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Facts about Helsinki

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

Helsinki 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 1.3 million inhabitants and 660,000 jobs.



# Geography and Environment

Geography and environment	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Total area on 1st January 2006	686	5,518
Sea	500	1,678
Land	186	3,840

## Population density on 1st January 2006

Inhabitants per km <sup>2</sup> land	3,003	332
● 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

● Whole year	2005	6.6°C
● Warmest month July, mean temperature		19.2°C
● Coldest month March, mean temperature		-5.0°C

## Water consumption

● per inhabitant, litres per 24 h	2004	2005
	262	254

## Waste management, Helsinki Metropolitan Area (YTV<sup>1</sup>)

● Waste received, 1,000 tons	555.5	637.9
● Waste per inhabitant, tons per annum	0.6	0.6

<sup>1</sup> YTV = Helsinki Metropolitan Area Council

# Capital Cities around the Baltic Sea

## Vital statistics

	Population total	Proportion of under 15 yo	over 65 yo	people with a tertiary education
Helsinki	560,905	14.5	13.8	28.3
Stockholm	765,044	15.8	14.8	17.7
Oslo	529,846	17.1	13.0	29.4
Copenhagen	502,362	14.9	11.4	20.3
Tallinn	396,375	15.1	21.0	28.7
Riga	731,762	12.6	17.5	16.0
Vilnius	553,076	14.7	12.9	28.9
Warsaw	1,690,800	11.9	16.8	21.0
Berlin	3,387,800	12.2	16.6	21.4
St. Petersburg	4,661,000	12.2	15.1	32.0



# Population

Population	1950	1970	1980	2005/2006
Helsinki	368,519	523,677	483,675	560,905
● % of Finnish population	9.2	11.1	10.1	10.7
Helsinki Region <sup>1</sup>	496,517	827,400	930,368	1,274,746
● % of Finnish population	12.3	17.6	19.5	24.3

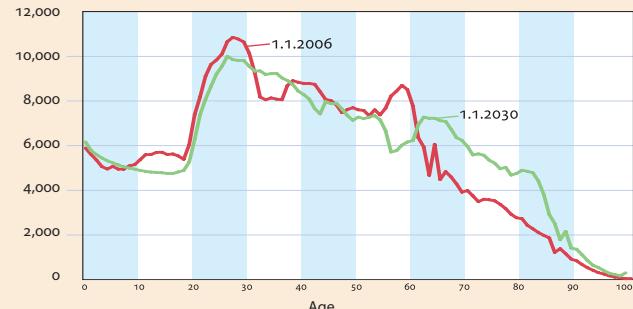
  

Population structure 2005/2006	Helsinki	%	Helsinki Region <sup>1</sup>	Finland
Total population	560,905		1,274,746	5,255,580
Age groups				
● 0–6	36,884	6.6	8.2	7.6
● 7–15	48,746	8.7	10.8	10.9
● 16–64	397,413	70.9	69.1	65.5
● 65–74	40,519	7.2	7.7	8.5
● 75–84	27,297	4.9	4.0	5.8
● 85+	10,046	1.8	1.3	1.7
Men	261,627	46.6	48.0	48.9
Women	299,278	53.4	52.0	51.1
Finnish-speaking	483,506	86.2	88.0	92.0
Swedish-speaking	34,774	6.2	6.5	5.5
Other languages	42,625	7.6	5.5	5.6
Finnish nationality	530,135	94.5	95.8	97.8
Other nationalities	30,770	5.5	4.2	2.2



<sup>1</sup> On 1st January 2006, the Helsinki Region included 14 municipalities.

