

# An Example of Phenomenon-based Project in Geography

Geography of Finland. Environment, population, natural resources and economic

# How to Integrate Modern Technologies in Phenomenon-based Learning?

- Phenomenon-based learning usually consists of a multistage learning process with several different learning environments, working methods, and pedagogical aims.
  - Texts
  - Maps and thematic maps
  - Pictures
  - Diagrams
  - Fotos and videos

# 1. Activation

- In the beginning of a phenomenon-based learning process, it is important to somehow activate the phenomenon in the students' mind
- The best option would be to go out and experience the phenomenon in a real-world context, but this is not always possible > **You have Erasmus-project visit at Finland**

## 2. Process

- One idea could simply be the writing or editing of Wikipedia articles or writing blogs
- The best solution would be a cloud-based digital platform for collaborative knowledge creation and a team-specific portfolio

# 3. Summary

- PowerPoint presentation
- Team-specific portfolio
- Poster

# FINLAND IN FACTS

5.5 million



(1.4 million inhabitants in Helsinki metropolitan area)

## Life expectancy



Official languages are **FINNISH**... (spoken by 87.9%)

...and **SWEDISH** (spoken by 5.2%)

**SÁMI** is the mother tongue of about 1,900 people.



Christianity; 70.9% **LUTHERAN** and about 1.1% **ORTHODOX**



GDP per capita (2017)

40,612 €



**REPUBLIC**, parliamentary democracy; 200-member, unicameral parliament

Independence Day  
DECEMBER 6

1917



1995



1955

# Finland Facts

## Geography & Climate

**Area:** 338,440 km<sup>2</sup> (131,991 square miles), the fifth-largest country in Western Europe

**Greatest length from north to south:** 1,157 km (717 miles)

**Greatest width from east to west:** 542 km (336 miles)

**Capital:** Helsinki (1.4 million inhabitants in metropolitan area)

**Climate:** Great contrasts – cold winters and fairly warm summers (2017 extremes: coldest day in Muonio -41.2 C/-42.1 F, warmest day in Utsjoki 29.1 C/84.3 F)

## **People**

**Population:** 5.5 million, 18.1 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup> ( 46.6 per square mile)

**Life expectancy:** Men 78 years, women 84 years

**Languages:** Official languages are Finnish (spoken by 87.9%) and Swedish (5.2%). Sámi is the mother tongue of about 1,900 people, members of the indigenous Sámi people of northern Lapland

**Religion:** Christianity; 70.9 % Lutheran and about 1.1% Orthodox. In practice society is fairly secularised.



## **State & Government**

**Independence:** Declared on December 6, 1917. Previously a grand duchy in the Russian empire for 108 years, and a part of Sweden for 600 years before that

**Form of government:** Republic, parliamentary democracy

**Parliament:** 200 members in one chamber, elected every 4 years in a direct vote (next elections in 2019)

**Cabinet:** Multiparty coalition cabinet. The current Cabinet is run by Prime Minister Juha Sipilä

**Head of State:** President of the Republic, elected every 6 years, two-term maximum. Currently Mr Sauli Niinistö, elected in 2012 and re-elected in 2018.

**International cooperation:** Member of United Nations since 1955 and European Union since 1995.

## **Society & Economy**

**Key features:** High standard of education, social security and healthcare, all financed by the state

**GDP per capita:** 40,612 euros (2017)

**Main exports:** Electrotechnical goods, metal products, machinery, transport equipment, wood and paper products, chemicals

**Main imports:** Raw materials, investment goods, energy, consumer goods (for example cars and textiles)

**Currency unit:** Euro



# Map of Finland and most important geographical places

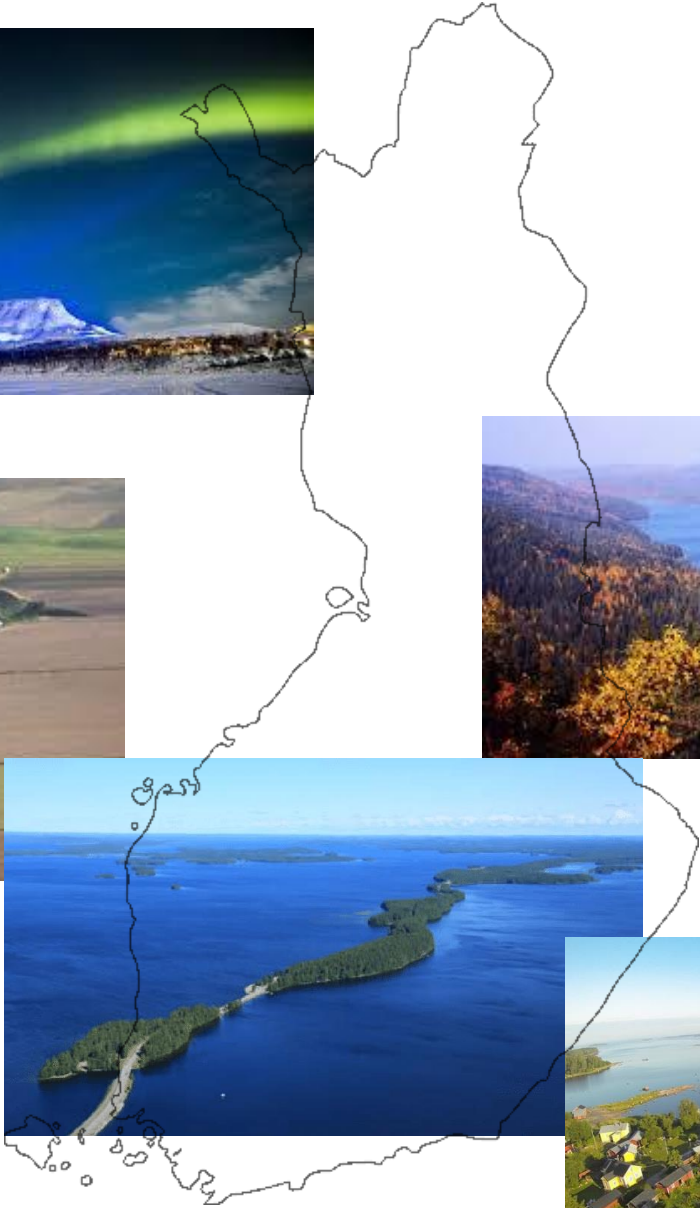


# Landscape

A Precambrian granite surface eroded by glaciation of late Weichelian. Erosional landforms result from [abrasion](#) and plucking of the underlying bedrock. Abrasion is caused by the rock debris carried by a glacier, wearing away the bedrock. The action is similar to that of sandpaper attached to a block of wood.

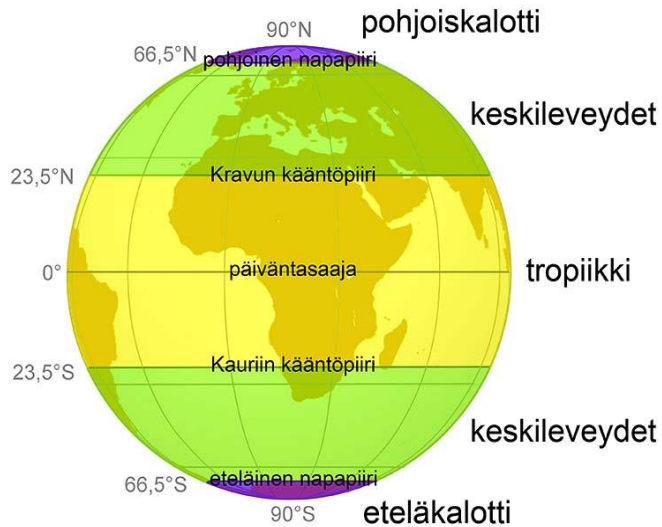
The movement of the continental ice on this area was from northwest to southeast. Today this scenery is very beautiful and attractive. There are lot of summer cottages in Lake Pyhäjärvi area







# Seasons



Four season:

