

Grid Database 2019

User Manual

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1 General information

1.1 Grid dimensions

250m x 250m, 1km x 1km and 5km x 5km.

1.2 Co-ordinate system

EUREF-FIN coordinate system (ETRS89-TM35FIN).

1.3 Grid positioning

The grid coordinates are the x and y coordinates in the lower left-hand corner.

1.4 Area identification

The municipality code of a grid is determined by surface area. Any grid at the border between two municipalities is given the code of the municipality with the larger surface area on the grid.

1.5 Delivery formats

Database: dBASE.

Map range (areas): Esri shapefile (*.shp) or MapInfo (*.tab).

1.6 Data protection

Data are protected if the population in the grid is less than three or ten (depending on the data group).

The totals in data groups (for example households, total and income recipients, total) are not protected.

A protected data item is marked with -1.

1.7 Statistical reference point of time

31.12.2018

- Population Structure
- Educational Structure
- Size and Stage in Life of Households
- Buildings and Housing

31.12.2017

- Inhabitants' Disposable Monetary Income
- Households' Disposable Monetary Income
- Workplace Structure
- Main Type of Activity

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2 The Grid Database

2.1 Naming of headings

The Grid Database 2019 product consists of variables in eight groups. Variables are grouped by the naming of the fields. Variables belonging to the same group are named by the same initials as follows:

Data group	First part of code	Amount of variables
Population structure	HE	24
Educational structure	KO	7
Inhabitants' Disposable Monetary Income	HR	7
Size and stage in life of households	TE	15
Households' Disposable Monetary Income	TR	7
Buildings and housing	RA	8
Workplace structure	TP	26
Main type of activity	PT	8

These eight groups contain a total of 102 variables. Additionally, the Grid Database contains the following grid identification data: grid code, Inspire format grid code, coordinates and municipality code.

The Grid Database is used with a regional conversion `alueetYY.xlsx`, in which YY gives the year of validity of the classifications. The conversion key can be used to derive other regional classification data based on municipalities from municipal data. The conversion key contains nine regional classifications based on municipalities.

2.2 Effect of the structure of the database on thematic selections

The Grid Database 2019 file includes all grids containing observations on the themes concerned in all eight data groups. Thus, so-called nil-grids, i.e. grids with no observations on the selected theme or the grid is protected, must be taken into account in grid selections and calculations of averages. Nil-grids can be excluded by choosing only grids with observations using a simple conditional term (e.g. `he_vakiy > 0`). Note that the term must be applied to the radix variable of the theme if all grids of the Data group are to be examined simultaneously.

2.3 Changes in the Grid Database

Changes 2011 to 2013

The data protection in the Grid Database 2011 was modified due to changes in the instructions concerning Statistics Finland's data protection. Data in the data groups "Size and stage in life of households" and "Workplace structure" were protected. The population (radix variables) in these data groups are still shown unprotected.

In the data group "Population Structure" so-called functional age groups that were partially overlapping have been replaced with 5-year age groups (starting from those aged 20).

The "Buildings and dwellings" data group contains a new variable: "Other buildings". The variable "Buildings and free-time residences" has been left out. The order of the variables has also been changed.

The variable "Persons outside the labour force" has been added to the data group "Main type of activity". The variables "Total amount of inhabitants", "Labour force" and "Persons outside labour force" are unprotected. All other variables in the data group are protected.

The data in the data group Workplace structure in the Grid Database 2013 were two years newer than the statistics in the previous Grid Database.

Changes in 2014

Data concerning permanently occupied dwellings (= households) have been moved from the "Buildings and dwellings" (RA) data group to the data group "Size and stage in life of households" (TE). Such data are occupancy rate and tenure status. A new tenure status variable "Households living in other dwellings" has also been added. The variable includes households living in dwellings that are not included in some other category in the tenure status classification, or the tenure status is unknown.

Two new data groups have been added to the database: "Inhabitants' disposable monetary income" (HR) and "Households' disposable monetary income" (TR). In the 2014 database, these are produced next to the old data groups "Consumer structure" (HK) and "Consumer structure of households" (TK) but in 2015, the old data groups will be excluded. The new data groups use disposable monetary income instead of income subject to state taxation. The change was made because disposable monetary income better describes the actual financial situation of individuals and households.

Changes in 2015

The database no longer contains the data groups "Consumer structure" (HK) and "Consumer structure of households" (TK).

Changes in 2016

No changes.

Changes in 2017

The data group Educational Structure is two years than the statistics in the previous Grid Database.

Changes in 2018

A new unique identifier, equivalent to the identifier used in the Inspire data, has been added (grid_id). The code contains the grid's size and its North and East coordinates (e.g. 250mN674400E31725). The old grid code is still also included in the Grid Database.

The variables "Labour force" and "Persons outside the labour force" has been removed from the data group Main type of activity (PT). These variables can be calculated from the remaining variables in the data group when there are enough inhabitants in the grid.

Data protection has been modified as follows:

- The variables in the data group Population structure (HE) are protected if there are less than three inhabitants in the grid. The total (Inhabitants) in the data group is not protected.
- The variables concerning dwellings in the data group Buildings and housing (RA) are protected if there is only one residential building or less than three dwellings in the grid. The totals (Free-time residences, total and Buildings, total) are not protected.

- The variables in the data group Workplace structure (TP) are protected if there are less than three workplaces in the grid. The total (Workplaces, total) in the data group is not protected.
- The variables in the data group Main type of activity (PT) are protected if there are less than ten inhabitants in the grid. The total (Inhabitants) in the data group is not protected.