## Helsinki's population structure



Population structure	Helsinki 2001–2004	Finland 2004
Life expectancy	77.8	78.2
Men	74.1	75.3
Women	80.9	82.3

Population changes 2004	Helsinki	Helsinki Region
Births	6,180	15,552
Deaths	5,045	8,822
Immigrants	31,985	35,004
Emigrants	33,377	33,841

## 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

## Housing density in Helsinki



### Housing stock 2004

	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
Dwellings total	311,617	621,115	2,634,728
● Detached houses, %	12.8	30.3	53.5
● Dwellings owned by occupier, %	41.7	49.5	57.5
● Rented dwellings, %	47.7	40.4	32.0

### Number of rooms, %

● 1 room	23.8	17.3	15.2
● 2 rooms	36.5	32.9	30.5
● 3 rooms	21.6	23.3	22.4
● 4 rooms	11.7	15.8	18.1
● 5 or more rooms	5.9	10.1	12.7

### Housing standards 2004

Housing density, m <sup>2</sup> /person	33.7	34.7	37.1
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### Housing costs 2005

Average rent for two-room flat, €/month	620	590	495
Average price of used dwellings, €/m <sup>2</sup>	2,740	2,350	1,660

# Construction

## Construction of dwellings and business premises

	1st Jan 2005	1st Jan 2006
<b>Building stock, number of buildings</b>	44,475	44,859
Floor area, million m <sup>2</sup>	44	44
● of which residential	25	25
● other than residential	19	19
<b>Buildings completed</b>	2004	2005
Number of buildings	822	762
Floor area completed, 1,000 m <sup>2</sup>	484	479
● of which residential	264	230
● other than residential	220	250
<b>Dwellings completed</b>		
Number of dwellings	3,134	2,698
● of which state subsidised	1,474	660
● rental dwellings	896	725
● municipal dwelling	730	513
<b>Construction permits granted</b>		
● Total floor area, 1,000 m <sup>2</sup>	471	441
● Number of dwellings	3,539	2,306
<b>Building starts</b>		
● Total floor area, 1,000 m <sup>2</sup>	462	332
● Number of dwellings	3,209	2,314



# Health Care

Health care	2005 per 1,000 inhabitants	
● Sub-district health centres of the city	31	
● Hospitals of the city	8	
<b>Primary health care</b>		
Health centre physicians	302	0.5
Visits at health centres	3,373,192	6,014
● of which to community care physicians	484,304	863
● to public health nurses	469,578	837
● at health centre 24 h duty	115,814	206
● within home care	1,427,720	2,545
● within dental care	380,089	678
● within daytime hospital care for elderly people	4,627	8
<b>Medical care in the city's hospitals</b>		
Hospital beds	2,325	4
Nursing days	828,323	1,477



# Social Welfare

Children in municipal day care	2004	2005
● 1–6 year olds on 31st December	18,139	18,301
● per hundred 1–6 year olds	58.0	59.1
<b>Number of municipal playgrounds on 31st Dec</b>		
	70	70
<b>Benefit for nursing under 3 year olds at home</b>		
● Families receiving the benefit on 31st Dec	6,895	6,528
<b>Clients of the child welfare</b>		
● Per hundred 0–17 year olds	8.2	8.0
<b>Children having received maintenance benefits</b>		
	14,474	14,058
<b>Persons having received service by virtue of the law on care for the handicapped</b>		
	13,561	12,733
<b>Persons having received transport benefits</b>		
	12,682	11,835
<b>Living allowance</b>		
Households having received living allowance	38,809	36,792
● among which single households, %	73.5	74.2
<b>Percentage of recipients in the population</b>		
	10.3	9.6
<b>Families with children receiving assistance at home</b>		
	1,039	1,187
● percentage of families with 0–17 year old children	1.9	2.1
<b>Places at old-age homes on 31st Dec</b>		
	2,344	2,352
● Per hundred 75 year olds and older	6.4	6.3
<b>Places at service houses for the elderly</b>		
	3,307	3,219
● Per hundred 75 year olds and older	9.1	8.6