Summer: June, July, August

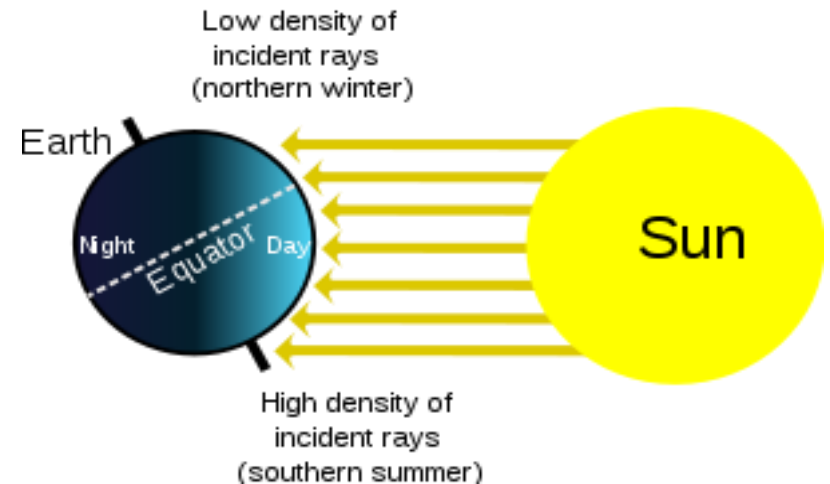
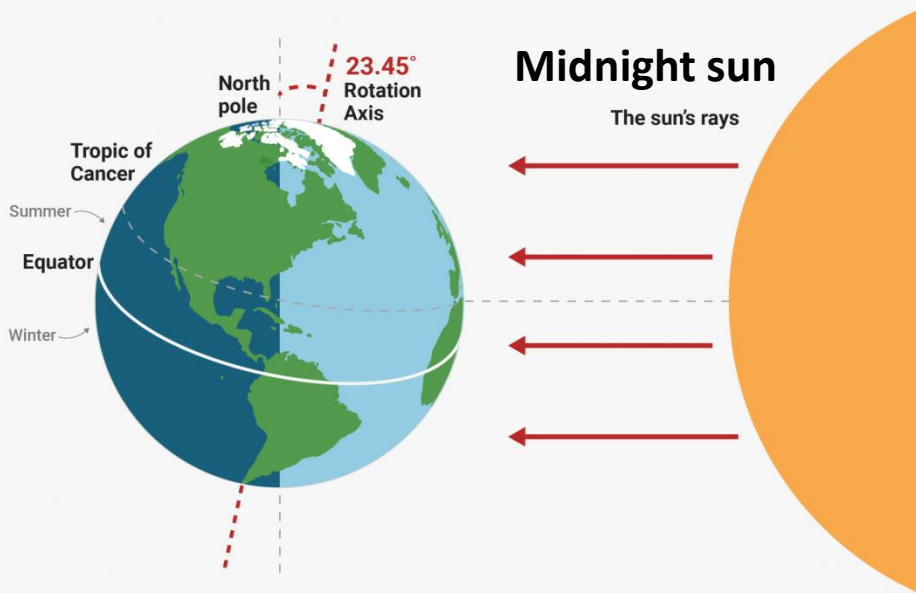
Autum: September, October, November

Winter: December, January, February, March

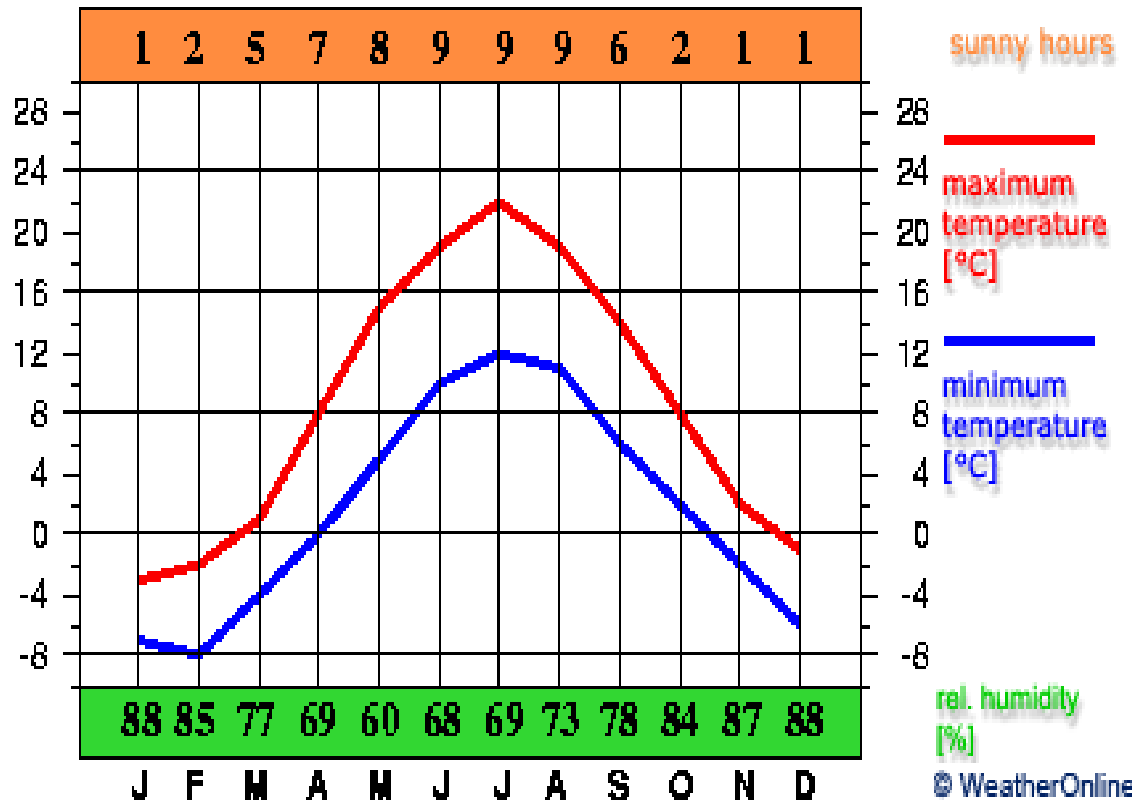
Spring: April, May

## Winter darkness Kaamos

### Earth during the June solstice

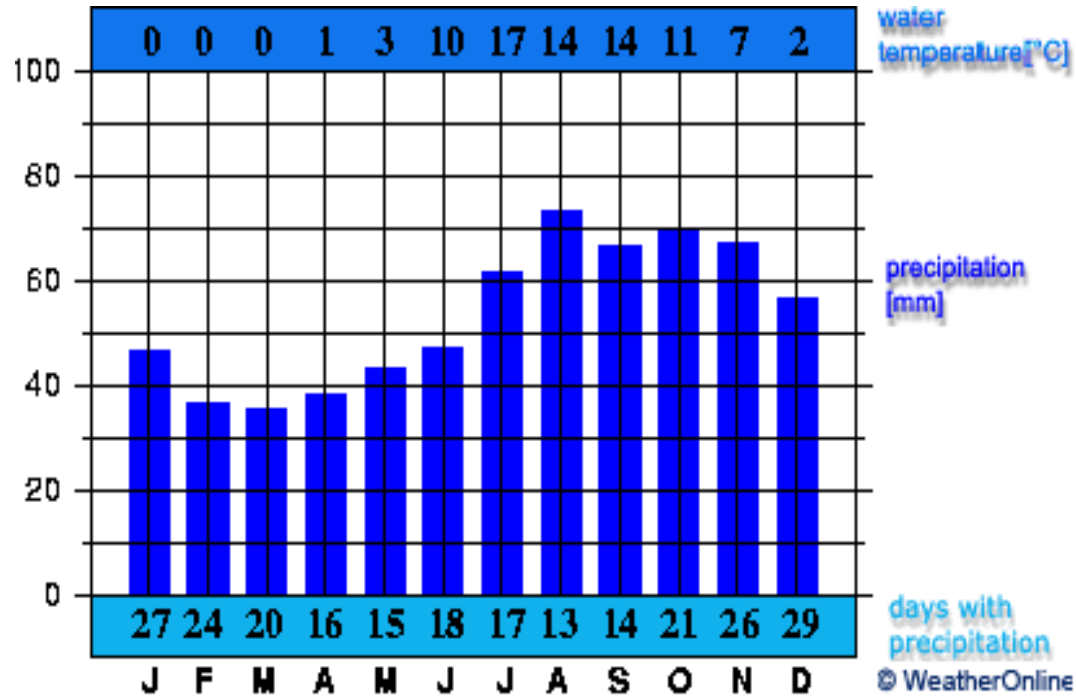


# Temperature





# Precipitation



# Projected climate change in Finland

- Due to climate change, the temperatures in Finland will rise, precipitation will increase, snow cover season will become shorter, and the amount of soil frost will decrease. Also, the sea level in the Baltic Sea will rise and the winter ice cover will reduce. Projections indicate that Finland's climate would change more in winter than in summer.