Changes in 2019

The variable "Aged 18 or over" has been added to the data group Main type of activity (PT). The data protection of the data group has changed. The data on main type of activity is protected if there are fewer than 10 persons aged 18 or over in the grid. If there are fewer than three inhabitants in the grid, also the number of persons aged 18 or over is protected.

3 Definitions of data content by data group

3.1 General variables

In addition to statistics the Grid Database also contains grid identification data and the year of publication. In 2018 a new unique identifier, equivalent to the identifier used in the [Inspire data](#), was added (grid_id). The code contains the grid's size and its North and East coordinates (e.g. 250mN674400E31725). The national grid code (ruutu_id) is still also included in the Grid Database.

Variables

Variable code	kunta
Variable name	Municipality 1 Jan. 2019
Variable definition	The municipality code of the grid is determined based on the surface area. A grid located on the border of two municipalities gets the municipality code with the larger surface area in the grid.
Variable code	euref_x
Variable name	X coordinate in metres
Variable definition	X-coordinate in the lower left-hand corner of the grid
Variable code	euref_y
Variable name	Y coordinate in metres
Variable definition	Y-coordinate in the lower left-hand corner of the grid
Variable code	grid_id
Variable name	Grid code in Inspire format
Variable definition	The Inspire format identification code for the grid.
Variable code	id_nro
Variable name	Grid code
Variable definition	The national identification code (consecutive numbering) for the grid.
Variable code	vuosi
Variable name	Year
Variable definition	Year is the publishing year of the Grid Database. The statistical reference year of the variables is presented both in the general description of the data group and after the name of each variable.

3.2 Population structure (HE)

Population

Inhabitants are people residing permanently in the area. Anybody whose place of residence according to the Population Information System was in Finland at the end of the year (31

December) qualifies as an inhabitant regardless of nationality. The location of inhabitants is determined by the coordinates of the building they live in.

The location of people living in institutions is determined by the coordinates of the institution, if known. However, people living in institutions without coordinates, Finnish nationals living temporarily abroad and people whose location in the municipality is unknown are not included. Approximately one percent of the population lack coordinates. NB. This means that official population figures by area differ from the summary data by area in the Grid Database.

Variables

Variable code	he_vakiy
Variable name	Inhabitants, total, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	Inhabitants are people residing permanently in the area. This is the radix of the data group.
Variable code	he_miehet
Variable name	Males, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	Males permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_naiset
Variable name	Females, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	Females permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_kika
Variable name	Average age of inhabitants, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	Average age of inhabitants is the average age by area. In calculating the average age, six months have been added to the age of each inhabitant, and then the total age has been divided by the number of inhabitants.
Variable code	he_0_2
Variable name	0-2 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	0-2 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_3_6
Variable name	3-6 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	3-6 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_7_12
Variable name	7-12 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	7-12 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_13_15
Variable name	13-15 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	13-15 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_16_17
Variable name	16-17 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	16-17 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_18_19
Variable name	18-19 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	18-19 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_20_24
Variable name	20-24 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	20-24 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_25_29
Variable name	25-29 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	25-29 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.

Variable code	he_30_34
Variable name	30-34 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	30-34 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_35_39
Variable name	35-39 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	35-39 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_40_44
Variable name	40-44 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	40-44 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_45_49
Variable name	45-49 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	45-49 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_50_54
Variable name	50-54 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	50-54 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_55_59
Variable name	55-59 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	55-59 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_60_64
Variable name	60-64 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	60-64 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_65_69
Variable name	65-69 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	65-69 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_70_74
Variable name	70-74 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	70-74 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_75_79
Variable name	75-79 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	75-79 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_80_84
Variable name	80-84 years, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	80-84 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.
Variable code	he_85_
Variable name	85 years or over, 2018 (HE)
Variable definition	Over 84 year old inhabitants permanently residing in the area.

Data source

[Population structure](#), Statistics Finland.

Statistical year

Data in this group are valid as at 31 December 2018.

Data protection

Variables on population structure are confidential if the grid contains fewer than three inhabitants. The value in confidential fields is -1.

3.3 Educational structure (KO)

Population

Data on educational structure for the population living in an area concern people aged 18 or over. Only one type of education has been taken into account for each person, i.e. the highest qualification acquired of the latest acquired qualification if a person has several same level qualifications. Where a person has completed the matriculation examination and a vocational upper secondary qualification, the education is determined by the vocational qualification.

Variables

Variable code	ko_ika18y
Variable name	Aged 18 or over, total, 2018 (KO)
Variable definition	Aged 18 or over reports the number of inhabitants aged 18 or over living in the area. This is the radix of the data group.
Variable code	ko_perus
Variable name	Basic level studies, 2018 (KO)
Variable definition	Basic level studies: no qualification after basic level or qualification unknown.
Variable code	ko_koul
Variable name	With education, total, 2018 (KO)
Variable definition	With education: people with at least an upper secondary qualification.
Variable code	ko_yliop
Variable name	Matriculation examination, 2018 (KO)
Variable definition	Matriculation examination: people having completed the matriculation examination.
Variable code	ko_ammatt
Variable name	Vocational diploma, 2018 (KO)
Variable definition	Vocational diploma: qualifications at upper secondary level (level 3, excluding matriculation examination), post-secondary non-tertiary level (level 4) as well as qualifications at the lowest level of tertiary education (level 5). NB. The qualifications at the lowest level of tertiary education includes qualifications at post-secondary non-higher vocational education, which are not included in the education system anymore. The qualifications at the lowest level of tertiary education are qualifications of academic degree, but have in the Grid Database been included among the vocational diplomas. Therefore the proportion of inhabitants with an academic degree cannot be calculated in the same way Statistics Finland does in the Educational structure of population .
Variable code	ko_al_kork
Variable name	Academic degree - Lower level university degree, 2018 (KO)
Variable definition	University / tertiary-level degree, lower: lower-degree level tertiary education (level 6).
Variable code	ko_yl_kork
Variable name	Academic degree - Higher level university degree, 2018 (KO)
Variable definition	University / tertiary-level degree, higher: higher-degree level tertiary education (level 7) and doctorate degrees or equivalent (level 8).

