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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 662,000 jobs.

Geography and environment

	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Total area on 1 January 2003	686	4,693
Sea	500	1,602
Land	186	3,091

Population density on 1 January 2003	2,996	396
inhabitants per km ² land		

Helsinki	2002
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 2002	
whole year	6.1°C
warmest month July, mean temperature	19.4°C
coldest month December, mean temperature	-7.1°C

Geography and environment

Polluting emissions in the air 2002	Helsinki		
	Estimate of various polluting emissions into the air	Total	Energy, %
Sulphur dioxide, tons	3,762	91	–
Nitrogen oxide, tons	10,211	51	34
Particles, tons	525	55	36
Carbon monoxide, tons	14,367	–	99
Carbon dioxide, 1 000 tons	4,816	85	12

	2001	2002
Water consumption per inhabitant, litres per 24 h	258	255

Waste management (YTV ¹)	Helsinki Metropolitan Area	
	2001	2002
Waste received, 1 000 tons	681.1	677.9
Waste per inhabitant, tons per annum	0.7	0.7
Recycled waste or waste used for land fills etc.	216.6	250.9

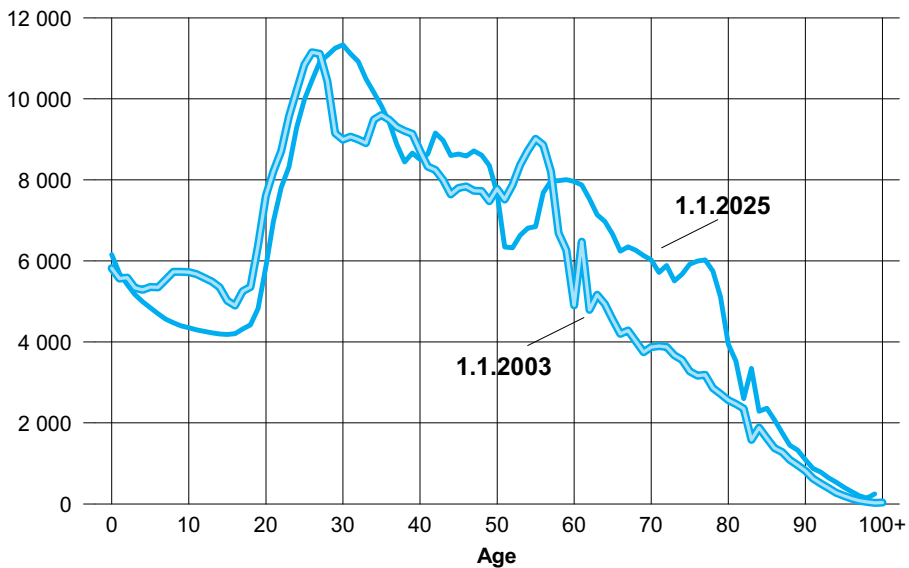
¹YTV Helsinki Metropolitan Area Council

Population

Population	1950	1970	1980	2002/2003
Helsinki	368,519	523,677	483,675	559,716
% of Finnish population	9.2	11.1	10.1	10.8
Helsinki Region	496,517	827,400	930,368	1,224,107
% of Finnish population	12.3	17.6	19.5	23.6

Population structure 2002/2003	Helsinki	%	Helsinki Region	Finland
Total population	559,716		1,224,107	5,206,295
Age groups				
0–6	38,311	7.0	8.3	7.8
7–15	49,856	8.8	11.0	11.2
16–64	396,223	70.8	69.5	65.7
65–74	39,710	7.1	6.4	8.5
75–84	26,084	4.6	3.7	5.3
85+	9,532	1.7	1.2	1.6
Men	260,236	46.5	47.9	48.9
Women	299,480	53.5	52.1	51.1
Finnish-speaking	488,979	87.4	88.5	92.2
Swedish-speaking	35,451	6.3	6.6	5.6
Other languages	35,286	6.3	4.9	2.2
Finnish nationality	530,904	94.9	96.0	98.0
Other nationalities	28,812	5.1	4.0	2.0

