

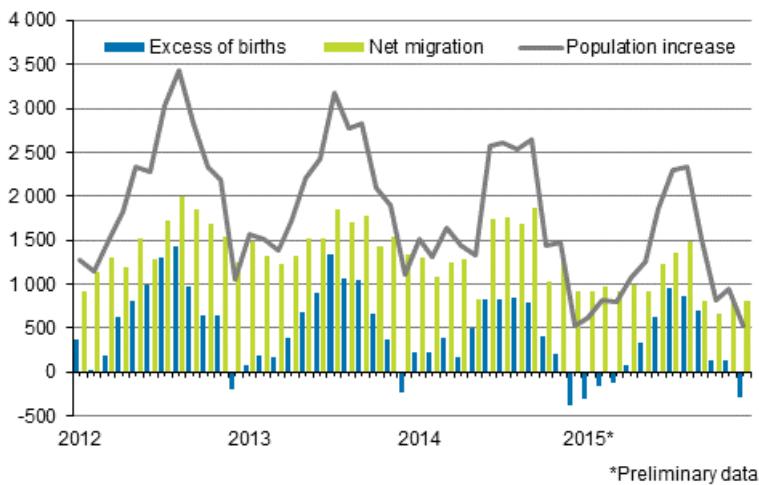
# Preliminary population statistics

2015, December

## Record low number of children were born in Finland in 2015

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, 55,040 children were born in Finland in 2015. Fewer children were last born during the Great Famine in the 1860s. Despite the fall in the number of births, the country's population grew by 14,860 persons during 2015. The main reason for the population increase was migration gain from abroad: the number of immigrants was 11,900 higher than that of emigrants. Asylum seekers whose application process for asylum is not complete are not included in this figure. Natural population increase, or excess of births to deaths, was only 2,960 persons. The preliminary population figure at the end of 2015 was 5,486,616.

**Population increase by month 2012–2015\***



During 2015, Finland's population increased by 6,200 fewer persons than one year previously. The biggest reason for the contraction in population increase was the fallen migration gain received from abroad. Migration gain for immigration was 4,120 lower than the year before. Natural population increase went down by 2,080 persons from one year earlier.

According to the preliminary statistics for 2015, altogether 26,260 persons immigrated to Finland from abroad and 14,460 persons emigrated from Finland. The number of immigrants was 5,140 lower and the

number of emigrants 1,020 lower than in the previous year. 7,130 of the immigrants and 9,890 of the emigrants were Finnish citizens.

During 2015, a total of 55,040 children were born, which is 2,190 fewer than in 2014. The number of deaths was 52,080, which is 110 lower than one year earlier.

According to the preliminary data, the number of inter-municipal migrations totalled 274,510 by the end of December. Compared with the previous year, the increase was 5,600 migrations according to the municipal division of 2015. The number of migration inside region increased 3,530 and the number of migration between regions 2,070 from one year earlier.

According to preliminary data by region, the population grew in the following regions in 2015: Uusimaa, Pirkanmaa, North Ostrobothnia, Varsinais-Suomi, Ostrobothnia, Central Finland, Central Ostrobothnia, and Åland.

In 2015, the population grew most in absolute numbers in Uusimaa, where it grew by 16,780 persons. The next largest increase in population was seen in Pirkanmaa, 2,720 persons. Relative to the population, population increase was highest in Uusimaa, 10.4 per mil and in Pirkanmaa, 5.4 per mil. Relative population growth was third largest in North Ostrobothnia, 3.9 per mil. Population loss was highest in absolute numbers in the region of Etelä-Savo that lost 1,270 persons of its population. The population of Kymenlaakso decreased by 1,180 persons, which was the second most. Relative to the population, the biggest population loss was found in Kainuu, 11.1 per mil and the second biggest in Etelä-Savo, 8.4 per mil.

Most migration gain from intramunicipal and international migration was collected by Uusimaa, 10,930 persons and Pirkanmaa, 2,190 persons. Most migration gain in relative terms was attained by Uusimaa, 6.8 per mil and by Pirkanmaa, 4.3 per mil.