# Culture and Leisure

	2004	2005
<b>National Opera</b>		
● Performances	368	413
● Spectators	246,608	236,919
<b>Professional theatres</b>	12	11
● Performances	3,642	3,376
● Spectators	682,874	746,751
<b>Dance theatres</b>	3	3
● Performances	276	293
● Spectators	35,729	28,577
<b>Number of concerts</b>		
● Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra	68	70
● Radio Symphony Orchestra	37	33
<b>Number of cinema auditoria</b>	46	52
● Visits per inhabitant	4.0	4.1
<b>City Library, lending outlets</b>	52	50
● Number of books on 31st December (1,000)	1,828	1,676
● Other material (1,000)	250	286
● Loans (1,000)	10,234	10,074
● Loans per inhabitant	18.3	18.0
● Visits per inhabitant	12.5	12.0
<b>Youth work premises, m<sup>2</sup></b>	48,845	48,845
● m <sup>2</sup> per 7–18 year old	1.0	1.0
<b>Linnanmäki amusement park, number of visitors</b>	1,337,592	1,197,768
<b>Korkeasaari Zoo, number of visitors</b>	547,087	483,202

	2004	2005
<b>Museums</b>	80	78
<b>Number of visitors at</b>		
The Finnish National Gallery		
● Ateneum Art Museum	311,884	207,011
● The Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma	182,015	176,709
● Sinebrychoff Art Museum	29,094	23,185
National Museum of Finland	115,014	117,219
Finnish Museum of Art and Design	112,327	121,302
Seurasaari Open Air Museum	44,203	40,385
Museum of Finnish Architecture	21,690	20,600
Helsinki City Museum	59,935	58,579
Helsinki City Art Museum	88,384	111,248
<b>Recreational trails and jogging tracks, km</b>	216	216
<b>Indoor sports facilities and fitness gyms</b>	31	31
<b>Swimming halls</b>	14	14
<b>Ice stadiums</b>	8	8
<b>Natural skating rinks</b>	72	75
<b>Beaches</b>	25	25
<b>Boat moorings</b>	11,448	11,807
	31st Dec 2004	31st Dec 2005
<b>Restaurants</b>	875	902
● Guest capacity (seats)	182,495	184,308

# Education

Education	2004	2005
Comprehensive schools (7–16 year olds)	163	161
Upper secondary schools	41	38
Pupils, total of which in	71,904	70,293
● schools for 7–12 year olds	32,225	31,217
● schools for 13–16 year olds	17,370	17,665
● upper secondary schools	13,690	13,809
● the city's upper secondary schools for adults	3,909	2,953
● Swedish-speaking schools	4,710	4,649
	2003	2004

Vocational training institutes	34	37
Number of students	19,498	26,770

	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
<b>Polytechnics 2005</b>	4	10	31
Number of students	19,723	38,791	131,245
● among whom foreign nationals (2004)	919	1,497	3,765

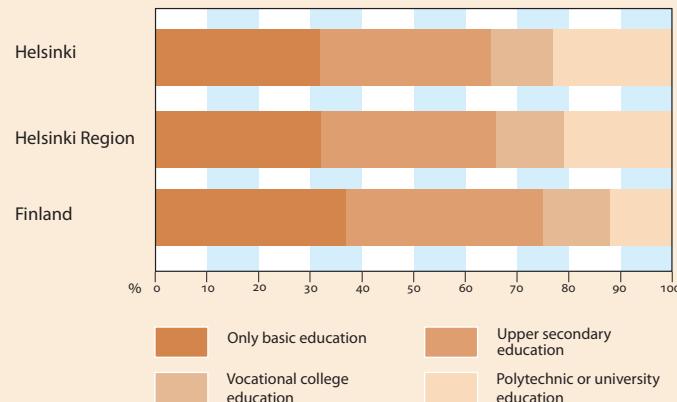
Universities 2005	7	8	20
Number of students	49,291	63,876	176,664
● among whom foreign nationals (2004)	1,695	2,373	4,673

