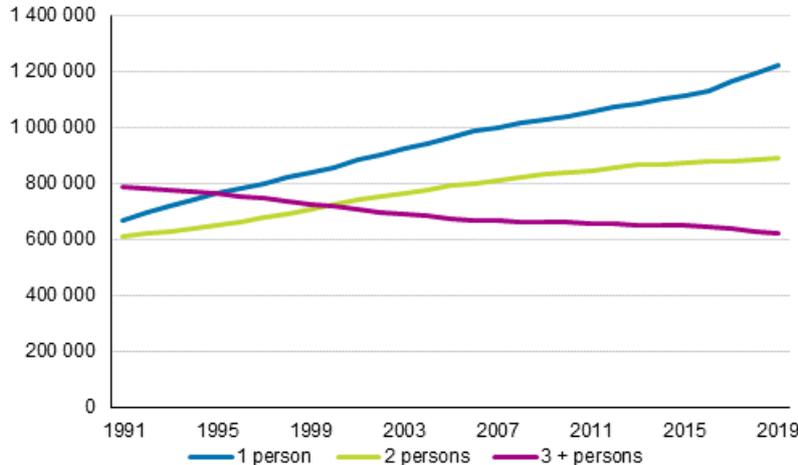


# Dwellings and Housing Conditions 2019

## Living alone has become more common especially in the age groups of young and elderly people 2019

According to Statistics Finland, the number of persons living alone continued to grow in 2019. In comparison with the previous year, the number of persons living alone grew by around 30,000. In ten years, the number of persons living alone has grown most in the age groups of persons aged under 30 and persons aged over 65. In young age groups, living alone is more common for men, the majority of elderly people living alone are women. Living alone is most common in the age group of persons aged over 75, in which nearly every second person lives alone.

### Household-dwelling units by number of persons in 1990 to 2019



There were altogether 2.73 million household-dwelling units at the end of 2019. The number of household-dwelling units grew by 28,720 from the previous year. The growth in the number of household-dwelling units is caused by the growing number of one-person and two-person households, because the number of larger household-dwelling units went down.

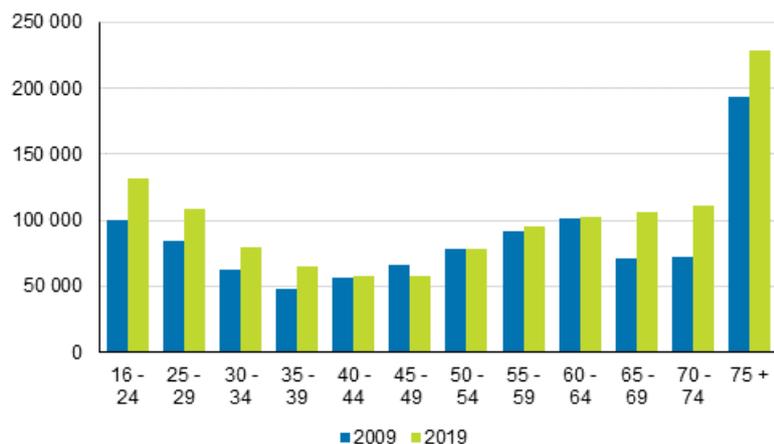
## Number of one-person and two-person household-dwelling units continues growing

The number of small household-dwelling units continued to increase in 2019. In comparison with the previous year, the number of persons living alone grew by 2.5 percentage points. There were altogether over 1.2 million persons living alone, or nearly 45 per cent of all household-dwelling units. The number of two-person household-dwelling units increased slightly from the previous year, but the number of household-dwelling units with more members fell. Only 22,7 per cent of household-dwelling units has more than two persons. The average household-dwelling unit size in 2019 was 1.97 persons.

## Number of young and elderly people living alone has grown

In ten years, the number of one-person households has decreased only among those aged 45 to 54. By contrast, living alone has increased in all other age groups. The number of persons aged over 65 and persons aged under 30 living alone has grown in particular. Living alone has grown most among persons aged 70 to 74. In 2019, there were 55 per cent more persons belonging to this age group living alone than in 2009. The growth in the number of persons living alone in the age group is partly explained by the fact that persons belonging to the large age groups born between 1945 and 1949 were aged between 70 and 74 in 2019. In 2009, those belonging to the large age groups were aged 60 to 64 and were the largest age group of the working-age household-dwelling population living alone. In 2019, the number of persons aged over 70 living alone was altogether around 74,000 higher than ten years earlier.

### Number of person living alone by the age group in 2009 and 2019



In relative terms, living alone has increased most among persons aged under 30. In 2009, altogether 20 per cent of those aged under 30 lived alone, while in 2019, the share of those living alone in the age group was 27 per cent. The change in housing allowance in 2017 seems to be connected to the growing number of young people living alone, living alone among persons aged under 30 grew especially after the change.

