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HISTORY

In 1920, a mammoth molar, at least 43,000 years old, was discovered in Muurala, Espoo. The oldest signs of human habitation date back to the stone-age hunters who arrived in Espoo some 9,000 years ago. The inhabitants who came here towards the end of the Stone Age introduced farming to the region. During the Bronze Age, which began some 3,500 years ago, high ranking people were buried in promi-

nent locations with mounds of stones or cairns marking the burial sites. There are over 70 of these Bronze Age sites in Espoo. While Iron Age finds are rather rare, one burial site has been excavated in Taavinkylä.

The coastline of Uusimaa was populated by immigrants from Sweden in the 13th century at a time when there were only few Finnish settlements in Espoo. The newcomers settled at the junction of the Gumböle and Mankki rivers and named the village Espåby – perhaps after the aspen trees growing on the river banks (aspen = äspe in Swedish).



At first, Espoo was a cathedral parish administered by Kirkkonummi but gained the status of an independent borough in the 15th century. The earliest reference to Espoo in written records dates from 1431. Research findings suggest that the first wooden church was built in the latter half of the 14th century. Espoo became an independent parish in 1458, and the wooden church was replaced by a stone building during 1485-1490.

During the reign of King Gustaf Vasa and at his initiative, a royal mansion was built in the area of the villages of Mankby and Espåby.

A land exchange agreement between the Crown and local farmers was concluded at a summer session of the rural court on 27 August 1556, the date when the Espoo Day is currently celebrated. The story of the Espoo Royal Mansion came to an end in 1632 when it was bestowed to Gustaf Horn as a reward for his war exploits.

During the Northern War in the early 18th century, the people of Espoo had a hard time. As the Russian troops set up camp along the Great Coastal Road in the villages of Bemböle and Södrök the peasants had to flee and seek refuge elsewhere. In



contrast, added wealth and prosperity were brought to the local population by the construction of the Sveaborg Fortress begun in the mid-18th century.

In the 17th century, Alberga Manor, built in today's Leppävaara, was taken over by Carl Tersmeden, an officer serving in Sveaborg. The manor and its magnificent garden had an active social life over the years. An infirmary was set up for the Sveaborg troops in the area where Espoon keskus is currently located. It developed into a health spa that continued to operate until the mid-19th century.

Towards the end of the 18th century, a glazed earthenware factory was established in Ruukinranta, Laajalahti.

Träskanda Manor was bought by Senator Carl Johan Walleen in 1820 to serve as a centre for social life during the summers. The manor gained in prominence in many ways during 1840–1895 when it was owned by his stepdaughter Aurora Karamzin. Wealthy and known for her charitable work, she turned the manor and the surrounding park into one of the finest in Finland. However, the manor was damaged by fire in 1888 and during a storm in 1890.



From the late 19th century, the growing City of Helsinki offered large markets for Espoo's industrial companies. Brick factories concentrated in the vicinity of Espoonlahti while an active carpentry community sprung up in Soukka. The completion of the coastal railway in 1903 made it easier for people and industrial facilities to relocate to Espoo. As well as brick factories, Kauklahti boasted significant glass manufacturing companies which made their wares up until the early 1950s.

Espoo's development took off in the 1950s. Inspi-

red by international models, a decision was made in 1953 to build the Garden City of Tapiola in one of Espoo's rural boroughs. Espoo officially became a town in 1963 and then a city in 1972. Since 1990, it has ranked as the second largest city in Finland with a population of 274,583 at the beginning of 2017.

The Finnish-speaking population reached a majority towards the end of the 1940s before which Espoo had been predominantly Swedish-speaking. Currently, over 130 languages are spoken in Espoo, with a foreign language population of some 42,000.