In absolute numbers, migration loss from total net migration was biggest in the region of South Ostrobothnia, 660 persons. In the region of Lapland the loss was 520 persons. In relative terms, the biggest migration loss from total net migration was found in the region of Kainuu, 5.7 per mil of the population.

During 2015, migration between regions numbered 129,170. The highest gain from migration between regions was seen in Uusimaa, Pirkanmaa, Varsinais-Suomi, Central Finland, Åland and Pohjois-Savo. In absolute numbers, the highest gain from migration between regions was received by Uusimaa, 5,790 persons, and Pirkanmaa, 1,350 persons. Relative to the population, population increase was highest in Uusimaa, 3.6 per mil and in Pirkanmaa, 2.7 per mil.

Migration loss from migration between regions was biggest in the region of North Ostrobothnia, 990 persons. In relative terms, migration loss from migration between regions was biggest in the region of Kainuu, 7.8 per mil of the population.

# Contents

## Tables

### Appendix tables

Appendix table 1. Preliminary data on vital statistics by month of occurrence 2015.....	4
Appendix table 2. Vital statistics, final data 2005-2014 and preliminary data 2015*.....	5
Appendix table 3. Comparison between preliminary vital statistics in 2015 and 2014.....	6
Appendix table 4. Preliminary vital statistics by region 2015 and change compared to 2014 final data, quarters 1–□4.....	7
Appendix table 5. Preliminary data by region on immigrants and emigrants according to country of departure/destination 2015, quarters 1–4.....	8

## Figures

### Appendix figures

Appendix figure 1. Live births by quarter 1994–2014 and preliminary data 2015.....	9
Appendix figure 2. Deaths by quarter 1994–2014 and preliminary data 2015.....	9
Appendix figure 3. Intermunicipal migration by quarter 1994–2014 and preliminary data 2015.....	10
Appendix figure 4. Immigration by quarter 1994–2014 and preliminary data 2015.....	10
Appendix figure 5. Emigration by quarter 1994–2014 and preliminary data 2015.....	10

## Appendix tables

**Appendix table 1. Preliminary data on vital statistics by month of occurrence 2015**

Month / Quarter										
	Live births	Deaths	Excess of births	Intermunicipal migration	Immigration	Emigration	Net migration	Population increase	Population	
Total	55 040	52 076	2 964	274 512	26 363	14 464	11 899	14 863	5 486 616	
January	4 618	4 921	-303	19 968	2 136	1 214	922	619	5 472 372	
February	4 184	4 339	-155	16 250	1 868	897	971	816	5 473 188	
March	4 569	4 694	-125	17 350	1 886	960	926	801	5 473 989	
1. quarter	13 371	13 954	-583	53 568	5 890	3 071	2 819	2 236	5 473 989	
April	4 596	4 519	77	18 087	1 898	901	997	1 074	5 475 063	
May	4 589	4 250	339	22 277	1 929	1 008	921	1 260	5 476 323	
June	4 648	4 019	629	27 365	2 387	1 154	1 233	1 862	5 478 185	
2. quarter	13 833	12 788	1 045	67 729	6 214	3 063	3 151	4 196	5 478 185	
July	4 970	4 022	948	23 963	2 536	1 182	1 354	2 302	5 480 487	
August	5 010	4 151	859	41 400	3 722	2 244	1 478	2 337	5 482 824	
September	4 722	4 015	707	28 520	2 521	1 719	802	1 509	5 484 333	
3. quarter	14 702	12 188	2 514	93 883	8 779	5 145	3 634	6 148	5 484 333	
October	4 580	4 438	142	20 467	1 910	1 238	672	814	5 485 147	
November	4 305	4 171	134	18 418	1 779	971	808	942	5 486 089	
December	4 249	4 537	-288	20 447	1 791	976	815	527	5 486 616	
4. quarter	13 134	13 146	-12	59 332	5 480	3 185	2 295	2 283	5 486 616	