Helsinki's population structure



Population

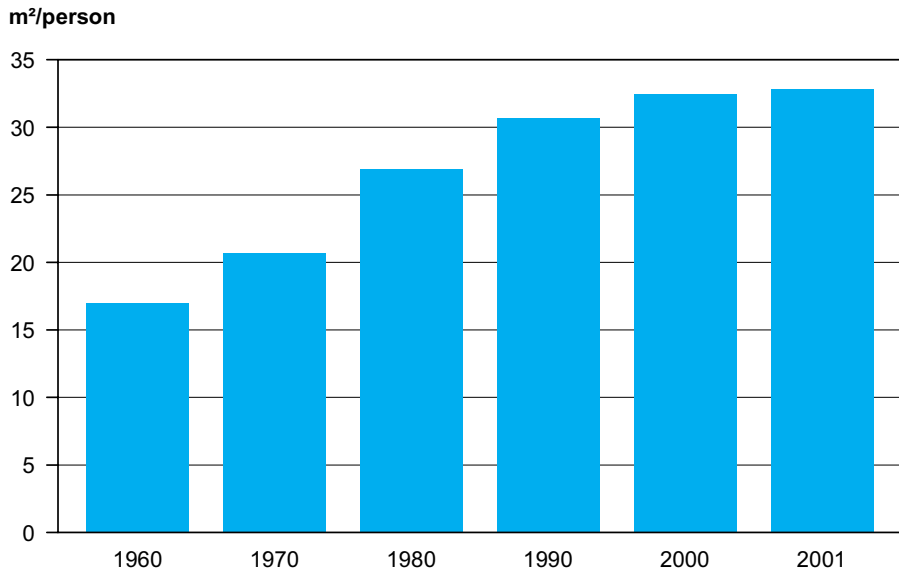
Population structure	Helsinki	Finland
	1996–2000	2001
Life expectancy	76.8	78.1
Men	72.8	74.7
Women	80.1	81.5

Population changes 2002	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Births	6,065	15,010
Deaths	5,176	8,814
Immigrants	32,064	35,507
Emigrants	32,940	31,310

Dwelling households 2002/2003

Total	284,449	565,566
Average size	1.9	2.1
1-member households, %	48.2	40.4
2-member households, %	30.3	31.3
> 5-member households, %	3.3	5.0

Housing density in Helsinki



Housing

Housing stock 2001	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
Dwellings total	300,721	590,236	2,544,016
Detached houses, %	12.8	30.2	53.9
Dwellings owned by occupier, %	43.7	50.7	58.6
Rented dwellings, %	45.9	39.2	30,6
Number of rooms, %			
1 room	24.1	17.8	15.4
2 rooms	36.6	33.0	30.7
3 rooms	21.5	23.3	22.5
4 rooms	11.5	15.6	18.1
5 or more rooms	5.7	9.6	12.2
Rented dwellings owned by the city 2002	54,700		
Housing standards 2001			
Housing density, m ² /person	32.8	33.6	35.8
Housing costs 2002			
Average rent for two-room flat, euro/month	580	560	460
Average price of used dwellings, euro/m ²	2,260	1,930	1,350

Health care

Health care	2002	per 1 000 inhabitants
Sub-district health centres of the city	32	
Hospitals of the city	8	
Primary health care		
Health centre physicians	294	0.5
Visits at health centres	2,466,489	4,407
of which to community care physicians	480,989	859
to public health nurses	449,793	804
at health centre 24 h duty	109,876	196
within home medical care	456,332	815
within dental care	400,305	715
within daytime hospital care for elderly people	18,785	34
Beds in health centre	2,441	4.0
Hospitalisation days at health centre hospitals	890,180	1,590
Specialised medical care		
Hospitals beds, total (pshychiatric beds only)	363	1.0
Hospitalisation days, total	113,344	203
psychiatric	113,344	203
other specialised medical care	–	–
Consultations, total	226,150	404
psychiatric consultations	131,247	234
daytime visits in psychiatric treatment	14,975	27
other specialised outpatient consultations	79,928	143