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ESPOON KESKUS

KAUNIAINEN

LEPPÄVAARA

TAPIOLA

MATINKYLÄ

ESPOONLAHTI



CHURCHES

Kauklahti Chapel	E1
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Olari Church	E4
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MUSEUMS AND RESORTS

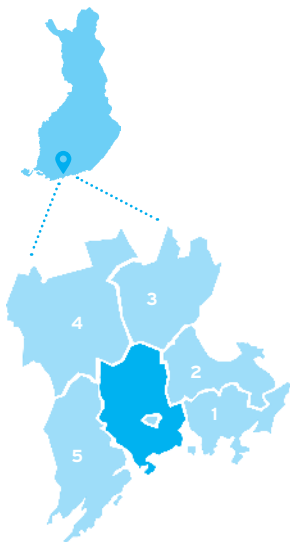
Espoonkartano Manor	E1
Lagstads School Museum	D2
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Vermo Trotting Course	D5
Tapiola Sports Park	E4
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AREA



DISTANCE BY FLIGHT TO SOME CITIES

	KM
Tampere	143
Turku	150
Oulu	513
Tallinn	101
St. Petersburg	282
Stockholm	399
Brussels	1,646
London	1,847

NEIGHBOURING MUNICIPALITIES

1 Helsinki, **2** Vantaa,
3 Nurmijärvi, **4** Vihti,
5 Kirkkonummi,
Kauniainen (situated within
Espoo)

Area of Espoo	528 km ²
Land territory	312 km ²
Water	216 km ²
of which sea	198 km ²
Coastline	58 km

The highest place in Espoo 114.2 m, Velskola.

165 islands, Pentala being the largest.

95 lakes, Bodom being the largest.

Inhabitants on 1 January 2017 per sq.km on land	880
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LANDOWNERSHIP ON 31 DECEMBER 2016

The City of Espoo	36.0 %
Others	64.0 %

CLIMATE (HELSINKI)

Mean temperature 2015	7.8 °C
Warmest month, mean temperature (August)	17.5 °C
Coldest month, mean temperature (January)	-0.9 °C

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

	2014	2015
ton of carbon dioxide equivalent per inhabitant	5.4	4.9

GEOTHERMAL HEAT WELLS

	2015	2016
number in Espoo	2,700	3,273

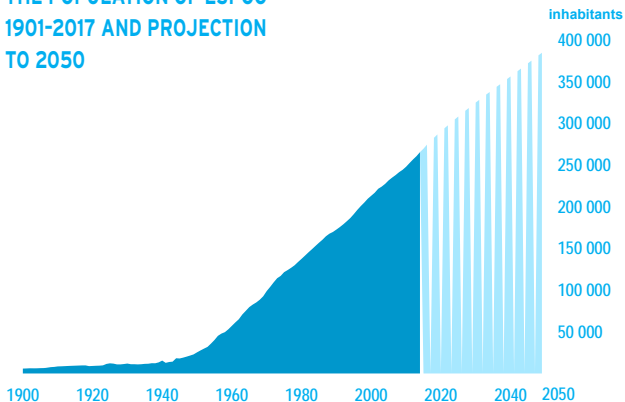
PROTECTED AREAS

International: the Natura 2000 areas at Nuuksio (Espoo, Vihti, Kirkkonummi) 5,645 ha, Espoonlahti - Saunalahti (Espoo, Kirkkonummi) 223 ha, the Laajalahti bird wetland 192 ha, Matalajärvi 112 ha, the Bånberget oldgrowth forest 18 ha, Vestra 369 ha. There are a total of 83 (3,174 ha) nature conservation areas, 40 of which are owned by the city. Moreover there are 55 natural monuments and 32 different types of nature to be preserved.

POPULATION

Espoo is the second largest city in Finland.

THE POPULATION OF ESPOO 1901-2017 AND PROJECTION TO 2050

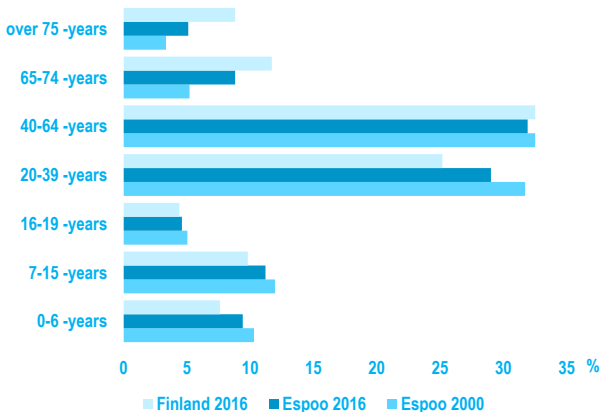


POPULATION BY LANGUAGE (%)