## Educational structure on 31st December 2004

% of 15 years olds and older with	32	32	37
● only basic education	32	32	37
● upper secondary education	34	34	38
● vocational college education	12	13	13
● polytechnic or university education	23	21	12

## Educational structure

15 year olds and older by education on 31st December 2004

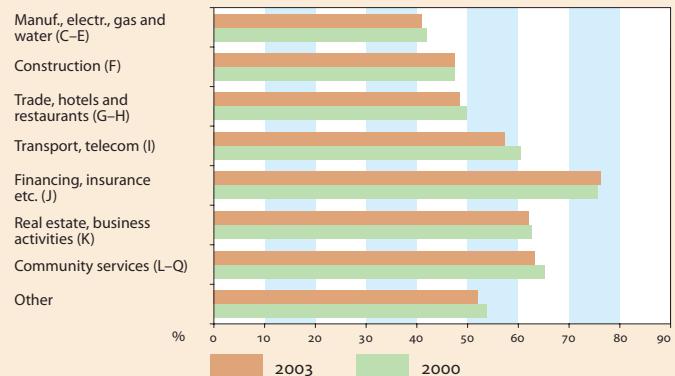


# Municipal Service

## Municipal service revenue and expenditure

	Operational revenue/ inhabitant, €	Operational expenditure/ inhabitant, €	Number of staff	Percentage of staff	Purchased services as a percentage of total services
<b>Service producers</b>	<b>2,295.9</b>	<b>5,702.3</b>	<b>37,875</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>32.4</b>
of which					
● Education Dpt.	23.3	738.0	5,883	15.5	21.0
● Social Department	226.0	1,565.5	11,192	29.6	25.6
● Health Centre	122.4	1,532.8	8,270	21.8	56.2
● Publis Works Dpt.	358.6	475.3	1,873	4.9	52.2
● Rescue Dpt.	18.9	76.2	575	1.5	8.2
● Helsinki Water	168.3	66.8	301	0.8	28.1
● Helsinki Energy	1,049.4	631.5	1,366	3.6	9.9
● Port of Helsinki	140.1	71.2	331	0.9	25.0
● City Transport	372.6	318.9	993	2.6	11.6

## Helsinki's share of jobs in the Helsinki Region in 2000 and 2003



# Economic Aspects

	Helsinki	Helsinki Region	Finland
<b>Value added per capita, (EU25=100, 2003)</b>	<b>157.8</b>	<b>111.3</b>	

## Jobs on 31st December 2003

Total	367,705	654,660	2,245,780
● Primary production (SIC A-B)	0.1	0.4	4.4
● Processing (SIC C-F)	13.3	17.4	25.2
● Services (SIC G-Q)	85.5	81.0	68.7
● Trade, transport, finance and business services (SIC G-K)	50.0	49.4	36.4
● Public services (SIC L-Q)	35.5	31.5	32.3

## Information sector's share of total jobs, %

17.8	15.7	9.1
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## Self-sufficiency of jobs on 31st December 2003, %

134.4	107.7	100
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## Enterprises total 2004

● Number	33,463	62,714	232,903
● Turnover, 1,000 euro	57,412,908	126,299,118	296,293,294
● Staff, total	230,523	427,001	1,315,288

## Labour force, 15–74 year olds, 2005

● Employed	289,400	651,600	2,400,800
● Unemployed	22,300	43,300	219,700

## Unemployment rate, %, 2005

7.1	6.2	8.4
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## Economic activity rate

among 15–64 year olds, 2005	73.5	74.0	68.0
● Number of employed	286,900	646,300	2,377,600

# Trade and Tourism

## Goods traffic through the Port of Helsinki (1,000 tons)

	2004	2005
International goods traffic	11,710	10,685
● Imports	6,080	5,365
● Exports	5,690	5,320
Coastal trade	420	300
Total goods traffic	12,190	10,985