Data source

[Educational structure of population](#), Statistics Finland.

Statistical year

Data in this group are valid as at 31 December 2018.

Data protection

Data on educational structure are confidential if the grid contains fewer than ten people aged 18 or over. The value in confidential fields is -1.

3.4 Inhabitants' disposable monetary income (HR)

Population

The data pertain to inhabitants that are aged 18 or over. The income data are based on the disposable monetary income of inhabitants. The formation of disposable monetary income can be described as follows:

+ wages and salaries
 + entrepreneurial income
 + property income (without imputed rent)
 + current transfers received (without imputed rent)
 (=gross money income)
 – current transfers paid
 = disposable monetary income.

Variables

Variable code	hr_tuy
Variable name	Aged 18 or over, total, 2017 (HR)
Variable definition	Aged 18 or over reports the number of inhabitants aged 18 or over living in the area. This is the radix of the data group.
Variable code	hr_ktu
Variable name	Average income of inhabitants, 2017 (HR)
Variable definition	Average income of inhabitants (€) is the average annual income of inhabitants.
Variable code	hr_mtu
Variable name	Median income of inhabitants, 2017 (HR)
Variable definition	Median income of inhabitants (€) is obtained by listing inhabitants by the amount of disposable monetary income. Median income is the income of the middle inhabitant. An equal number of inhabitants remain on both sides of the middle inhabitant.
Variable code	hr_pi_tul
Variable name	Inhabitants belonging to the lowest income category, 2017 (HR)
Variable definition	Inhabitants earning at most EUR 13 287 per year (income deciles 1-2). Income categories are formed by using deciles. Deciles are obtained by placing inhabitants in order by income and dividing them in ten groups containing the same amount of inhabitants.
Variable code	hr_ke_tul
Variable name	nhabitants belonging to the middle income category, 2017 (HR)
Variable definition	Inhabitants earning EUR 13 288 - 31 873 per year (income deciles 3-8). Income categories are formed by using deciles. Deciles are obtained by placing inhabitants in order by income and dividing them in ten groups containing the same amount of inhabitants.
Variable code	hr_hy_tul
Variable name	Inhabitants belonging to the highest income category, 2017 (HR)
Variable definition	Inhabitants earning more than EUR 31 873 per year (income deciles 9-10). Income categories are formed by using deciles. Deciles are obtained by placing inhabitants in order by income and dividing them in ten groups containing the same amount of inhabitants.
Variable code	hr_ovy
Variable name	Accumulated purchasing power of inhabitants, 2017 (HR)
Variable definition	Accumulated purchasing power of inhabitants (€) is the accumulated disposable monetary income.

Data source

[Total statistics on income distribution](#), Statistics Finland.

Statistical year

Data in this group are valid as at 31 December 2017.

Data protection

Data on income are confidential if there are fewer than ten inhabitants in the grid. The value in confidential fields is -1.

3.5 Size and stage in life of households (TE)

Population

A household is formed of people who live permanently in the same dwelling. The statistical definition for a household is household-dwelling unit.

According to the Population Information System, household-dwelling units are not formed by people permanently resident in institutions, the homeless, and people residing abroad or missing. People living in buildings classified as hostels, whose accommodation does not meet the definition of a dwelling, do not form household-dwelling units.

Variables

Variable code	te_taly
Variable name	Households, total, 2018 (TE)
Variable definition	Households, total. This is the radix of the data group.
Variable code	te_takk
Variable name	Average size of households, 2018 (TE)
Variable definition	Average size of households is the total number of people living in households in the area divided by the number of households.
Variable code	te_as_valj
Variable name	Occupancy rate, 2018 (TE)
Variable definition	Occupancy rate (m ²) is the average floor area that is derived when the total floor area of households by the number of inhabitants.
Variable code	te_nuor
Variable name	Young single persons, 2018 (TE)
Variable definition	Young single persons are people aged under 35.
Variable code	te_eil_np
Variable name	Young couples without children, 2018 (TE)
Variable definition	The reference person for young couples without children is aged under 35. The reference person is the person with the highest income in a household-dwelling unit or household.
Variable code	te_laps
Variable name	Households with children, 2018 (TE)
Variable definition	Households with children are households with at least one child aged between 0 and 17 years. Also children under 18 years living alone and pensioner households with minor children belong to this class.
Variable code	te_plap
Variable name	Households with small children, 2018 (TE)
Variable definition	Households with small children (aged under 3) are households with at least one child aged under three. NB! A household that has children of different ages may fall into more than one category. A household with more than one child of the same age is only included once as a household with children.
Variable code	te_aklap
Variable name	Households with children under school age, 2018 (TE)
Variable definition	Households with children under school age (aged under 7) are households with at least one child aged under seven. NB! A household that has children of different ages may

fall into more than one category. A household with more than one child of the same age is only included once as a household with children.

Variable code **te_klap**
 Variable name Households with school-age children, 2018 (TE)
 Variable definition Households with school-age children (aged 7 to 12) are households with at least one child aged between 7 and 12. NB! A household that has children of different ages may fall into more than one category. A household with more than one child of the same age is only included once as a household with children.