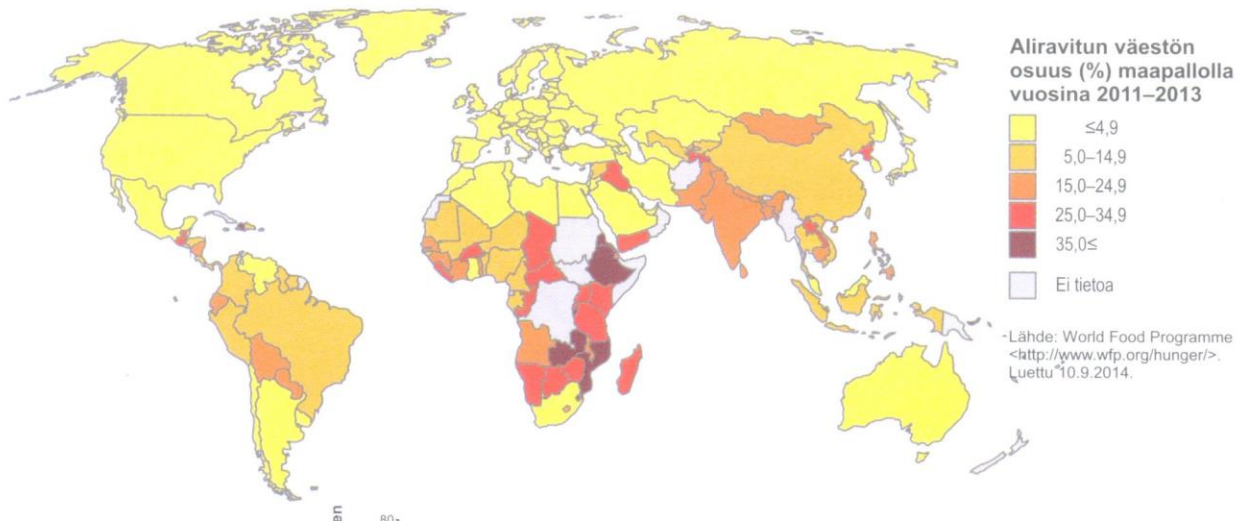
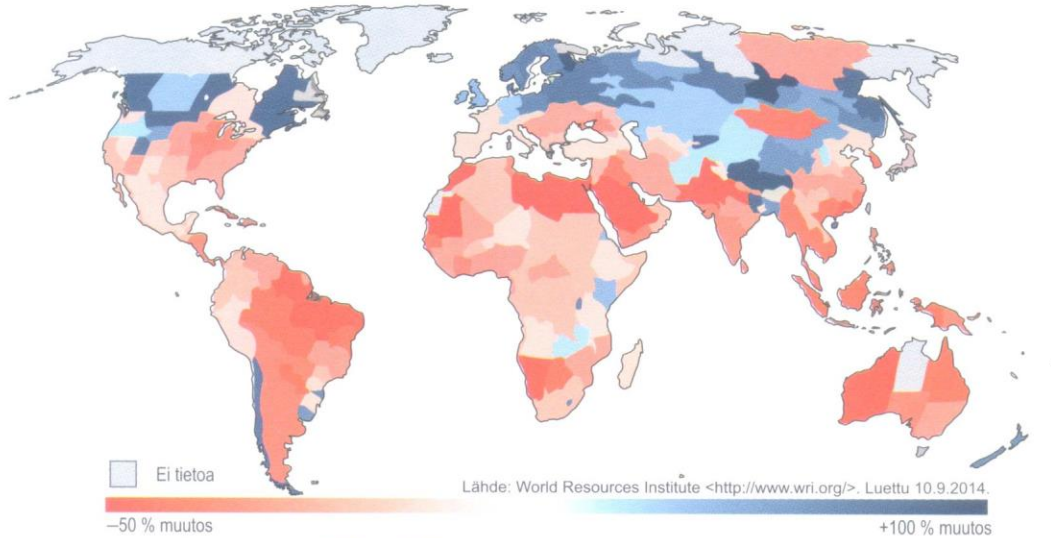
# Agriculture

Finland's climate and soils make growing crops a particular challenge. The country lies between 60° and 70° north latitude-- as far north as Alaska--and has severe winters and relatively short growing seasons that are sometimes interrupted by frosts. However, because the Gulf Stream and the North Atlantic Drift Current moderate the climate, Finland contains half of the world's arable land north of 60° north latitude. Annual precipitation is usually sufficient, but it occurs almost exclusively during the winter months, making summer droughts a constant threat. **In response to the climate, farmers have relied on quick-ripening and frost-resistant varieties of crops**, and they have cultivated south-facing slopes as well as richer bottomlands to ensure production even in years with summer frosts. Most farmland had originally been either forest or swamp, and the soil had usually required treatment with lime and years of cultivation to neutralize excess acid and to develop fertility



# Climate change and productivity of crops

Muutos satojen tuottavuudessa vuodesta 2013 vuoteen 2050



# Forests in Finland

Much of Finland is dominated by conifers, but in the extreme south there is a zone of deciduous trees comprising mainly birch, hazel, aspen, maple, elm, linden, and alder. The conifers are mainly pine and spruce. Pine extends to the extreme north, where it can be found among the dwarf arctic birch and pygmy willow





Evergreen coniferous forest is typical in Finland, occurring between 60 and 70 degrees north latitudes. These forests are dominated by few species, such as spruce, pine, birch and aspen.

Temperatures are in winter about – 5 to -20 degrees Celsius

The length of the growing season in boreal forest in Finland is 180 days

Precipitation is about 500 mm/year, half from snow

Soil is thin, nutrient-poor and acidic podzol

Flora consist mostly of cold-tolerant evergreen conifers with needle-like leaves, such as A) spruce (*Picea abies*) 50%, B) pine 35% (*Pinus silvestris*)

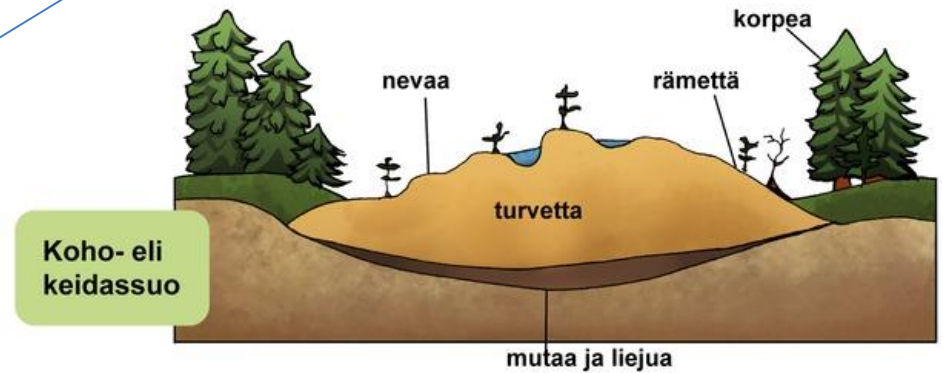
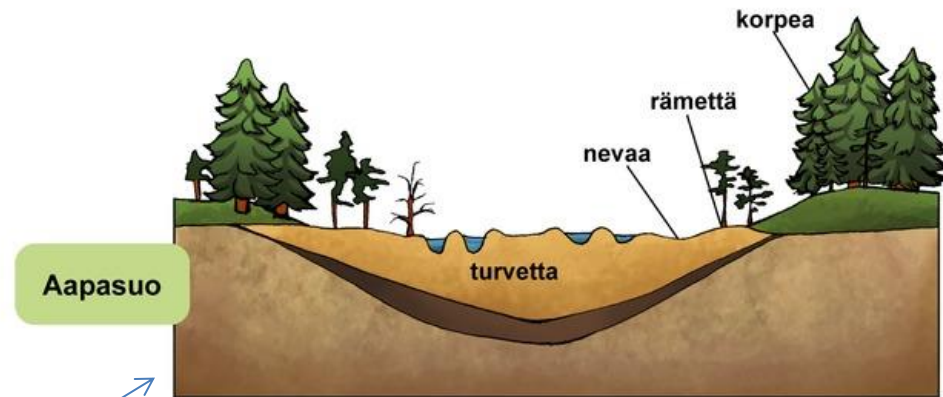
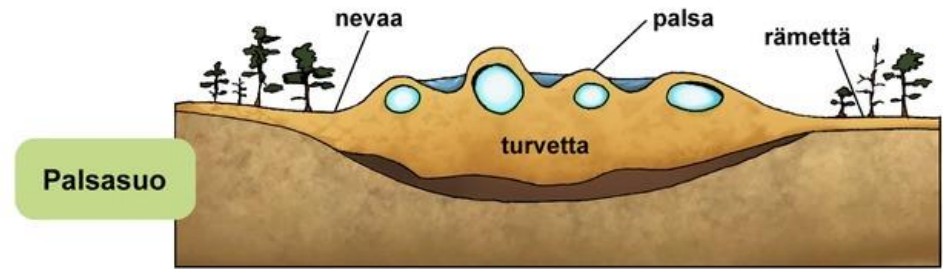
and broadleaves like C) birch 10% (*Betula pubescens*) and D) aspen (*Tremula tremula*) and other 5% (*Alnus*)