## Retail trade

	2003	2004
● Sales outlets	3,476	3,474
● Employees	15,882	15,104
● Turnover, million euros	3,284	3,344

## Wholesale trade and sales representation

	2004	2005
● Sales outlets	3,717	3,617
● Employees	20,357	20,095
● Turnover, million euros	18,039	19,562

	2004	2005
<b>Passangers (million)</b>	62	66

● Via Helsinki–Vantaa Airport	11	11
● Via Port of Helsinki	9	9
● Via Helsinki main railway station	42	46

<b>International congresses and events</b>	102	68
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<b>Hotels</b>	44	44
● Overnight stays, total	2.3	2.4

# Transport and Communications

## Transport and communications

	Helsinki	Finland
Registered cars on 31st December 2005	204,589	2,430,345
● per 1,000 inhabitants	365	462
Registered motorcycles on 31st December 2005	11,224	156,487
● per 1,000 inhabitants	20	30

## Number of mobile phones per 100 inhabitants, 2005

## Internet users (15–74 year olds), 2005

● Percentage of the population, %	73
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Helsinki 2004	Helsinki 2005
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## Public transport within the city

Journeys total (million)	194.0	192.4
● Buses	80.6	79.4
● Trams	56.6	55.6
● Metro	55.4	56.0
● Ferries	1.4	1.4

## Local traffic of the State Railways, million journeys

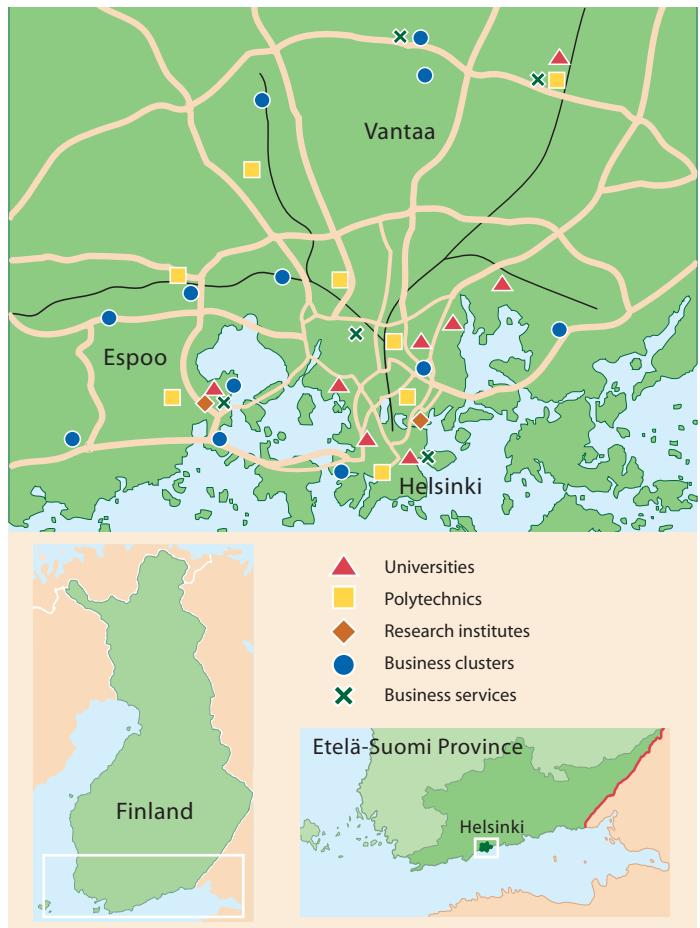
36.1	39.3
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## Traffic at the Port of Helsinki, vessel calls

13,866	13,125
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## Traffic at Helsinki–Vantaa Airport

● Domestic freight, tons	2,664	2,362
● International freight, tons	106,339	104,036