Variable code **te_teini**
 Variable name Households with teenagers, 2018 (TE)
 Variable definition Households with teenagers (aged 13 to 17 years) are households with at least one child aged between 13 and 17. Also children under 18 years living alone or with other minors belong to this class. NB! A household that has children of different ages may fall into more than one category. A household with more than one child of the same age is only included once as a household with children.

Variable code **te_aik**
 Variable name Adult households, 2018 (TE)
 Variable definition In adult households, all the members of the household are aged at least 18 but not over 64.

Variable code **te_elak**
 Variable name Pensioner households, 2018 (TE)
 Variable definition Pensioner households are households in which at least one member is over 64 years of age. Pensioner households can also be households with children.

Variable code **te_omis_as**
 Variable name Households living in owner-occupied dwellings, 2018 (TE)
 Variable definition Households living in owner-occupied dwellings are households whose tenure status is owner-occupied dwelling. Dwellings based on ownership of property and of housing shares are considered owner-occupied.

Variable code **te_vuok_as**
 Variable name Households living in rented dwellings and right of occupancy dwellings, 2018 (TE)
 Variable definition Households with rented dwellings are households whose tenure status is rental, subsidised, interest subsidised rental and right of occupancy dwellings.

Variable code **te_muus_as**
 Variable name Households living in other dwellings, 2018 (TE)
 Variable definition Households living in other dwellings are households whose tenure status in some other (like conventional life-annuity contract, kinship) or unknown.

Data source

[Dwellings and housing conditions](#), Statistics Finland.

Statistical year

Data in this group are valid as at 31 December 2018.

Data protection

Data on size and stage in life of households are confidential if there are fewer than ten households in the grid. The value in confidential fields is -1.

3.6 Households' Disposable Monetary Income (TR)

Population

The data pertain to households. A household is formed of people who live permanently in the same dwelling. The statistical definition for a household is household-dwelling unit. The income data are based on the disposable monetary income of households. The formation of disposable monetary income can be described as follows:

+ wages and salaries
 + entrepreneurial income
 + property income (without imputed rent)
 + current transfers received (without imputed rent)
 (=gross money income)
 – current transfers paid
 = disposable monetary income.

Variables

Variable code	tr_kuty
Variable name	Households, total, 2017 (TR)
Variable definition	Households, total is the number of households who are living in the area. This is the radix of the data group.
Variable code	tr_ktu
Variable name	Average income of households, 2017 (TR)
Variable definition	Average income of households (€) is the average annual disposable monetary income of households.
Variable code	tr_mtu
Variable name	Median income of households, 2017 (TR)
Variable definition	Median income of households (€) is obtained by listing households by the amount of disposable monetary income. Median income is the income of the middle household. An equal number of households remain on both sides of the middle household.
Variable code	tr_pi_tul
Variable name	Households belonging to the lowest income category, 2017 (TR)
Variable definition	Households earning at most EUR 16 979 per year (deciles 1-2). Income categories are formed by using deciles. The deciles are formed by listing all persons included in the dwelling population in order based on their equivalent disposable monetary income and dividing them to ten shares that contain an equal amount of persons.
	<p>Equivalent income is an income concept by which incomes of households of different types are made comparable by taking account of shared consumption benefits. Equivalent income = the household's income divided by the number of consumption units in the household. From 2002 the income distribution statistics have used the OECD's adjusted consumption unit scale recommended by Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the first adult of the household receives the weight 1 – other over 13-year-olds receive the weight 0.5 – children receive the weight 0.3 (0 to 13-year-olds are defined as children). <p>The assumption is that income is evenly distributed inside the household between all household members in relation to the above-mentioned consumption need.</p>
Variable code	tr_ke_tul
Variable name	Households belonging to the middle income category, 2017 (TR)
Variable definition	Households earning EUR 16 980 - 35 297 per year (deciles 3-8). Income categories are formed by using deciles. The deciles are formed by listing all persons included in the dwelling population in order based on their equivalent disposable income and dividing them to ten shares that contain an equal amount of persons.
	<p>Equivalent income = the household's income divided by the number of consumption units in the household. From 2002 the income distribution statistics have used the OECD's adjusted consumption unit scale recommended by Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the first adult of the household receives the weight 1 – other over 13-year-olds receive the weight 0.5 – children receive the weight 0.3 (0 to 13-year-olds are defined as children). <p>The assumption is that income is evenly distributed inside the household between all household members in relation to the above-mentioned consumption need.</p>

Variable code	tr_hy_tul
Variable name	Households belonging to the highest income category, 2017 (TR)
Variable definition	Households earning more than EUR 35 297 per year (deciles 9-10). Income categories are formed by using deciles. The deciles are formed by listing all persons included in the dwelling population in order based on their equivalent disposable income and dividing them to ten shares that contain an equal amount of persons. Equivalent income is an income concept by which incomes of households of different types are made comparable by taking account of shared consumption benefits. Equivalent income = the household's income divided by the number of consumption units in the household. From 2002 the income distribution statistics have used the OECD's adjusted consumption unit scale recommended by Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the first adult of the household receives the weight 1 – other over 13-year-olds receive the weight 0.5 – children receive the weight 0.3 (0 to 13-year-olds are defined as children). The assumption is that income is evenly distributed inside the household between all household members in relation to the above-mentioned consumption need.
Variable code	tr_ovy
Variable name	Accumulated purchasing power of households, 2017 (TR)
Variable definition	Accumulated purchasing power of households (€) is the accumulated disposable monetary income.