Social Welfare

	2001	2002
Children in municipal day care		
1–6 year olds on 31 December	17,889	17,366
per hundred 1–6 year olds	53.7	45.3
Children in municipal family day care		
1–6 year olds on 31 December	1,963	1,877
per hundred 1–6 year olds	5.9	4.9
The city's playgrounds on 31 December	67	68
Number of families who on 31 December received a benefit for minding their babies themselves	6,870	6,866
Clients of the child welfare	7,408	7,544
per hundred 0–17 year olds	7.5	7.7
Children and youngsters having been examined or received care at municipal family counselling	1,998	2,043
per hundred 0–17 year olds	2.0	2.1
Children having received maintenance benefits	14,292	14,442
Persons having received service by virtue of the law on care for the handicapped	17,199	16,093

Social Welfare

	2001	2002
Persons having received transport benefits	16,344	15,253
Mentally retarded	1,573	1,582
proportion of the population, %	0.3	0.3
Households having received living allowance	38,622	39,551
among which single households, %	71.4	71.6
Persons having received living allowance	58,188	59,575
their proportion of the city's population, %	10.4	10.6
Households having received home care assistance	10,983	10,112
among which families with children, %	14.4	13.8
elderly families, %	67.7	67.9
Places at old-age homes on 31 December	2,458	2,475
per hundred 75 year olds and older	7.0	6.9
Places at service houses for the elderly	5,461	5,554
per hundred 75 year olds and older	15.4	15.6

Culture and leisure

	2001	2002
National Opera		
performances	344	382
spectators	252,443	264,117
Professional theatres	13	12
performances	3,133	3,386
spectators	673,552	729,167
Dance theatres	3	3
performances	276	347
spectators	27,989	40,370
Number of concerts		
Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra	59	72
Radio Symphony Orchestra	32	32
Number of cinema auditoria	52	46
visits per inhabitant	4.1	4.8
City Library, lending outlets	57	56
number of books on 31 December (1 000)	1,826	1,825
other material (1 000)	230	230
loans (1 000)	9,344	9,878
loans per inhabitant	16.7	17.6
visits per inhabitant	13.1	13.8
Youth work premises, m₂	49,543	49,367
m ² per 7–18 year old	0.8	0.8
Linnanmäki amusement park, number of visitors	1,049,747	1,010,461
Korkeasaari Zoo, number of visitors	505,800	566,574

Culture and leisure

	2001	2002
Museums	83	78
Number of visitors at		
The Finnish National Gallery		
The Museum of Finnish Art (Ateneum)	143,390	244,631
The Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma	227,477	209,198
The Museum of Foreign Art	4,707	-
National Museum of Finland	139,828	110,153
Finnish Museum of Art and Design	62,748	53,160
Seurasaari Open Air Museum	55,950	56,599
Museum of Finnish Architecture	25,600	24,300
Helsinki City Museum	75,909	97,022
Helsinki City Art Museum	183,562	93,191
Recreational trails and jogging tracks, km	214	216
Sports halls and gyms	32	33
Swimming halls	14	14
Ice stadiums	7	7
Natural skating rinks	83	86
Beaches	26	25
Boat moorings	11,039	11,520
	31.12.2001	31.12.2002
Restaurants	841	864
guest capacity (seats)	167,656	176,261

