

Country Information Guide



Finland

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- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: [Finland](#)
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- United States: Department of State: [Finland](#)
- BBC News: Country Profiles: [Finland](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Finland](#)
- UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies Library: [Internet resources on Finland](#)
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- The Guardian: World news: [Finland](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: [Finland](#)

Agricultural information

- Finland: [Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry](#) (Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö)
- Finland: [Agrifood Research Finland](#) (Maatalouden tutkimuskeskus)
- Finland: [Finnish Forest Research Institute](#) (Metsäntutkimuslaitos)
- FAO: Country profile and Mapping information system: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development:
 - [Agriculture and Rural Development](#)
 - Rural Development Plans 2000-2006: [Finland](#)
 - Rural Development Plans 2007-2013: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [Country Information](#) [Select Country]

Competition policy information

- Finland: [Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority](#) (Kilpailu- ja kuluttajavirasto)
- Finland: Ministry of Employment and the Economy (Työ- ja elinkeinoministeriö):
 - [Competition Policy](#)
- Finland: [Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority](#) (Viestintävirasto)

Culture and language information

- Finland: [Ministry of Education and culture](#) (Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö)
- Finland: [National Board of Antiques](#) (Museovirasto)
- Finland: [Arts Promotion Centre](#) (Taiteen keskustoimikunta)
- Euromosaic: [Minority Languages in the European Union](#) [select country]
- SIL international: Ethnologue: Languages of the world: [Finland](#)
- University of the Highlands and the Islands: [European Minority Languages](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Finland](#)
- Council of Europe / ERICarts: Cultural policies in Europe: [Finland](#)

Defence and security information

- Finland: [Ministry of Defence](#) (Puolustusministeriö)
- Finland: [The Finnish Defence Forces](#) (Puolustusvoimat)
- NATO: Relations with [Finland](#)

Economic information

- ESO: Finland: [Economic situation](#)
- Finland: [Ministry of Finance](#) (Valtiovarainministeriö)
- Finland: [Bank of Finland](#) (Suomen Pankki)
- Finland: [Government Institute for Economic Research](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Europe 2020: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: [Stability and Convergence Programmes 2014](#)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union:
 - [Taxes in Europe Database](#) [Select Country]
 - Taxation and customs duties in [Finland](#)
- International Monetary Fund: [Finland](#) and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: [Finland](#)
 - [Economic Survey](#) [Latest edition, 2014]
 - [Economic Survey](#) [2012]
 - [Overview](#) [Latest edition, 2014]
 - [Overview](#) [2012.]
- UNIDO: Country information: [Finland](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Finland](#)
- WTO: [Finland](#) and the WTO
- United States: US Commercial Service: [Doing Business in Finland](#)

Education information

- Finland: [Ministry of Education and Culture](#) (Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö)
 - [Education Policy](#)
 - [Education System](#)
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: [Youth Policy in Finland](#)
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [Finland](#)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: [Education](#) [select topic then country]
- World Bank: EdStats: [Summary Education Profile](#)
- OECD: Education: [Finland](#)
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC: Country profiles: [Finland](#) [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]
- Council of Europe: Cultural Cooperation: Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights: [Country profile](#)
- Council of Europe: European Charter for regional or minority languages: [Finland](#)
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: [Education in Finland](#)
- European Education Directory: EuroEducation: [Structure of Educational system in Finland](#)
- Nation Master: Education in Finland: [Statistics](#)
- Wikipedia: [Education in Finland](#)

Employment information

- Finland: [Ministry of Employment and the Economy](#) (Työ- ja elinkeinoministeriö)
- European Commission: [Europe 2020 in Finland](#)
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [Finland](#)

- European Industrial Relations Observatory online: [Country information](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe: [Finland](#)
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations: [Finland](#)
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: [Finland](#)

Energy information

- Finland: Ministry of Employment and the Economy (Työ ja elinkeinoministeriö):
 - [Energy](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy: [ManagEnergy Map](#): [Select Country]
- European Commission: DG Energy: Market Observatory and Statistics: [Energy Figures by Country](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy: [National Renewable Energy Action Plan](#) [Select Country]
- European Commission: DG Energy: ManagEnergy:
 - [National Energy Agencies](#)
 - [National Energy Actors](#)
 - [National Energy Legislation](#)
- International Energy Agency:
 - [Finland](#)
 - Statistics and Balances: [Finland](#)
- Nation Master: Country Profile: [Finland](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Finland](#)