	ESPOO 2010	ESPOO 2016	FINLAND 2016
Finnish-speaking	83.0	78.3	88.7
Swedish-speaking	8.3	7.5	5.3
Other languages	8.7	14.2	6.0



POPULATION BY AGE (%)



POPULATION IN MAJOR AREAS ON 1 JANUARY 2016

1 Suur-Leppävaara	66,927
2 Suur-Tapiola	45,083
3 Suur-Matinkylä	39,213
4 Suur-Espoonlahti	53,522
5 Suur-Kauklahti	8,959
6 Vanha-Espoo	39,670
7 Pohjois-Espoo	11,195





POPULATION

POPULATION BY NATIONALITY (%)	2010	2016
Finnish nationality	93.7	90.3
Other nationalities	6.3	9.7

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (%)	2010	2016
Lutheran	72.9	63.3
Greek Orthodox	1.2	1.3
Other	1.9	2.2
No religious affiliation	24.0	33.2

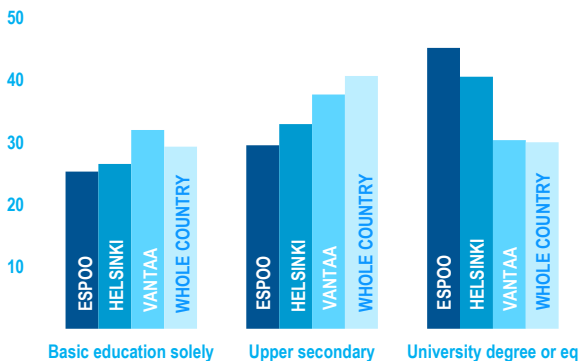
VITAL STATISTICS	2010	2014	2015
Births	3,579	3,407	3,280
Deaths	1,328	1,334	1,427
Persons immigrated	16,900	19,383	20,272
Persons emigrated	15,538	16,597	17,859
Net migration	1,362	2,786	2,413
Correction	27	-69	-7
Population growth	3,640	4,790	4,259

EDUCATIONAL AND INCOME LEVEL OF THE POPULATION



The educational level in Espoo is the second highest in Finland.

POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER BY EDUCATIONAL LEVEL ON 31 DECEMBER 2015, %



INCOME SUBJECT TO STATE TAXATION PER INCOME RECIPIENT 2015

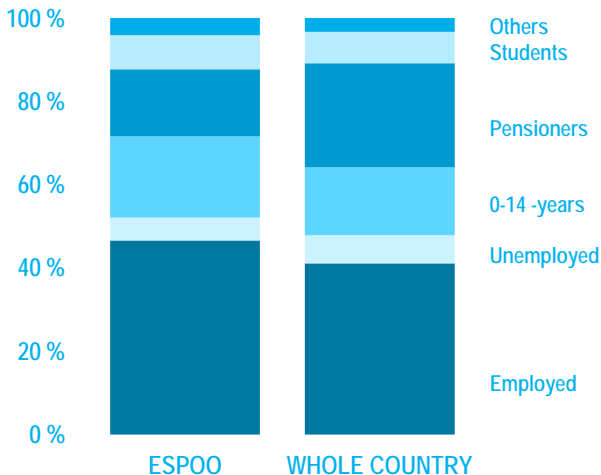
	ESPOO	WHOLE COUNTRY
€ / year	40,450	28,750
Percentage change in 2010-2015	11.9	12.7



LABOUR MARKET

Labour force: The sum of employed and unemployed.

