

# Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council

**Country** → Finland  
**World Region** → Europe

**Population** → 1.7 million  
**Area** → 2,580 km<sup>2</sup>



## Context

Helsinki, Finland's capital, is governed by the City Council, elected every four years, overseeing city operations and finances. Helsinki is part of the Helsinki-Uusimaa Region, comprising 26 municipalities and approximately 1.7 million residents, about a third of Finland's population. The Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, a joint authority funded mainly by member municipalities, coordinates regional development and land-use planning, fostering collaboration in areas such as transportation, infrastructure, and environmental management.



## Economic profile

GDP AS % OF NATIONAL GDP **40%**

GDP PER CAPITA **59,346 USD**

WORLD BANK INCOME GROUP **High income**

**Major economic activities:** Services, which include trade, healthcare, social services, education, and ICT; processing, encompassing manufacturing, construction, and mining; and primary production, covering agriculture, forestry, and fishing.

**Own source revenues:** Contributions from member municipalities in proportion to population size.



## Governance structure

YEAR OF CONSTITUTION **2010**

TYPE OF METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT **Metropolitan government**

**Legal framework:** Operates under Finland's Act on Regional Development and Land Use and Building Act (132/1999), which mandate the Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council to oversee regional development and land use planning.

**Administrative structure:** A joint authority of 26 municipalities, governed by an 83-member Regional Assembly indirectly elected by municipalities and a 15-member Regional Executive Board.

**Annual revenue, expenditure and sources:** Annual budget of €8.7 million, funded by member municipalities, national government, and EU funds. Major expenses include staff, consultancies, and regional projects.

**Number and type of administrative units:** 26 municipalities.



## Key strategic plans



STRATEGIC

[Well Ahead Regional Programme 2022–2025](#)



RESILIENCE

[Regional Climate Roadmap](#)



INNOVATION

[Smart Specialisation Strategy](#)