,947	89	–
Nitrogen oxide, tons	9,951	53	29
Particles, tons	941	77	16
Carbon monoxide, tons	11,743	–	99
Carbon dioxide, 1 000 tons	5,216	86	11

2003

2004

**Water consumption per inhabitant,
litres per 24 h**

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Waste management (YTV¹)

Helsinki Metropolitan Area

	2003	2004
Waste received, 1 000 tons	593.9	555.5
Waste per inhabitant, tons per annum	0.6	0.6

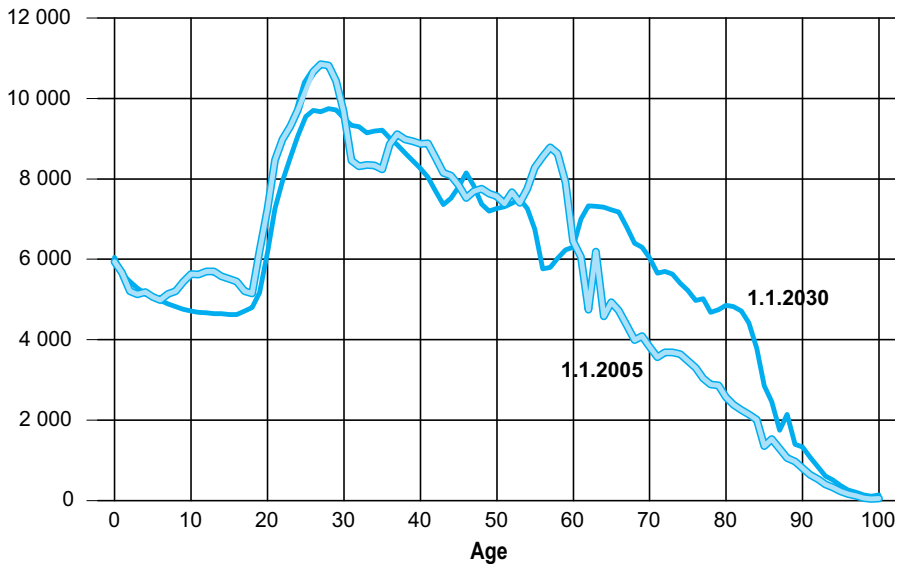
¹YTV Helsinki Metropolitan Area Council

Population

Population	1950	1970	1980	2004/2005
Helsinki	368,519	523,677	483,675	559,046
% of Finnish population	9.2	11.1	10.1	10.7
Helsinki Region	496,517	827,400	930,368	1,240,482
% of Finnish population	12.3	17.6	19.5	23.7

Population structure 2004/2005	Helsinki	%	Helsinki Region	Finland
Total population	559,046		1,240,482	5,236,611
Age groups				
0– 6	37,199	6.7	8.2	7.6
7–15	49,545	8.9	10.9	11.1
16–64	395,303	70.7	69.2	65.4
65–74	40,509	7.2	6.6	8.6
75–84	26,931	4.8	3.9	5.7
85+	9,559	1.7	1.2	1.6
Men	260,573	46.6	47.9	48.9
Women	298,473	53.4	52.1	51.1
Finnish-speaking	484,725	86.7	88.0	92.0
Swedish-speaking	34,871	6.2	6.5	5.5
Other languages	39,450	7.1	5.5	5.6
Finnish nationality	529,860	94.8	95.9	97.9
Other nationalities	29,186	5.2	4.1	2.1