Data source

[Total statistics on income distribution](#), Statistics Finland.

Statistical year

Data in this group are valid as at 31 December 2017.

Data protection

Data on income are confidential if there are fewer than ten households in the grid. The value in confidential fields is -1.

3.7 Buildings and dwellings (RA)**Population**

The primary source of Statistics Finland's data on buildings and free-time residences is the Population Information System of the Population Register Centre into which municipal building supervision authorities report data concerning building projects subject to building permits.

Shelters and kiosks of light construction, buildings used only in agricultural production, or saunas and outhouses of residential buildings are not included in the building stock. Free-time residences are also not included in the building stock but in the stock of free-time residences. The building stock and the stock of free-time residences do not contain the same buildings as an individual building is classified as belonging to either the building stock or the stock of free-time residences. Permanently occupied free-time residences are included in the stock of dwellings and therefore also in the building stock, but not in the stock of free-time residences.

Variables

Variable code	ra_ke
Variable name	Free-time residences, 2018 (RA)
Variable definition	Free-time residences are all buildings the intended use of which on 31 December was a free-time residence building or which on the said date were used as a holiday residence. Holiday cottages serving business purposes and buildings in holiday villages are not counted as free-time residences.
Variable code	ra_raky
Variable name	Buildings, total, 2018 (RA)
Variable definition	The total number of buildings per area. Free-time residences are not included in this total. This is the radix of building data (excl. summer cottages).
Variable code	ra_muut
Variable name	Other buildings, 2018 (RA)
Variable definition	Other buildings is the number of buildings per area that are intended for other than residential use, for example commercial or office buildings or warehouses.
Variable code	ra_asrak
Variable name	Residential buildings, 2018 (RA)
Variable definition	Residential buildings is the number of buildings per area that are intended for residential use.
Variable code	ra_asunn
Variable name	Dwellings, 2018 (RA)
Variable definition	Dwellings is the number of dwellings in residential buildings. Dwelling is a unit with a floor area of at least 7 m ² that is equipped with a kitchen, kitchenette or kitchen space and comprises one or more rooms, and is intended for round-the-year occupation. This is the radix of dwelling data.
Variable code	ra_as_kpa
Variable name	Average floor area, 2018 (RA)
Variable definition	Average floor area (m ²) is the total floor area of all dwellings divided by their number.
Variable code	ra_pt_as
Variable name	Dwellings in small houses, 2018 (RA)
Variable definition	Dwellings in small houses are dwellings in detached small houses (detached or semi-detached houses) or terraced and attached houses (comprising at least three attached houses).
Variable code	ra_kt_as
Variable name	Dwellings in blocks of flats, 2018 (RA)
Variable definition	Dwellings in blocks of flats are dwellings in residential blocks. They include buildings with at least three flats of which at least two are located on top of each other.

Data source

[Buildings and free-time residences](#), Statistics Finland.

Statistical year

Data in this group are valid as at 31 December 2018.

Data protection

Data on dwellings are protected if there is only one residential building or fewer than three dwellings in the grid. The data protection has changed from the previous year. Protected fields have the value -1. Data on free-time residences is not protected.

3.8 Workplace structure (TP)

Population

The number of people working in a given area can be used to indicate the number of workplaces in that area. Thus, every employed person is considered to form one workplace.

People working part-time also represent one workplace. If a position is filled by another person, e.g. in the case of maternity leave, it may represent two workplaces. Employment may also be temporary or short-term.

A person's industry is determined by the industry of his or her workplace. All people working at the same establishment are given the same industry, regardless of their occupation. The data are based on Statistics Finland's Register of Enterprises and Establishments. Persons for whom no workplace coordinates are found are excluded from the Grid Database. Approximately eight percent of the workplaces lack coordinates.

NB. Deficiencies in source information may distort the number of workplaces. For example, in the absence of more precise information, the workplace of somebody employed by a multi-establishment enterprise will be located in the municipality of the main establishment of the enterprise. For example the workplaces of the industries N (Administrative and support service activities) and T (Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use) often lack coordinates.

Variables

Variable code	tp_tyopy
Variable name	Workplaces, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Number of workplaces is the number of people working in a given area. Thus, every employed person represents one workplace. The number also includes people working part-time. This is the radix of the data group.
Variable code	tp_alku_a
Variable name	Primary production, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Primary productions includes: A Agriculture, forestry and fishing.
Variable code	tp_jalo_bf
Variable name	Processing, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Processing includes: B Mining and quarrying C Manufacturing D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities F Construction
Variable code	tp_palv_gu
Variable name	Services, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Services include: G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles H Transportation and storage I Accommodation and food service activities J Information and communication K Financial and insurance activities L Real estate activities M Professional, scientific and technical activities N Administrative and support service activities O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security P Education Q Human health and social work activities R Arts, entertainment and recreation S Other service activities T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies

Variable code	tp_a_maat
Variable name	A Agriculture, forestry and fishing, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_b_kaiv
Variable name	B Mining and quarrying, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_c_teol
Variable name	C Manufacturing, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_d_ener
Variable name	D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_e_vesi
Variable name	E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_f_rake
Variable name	F Construction, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_g_kaup
Variable name	G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_h_kulj
Variable name	H Transportation and storage, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_i_majo
Variable name	I Accommodation and food service activities, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_j_info
Variable name	J Information and communication, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_k_raho
Variable name	K Financial and insurance activities, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .

