

## FINLAND DEMOGRAPHICS AND ECONOMIC DATA

### Demographics<sup>i</sup>

<b>Population (2018)</b>	5.5 million
<b>Languages (2018)</b>	Finnish (official): 87.6% Swedish (official): 5.2% Russian: 1.4% Other: 5.8%
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Finland does not keep official statistics on the breakdown of its Finland-born population (i.e., at least one parent born in Finland) by ethnicity, so language (above) is often used as a proxy. Ethnic groups include Finnish, Swedish, Russian, Estonian, Romani, and Sami.
<b>Immigration</b>	Finland's immigrant population is relatively small but has increased in recent years. The share of immigrant students doubled from 3 to 6 percent between PISA 2009 and PISA 2018.  As of 2017, about 7 percent of Finland's total population had a "foreign background" (i.e., both parents born abroad). <sup>2</sup> The largest country groups are: former Soviet Union; Estonia; Iraq; Somalia; and former Yugoslavia. <sup>3</sup> In Helsinki, the share of the population with a foreign background was more than 14 percent, double the national percentage. <sup>4</sup>
<b>GDP (purchasing power parity, in 2017 US dollars)</b>	244.9 billion
<b>GDP Per Capita (purchasing power parity, in 2017 US dollars)</b>	44,500
<b>Unemployment Rate (2017)</b>	8.5%
<b>Educational Attainment, Highest Level Attained by Adults Ages 25-64 (2018)<sup>5</sup></b>	Below upper secondary: 10.9% Upper secondary: 43.9% Tertiary: 45.2%

<sup>i</sup>Includes junior college/pre-university and National ITE Certificate

<sup>ii</sup>Includes polytechnic diploma, polytechnic advanced diploma, ITE diploma or other advanced diploma or qualification

## Economic Data<sup>ii</sup>

### GDP – Composition, by sector (2017):

- Services: 69.1 percent
- Industry: 28.2 percent
  - Major industries include:
    - Metals and metal products
    - Electronics
    - Machinery and scientific instruments
    - Shipbuilding
    - Forestry/pulp and paper
    - Foods
    - Chemicals (e.g., plastics, paints, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, oil products, and biotech products)<sup>iii</sup>
    - Textiles
    - Clothing
- Agriculture: 2.7 percent

### Exports – Partners (2017):

- Germany: 14.2 percent
- Sweden: 10.1 percent
- United States: 7 percent
- Netherlands: 6.8 percent
- China: 5.7 percent
- Russia: 5.7 percent
- United Kingdom: 4.5 percent

### Exports – Commodities (2016):

Electrical and optical equipment; machinery; transport equipment; paper and pulp; chemicals; basic metals; timber

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/fi.html>

<sup>ii</sup> Economic data excerpted from [“Economy: Finland”](#) (CIA, *The World Factbook*, updated December 17, 2019).

<sup>iii</sup> Excerpted from [“What are the Biggest Industries in Finland?”](#) (Joyce Chepkemoi, *WorldAtlas*, updated June 29, 2018)