Helsinki's population structure



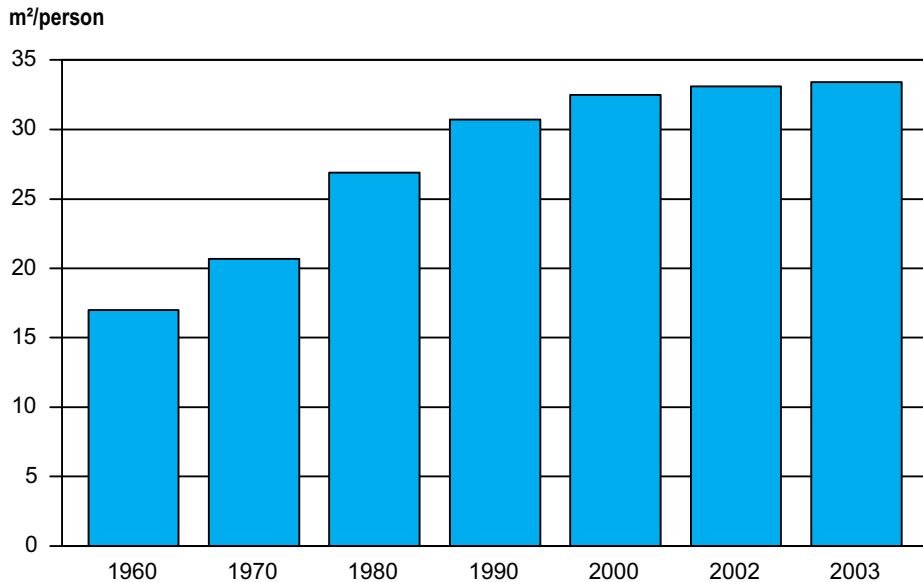
Population

Population structure	Helsinki	Finland
	1996–2000	2003
Life expectancy	76.8	78.5
Men	72.8	75.1
Women	80.1	81.8

Population changes 2003	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Births	6,299	15,402
Deaths	5,163	9,000
Immigrants	30,960	33,552
Emigrants	32,501	31,467

Dwelling households 2004/2005		
Total	288,215	581,181
Average size	1.9	2.1
1-member households, %	48.9	41.2
2-member households, %	30.4	31.5
> 5-member households, %	3.1	4.8

Housing density in Helsinki



Housing

Housing stock 2003	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
Dwellings total	309,144	612,596	2,603,909
Detached houses, %	12.8	30.2	53.5
Dwellings owned by occupier, %	41.7	49.3	57.6
Rented dwellings, %	47.7	40.6	32.0

Number of rooms, %

1 room	23.9	17.5	15.3
2 rooms	36.5	33.0	30.6
3 rooms	21.5	23.3	22.4
4 rooms	11.6	15.7	18.1
5 or more rooms	5.8	9.9	12.5

Rented dwellings owned by the city 2004 53,000

Housing standards 2003

Housing density, m ² /person	33.4	34.3	36.7
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Housing costs 2004

Average rent for two-room flat, euro/month	615	590	490
Average price of used dwellings, euro/m ²	2,580	2,200	1,550

Health care

Health care	2004	per 1 000 inhabitants
Sub-district health centres of the city	31	
Hospitals of the city	8	
Primary health care		
Health centre physicians	286	0.5
Visits at health centres	2,385,164	4,266
of which		
to community care physicians	460,058	823
to public health nurses	439,439	786
at health centre 24 h duty	109,357	196
nursed at home	504,089	902
within dental care	391,024	699
within daytime hospital care for elderly people	4,541	8
Medical care in the city's hospitals		
hospital beds	2,363	4
nursing days	867,454	1,552

Social Welfare

	2003	2004
Children in municipal day care		
1–6 year olds on 31 December	16,707	16,383
per hundred 1–6 year olds	52.6	52.4
Children in municipal family day care		
1–6 year olds on 31 December	1,743	1,756
per hundred 1–6 year olds	5.5	5.6
The city's playgrounds on 31 December	69	70
Number of families who on 31 December received a benefit for minding their babies themselves	6,815	6,895
Clients of the child welfare	7,659	7,969
per hundred 0–17 year olds	7.8	8.2
Children and youngsters having been examined or received care at municipal family counselling	2,086	2,211
per hundred 0–17 year olds	2.1	2.3
Children having received maintenance benefits	14,487	14,474
Persons having received service by virtue of the law on care for the handicapped	14,822	13,561

Social Welfare

	2003	2004
Persons having received transport benefits	14,010	12,682
Mentally retarded	1,615	1,622
proportion of the population, %	0.3	0.3
Households having received living allowance	39,967	38,809
among which single households, %	71.9	73.5
Persons having received living allowance	60,173	57,312
their proportion of the city's population, %	10.8	10.3
Households having received home care assistance	9,387	7,866
among which families with children, %	13.5	13.2
elderly families, %	69.1	67.8
Places at old-age homes on 31 December	2,369	2,344
per hundred 75 year olds and older	6.6	6.4
Places at service houses for the elderly	3,354	3,307
per hundred 75 year olds and older	9.3	9.1