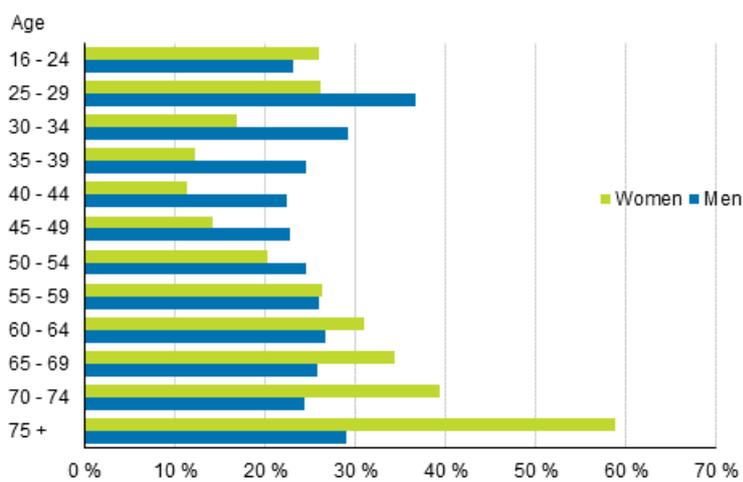
Living alone is still most common among persons aged over 75, of whom nearly every second lives alone. In relative terms there is no great change in elderly persons living alone. In 2009, the share of elderly persons living alone was 49 per cent, while in 2019, altogether 47 per cent of the age group lived alone. As a result of the longer life expectancy especially of men, people are widowed ever later, and this also has an effect on the relative decrease in living alone in the age group.

## A young person living alone is more commonly a man, an elderly person living alone is a woman

There are more men than women living alone both in absolute numbers and in relative terms in the 25 to 54 age group. In turn, more women than men living alone are aged 55 or over and 24 or under.

The share of men living alone is highest among those aged 25 to 29. In the age group, 37 per cent of men live alone, while around one in four women of the same age live alone. The number of women living alone is highest both in absolute numbers and in relative terms among persons aged over 75. Fifty-nine per cent of women aged over 75 live alone, while only 29 per cent of men in the age group live alone.

### Proportion of single men and women in the age group 2019, %



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# Appendix tables

**Appendix table 1. Household-dwelling units by number of person 1960-2019**

Year	Number of person					
	Total	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4+ persons	Average size
1960	1 204 385	188 995	245 921	229 824	539 645	3,34
1970	1 420 723	288 970	323 640	284 336	523 777	2,99
1975	1 567 941	376 904	392 367	322 321	476 349	2,73
1980	1 781 771	482 476	457 667	345 769	495 859	2,64
1985	1 887 710	532 094	514 825	347 127	493 664	2,56
1986	1 916 606	551 369	532 147	345 669	487 421	2,53
1987	1 947 574	573 248	551 640	343 287	479 399	2,50
1988	1 981 693	600 717	569 977	339 981	471 018	2,46
1989	2 008 531	624 762	583 894	335 155	464 720	2,44
1990	2 036 732	646 229	597 928	332 295	460 280	2,42
1991	2 065 937	668 967	610 619	330 233	456 118	2,40
1992	2 094 204	693 825	619 098	327 772	453 509	2,38
1993	2 119 691	716 052	625 489	326 651	451 499	2,36
1994	2 148 527	740 837	638 086	324 803	444 801	2,34
1995	2 180 934	766 636	652 608	323 921	437 769	2,31
1996	2 198 791	781 901	663 929	321 986	430 975	2,29
1997	2 221 191	799 337	676 422	320 379	425 053	2,28
1998	2 247 206	819 418	692 650	317 842	417 296	2,25
1999	2 272 910	839 316	708 112	315 633	409 849	2,23
2000	2 295 386	856 746	722 437	312 646	403 557	2,21
2001	2 329 343	882 559	741 726	310 149	394 909	2,19
2002	2 354 082	903 440	753 595	307 241	389 806	2,17
2003	2 378 079	923 236	766 068	303 554	385 221	2,15
2004	2 402 091	942 711	777 790	300 491	381 099	2,14
2005	2 429 500	964 739	789 950	297 276	377 535	2,12
2006	2 453 826	983 626	801 068	294 518	374 614	2,11
2007	2 476 505	999 812	811 596	292 140	372 957	2,10
2008	2 499 332	1 014 974	822 639	290 820	370 899	2,09
2009	2 517 393	1 025 658	830 843	291 056	369 836	2,08
2010	2 537 197	1 040 378	837 234	290 767	368 818	2,07
2011	2 556 068	1 053 070	846 679	289 600	366 719	2,07
2012	2 579 781	1 069 933	855 816	289 058	364 974	2,06
2013	2 599 613	1 082 996	864 594	287 960	364 063	2,05
2014	2 617 780	1 098 023	869 454	286 621	363 682	2,04
2015	2 634 339	1 112 342	874 880	285 433	361 684	2,04
2016	2 654 657	1 131 424	880 188	284 108	358 937	2,03
2017	2 680 077	1 162 308	880 794	281 143	355 832	2,01
2018	2 705 499	1 191 297	885 410	278 502	350 290	1,99
2019	2 734 219	1 221 456	891 582	276 942	344 239	1,97