Fauna include woodpeckers, hawks, hare, fox, elk, bear and wolf



# Bogs in Finland

As much as a third of Finland originally consisted of bogs and marshy woodlands, and it has even been suggested that the country's name in Finnish, *Suomi*, is derived from the Finnish word for bog - *suo*. Many place-names include the word *suo* or words for different kinds of marshes or bogs such as *korpi* - marshy spruce forest, *neva* - open bog, and *räme* - pine bog.



**Forest industry in Finland** consists of mechanical ([timber](#)) and chemical ([paper](#) and [pulp](#)) forest industry. [Finland](#) is one of the world's largest producer of pulp, paper and cardboard and one of Europe's largest producers of **sawn timber**. The forest industry directly and indirectly employs approximately 160,000 people in Finland. The industry's multiplier effects extend broadly into surrounding society.

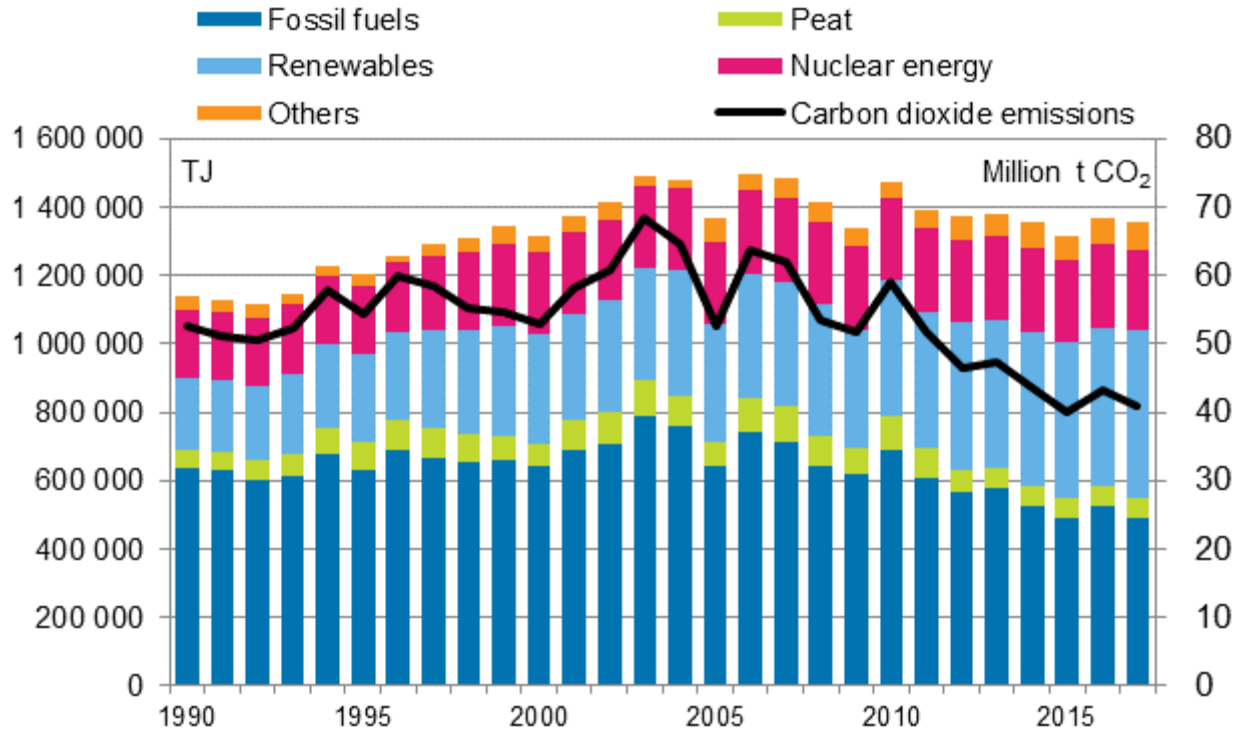
**Chemical forest industry (also known as paper and pulp industry) produces paper, cardboard and pulp.** Finland has 25 paper mills, 14 cardboard mills and 15 pulp mills.

**Mechanical forest industry produces wooden items mechanically: [sawing](#), [turning](#) and [glueing](#).** Sawmills are the largest employer of the sector. Sawmills and board production are highly automatised.





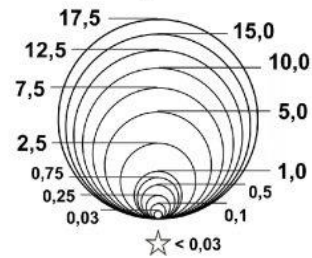
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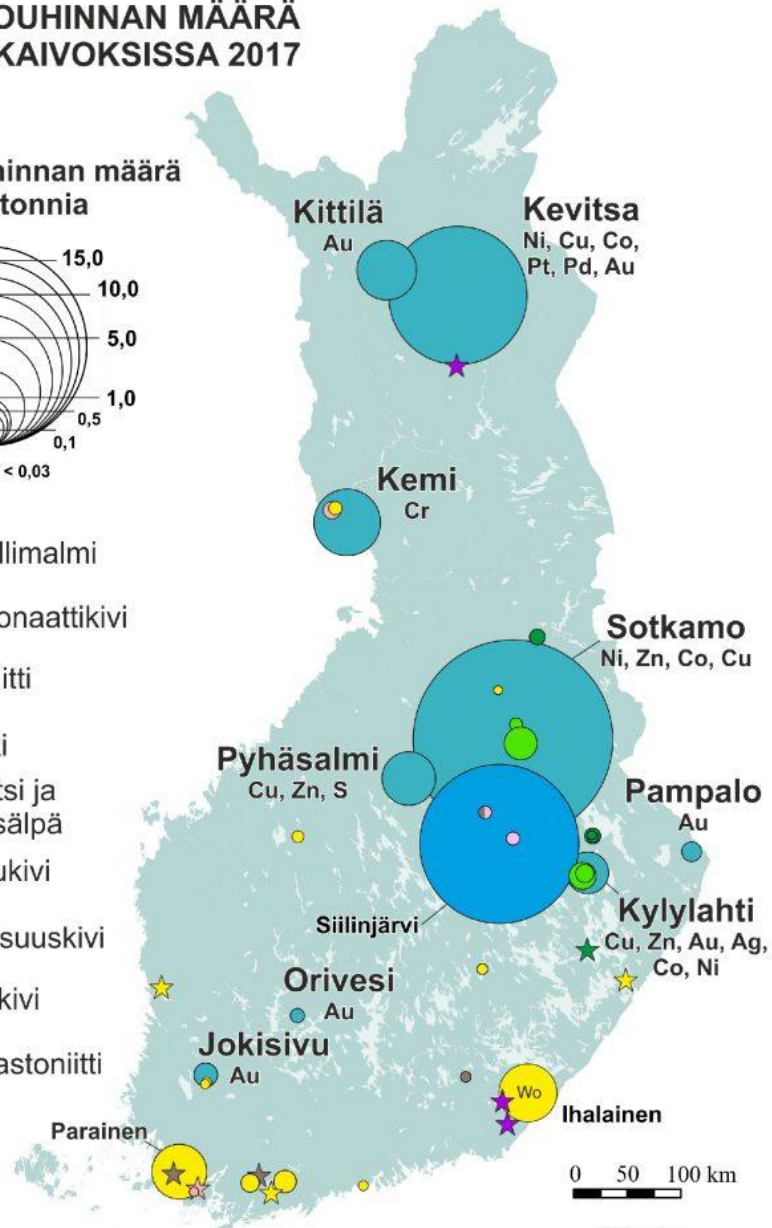
# Mining and underground excavation

