General information

Finland is a sparsely populated Northern European country that is renowned for its beautiful nature. Known as “the land of a thousand lakes” (even though it actually is home to 188,000 lakes), forests cover no less than 75 per cent of the country. In Finland, all four seasons differ vastly from each other. Indeed, temperatures can vary from below -30°C to over 30°C. Finland is also known for its saunas as well as being home to Santa Claus.

Finland has been independent for a little over 100 years and has historically been part of Russia and Sweden. Like the other Nordic welfare model countries, Finland is a top performer in numerous metrics of national performance including education, economic competitiveness, civil liberties, quality of life, and human development.
Economic information

Finland’s economic growth has been realized, among other things, through openness and globalization. Finland is highly integrated into the global economy, and international trade accounts for one-third of its GDP. Up to 60 per cent of Finland’s total international trade is with European Union countries and the Finnish economy is characterized by a strong public sector that is funded by a relatively high tax rate.

The Finnish business environment is known for high technological awareness and it is a catalyst for many technological innovations, which have had a global impact. Examples include Nokia, Rovio and Supercell, all of which come from Finland. Currently, innovations are also being given a significant boost by the vibrant Finnish start-up scene.

GDP Structure
Finland 2019

Source: OECD
Finland is located in Northern Europe. It is home to over 188,000 lakes and the distance from the southernmost point of the country to the northernmost point is 1,160 kilometers.

- **Memberships**: United Nations (UN), World Trade Organization (WTO), World Health Organization (WHO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), European Union (EU). Finland has signed the Kyoto Protocol and Schengen Treaty.

- **Neighboring countries**: Sweden, Norway, Russia, Estonia

- **Language**: Finnish, Swedish

- **Flight times**:
  - Stockholm 1 hour, Berlin 2 hours, London 3 hours, New York 9 hours, Tokyo 10 hours

- **Major natural resources**: Timber, Minerals (iron, chromium, copper, nickel and gold)

- **Time zone**: Finland is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2)

- **Largest cities by population**:
  - Helsinki 653,000
  - Espoo 290,000
  - Tampere 238,000
  - Vantaa 233,000

- **Public holidays**: Low number of annual public holidays (13)

- **Average age**: 43.2

- **Life expectancy**:
  - Female: 84
  - Male: 79

- **Average number of people aged over 100 years**:
  - Female: 756
  - Male: 152

- **Average number of people per household**: 1.97

- **Number of registered passenger cars**: 2,720,307

- **Fertility rate**: 1.35

- **Number of people aged over 100 years**

- **Number of registered passenger cars**

- **House price index***: 104.5

  *2015 = 100
## Demography 2019

### Finland

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Source: Statistics Finland

## Population

### Finland

- **2019:** 5,525 people
- **2002:** 4,842 people
- **1982:** 4,507 people
- **1962:** 3,709 people
- **1942:** 3,228 people
- **1922:** 2,679 people

Source: Statistics Finland
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