Culture and leisure

	2003	2004
National Opera		
performances	376	368
spectators	255,678	246,608
Professional theatres	12	12
performances	3,334	3,642
spectators	714,772	682,874
Dance theatres	3	3
performances	313	276
spectators	42,592	35,729
Number of concerts		
Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra	63	68
Radio Symphony Orchestra	33	37
Number of cinema auditoria	46	46
visits per inhabitant	4.6	4,0
City Library, lending outlets	52	52
number of books on 31 December (1 000)	1,855	1,828
other material (1 000)	237	250
loans (1 000)	9,971	10,234
loans per inhabitant	17.8	18.3
visits per inhabitant	12.6	12.5
Youth work premises, m²	47,913	42,063
m ² per 7–18 year old	0.7	0.6
Linnanmäki amusement park, number of visitors	1,104,578	1,337,592
Korkeasaari Zoo, number of visitors	469,059	547,087

Culture and leisure

	2003	2004
Museums	79	80
Number of visitors at		
The Finnish National Gallery		
Ateneum Art Museum	168,580	311,884
The Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma	189,019	182,015
Sinebrychoff Art Museum	66,609	29,094
National Museum of Finland	128,790	115,014
Finnish Museum of Art and Design	69,474	112,327
Seurasaaari Open Air Museum	50,572	44,203
Museum of Finnish Architecture	21,200	21,690
Helsinki City Museum	100,003	59,935
Helsinki City Art Museum	115,117	88,384
Recreational trails and jogging tracks, km	216	216
Gyms and halls for indoor sports	33	31
Swimming halls	14	14
Ice stadiums	7	8
Natural skating rinks	73	72
Beaches	25	25
Boat moorings	11,369	11,448
	31.12.2002	31.12.2003
Restaurants	856	876
guest capacity (seats)	167,832	177,992

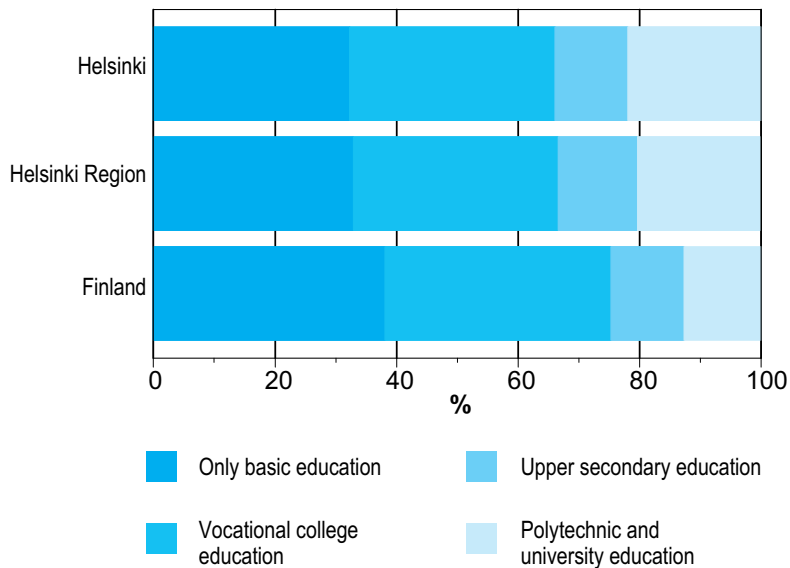
Education

	2003	2004
Comprehensive schools	163	163
Upper secondary schools	46	43
among which specialising	7	9
Pupils, total	70,698	71,119
of which in		
students in comprehensive schools	49,980	50,217
upper secondary schools	11,285	13,690
the city's upper secondary schools for adults	4,218	3,909
Swedish-speaking schools	4,698	4,710

	2002	2003
Education		
Vocational training institutes	33	34
Total number of students	18,079	19,263
in technology and traffic	5,800	6,058
social welfare and health care	3,428	3,051
administration and trade	6,465	6,678

Polytechnics 2003	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
Number of establishments	6	10	30
Fields of education	6	8	8
Students	18,215	32,255	129,421