## MALMINLOUHINNAN MÄÄRÄ SUOMEN KAIVOKSISSA 2017

Malminlouhinnan määrä  
Milj. tonnia



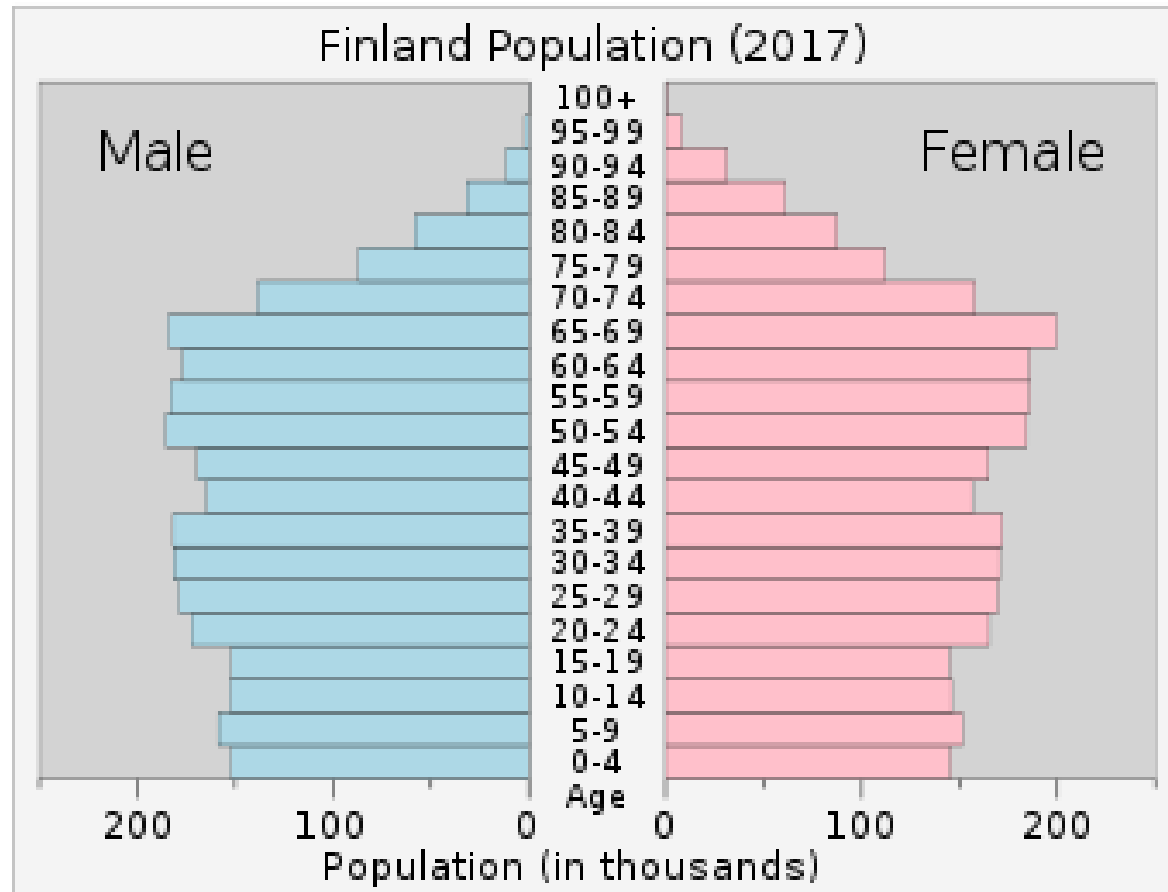
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Lähde: Tukes

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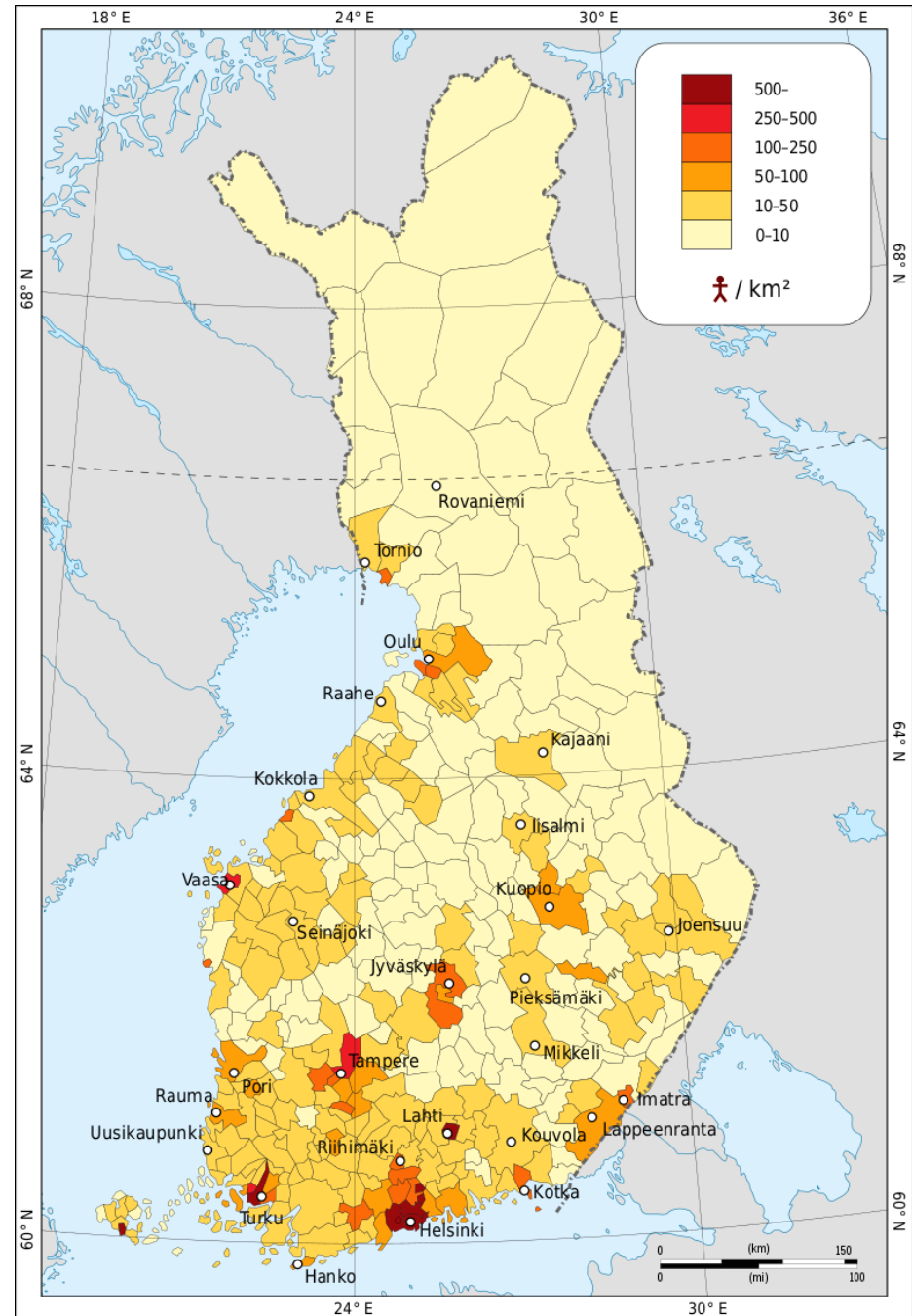
# Population