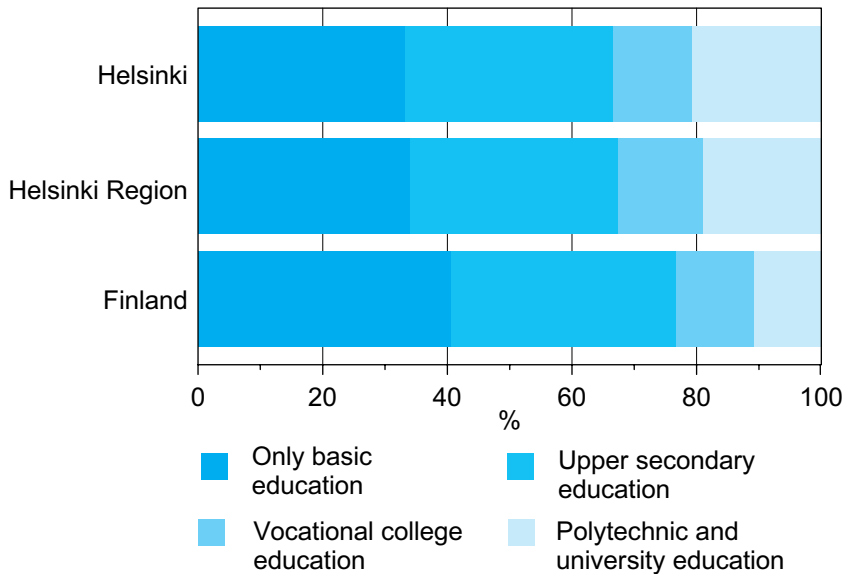
Education

Education	2001	2002
Comprehensive schools	162	162
Upper secondary schools	46	46
among which specialising	7	7
Pupils, total	69,159	70,054
of which in		
lower comprehensive schools	33,670	33,591
upper comprehensive schools	15,846	16,086
upper secondary schools	11,354	11,342
the city's upper secondary schools for adults	4,035	4,016
Swedish-speaking schools	4,701	4,674

Education	2000	2001
Vocational training institutes	30	33
Total number of students	16,419	17,319
in technology and traffic	5,082	5,256
social welfare and health care	3,325	3,616
administration and trade	6,416	6,590

Polytechnics 2001	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
Number of establishments	4	9	30
Fields of education	6	8	8
Students	16,884	29,408	118,118

15 year olds and older by education on 31 Dec. 2001



Education

Universities 2002	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
Number of establishments	7	8	20
Fields of education	17	18	20
Number of students	48,095	62,858	169,970
% of all students in Finland	28	37	100
Number of university degrees	4,466	5,406	14,694
Number of postgraduate university degrees	625	820	1,878

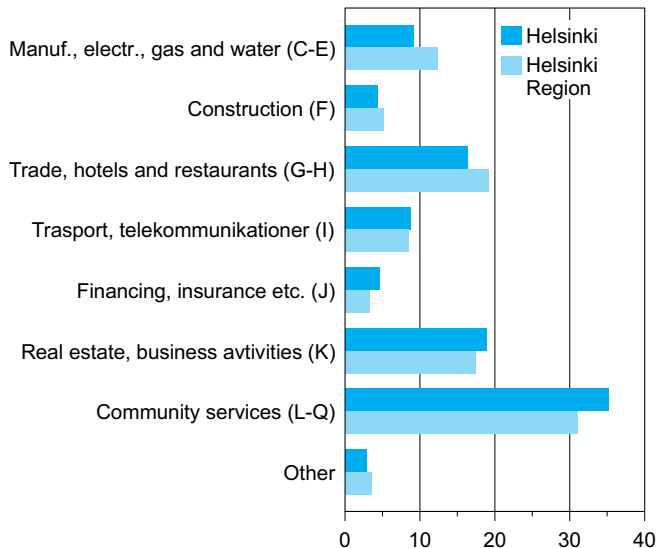
Adult Education Institutes 2001

Cases of participation	112,803	231,901	1,224,881
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Educational structure on 31 December 2001

% of 15 years olds and over			
only basic education	33	34	41
upper secondary education	33	33	36
vocational college education	13	14	13
polytechnic and university education	21	19	11

Jobs by industry on 31 Dec.2001



Labour market

Labour force, 15–74 year olds	2001	2002
employed	295,200	287,700
unemployed	17,900	19,000
Non-working of which	115,600	114,600
pupils and students, %	26.0	25.3
invalids or pensioners, %	54.8	57.9
Gainfully occupied people, %	73.0	72.8
men, %	74.7	74.4
women, %	71.6	71.4
Unemployment rate, %	5.7	6.2

Jobs on 31 December 2001 (preliminary data)	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
Total	376,658	662,128	2, 251,181
primary production (SIC A–B)	333	2,460	101,422
processing (SIC C–F)	53,516	120,937	590,904
services (SIC G–Q)	318,837	530,722	1,515,831
- trade, finance, transport (SIC G–K)	184,679	323,103	805,543
- public services (SIC L–Q)	134,158	207,619	710,288
Self-sufficiency of jobs on 31 December 2000, %	133.6	106.9	100
Enterprises total 2000	32,650	59,250	223,499
Number of staff			
0–49 (small enterprises), %	97.1	97.3	98.7
50–249 (medium-size enterprises), %	2.0	1.9	1.0
250– (large enterprises), %	0.9	0.8	0.3