Aluejako 1.1.2015

**Appendix table 2. Vital statistics, final data 2005-2014 and preliminary data 2015\***

Year / Change	Live births	Deaths	Excess of births	Intermunicipal migration 1)	Immigration	Emigration	Net migration	Population increase 2)	Marriages	Divorces
2015* I-IV	55 040	52 076	2 964	274 512	26 363	14 464	11 899	14 863	24 873	13 970
2014 I-IV	57 232	52 186	5 046	268 909	31 507	15 486	16 021	20 483	24 462	13 682
Change	-2 192	-110	-2 082	5 603	-5 144	-1 022	-4 122	-6 204	411	288
2014 I	13 939	13 113	826	52 247	6 934	3 300	3 634	4 460	3 673	3 556
2014 II	14 560	13 054	1 506	66 255	7 281	3 431	3 850	5 356	6 590	3 380
2014 III	15 344	12 875	2 469	92 448	10 351	5 026	5 325	7 794	10 216	3 490
2014 IV	13 389	13 144	245	57 959	6 941	3 729	3 212	2 873	3 983	3 256
2014 I-IV	57 232	52 186	5 046	268 909	31 507	15 486	16 021	20 483	24 462	13 682
2013 I	14 270	13 827	443	52 900	7 204	3 184	4 020	4 463	3 892	3 427
2013 II	14 720	12 738	1 982	65 811	7 220	2 857	4 363	6 345	6 149	3 576
2013 III	15 406	11 973	3 433	91 330	10 175	4 827	5 348	8 781	10 717	3 515
2013 IV	13 738	12 934	804	56 898	7 342	3 025	4 317	5 007	4 361	3 248
2013 I-IV	58 134	51 472	6 662	266 939	31 941	13 893	18 048	24 596	25 119	13 766
2012 I	14 774	14 198	576	53 755	6 374	3 032	3 342	3 918	4 388	3 442
2012 II	14 872	12 455	2 417	69 065	7 113	3 101	4 012	6 429	6 870	3 290
2012 III	15 762	12 056	3 706	92 535	10 347	4 766	5 581	9 287	11 492	3 362
2012 IV	14 085	12 998	1 087	60 380	7 444	2 946	4 498	5 773	6 128	2 946
2012 I-IV	59 493	51 707	7 786	275 735	31 278	13 845	17 433	25 407	28 878	13 040
2011 I-IV	59 961	50 585	9 376	276 173	29 481	12 660	16 821	25 991	28 408	13 469
2010 I-IV	60 980	50 887	10 093	265 730	25 636	11 905	13 731	23 849	29 952	13 619
2009 I-IV	60 430	49 883	10 547	258 707	26 699	12 151	14 548	25 113	29 836	13 527
2008 I-IV	59 530	49 094	10 436	263 626	29 114	13 657	15 457	25 830	31 014	13 471
2007 I-IV	58 729	49 077	9 652	273 546	26 029	12 443	13 586	23 529	29 497	13 224
2006 I-IV	58 840	48 065	10 775	266 795	22 451	12 107	10 344	21 375	28 236	13 255
2005 I-IV	57 745	47 928	9 817	269 257	21 355	12 369	8 986	18 969	29 283	13 383

1)These statistics apply the regional division of 1 January 2015.

2) Population increase includes correction of population in final data for the last quarter in 2005–2014.

**Appendix table 3. Comparison between preliminary vital statistics in 2015 and 2014**

Year / Change	Live births	Deaths	Excess of births	Inter-municipal migration	Immigration	Emigration	Net migration	Population increase	Marriages	Divorces
2015* I	13 371	13 954	-583	53 568	5 890	3 071	2 819	2 236	3 800	3 671
2015* II	13 833	12 788	1 045	67 729	6 214	3 063	3 151	4 196	6 509	3 539
2015* III	14 702	12 188	2 514	93 883	8 779	5 145	3 634	6 148	10 644	3 557
2015* IV	13 134	13 146	-12	59 332	5 480	3 185	2 295	2 283	3 920	3 203
2015*	55 040	52 076	2 964	274 512	26 363	14 464	11 899	14 863	24 873	13 970
2014* I	13 944	13 138	806	51 825	6 646	3 502	3 144	3 950	3 834	3 597
2014* II	14 552	13 021	1 531	65 657	7 056	2 927	4 129	5 660	6 658	3 381
2014* III	15 343	12 843	2 500	91 738	9 984	4 988	4 996	7 496	10 197	3 481
2014* IV	13 240	12 593	647	56 797	8 261	2 995	5 266	5 913	3 832	3 150
2014*	57 079	51 595	5 484	266 017	31 947	14 412	17 535	23 019	24 521	13 609
I 2015* – I 2014*	-573	816	-1 389	1 743	-756	-431	-325	-1 714	-34	74
II 2015* – II 2014*	-719	-233	-486	2 072	-842	136	-978	-1 464	-149	158
III 2015* – III 2014*	-641	-655	14	2 145	-1 205	157	-1 362	-1 348	447	76
IV 2015* – IV 2014*	-106	553	-659	2 535	-2 781	190	-2 971	-3 630	88	53
2015* – 2014*	-2 039	481	-2 520	8 495	-5 584	52	-5 636	-8 156	352	361