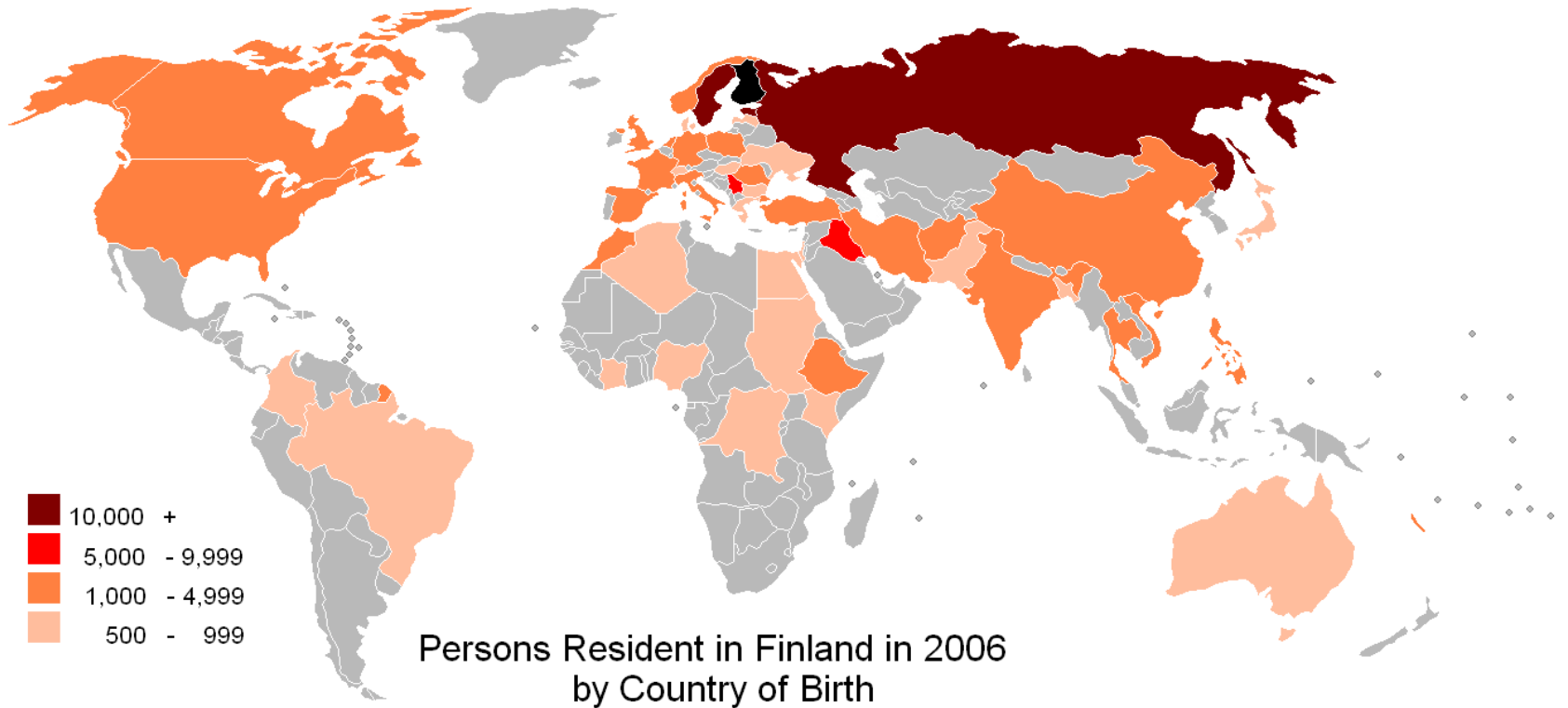
## Demographic features of the population of Finland,

Finland numbers some 5.5 million people and has an average population density of 17 inhabitants per square kilometre. The population is concentrated on the small southwestern coastal plain. About 85% live in towns and cities, with one million living in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area alone.

Finland is an relatively ethnically homogeneous country. The dominant ethnicity is the Finnish people but there are also notable historic minorities of Swedes, Sami and Roma people. As a result of recent immigration there are now also considerable groups of ethnic Russians, Estonians and Somalis in the country. The official languages are Finnish and Swedish, the latter being the native language of about five per cent of the Finnish population. From the 13th to the early 19th century Finland was a part of Sweden. With 73 percent of Finns in its congregation, the Lutheran Church is the largest religious group in the country.



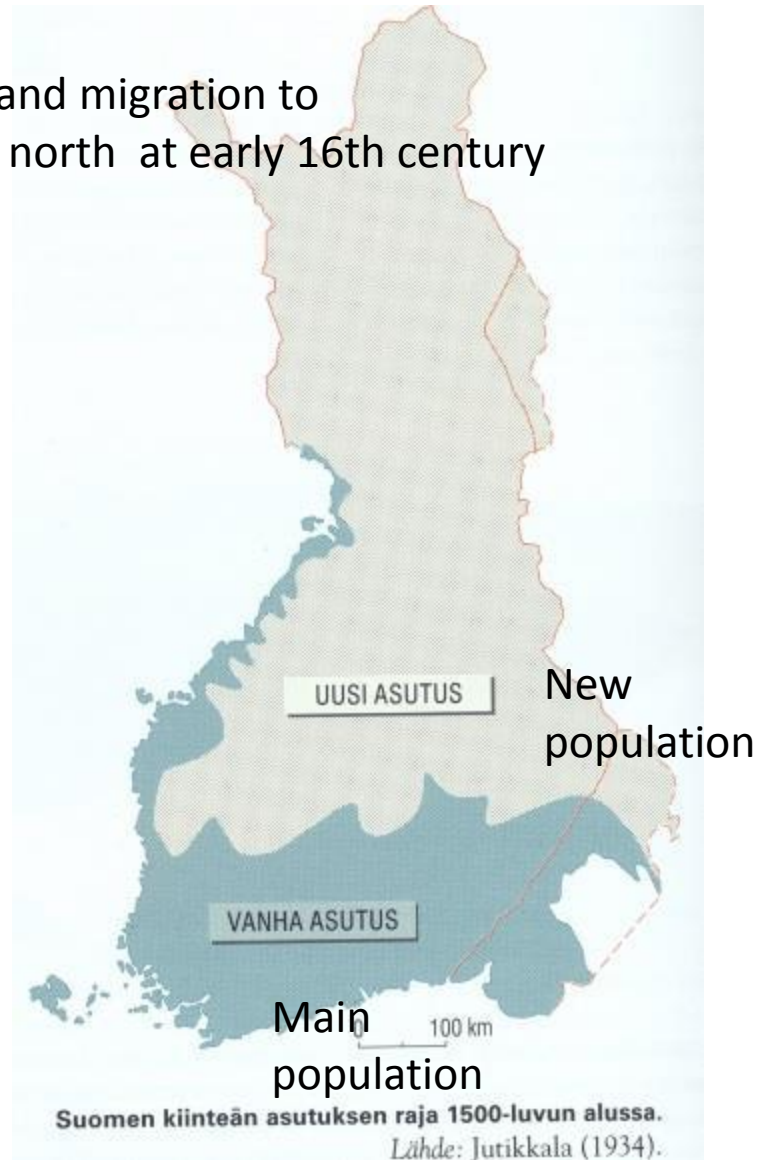
# Immigration to Finland



Medieval Finland was not west or east, only forest and very few people. There was some small villages in southwest coastal area and primitive agriculture



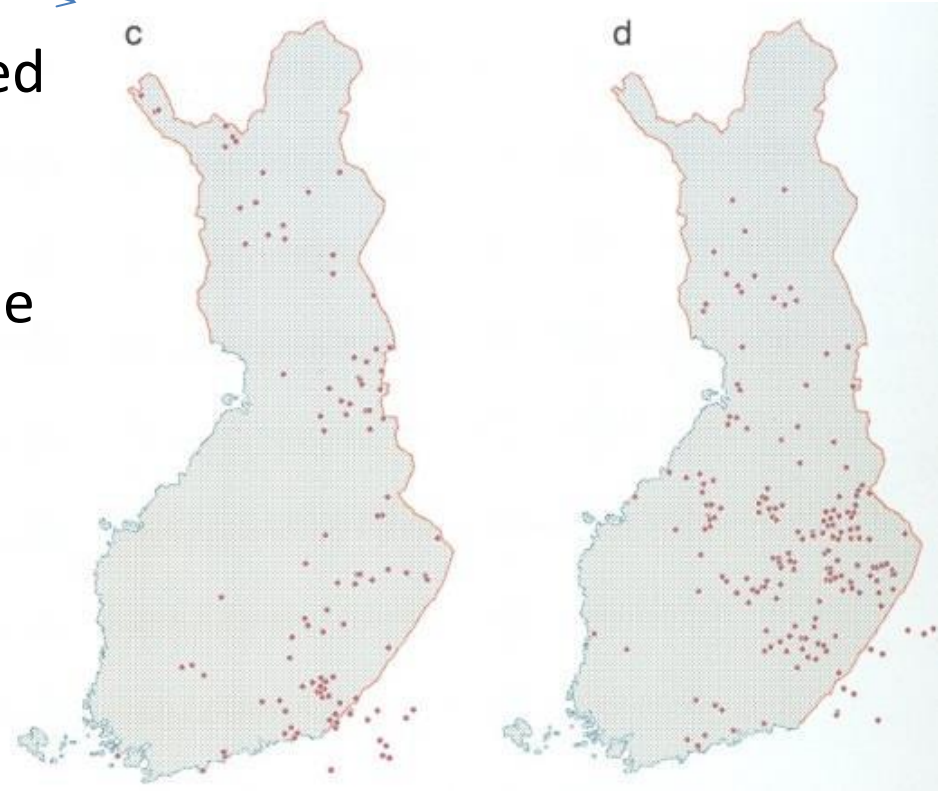
Finnish population and migration to new areas east and north at early 16th century