Trade

Goods traffic through the Port of Helsinki, 1 000 tons	2001	2002
International goods traffic	10,619	10,679
imports	5,583	5,529
exports	5,036	5,150
Coastal trade	797	744
Total goods traffic	11,416	11,423
Retail trade	2000	2001
sales outlets	3, 584	3,578
employees	16,020	16,007
turnover, million euros	3,073	3,258
Wholesale trade and sales representation		
sales outlets	4,044	3,903
employees	21,111	20,803
turnover, million euros	17,942	16,841

Tourism

Tourism	2001	2002
Passangers (million)	59	59
Via Helsinki–Vantaa Airport	10	10
Via Port of Helsinki	9	9
Via Helsinki main railway station	40	40
International congresses and events	89	85
participants	21,680	19 110
Hotel guests (million)	1.3	1.3
overnight stays, total	2.4	2.3
of which by foreigners	1.4	1.4
Hotels	45	45
number of rooms	7,108	6,998
number of beds	13,416	13,272

Transport and communications

Transport and communications	Helsinki	Finland
Registered cars on 31 December 2002	188,620	2,194,683
per 1 000 inhabitants	337	422
Registered motorcycles on 31 December 2002	9,340	116,021
per 1 000 inhabitants	17	22

	Helsinki	2002
	2001	
Valid driving licences	327,204	327,900
Victims of road traffic accidents	805	770

Public transport within the city

Journeys, total (millions)	210.8	209.9
buses	99.3	97.4
trams	57.3	56.1
metro	52.8	54.9
ferries	1.4	1.5

Number of lines

buses	97	97
trams	11	11
metro	2	2

Transport and communications

Transport and communications	Helsinki	
	2001	2002
Local traffic of the State Railways, million journeys	34.3	34.9
Traffic over Port of Helsinki		
Vessel calls	11,461	11,780
Finnish	451	380
foreign	11,010	11,400
Traffic over Helsinki–Vantaa Airport		
domestic freight, tons	3,812	3,597
international freight, tons	66,701	68,825
Telephone extensions (conventional + ISDN + ADSL)	409,980	408,021
per 100 inhabitants	73.2	72.9
	Finland	
	2001	2002
Number of mobile phones per 100 inhabitants	80	85
Internet users (15–74 year olds)		
percentage of the population, %	59	65

Construction

Construction of dwellings and business premises	1 Jan. 2002	1 Jan. 2003
Building stock		
Buildings	43,388	43,798
floor area of buildings, million m ²	42	43
of which residential buildings, million m ²	24	24
other than residential buildings, million m ²	18	18
Buildings completed	2001	2002
Buildings	877	778
floor area of buildings completed, 1 000 m ²	698	589
of which residential buildings, 1 000 m ²	378	279
other than residential buildings, 1 000 m ²	319	311
Dwellings completed		
Dwellings	4,457	3,083
of which state subsidised	1,536	1,364
rental dwellings	1,176	1,082
municipal dwelling	800	892
Construction permits granted		
total floor area, 1 000 m ²	573	675
dwellings, number	2,974	3,553
Building starts		
total floor area, 1 000 m ²	652	550
dwellings, number	3,757	2,964

City administration

City Council	2001–2004
number of members	85
National Coalition (Conservatives)	25
Green League of Finland	21
Social Democratic Party	18
Left-wing Alliance	7
Swedish People's Party of Finland	6
Centre Party of Finland	4
Christian League of Finland	3
The independents of the Helsinki Metropolitan Area	1

City Personnel	31 Dec. 2001	31 Dec. 2002
Total	39,788	40,069
Permanent	29,800	30,325
Temporary	9,988	9,744
% by department		
mayor's sector	3.1	3.2
social affairs and public health	52.6	52.2
city planning and real estate	2.8	2.6
technical services	17.4	17.4
cultural and personnel affairs	24.1	24.7

City economy

Budget of 2003	million euros
Current income	870.8
Current expenditures¹	3,004.6
mayor's sector	206.6
social affairs and public health	1,625.2
city planning and real estate	108.4
technical services	278.4
cultural and personnel affairs	691.7
Investments²	353.8

Statement of profit and loss

Operation

Income	870.8
Expenses	-3,004.6
Operating surplus	-2,133.8
Tax revenues	2,057.7
State subsidies	-65.7
Value added tax	-
Financial income and expenses	107.1

¹Incl. backing to the city's authorities for public transport, public purchase and real estate, and to the municipal unions.