POPULATION BY ACTIVITY ON 31 DECEMBER 2015



EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

	2015	2016	2017
Number of unemployed 30.4.	13,290	14,097	12,822
Unemployment rate 30.4.	9.7 %	10.2 %	9.1 %
Employment rate 2015 (aged 15 to 64)	69.2 %		
Self-sufficiency of jobs 31.12.2014	94.3 %		



LABOUR FORCE AND NUMBER OF JOBS BY INDUSTRY ON 31 DECEMBER 2014

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYED		JOBS	
		%		%
Agriculture, forestry	257	0.2	190	0.2
Electricity, heating, water and waste management	1,201	1.0	1,862	1.6
Manufacturing	10,987	8.8	12,620	10.7
Construction	5,827	4.6	6,300	5.3
Trade, accommodat. and food service activities	27,237	21.8	28,025	23.7
Information and communication	11,613	9.3	11,023	9.3
Financial and insurance activities	5,216	4.2	3,193	2.7
Real estate activities	1,396	1.1	1,001	0.9
Expert services	21,686	17.3	19,747	16.7
Public administration and services	31,736	25.3	27,168	23.0
Other service activities	6,827	5.4	5,740	4.9
Unknown	1,196	1.0	1,196	1.0
Total	125,179	100	118,065	100

TOURISM & TRANSPORT

TOURISM	2010	2016
Hotel guests, overnight stays	278,107	356,500
of which by foreigners, %	40.9	38.8



TOURIST INFORMATION

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Sello, Leppävaarankatu 9

MATINKYLÄ

Iso Omena, Suomenlahdentie 1

ESPOONLAHTI

Lippulaiva, Espoonlahdenkatu 4

KALAJÄRVI

Ruskatalo, Ruskaniitty 4

TAPIOLA

Espoo Cultural Centre,
Kulttuurialue 2

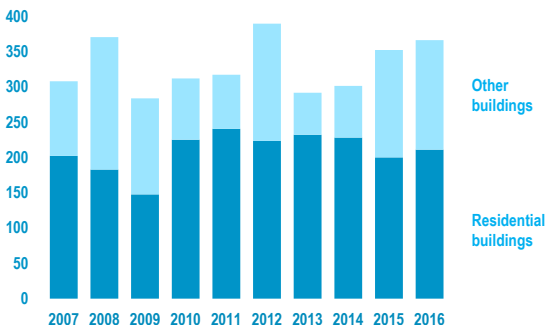
TRANSPORT	2010	2015
Passenger cars on 31 December	116,312	133,359
per 1 000 inhabitants	469	494
Road traffic accidents	822	393

DRIVE-KILOMETRES

Million vehicle-km/year	1,584	1,574
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STOCK OF BUILDINGS 31.12.	2010	2015
Buildings, total	34,689	37,196
Residential buildings	31,379	33,681
single family residences	28,807	30,846
blocks of flats	2,572	2,835
Other buildings	3,310	3,515
Number of summer cottages	1,615	1,635

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN ESPOO 2007-2016, FLOOR AREA 1 000 m²



NUMBER OF DWELLINGS COMPLETED	2010	2016
Total of dwellings completed	2,170	2,474
in single family residences, %	29	25
in blocks of flats, %	71	75
Floor area per dwelling, m ²	76	68



HOUSING

STOCK OF DWELLINGS 31.12.

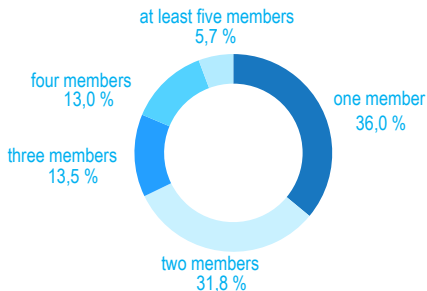
	2000	2010	2015
Total of dwellings	93,149	114,449	125,860
in single family residences, %	42.8	41.9	40.7
in blocks of flats, %	55.7	57.1	58.4
Owner-occupied dwellings, %	53.6	56.4	53.9
Average dwelling size, m ²	79	81	81
Area per inhabitant, m ²	34	36	36

UNENCUMBERED SELLING PRICE FOR OLD OWNER FLATS

(EURO PER m²)

	2015	2016	CHANGE
Terraced houses	3,337	3,367	0.9 %
Blocks of flats	3,267	3,391	3.8 %

HOUSEHOLD-DWELLING UNITS (1 JANUARY) 2016



CARE AND NURSING SERVICES



VISITS IN HEALTH CENTRES	2010	2016
Health Centre	177,810	205,567
Child Health Clinic	80,736	88,513
Maternity Clinic	62,268	42,776
Student Health Care	80,733	95,443
Dental Clinic	171,049	219,520