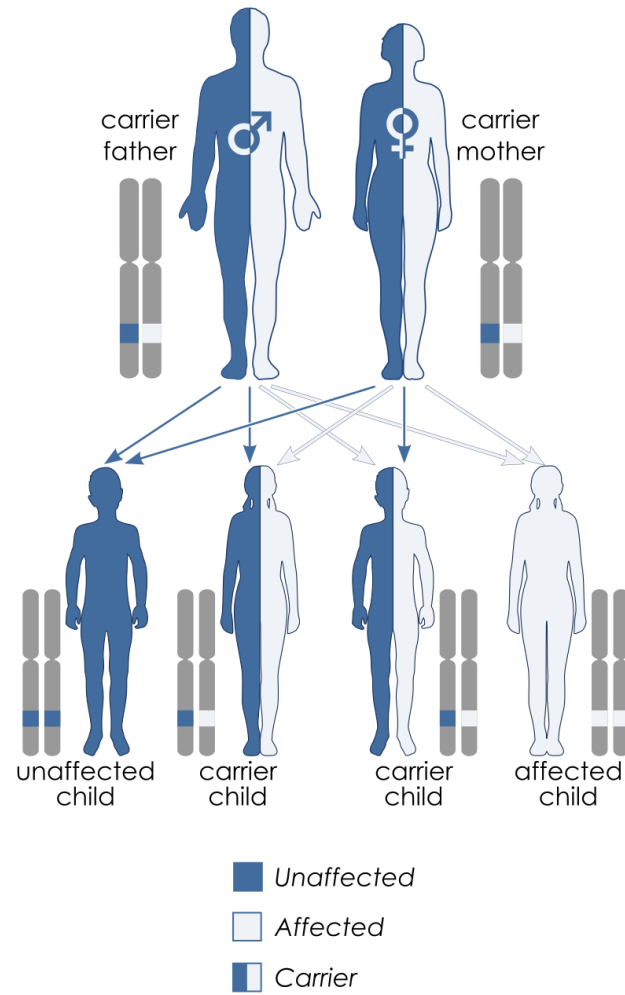
# Aspartylglucosaminuria (AGU) Map C

Aspartylglucosaminuria is estimated to affect 1 in 18,500 people in [Finland](#). This condition is less common in other countries, but the incidence is unknown.<sup>[4]</sup> Even though this disease can occur in various races and ethnicities, another study backed this finding up by stating that 1 in 26,000 people in Finland had the disease and that 1 in 18,000 were carriers.<sup>[1]</sup>

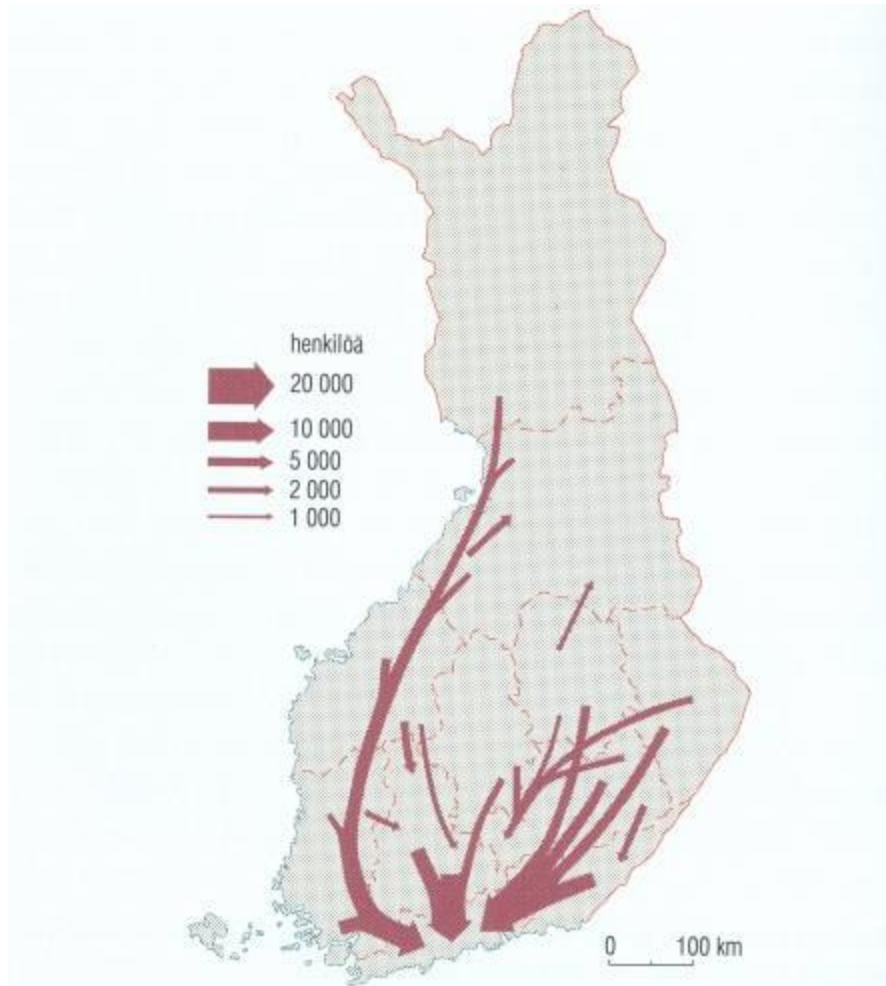




## Autosomal recessive inheritance



**Aspartylglucosaminuria (AGU)** is an inherited disease that is characterized by a decline in mental functioning, accompanied by an increase in skin, bone and joint issues. The disease is caused by a defect in an enzyme known as [aspartylglucosaminidase](#). This enzyme plays a significant role in our bodies because it aids in breaking down certain sugars (for example, [oligosaccharides](#)) that are attached to specific proteins (for example, [glycoproteins](#)). Aspartylglucosaminuria itself is characterized as a [lysosomal](#) disease because it does deal with inadequate activity in an enzyme's function.<sup>[1]</sup> Aspartylglucosaminidase functions to break down glycoproteins. These proteins are most abundant in the tissues of the body and in the surfaces of major organs, such as the [liver](#), [spleen](#), [thyroid](#) and nerves. When glycoproteins are not broken down, aspartylglucosaminidase backs up in the [lysosomes](#) along with other substances. This backup causes progressive damage to the tissues and organs.<sup>[2]</sup>

