INTRODUCTION
Finland was a province and then a grand duchy under Sweden from the 12th to the 19th centuries, and an autonomous grand duchy of Russia after 1809. It gained complete independence in 1917. In the 21st century, the key features of Finland's modern welfare state are high-quality education, promotion of equality, and a national social welfare system.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Sauli NIINISTO
Head of Government
Prime Minister Sanna MARIN
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Helsinki
Legislature
unicameral Parliament or Eduskunta (200 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 338,145 sq km
Land: 303,815 sq km
Water: 34,330 sq km
Climate
cold temperate; potentially subarctic but comparatively mild because of moderating influence of the North Atlantic Current, Baltic Sea, and more than 60,000 lakes
Natural Resources
timber, iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, chromite, nickel, gold, silver, limestone

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
highly industrialized, export-based EU economy and euro user; high per capita GDP; major timber, metals, engineering, telecommunications, and electronics industries; manageable public debts; rigid labor laws impose higher regulatory burdens
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $261.4 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $47,300 (2020 est.)
Industries - metals/metal products, electronics, machinery and scientific instruments, shipbuilding, pulp and paper, foodstuffs, chemicals, textiles, clothing
Agricultural products - milk, barley, oats, wheat, potatoes, sugar beets, rye, pork, poultry, beef
Exports $119.9 billion (2019 est.)
refined petroleum, paper and wood pulp products, cars, stainless steel, lumber (2019)
partners: Germany 14%, Sweden 10%, US 8%, Netherlands 6%, China 6%, Russia 5% (2019)
Imports $120.4 billion (2019 est.)
crude petroleum, cars/vehicle parts, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, packaged medicines (2019)
partners: Germany 16%, Sweden 14%, Russia 13%, China 6%, Netherlands 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
5.6 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
0.26% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Finn, Swede, Russian, Estonian, Romani, Sami
Language
Finnish (official) 86.9%, Swedish (official) 5.2%, Russian 1.5%, other 6.4% (2020 est.)
Religion
Lutheran 67.8%, Greek Orthodox 1.1%, other 1.7%, unspecified 29.4% (2020 est.)
as of October 2021