



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 Petteri ORPO

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Helsinki

Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Eduskunta (200 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Mikko Tapani HAUTALA

US Ambassador

Ambassador Douglas HICKEY

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) \$274.6 billion (2022 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$49,400 (2022 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 \$128.2 billion (2022 est.)

refined petroleum, kaolin-coated paper, cars, lumber, stainless steel, wood pulp (2021)

partners: Germany 13%, Sweden 9%, US 8%, Netherlands 6%, China 6% (2021)

Imports \$134.9 billion (2022 est.)

cars and vehicle parts, crude petroleum, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, packaged medicines (2021)

partners: Germany 16%, Sweden 15%, Russia 11%, China 7%, Netherlands 7% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

5.6 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

0.22% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Finnish, Swedish, Russian, Estonian, Romani, Sami

Language

Finnish (official) 85.9%, Swedish (official) 5.2%, Russian 1.7%, other 7.2% (2022 est.)

Religion

Lutheran 66.6%, Greek Orthodox 1.1%, other 1.7%, none 30.6% (2022 est.)