Variable code	tp_l_kiin
Variable name	L Real estate activities, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_m_erik
Variable name	M Professional, scientific and technical activities, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_n_hall
Variable name	N Administrative and support service activities, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_o_julk
Variable name	O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_p_koul
Variable name	P Education, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_q_terv
Variable name	Q Human health and social work activities, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_r_taid
Variable name	R Arts, entertainment and recreation, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_s_muup
Variable name	S Other service activities, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_t_koti
Variable name	T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_u_kans
Variable name	U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .
Variable code	tp_x_tunt
Variable name	X Industry unknown, 2017 (TP)
Variable definition	Exact descriptions of the industrial classification can be found in the Standard Industrial Classification 2008, TOL 2008, Statistics Finland, Handbooks 4. https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/toimiala/ .

Data source

[Employment](#), Statistics Finland.

Statistical year

Data in this group are valid as at 31 December 2017.

Data protection

Data on industry are confidential if there are fewer than three workplaces in the grid. The value in confidential fields is -1.

3.9 Main type of activity (PT)**Population**

Inhabitants are people residing permanently in the area. Anybody whose place of residence according to the Population Information System was in Finland at the end of the year (31 December) qualifies as an inhabitant regardless of nationality. The location of inhabitants is determined by the coordinates of the building they live in.

The location of people living in institutions is determined by the coordinates of the institution, if known. However, people living in institutions without coordinates, Finnish nationals living temporarily abroad, and people whose location in the municipality is unknown are not included. Approximately one percent of the population lack coordinates. NB. This means that official population figures by area differ from the summary data by area in the Grid Database.

The data in this data group are a year older than the data in the data group Population Structure.

Variables

Variable code	pt_vakiy
Variable name	Inhabitants, 2017 (PT)
Variable definition	Inhabitants are people residing permanently in the area. This is the radix of the data group.
Variable code	pt_ika18y
Variable name	Aged 18 or over, total, 2017 (PT)
Variable definition	Aged 18 or over reports the number of inhabitants aged 18 or over living in the area. New variable. The data protection in this data group is made based on this variable.
Variable code	pt_tyoll
Variable name	Employed, 2017 (PT)
Variable definition	Employed labour force is defined as people aged 18 to 74 who were gainfully employed during the last week of the year.
Variable code	pt_tyott
Variable name	Unemployed, 2017 (PT)
Variable definition	Unemployed labour force comprises people aged 15 to 64 who were unemployed on the last working day of the year.
Variable code	pt_0_14
Variable name	Children aged 0 to 14, 2017 (PT)
Variable definition	Children aged 0 to 14.
Variable code	pt_opisk
Variable name	Students, 2017 (PT)
Variable definition	Students are defined as persons who study full-time and are not gainfully employed or unemployed. The definition is based on a person's situation in September.

Variable code	pt_elakel
Variable name	Pensioners, 2017 (PT)
Variable definition	Pensioners are defined as persons who according to the Social Insurance Institution or the Finnish Centre for Pensions receive a pension or have some other pension income. If a pensioner is working while receiving pension, he or she is considered employed.
Variable code	pt_muut
Variable name	Others, 2017 (PT)
Variable definition	Others include all other persons outside the labour force except for children, students and pensioners. This group also includes conscripts.

Data source

[Employment](#), Statistics Finland.

Statistical year

Data in this group are valid as at 31 December 2017.

Data protection

Data on main type of activity are confidential if there are less than ten inhabitants aged 18 or over in the grid. If there are fewer than three inhabitants in the grid, also data on inhabitants aged 18 or over are protected. The data protection has changed from the previous year. The value in confidential fields is - 1.

4 Variable list

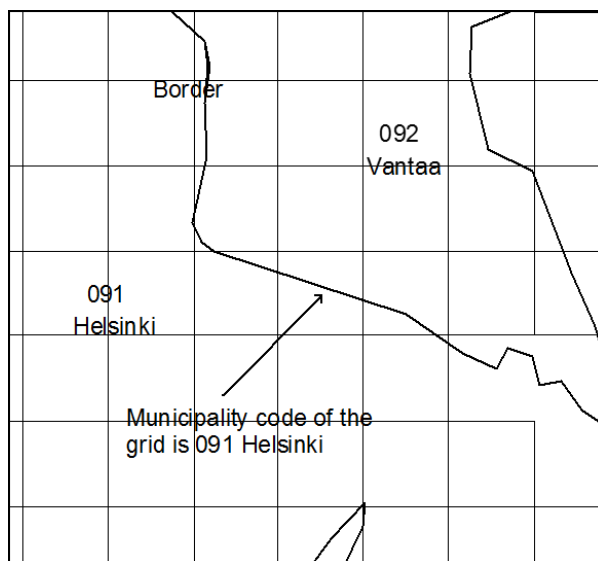
Variable code	Variable name
kunta	Municipality 1 Jan. 2019
euref_x	X coordinate in metres
euref_y	Y coordinate in metres
grid_id	Grid code in Inspire format
id_nro	Grid code
vuosi	Year
he_vakiy	Inhabitants, total, 2018 (HE)
he_miehet	Males, 2018 (HE)
he_naiset	Females, 2018 (HE)
he_kika	Average age of inhabitants, 2018 (HE)
he_0_2	0-2 years, 2018 (HE)
he_3_6	3-6 years, 2018 (HE)
he_7_12	7-12 years, 2018 (HE)
he_13_15	13-15 years, 2018 (HE)
he_16_17	16-17 years, 2018 (HE)
he_18_19	18-19 years, 2018 (HE)
he_20_24	20-24 years, 2018 (HE)
he_25_29	25-29 years, 2018 (HE)
he_30_34	30-34 years, 2018 (HE)
he_35_39	35-39 years, 2018 (HE)
he_40_44	40-44 years, 2018 (HE)
he_45_49	45-49 years, 2018 (HE)
he_50_54	50-54 years, 2018 (HE)
he_55_59	55-59 years, 2018 (HE)
he_60_64	60-64 years, 2018 (HE)
he_65_69	65-69 years, 2018 (HE)
he_70_74	70-74 years, 2018 (HE)
he_75_79	75-79 years, 2018 (HE)
he_80_84	80-84 years, 2018 (HE)
he_85_	85 years or over, 2018 (HE)
ko_ika18y	Aged 18 or over, total, 2018 (KO)
ko_perus	Basic level studies, 2018 (KO)
ko_koul	With education, total, 2018 (KO)
ko_yliop	Matriculation examination, 2018 (KO)
ko_ammatt	Vocational diploma, 2018 (KO)