²Excl. the investments of the public utilities (156,1 million euros).

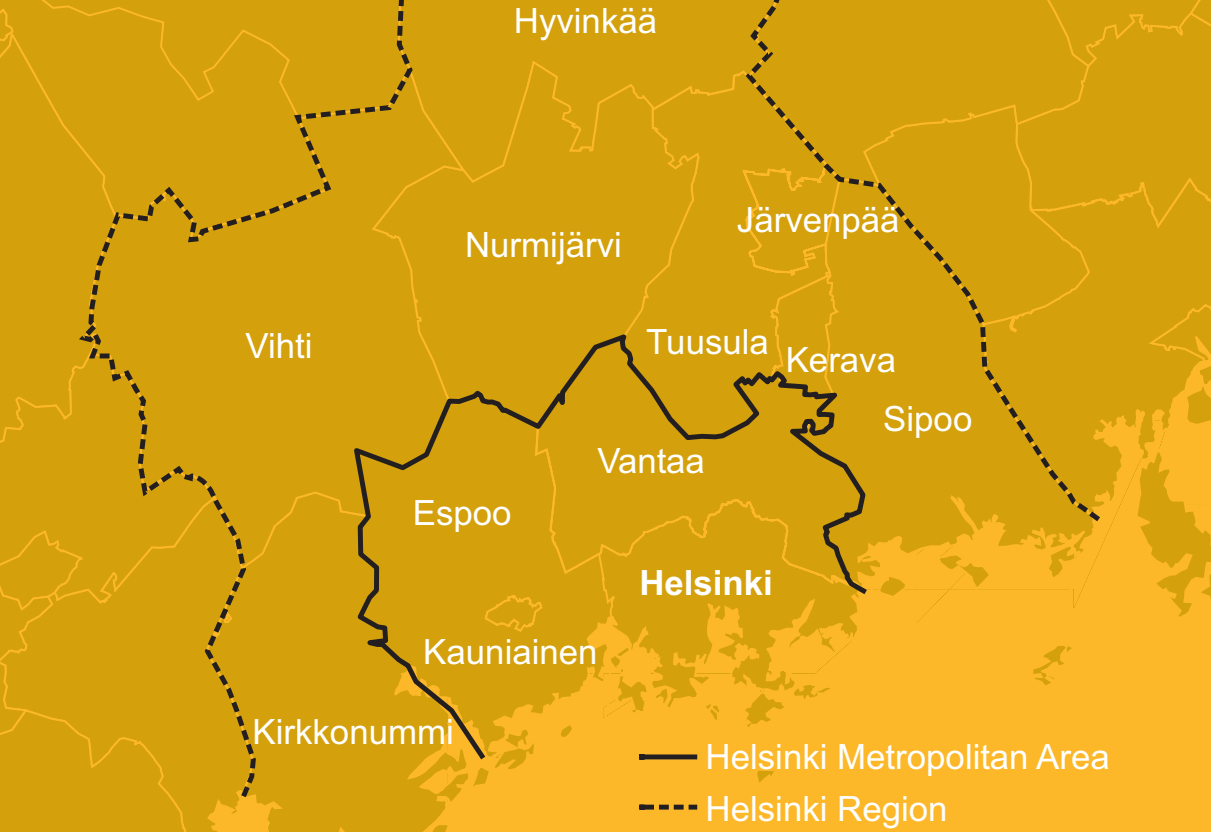
City economy

Budget of 2003	million euros
Annual Coverage	-34.7
Depreciation	-153.3
Incidental income and expenses	33.6
Profit/loss for the financial year	-154.4
Changes in provisions	-
Change in reserved funds	20.4
Surplus/deficit of the accounting period	-134.0
Statement of the financial position	
Cash flow within operation and investment	
Finance through income	-23.4
Investment	-353.6
Net cash flow within operation and investment	-377.0
Cash flow within finance	
Loans granted	19.4
Changes in the loan stock	349.7
Cash flow within finance	369.1
Investment of basic capital into the basic capital of Helsinki City Transport	-4.8
Change in the operational capital	-12.7
Tax rate	17.5

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