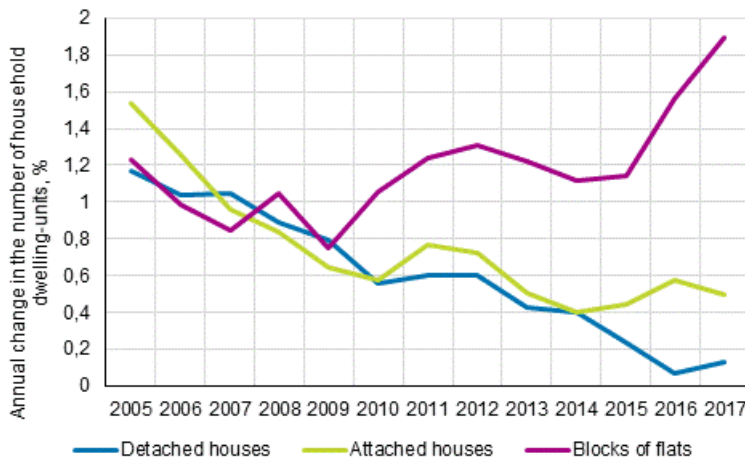


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Living in blocks of flats grows in popularity

A comparison between house types reveals that household-dwelling units are piling into blocks of flats. According to Statistics Finland, the number of household-dwelling units living in blocks of flats grew from the previous year by 1.9 per cent or by 22,600 household-dwelling units. In total, 1,214,500 household-dwelling units were living in blocks of flats, nearly one-half of all household-dwelling units.

Annual change (%) in the number of household dwelling units by house type in 2005 to 2017



A household-dwelling unit is formed by persons living permanently in the same dwelling. In the light of annual changes in the numbers of household dwelling-units by house type, the year 2009 appears to be the turning point. In the subsequent years, the number of household-dwelling units has grown clearly faster in blocks of flats than in detached houses and terraced houses. In 2017, the number of household-dwelling units living in detached houses grew by just 0.1 per cent (1,400 household-dwelling units) and that of those living in terraced houses by half a per cent (1,800 household-dwelling units).

In total, the number of household-dwelling units grew by one per cent or by 25,400 household-dwelling units. Thus, the number of household-dwelling units was 2,680,000 at the end of 2017. The total change was slightly lower than the sum of house-type changes mentioned above, because the number of household-dwelling units living in other than residential buildings fell.

The growing number of household-dwelling units living in blocks of flats is partly explained by the increase in living alone, since, on average, three out of five of those living alone live in blocks of flats. In total, the number of one-person household-dwelling units was 1,162,300, that is, 43 per cent of all household-dwelling units.

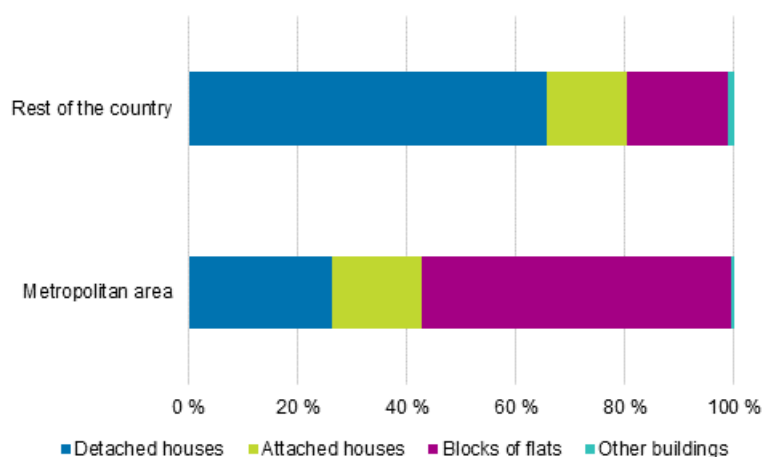
Measured by the number of persons, the numbers of inhabitants are divided as follows: 1,941,100 persons were living in blocks of flats, 2,656,600 in detached houses and 711,700 in terraced houses. A total of 76,500 persons were living in other than residential buildings, such as commercial or office buildings.

Living in blocks of flats becomes more common among families with children

More and more families with children also find their home in a block of flats. The change is caused by living in blocks of flats becoming more common among families with children particularly in Greater Helsinki. In the rest of Finland, no corresponding development has taken place and a detached house is still by far the most popular choice among families with children. A household with children is a household including at least one child aged under 18.

In 2017, a total of 152,300 families with children, or 27 per cent of all, were living in block of flats. This is 0.9 per cent more than in 2016. The share of families with children living in blocks of flats was 57 per cent in Greater Helsinki, while the corresponding share was 19 per cent in the rest of Finland.

Housing of families with children by type of house: Greater Helsinki and rest of Finland in 2017



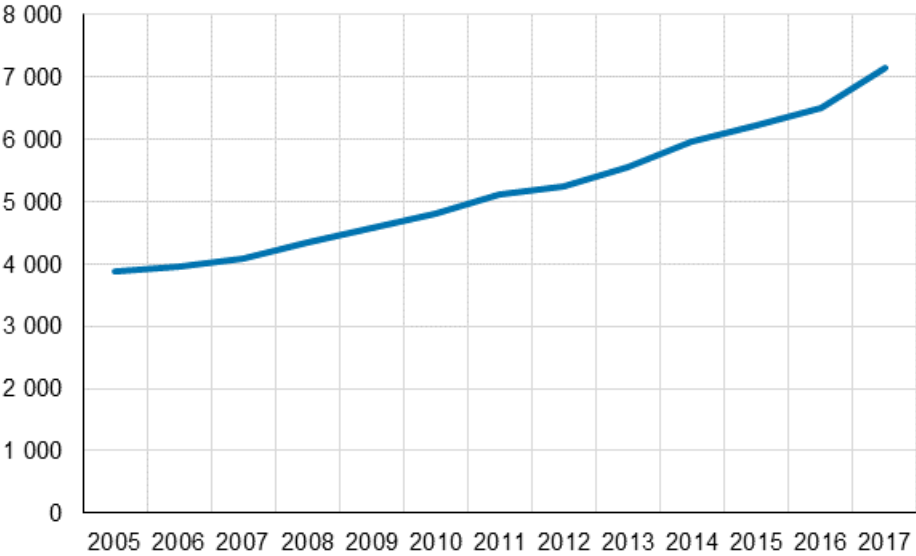
Tower buildings are rising at a steady rate

In recent years, the trend of construction has been to build high, impressive buildings. The trend is not restricted only to hotels and offices, but is also reflected in housing.

Twelve storeys can be considered one boundary of height, because buildings higher than that are often called tower blocks. According to the register, there were 59 tower blocks used for permanent housing in 2017. Tower blocks used for other than permanent housing, such as hotels or offices, are not included in the figure. The number of high residential blocks of flats has been growing steadily. For example, at the beginning of the 2010s, there were slightly over forty tower blocks used for housing.

Although the number of tower blocks has grown, a relatively small number of people are still living there. A total of 7,200 persons were living in houses with more than 12 storeys in 2017. People typically live alone or with one other person in a tower block, because just 7.5 per cent of household-dwelling units living in tower blocks included more than two persons.

Number of persons living in tower blocks in 2005 to 2017



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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

Appendix table 2. Floorarea per dwelling by type of building 1970-2017, 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

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