ko_al_kork	Academic degree - Lower level university degree, 2018 (KO)
ko_yl_kork	Academic degree - Higher level university degree, 2018 (KO)
hr_tuy	Aged 18 or over, total, 2017 (HR)
hr_ktu	Average income of inhabitants, 2017 (HR)
hr_mtu	Median income of inhabitants, 2017 (HR)
hr_pi_tul	Inhabitants belonging to the lowest income category, 2017 (HR)
hr_ke_tul	Inhabitants belonging to the middle income category, 2017 (HR)
hr_hy_tul	Inhabitants belonging to the highest income category, 2017 (HR)
hr_ovy	Accumulated purchasing power of inhabitants, 2017 (HR)
te_taly	Households, total, 2018 (TE)
te_takk	Average size of households, 2018 (TE)
te_as_valj	Occupancy rate, 2018 (TE)
te_nuor	Young single persons, 2018 (TE)
te_eil_np	Young couples without children, 2018 (TE)
te_laps	Households with children, 2018 (TE)
te_plap	Households with small children, 2018 (TE)
te_aklap	Households with children under school age, 2018 (TE)
te_klap	Households with school-age children, 2018 (TE)
te_teini	Households with teenagers, 2018 (TE)
te_aik	Adult households, 2018 (TE)
te_elak	Pensioner households, 2018 (TE)
te_omis_as	Households living in owner-occupied dwellings, 2018 (TE)
te_vuok_as	Households living in rented dwellings and right of occupancy dwellings, 2018 (TE)
te_muus_as	Households living in other dwellings, 2018 (TE)
tr_kuty	Households, total, 2017 (TR)
tr_ktu	Average income of households, 2017 (TR)
tr_mtu	Median income of households, 2017 (TR)
tr_pi_tul	Households belonging to the lowest income category, 2017 (TR)
tr_ke_tul	Households belonging to the middle income category, 2017 (TR)
tr_hy_tul	Households belonging to the highest income category, 2017 (TR)
tr_ovy	Accumulated purchasing power of households, 2017 (TR)
ra_ke	Free-time residences, 2018 (RA)
ra_raky	Buildings, total, 2018 (RA)
ra_muut	Other buildings, 2018 (RA)
ra_asrak	Residential buildings, 2018 (RA)
ra_asunn	Dwellings, 2018 (RA)
ra_as_kpa	Average floor area, 2018 (RA)
ra_pt_as	Dwellings in small houses, 2018 (RA)
ra_kt_as	Dwellings in blocks of flats, 2018 (RA)
tp_tyopy	Workplaces, 2017 (TP)
tp_alku_a	Primary production, 2017 (TP)
tp_jalo_bf	Processing, 2017 (TP)
tp_palv_gu	Services, 2017 (TP)
tp_a_maat	A Agriculture, forestry and fishing, 2017 (TP)
tp_b_kaiv	B Mining and quarrying, 2017 (TP)
tp_c_teol	C Manufacturing, 2017 (TP)
tp_d_ener	D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, 2017 (TP)
tp_e_vesi	E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, 2017 (TP)
tp_f_rake	F Construction, 2017 (TP)
tp_g_kaup	G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 2017 (TP)
tp_h_kulj	H Transportation and storage, 2017 (TP)
tp_i_majo	I Accommodation and food service activities, 2017 (TP)
tp_j_info	J Information and communication, 2017 (TP)
tp_k_raho	K Financial and insurance activities, 2017 (TP)
tp_l_kiin	L Real estate activities, 2017 (TP)
tp_m_erik	M Professional, scientific and technical activities, 2017 (TP)
tp_n_hall	N Administrative and support service activities, 2017 (TP)
tp_o_julk	O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, 2017 (TP)
tp_p_koul	P Education, 2017 (TP)
tp_q_terv	Q Human health and social work activities, 2017 (TP)
tp_r_taid	R Arts, entertainment and recreation, 2017 (TP)
tp_s_muup	S Other service activities, 2017 (TP)
tp_t_koti	T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use, 2017 (TP)
tp_u_kans	U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies, 2017 (TP)
tp_x_tunt	X Industry unknown, 2017 (TP)
pt_vakiy	Inhabitants, 2017 (PT)

pt_ika18y	Aged 18 or over, total, 2017 (PT)
pt_tyoll	Employed, 2017 (PT)
pt_tyott	Unemployed, 2017 (PT)
pt_0_14	Children aged 0 to 14, 2017 (PT)
pt_opisk	Students, 2017 (PT)
pt_elakel	Pensioners, 2017 (PT)
pt_muut	Others, 2017 (PT)

5 Determining the municipality code of the grid

The grid receives the municipality code of the municipality within the borders of which it is located. Any grid at the border of two municipalities is given the code of the municipality with the larger surface area on the grid. The figure below describes a situation where the grid extends to the area of two municipalities.