MUNICIPAL ELDERLY CARE	2010	2016
Beds in homes for the elderly (24 h a day)	331	176
Service flats	81	81
Assisted housing places*	796	1,232

CHILD DAY CARE	2010	2016
Total number of children in day care	14,653	16,727
In municipal day care centres	9,120	11,775
In municipal family day care	1,263	800
Service bought from private day care centres	2,297	1,698
In private day care with private day care allowance	1,973	2,283
Municipal child day care centres	158	171
Activity parks	14	15

* in municipal and private financed services



EDUCATION & CULTURE AND LEISURE

SCHOOLS AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS 2016

	SCHOOLS	STUDENTS
Comprehensive schools	89	30,041
Upper secondary schools	12	5,061
Upper secondary schools for adults	1	571
Vocational institutes (2015)	3	12,546
Polytechnics	2	6,518
Universities (2015)	1	12,412

ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE 2016

participants in courses	53,926
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CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES 2016

CITY LIBRARY

16 libraries, 1 institute library, 2 mobile libraries. Number of visits: 3.4 million. Loans 4.2 million.

MUSEUMS

Exhibition Centre WeeGee (4 museums: EMMA, KAMU, The Finnish Toy Museum and The Finnish Museum of Horology), The Gallen-Kallela Museum, The Helinä Rautavaara Museum, Glims Farmstead Museum, Villa Museum Villa Rullud, Lagstad School Museum. 336,149 visits.



CULTURAL HOUSES

Espoo Cultural Centre, Sello Hall, Karatalo, Kannusali, Art House Pikku-Aurora, Vindängen. 262,120 visitors, 2449 public events.

TAPIOLA SINFONIETTA (CITY ORCHESTRA)

134 concerts, number of listeners 32,917.

PROFESSIONAL THEATRES IN ESPOO

Espoo city Theatre, The Hevosenkä Theatre, Unga Teatern, Totem-theatre, Glims & Gloms dance company. 740 performances, 89,085 spectators.

YOUTH

18 youth premises, 1 information centre for young people, 71 supported youth associations and groups with youth activities

SPORTS

Sports halls	6
Swimming pools	5
Sports grounds	7
Indoor skating rinks	7
Beaches	21
Jogging and walking trails	over 100 km
Nature trails	26
Boat places	4,200



CITY ECONOMY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016

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EUROS

EUROS/
RESIDENT

INCOME STATEMENT

Operating revenue	332	1,211
Production for own use	67	243
Operating expenses	-1,735	-6,322
Operating margin	-1,336	-4,868

ANNUAL MARGIN

	199	725
Depreciations	-139	-506
Net result for the fiscal year	60	219

BALANCE SHEET TOTAL

	3,840	13,989
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Solvency ratio 70.1 %

Loans on 31 December	857	3,123
Consolidated loans on 31 Dec.	3,187	11,608

Municipal tax	1,226	4,467
Corporate tax	121	439
Real estate tax	100	363
Tax revenue total	1,447	5,269

State subsidies	61	222
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The city's net investments	256	
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Corporate Group net investments	696	
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INCOME TAX PERCENTAGE

Income tax percentage 17.75 % 2010-2013

Income tax percentage 18.00 % 2014-

PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY



PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY ON 31 DECEMBER

SECTOR	2016	%
Corporate Group Administration	113	0.8
Social and Health Services	3,739	27.0
Education and Cultural Services	7,627	55.0
Technical and Environment Services	1,426	10.3
Corporate Group Services	965	6.9
Total	13,870	100
Number of staff per 1,000 inhabitants	50.5	



CITY ADMINISTRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SEATS IN THE CITY COUNCIL ON 1ST JUNE 2017

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS	75
National Coalition Party	26
Green League of Finland	17
Finnish Social Democratic Party	10
True Finns	7
Swedish People's Party	6
Centre Party of Finland	3
Left Alliance	3
Christian Democratic Party of Finland	2
Liberal Party - Freedom to Choose	1

CITY BOARD (15 MEMBERS),

MAYOR

Jukka Mäkelä

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