15 year olds and older by education on 31 Dec. 2003



Education

Universities 2004

	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
Number of establishments	7	8	20
Fields of education	17	18	20
Number of students	48,479	63,671	174,324
% of all students in Finland	28	37	100
Number of university degrees	4,538	5,499	15,305
Number of postgraduate university degrees	592	794	1,957

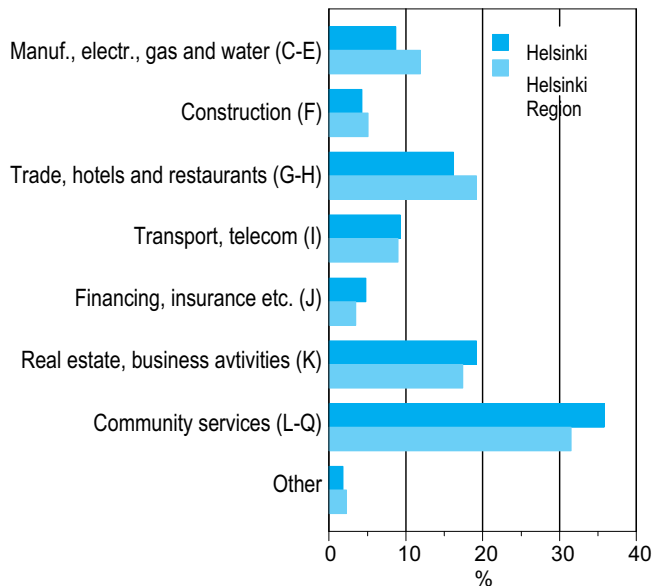
Adult Education Institutes 2003

Cases of participation	107,718	239,418	1,092,896
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Educational structure on 31 December 2003

% of 15 years olds and over			
only basic education	32	33	38
upper secondary education	34	34	37
vocational college education	12	13	12
polytechnic and university education	22	20	13

Jobs by industry on 31 Dec.2002



Labour market

Labour force, 15 - 74 year olds	2003	2004
employed	284,100	280,300
unemployed	21,200	21,800
Non-working of which	121,300	121,400
pupils and students, %	26.7	26.5
invalids or pensioners, %	56.8	55.4
Gainfully occupied people, %	71.6	71.3
men, %	73.6	73.0
women, %	69.7	69.9
Unemployment rate, %	6.9	7.2

Jobs on 31 December 2002	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
Total	373,381	656,854	2,242,303
primary production (SIC A–B)	305	2,459	101,392
processing (SIC C–F)	50,512	116,238	575,065
services (SIC G–Q)	318,364	529,919	1,525,002
- trade, finance, transport (SIC G–K)	184,861	322,726	809,770
- public services (SIC L–Q)	133,503	207,193	715,232
Self-sufficiency of jobs on 31 December 2002, %	134.3	107.1	100
Enterprises total 2003	33,214	61,479	229,005
Number of staff			
0–49 (small enterprises), %	97.2	97.6	98.7
50–249 (medium-size enterprises), %	1.9	1.8	1.0
250– (large enterprises), %	0.9	0.7	0.3

Trade

Goods traffic through the Port of Helsinki, 1 000 tons

2003

2004

International goods traffic

11,167

11,710

imports

5,932

6,050

exports

5,235

5,660

Coastal trade

485

420

Total goods traffic

11,652

12,130

Retail trade

2002

2003

sales outlets

3,462

3,476

employees

16,136

15,882

turnover, million euros

3,223

3,284

Wholesale trade and sales representation

sales outlets

3,747

3,717

employees

20,572

20,357

turnover, million euros

17,323

18,039

Tourism

	2003	2004
Passangers (million)	62	62
Via Helsinki–Vantaa Airport	10	11
Via Port of Helsinki	9	9
Via Helsinki main railway station	43	42
International congresses and events	102	102
participants	29,340	21,620
Hotel guests (million)	1.3	1.3
overnight stays, total	2.3	2.3
of which by foreigners	1.4	1.4
Hotels	46	44
number of rooms	7,136	6,838
number of beds	13,610	13,172