Environmental information

- Finland: [Environmental Administration](#) (Ympäristöhallinto)
- Finland: [Ministry of the Environment](#) (Ympäristöministeriö)
- Finland: [Finnish Environment Institute](#)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: [Finland](#)
- FAO:
 - Specialised Country Profiles: [Finland](#)
 - Food Security and Safety: Country Profiles: [Finland](#)
 - Forestry Department: Country Information: [Finland](#)
 - Water Management: Country Information: [Finland](#)
- European Environment Information and Observation Network EIONET: Country Information Sources: [Finland](#)
- State of the Environment Reporting Information System SERIS: [Finland](#)
- European Environment Agency
 - The European Environment – State and outlook 2010: Country profile: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Environment: [Finland](#)
- European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Information: [Finland](#)
- Friends of the Earth International: [Finland](#)
- Greenpeace International: [Finland](#)
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: [Finland](#)

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Finland: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) (Ulkoasianministeriö):
 - [Finland and the European Union](#)
 - [Permanent Representation to the European Union](#)
- Finland: Finnish Government: [Finland in the European Union](#)

- Finland: [Bank of Finland](#) (Suomen Pankki)
 - [The Euro](#)
 - [SEPA: Single Euro Payments Area](#)
 - [European System of Central Banks](#)
- European Union: Member Countries: [Finland](#)
- European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: [Finland](#)
- European Parliament: [EP Information Offices](#) [Click on map to select country]
- European Commission: Representation in [Finland](#) [in Finnish]
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
 - [Finland](#)
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- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Cohesion policy 2007-2013: [Finland](#)
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- European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed, 2005-: [Finland](#)
- European Parliament: Information Office: [Finland](#) [in Finnish and Swedish]
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Finland](#) [Select country]
- Finland: [Permanent delegation to the OECD and UNESCO](#)
- OECD: [Finland](#)

Geographic information and maps

- European Union: Europe maps: [Finland](#)
- FAO: Country profiles and mapping information system: Country maps: [Finland](#)
- Maps of the World: [Finland](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Map of Finland](#)
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: [Finland maps](#)
- Nordic Council: [Maps of the Nordic Region](#)
- Google.com: GoogleMaps: [Finland](#)

Health information

- Finland: [Ministry of Social Affairs and Health](#) (Sosiaali- ja terveystieteiden ministeriö)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Health & Consumers: Public health: Healthcare: [Trustworthy websites on "Healthcare" in Finland](#)
- World Health Organisation:
 - [Finland](#)
 - Regional Office for Europe: [Finland](#)
 - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Health System Reviews: [Finland](#)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
 - Drug treatment profiles: [Finland](#)
 - Legal Profile: [Finland](#) [Select Country]
 - Country Overview: [Finland](#)
 - National drugs strategies: [Finland](#)
 - [Legal Topics Overview](#): [Select Country]
- OECD: Health: [Finland](#)
- Wikipedia: [Healthcare in Finland](#)

Human rights information

- Finland: Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Ulkoasiainministeriö): [Human Rights](#)
- United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: [Finland](#)
- The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information Collection: [Finland](#)

- Council of Europe: European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance: Report on [Finland](#) [2013]
- Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission): [Finland](#)
- Council Of Europe: European Social Charter: [National Reports](#) [Select Country]
- Council of Europe: European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: [Finland](#)
- Amnesty International:
 - Country Report: [Finland](#) [2012]
 - Human rights: [Finland](#)
- Committee for Refugees: [Europe](#)
- Reporters Without Borders: [Finland](#)
- USA: State Department:
 - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: [Finland](#) [2013]
 - [Previous Reports](#)
- USA: State Department:
 - International Religious Freedom Report for 2012: [Finland](#)
 - [Previous Reports](#)
- European Court of Human Rights:
 - [Country Fact Sheet: Finland](#)
 - [Violation by Article and By State 2012](#) [Select Country]
 - [Statistics on Judgments by State](#) [Select Country]
- Wikipedia: [Human rights in Finland](#)

Intellectual property information

- Finland: [National Board of Patents and Registration](#) (Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [Finland](#)
- European Patent Office: Patent Information Centre: [Finland](#)

Investment information

- Finland: [Invest in Finland Bureau](#)
- United States Commercial Service: Doing business in [Finland](#)
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: Country profiles: [Finland](#)
- World Bank: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Investment: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: [Finland](#)

Justice and home affairs information

- Finland: [Ministry of the Interior](#) (Sisäasiainministeriö)
- Finland: [Ministry of Justice](#) (Oikeusministeriö)
- European Commission: DG Justice: Data Protection: National Policy Documents : [Finland](#)
- Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Finland](#)
- Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#) [Select Country]
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Finland](#)
- International Constitutional Law: Constitutional Documents: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Finland](#)
- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Countries: [Finland](#)
- European Court of Justice: [Finland](#)
- European Court of Human Rights: Statistical Information [annual statistics analysis]: [2013](#)
- EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: [Finland](#)