**Appendix table 2. Population Householdwelling Units and living alone by sex and age in 2019**

Agegroup	Dwelling population	One-person household dwelling units	Dwelling population	One-person household dwelling units	Dwelling population	One-person household dwelling units
	Men Total	Men Total	Women Total	Women Total	Total	Total
Total	2 662 334	573 665	2 737 063	647 791	5 399 397	1 221 456
0–15	470 776	0	450 454	0	921 230	0
16–24	275 278	63 753	261 529	68 038	536 807	131 791
25–29	176 890	64 755	169 300	44 254	346 190	109 009
30–34	175 563	51 343	167 041	28 116	342 604	79 459
35–39	180 929	44 287	172 519	21 168	353 448	65 455
40–44	173 680	38 970	166 789	18 851	340 469	57 821
45–49	156 324	35 623	152 761	21 698	309 085	57 321
50–54	175 294	42 924	174 706	35 285	350 000	78 209
55–59	180 000	46 765	183 101	48 261	363 101	95 026
60–64	172 757	45 992	181 245	56 173	354 002	102 165
65–69	167 746	43 114	183 380	62 840	351 126	105 954
70–74	160 314	39 068	183 097	72 165	343 411	111 233
75+	196 783	57 071	291 141	170 942	487 924	228 013

**Appendix table 4. Floorarea per dwelling by type of building 1970-2019, whole dwellingstock**

	Buildings total	Detached houses	Attached houses	Blocks of flats	Other buildings	Floorarea per person
1970	60,0	66,0	73,0	51,0	54,0	18,9
1980	69,3	83,6	71,7	54,8	55,5	26,3
1985	73,9	92,8	72,0	56,3	59,1	28,9
1988	73,8	93,8	70,8	55,8	60,3	30,5
1989	74,2	94,9	70,5	55,8	60,2	31,0
1990	74,4	95,3	70,2	55,8	59,7	31,4
1991	74,8	96,6	70,1	55,8	59,6	31,9
1992	74,8	97,1	70,1	55,8	56,9	32,3
1993	75,1	98,0	70,1	55,9	56,5	32,7
1994	75,3	98,7	70,1	55,9	56,5	33,0
1995	75,5	99,2	70,1	55,9	56,7	33,4
1996	75,7	99,7	70,2	56,0	59,0	33,7
1997	75,8	100,1	70,2	56,0	58,6	34,1
1998	76,0	100,6	70,3	56,0	59,0	34,5
1999	76,5	101,1	70,7	56,1	60,4	34,9
2000	76,5	101,9	70,0	56,1	59,8	35,3
2001	76,8	102,6	70,1	56,1	61,2	35,8
2002	77,0	103,5	70,2	56,2	59,9	36,3
2003	77,3	104,1	70,3	56,2	59,7	36,7
2004	77,6	104,9	70,4	56,2	59,6	37,2
2005	78,1	105,3	70,6	56,2	59,2	37,5
2006	78,4	106,5	70,7	56,3	60,4	38,0
2007	78,8	107,1	70,9	56,4	60,6	38,3
2008	79,1	107,8	71,0	56,4	60,8	38,6
2009	79,4	108,0	71,1	56,5	60,9	38,9
2010	79,5	108,4	71,2	56,5	60,7	39,1
2011	79,8	109,0	71,2	56,5	61,2	39,4
2012	79,9	109,5	71,3	56,5	61,1	39,6
2013	79,9	109,9	71,3	56,5	60,6	39,8
2014	80,0	110,8	71,3	56,4	60,7	39,9
2015	80,0	111,0	71,3	56,4	60,8	40,1
2016	79,9	111,5	71,4	56,3	60,6	40,3
2017	79,8	111,8	71,4	56,1	60,4	40,5
2018	79,5	112,0	71,4	55,8	60,6	40,8
2019	79,3	112,3	71,4	55,6	60,3	41,0

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