Transport and communications

	Helsinki	Finland
Registered cars on 31 December 2004	198,739	2,346,726
per 1 000 inhabitants	355	448
Registered motorcycles on 31 December 2004	10,684	142,703
per 1 000 inhabitants	19	27

	Helsinki	
	2003	2004
Valid driving licences	329,805	332,549
Victims of road traffic accidents	740	718

Public transport within the city

Journeys total (million)	206.9	203.5
buses	93.4	90.0
trams	56.8	56.6
metro	55.4	55.4
ferries	1.3	1.4

Line kilometers

Kilometers total (million)	51.5	49.7
buses	33.1	31.4
trams	5.5	5.3
metro	12.9	13.0

Transport and communications

	Helsinki	
	2003	2004
Local traffic of the State Railways, million journeys	36.4	36.1
Traffic over Port of Helsinki		
Vessel calls	11,911	12,866
finnish	346	284
foreign	11,565	13,582
Traffic over Helsinki–Vantaa Airport		
domestic freight, tons	3,124	2,664
international freight, tons	72,144	106,339
Telephone extensions (conventional + ISDN + ADSL)	434,545	431,282
per 100 inhabitants	77.7	77.1
	Finland	
	2003	2004
Number of mobile phones per 100 inhabitants	91	94
Internet users (15–74 year olds)		
percentage of the population, %	67	67

Construction

Construction of dwellings and business premises	1. Jan. 2004	1. Jan. 2005
Building stock		
Buildings	44,267	44,475
floor area of buildings, million m ²	43	44
of which residential buildings, million m ²	25	25
other than residential buildings, million m ²	18	19
Buildings completed	2003	2004
Buildings	820	822
floor area of buildings completed, 1 000 m ²	566	484
of which residential buildings, 1 000 m ²	316	264
other than residential buildings, 1 000 m ²	250	220
Dwellings completed		
Dwellings	3,582	3,134
of which state subsidised	1,886	1,474
rental dwellings	1,291	896
municipal dwelling	1,458	730
Construction permits granted		
total floor area, 1 000 m ²	465	471
dwellings, number	2,781	3,539
Building starts		
total floor area, 1 000 m ²	512	462
dwellings, number	3,262	3,209

City administration

City Council	2005–2008
number of members	85
National Coalition Party (Conservatives)	25
Social Democratic Party of Finland	21
Green League of Finland	17
Swedish People's Party in Finland	6
Left-wing Alliance	8
Centre Party of Finland	4
Christian Democrats in Finland	2
True Finns	1
The Communist Party of Finland	1

City Personnel	31 Dec. 2003	31 Dec. 2004
Total	39,350	38,804
permanent	31,725	32,106
temporary	7,625	6,698
% by department		
mayor's sector	6.4	7.1
city planning and real estate	2.1	2.0
cultural and personnel affairs	22.5	23.2
environmental authority	17.8	17.7
social affairs and public health	51.2	50.0

City economy

Budget of 2005	million euros
Current income	937.4
Current expenditures¹	3,149.1
mayor's sector	153.5
city planning and real estate	126.9
cultural and personnel affairs	719.6
environmental authority	330.5
social affairs and public health	1,725.0
Investments²	247.4
Statement of profit and loss	
Operation	
Income	937.4
Expenses	-3,149.1
Operating surplus	-2,211.7
Tax revenues	2,040.4
State subsidies	110.0
Financial income and expenses	111.2

¹Incl. backing to the city's authorities for public transport, public purchase and Helsinki City Service Centre (Palmia) and to the municipal unions.

²Excl. the investments of the public utilities (216.0 million euros).

City economy

Budget of 2005	million euros
Annual Coverage	49.9
Depreciation	-181.9
Incidental income and expenses	50.6
Profit/loss for the financial year	-81.4
Changes in provisions	-
Change in reserved funds	8.6
Surplus/deficit of the accounting period	-72.8
Statement of the financial position	
Cash flow within operation and investment	
Finance through income	68.9
Investment	-245.8
Net cash flow within operation and investment	-176.9
Cash flow within finance	
Loans granted	27.8
Changes in the loan stock	-
Cash flow within finance	27.8
Investment of basic capital into the basic capital of Helsinki City Transport	-8.5
Change in the operational capital	-157.6
Tax rate	17.5

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