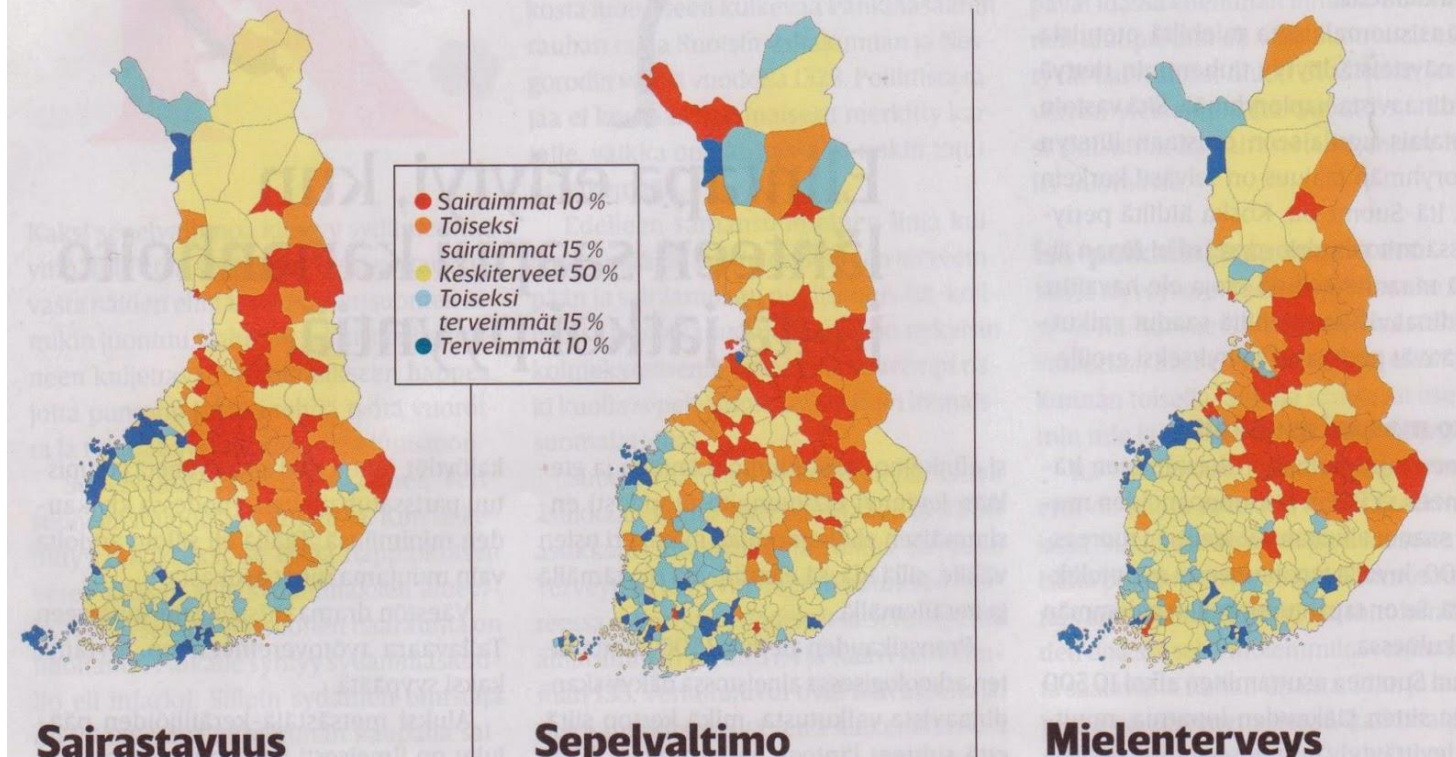


**Maassamuuton virrat 1951–55: geenit sekoittuvat.** 1950-luvulla voimistunut ja vilkkaana jatkunut maassamuutto on vähentänyt tautigeenien kohtaamisen todennäköisyyttä.

*Lähde:* Rikkinen (1980).

# Sairaus ja vauraus jakavat

Kartalle piirtyy sama näkymä niin taudeista, työttömyydestä kuin kansanlauluista.



Health  
problems

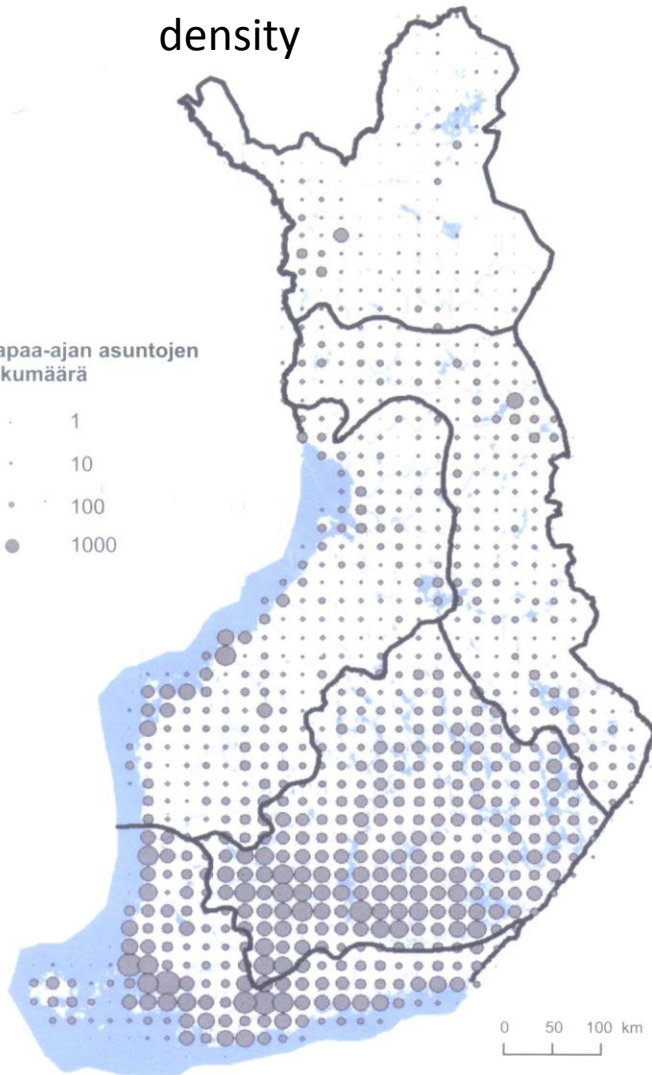
Heart  
disease

Depression  
problems

# Summer time and Summer cottages "mökki" and population density

Vapaa-ajan asuntojen lukumäärä

- 1
- 10
- 100
- 1000



Vapaa-ajan asuntojen lukumäärä 20 x 20 km ruuduissa vuonna 2011.

Lähde: Hiltunen & Rehunen 2014, Fennia.

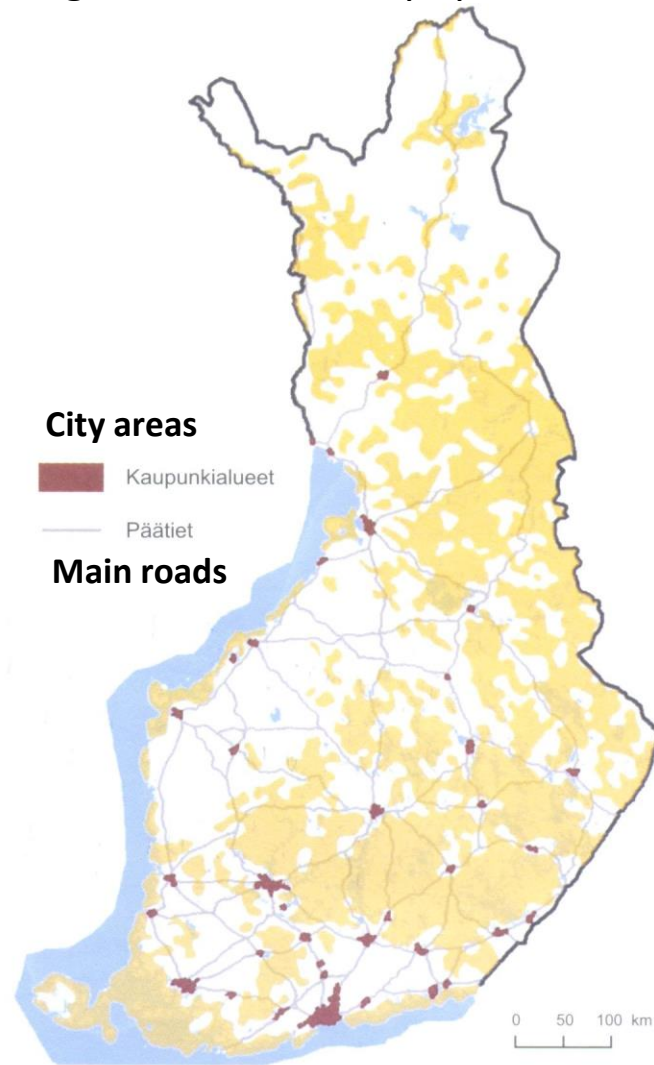
**Summer cottages**

**City areas**

■ Kaupunkialueet

— Päätiät

**Main roads**



Maaseutualueet, joilla vapaa-ajan asunnot ovat vakinaisia asuntoja yleisempiä (keltaiset alueet).

**Rural areas** Lähde: Hiltunen & Rehunen 2014, Fennia.



Students' Mental Map of Finland 2014



# Students' Mental Map of the World 2014