## 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

31st Dec 2004 31st Dec 2005

Total	38,804	37,875
• Permanent	32,106	31,265
• Temporary	6,698	6,610
<b>% by Department</b>		
• Mayor's sector	7.1	7.6
• Social affairs and public health	50.0	51.4
• City planning and real estate	2.0	2.3
• Environmental authority	17.7	15.1
• Cultural and personnel affairs	23.2	23.7



# City Economy

## Expenditure

	2004 million €	2005 million €	€/inhabitant
Social affairs and public health	1,573.8	1,647.3	2,936.9
City planning and real estate	145.3	150.7	268.7
Environmental authority	580.1	564.5	1,006.5
Cultural and personnel affairs	546.2	548.6	978.1
Energy, water, port and general admin.	529.5	589.5	1,051.0
Expenditure for loans, credits etc.	23.6	22.2	39.6
Total	3,398.6	3,522.9	6,280.8

## Revenue

	2004 million €	2005 million €	€/inhabitant
Tax revenue	1,927.8	1,982.9	3,535
Operational revenue	1,323.1	1,287.8	2,296
Loans, credits etc.	54.1	51.8	92
Other income	179.2	222.0	396
Total	3,484.1	3,544.5	6,319

## City

Interest-bearing loans per inhabitant	1,318
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## Group

Loans per inhabitant	4,497
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Squirrel drawings: Mika Luunis

The symbol animal of the City of Helsinki is the squirrel (*Sciurus vulgaris*), and its symbol plant the maple (*Acer platanoides*).

## Facts about Helsinki

### City of Helsinki Urban Facts

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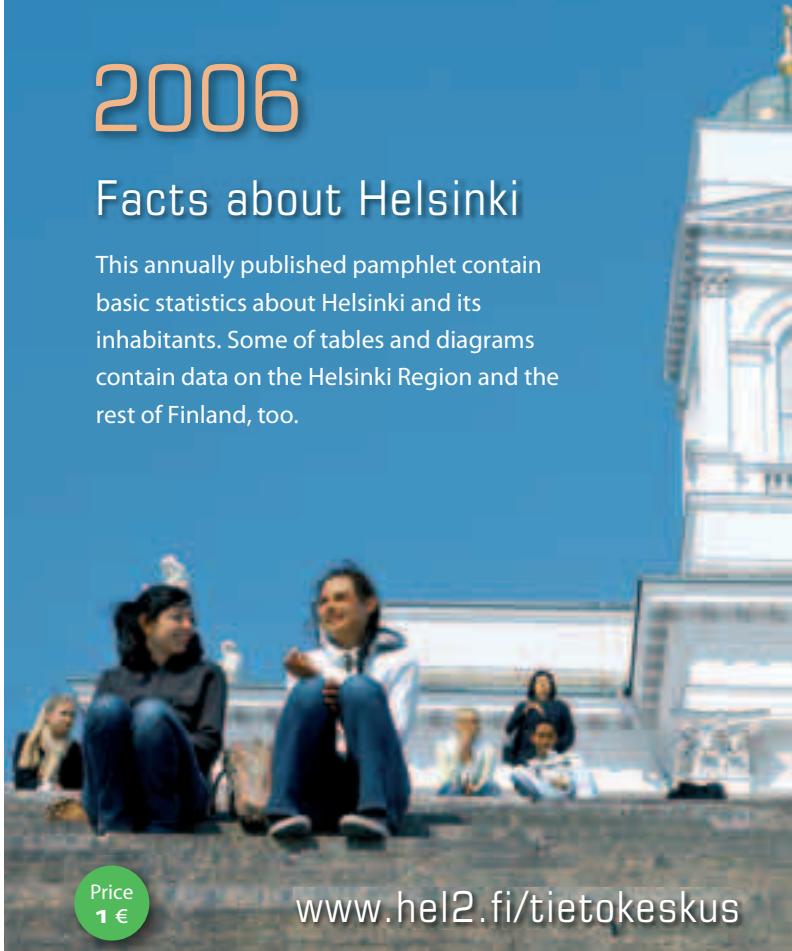


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