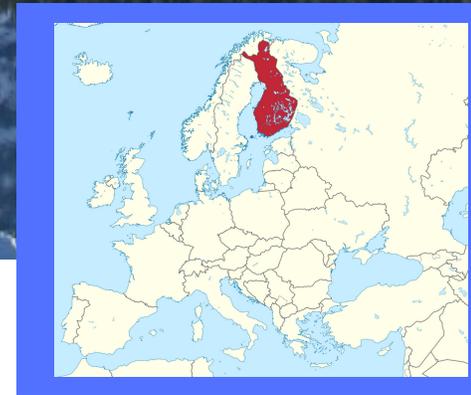


COUNTRY OF LAKES

# Finland

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## Basic info

**EU member state since:** since 1 January 1995

**Capital:** Helsinki

**Geographical size:** 338,424 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** 5,488,543

**Currency:** Euro (€)

Country has a boundaries with Sweden and Norway to the north and northwest and with Russia to the east.

The total population in Finland was estimated at 5.5 million people in 2016, and majority of the population is concentrated in the southern part of the country.

Finland comprises of 19 regions called maakunta in Finnish.

The forested landscape is dotted with patches of water so numerous they have earned Finland the nickname “the land of the thousand lakes” Finland lakes and rivers make up 10% of the country. The large areas of forest cover almost two thirds of the land mass. Only 6% of Finland is arable.



# FINLAND



## ▼ History

The territory of present-day Finland was settled in the Middle Ages. The land area that now makes up Finland was settled immediately after the last ice age, which ended in 9000 BC. Most of the region was a part of the Kingdom of Sweden from the 13th century to 1809, when the vast majority of the Finnish-speaking areas of Sweden were ceded to the Russian Empire (excluding the Finnish-speaking areas of the modern-day Northern Sweden), making this area the autonomous Grand Duchy of Finland. The Lutheran religion dominated.

## ▼ Finnish seals

An adult Saimaa ringed seal is between 85 and 160 centimetres in length and weighs between 50 and 90 kilograms; males usually being larger than females. They are coloured dark grey, with a grey-black dorsal with circular white rings. Saimaa ringed seals become mature between the ages of 4 and 6 on average. The Saimaa ringed seal's longevity is just over 20 years.



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## ▼ Economy

Finland has a highly industrialised, mixed economy with a per capita output equal to that of other western economies such as France, Germany, Sweden or the United Kingdom. The largest sector of the economy is services at 72.7 percent, followed by manufacturing and refining at 31.4 percent. Primary production is 2.9 percent. metals and metal products, electronics, machinery and scientific instruments, shipbuilding, pulp and paper, foodstuffs, chemicals, textiles, clothing.

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## ▼ Finnish sauna

The Finnish sauna is a substantial part of Finnish culture. There are five million inhabitants and over three million saunas in Finland - an average of one per household. For Finnish people the sauna is a place to relax with friends and family, and a place for physical and mental relaxation as well. Finns think of saunas not as a luxury, but as a necessity. Before the rise of public health care and nursery facilities, almost all Finnish mothers gave birth in saunas.

