



# FINLAND



## 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.)