Living and working information

- Finland: Public Services in Finland: suomi.fi
- Finland: Ministry of Labour: [Working in Finland](#)
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions: [Homepage](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES: Living & Working: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: [Your Europe](#) [Find factsheets with specific information on individual Member States]
- European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): National Surveys: [Finland](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: [Finland](#)
- JustLanded.com: Living, Working or Studying: [Finland](#)
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: [Finland](#)
- United States: State Department: Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs: Country reports: [Finland](#)

Media information

- Finland: [Council for Mass Media in Finland](#) (Julkisen sanan neuvosto)
- Finland: Ministry of Transport and Communications: [Press](#)
- Nordic Council: [Nordic media](#)
- European Journalism Centre (EJC): Media Landscape: [Finland](#)
- European Newspaper Publishers Association (ENPA): [Finland](#)
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- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited: World News Guide: [Finland](#)
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- Finland: Presidency
- Finland: [Elections website of the Ministry of Justice](#)
- Wikipedia:
 - Politics of [Finland](#)
 - Elections in [Finland](#)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems: Election Guide: [Finland](#)
- NCCR Democracy: [EU Profiler](#) [Select country]
- Parties and Elections in Europe: [Finland](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: Nations: [Finland](#)
- Political resources on the web: [Finland](#)
- OECD:
 - Public governance: [Finland](#)
 - Regulatory reform: [Finland](#)

Public management information

- Finland: A window to Finnish Information Society: [eFinland](#)
- Finland: [Finnish Institute of Public Management Ltd](#) (HAUS)
- Finland: Ministry of Finance: [Public management reforms](#)
- Suomi.fi: [Information about the public management structure](#)
- European Commission: ePractice: eGovernment Factsheet: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Finland](#)
- PSI Navigator (Directory and search engine for the public sector information of Europe): National reports: [Finland](#)

R&D information

- Finland: [Ministry of Education and Culture](#) (Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö)
- Finland: [The Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation](#) (TEKES)
- European Commission: DG Enterprise: Community Research and Development Information Service: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: Innovation Union:
 - [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011](#) [click on map to select country]
 - [Research and Innovation performance in Country 2013](#) [select country on map]
- European Commission: DG Research and Innovation:
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- OECD:
 - Innovation: [Finland](#)
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 - Green growth and Sustainable development: [Finland](#)

Regional and local information

- Finland: [Regional Councils in Finland](#) (Maakuntien liitot)
- Finland: [Association of Finnish and Regional Authorities](#) (Kuntaliitto)
- Eurostat: [Regional Yearbook 2013](#)
- Committee of the Regions: Finland Regions: Europe in my Regions: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Regional rural and urban development: [Finland](#)
- Assembly of Europe Regions: AER Member Regions: [Finland](#)
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- [Helsinki-Uusimaa](#)
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Social information

- Finland: [Ministry of Social Affairs and Health](#) (Sosiaali- ja Terveysministeri)
- Finland: [National Institute for Health and Welfare](#) (STAKES)
- Finland: [The Social Insurance Institution of Finland](#) (KELA)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion:
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 - [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#)
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- OECD:
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- World Bank:
 - [Gender Statistics](#)
 - Country Information: [Finland](#)
- United States: Social Security Administration: Research, Statistics and Policy Analysis: [Finland](#)
- United States: Social Security Administration: Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [Finland](#) [Previous issue: [2010](#)]
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Statistical information

- Finland: [National Statistical Institute](#) (Tilastokeskus)
- Finland: [Bank of Finland](#) (Suomen pankki)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Finland](#)
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- Eurostat: [Eurostat Yearbook](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [Finland](#) [Select country]
- Nation Master: [Statistics on Finland](#)

Tourism information

- Finland: [Finnish Tourist Board](#) (Matkailun edistämiskeskus)
- Finland: [Visit Finland](#)
- Finland: [This is Finland](#)
- Finland: [DiscoveringFinland](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited Travel: [Finland](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: [Finland](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Introducing Finland](#)
- Rough Guides: [Finland](#)
- Tripadvisor.co.uk: [Finland](#)
- The Telegraph: [Finland](#)

Transport information

- Finland: [Ministry of Transport and Communications](#) (Liikenne- ja viestintäministeriö)
- Finland: [Finnair](#)
- Finland: [National Railway](#)
- Wikipedia: [Transport in Finland](#)
- NationMaster.com: Transportation in [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: Statistics: [Statistical pocketbook 2014, 2013](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: [Scoreboard: Road Safety "How is your country doing?"](#) [2013]

Weather information

- Finland: [Finnish Meteorological Institute](#) (Ilmatieteenlaitos)
- BBC: Weather Centre: Country Guides: [Finland](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Finland](#)
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and Five Day Weather Forecast: [Finland](#)

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