NB. Summary data by area differ from statistical data by municipality. For example, the total number of inhabitants in the grids for Vantaa (092) is different from that given in statistics by municipality.

6 Regional divisions contained in the regional conversion key database

The Grid Database is used with a regional conversion alueetYY.xlsx, in which YY gives the year of validity of the classifications. The conversion key can be used to derive other regional classification data based on municipalities from municipal data. The conversion key contains nine regional classifications based on municipalities.

Municipality

<https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/kunta/>

Municipality is the basic regional administrative unit. The division into municipalities in the Grid Database is based on information valid on 1 January 2019, when there were 311 municipalities.

The municipality code is a three-digit code given to all municipalities by the Social Insurance Institution (KELA); the code is currently allocated and updated by the Population Register Centre.

The classification of municipalities entering into force in the beginning of 2020 has been included in the regional conversion key.

Sub-regional unit

<https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/seutukunta/>

The division of sub-regional units was adopted in 1994 as a basic division of the acts on regional policy (Act on regional development 1135/93). In the new act on regional development and management of structural fund activities (7/2014), the division into sub-regional units is no more mentioned as the basis for subsidy areas, so it no longer has a position as an official regional division. The criteria used for forming sub-regional units have mainly been cooperation between municipalities and employment. The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment and Statistics Finland have agreed that the division into sub-regional units can still be used as a statistical regional division and Statistics Finland maintains it at least for the time being..

Region

<https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/maakunta/>

The division of regions is based on the administrative regional division. The Government decided on the division of regions in summer 1992. Starting from September 1997, the areas of regions and regional councils representing them are uniform. Regional councils attend to the supervision of municipalities' interests and are in charge of regional development in their operating areas. According to the Government decision in principle (6 February 1997), the regional division of regional councils was adopted as the basis for the regional divisions of regional administration authorities.

Major region

<https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/suuralue/>

For statistical purposes Finland is divided into five major regions, which are composed of the co-operative areas (alliances) of regions, plus Åland. In the Finnish regional division, major regions form the regional division corresponding to the NUTS 2 level.

Regional State Administrative Agency (AVI)

<https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/avi/>

Regional State Administrative Agencies (AVI) promote regional equality by carrying out executive, steering and supervisory tasks laid down in the law. The agencies promote the implementation of basic rights and legal protection, access to basic public services, environmental protection, sustainable use of the environment, and internal security and safe and healthy living and working environment in the regions.

Regional State Administrative Agencies became effective on 1 January 2010. At the same time, they replaced the former division of province. There are six regions of Regional State Administrative Agencies in Mainland Finland and the state department of Åland, which performs the same functions on the Åland Islands as the Regional Administrative State Agencies do.

Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY Centres)

<https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/ely/>

The ELY centres are government organs and perform the enforcement and development tasks of former employment and economic development centres, regional environmental centres, road districts and State Provincial Offices.

ELY Centres became effective on 1 January 2010. There are officially 15 ELY Centres. Åland does not officially form its own ELY Centre but it is included in the classification as its own area to ensure regional coverage of the classification.

Hospital district

<https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/sairaanhoitop/>

The country is divided into hospital districts for the organisation of specialised health care. To organise specialised health care, each municipality must belong to some joint municipal authority for specialised health care. Statistical coherence has been achieved by including Åland as a separate hospital district under code 00, although it does not actually belong to this classification.

Constituency

<https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/vaalipiiri/>

In national elections (Parliamentary elections, European Parliament elections and Presidential elections), the country is divided into constituencies based on the division of regions according to the legislation in force.

Language distribution

<https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/kielisuhde/>

The language distribution divides municipalities into monolingual Finnish-speaking or Swedish-speaking municipalities and into bilingual municipalities, where the language of the majority can be either Finnish or Swedish. Thus, there are four categories in total.

The Government determines for ten years at a time whether municipalities are Finnish-speaking, Swedish-speaking or bilingual. The latest decision concerns the years 2013 to 2022.

The language distribution in force:

- 0 = Monolingual Finnish-speaking municipality
- 1 = Bilingual municipality with Finnish-speaking majority
- 2 = Monolingual Swedish-speaking municipality
- 3 = Bilingual municipality with Swedish-speaking majority

Statistical grouping of municipalities

<https://www.stat.fi/en/luokitukset/kuntaryhmitys/>

The statistical grouping of municipalities is a classification developed by Statistics Finland for describing the degree of urbanisation and it has been in use since 1989. It divides municipalities by the proportion of the population living in urban settlements and by the population of the largest urban settlement into urban, semi-urban and rural municipalities.

An urban settlement is not dependent on administrative regional divisions, so it can stretch over the area of several municipalities.

Starting from 24 October 2011, the statistical grouping of municipalities is based on the definition of urban settlements made once a year and on data thus obtained about the population living in urban settlements.

The concept of urban settlement: An urban settlement is a cluster of dwellings with at least 200 inhabitants. The definition of urban settlement is based on the definitions made by the Finnish Environment Institute with geographic information methods utilising the building and population data of Statistics Finland's 250m x 250m grid data. The number of buildings in grids containing buildings and their neighbouring grids, as well as the floor area of buildings are reviewed in the definition. From the uniform clusters of dwellings generated in the defining stage, the ones with at least 200 inhabitants are selected

The statistical grouping of municipalities in force:

- 1 = Urban municipalities
- 2 = Semi-urban municipalities
- 3 = Rural municipalities