Aluejako 1.1.2015

**Appendix table 4. Preliminary vital statistics by region 2015 and change compared to 2014 final data, quarters 1–□4**

Area/region 1)	Excess of births		Net migration between regions		Net immigration		Population increase	
	2015*	Change from one year earlier	2015*	Change from one year earlier	2015*	Change from one year earlier	2015*	Change from one year earlier
WHOLE COUNTRY	2 964	-2 082	—	—	11 899	-4 122	14 863	-6 204
MAINLAND FINLAND	2 974	-2 041	-17	61	11 830	-4 032	14 787	-6 012
Uusimaa	5 850	-538	5 788	986	5 137	-1 856	16 775	-1 408
Varsinais-Suomi	-21	-122	620	184	840	-492	1 439	-430
Satakunta	-612	-31	-755	-275	304	-221	-1 063	-527
Kanta-Häme	-312	-163	-615	-246	259	-121	-668	-530
Pirkanmaa	531	-152	1 350	-409	835	12	2 716	-549
Päijät-Häme	-356	112	-353	-78	232	-123	-477	-89
Kymenlaakso	-768	-124	-768	240	353	-347	-1 183	-231
South Karelia	-565	-23	-433	-152	347	-7	-651	-182
Etelä-Savo	-1 042	-123	-555	-280	327	56	-1 270	-347
Pohjois-Savo	-578	20	0	-122	283	-176	-295	-278
North Karelia	-486	-95	-311	-104	283	-154	-514	-353
Central Finland	-13	-36	65	461	310	-91	362	334
South Ostrobothnia	-159	-12	-808	-84	147	-162	-820	-258
Ostrobothnia	266	-125	-602	-16	815	-157	479	-298
Central Ostrobothnia	136	-92	-106	123	128	-39	158	-8
North Ostrobothnia	1 903	-267	-988	-163	654	-127	1 569	-557
Kainuu	-421	-156	-611	56	162	-53	-870	-153
Lapland	-379	-114	-935	-60	414	26	-900	-148
ÅLAND	-10	-41	17	-61	69	-90	76	-192

1) Regional division of 1.1.2015

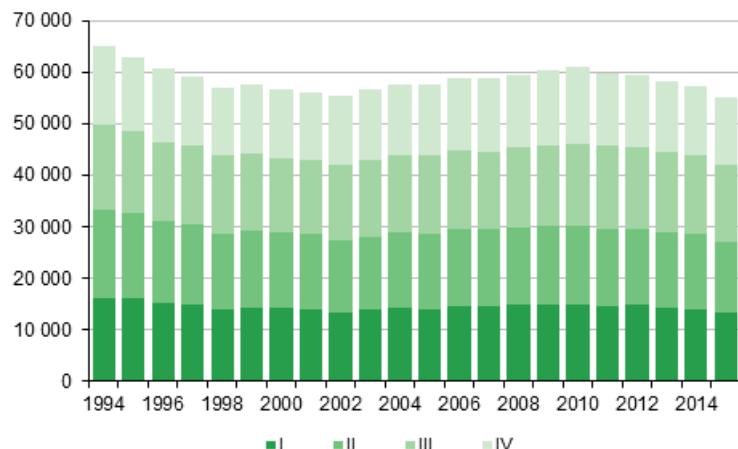
**Appendix table 5. Preliminary data by region on immigrants and emigrants according to country of departure/destination 2015, quarters 1–4**

Area/region 1)	Immigration			Emigration			Net migration		
	Total	EU 28 countries	Nordic countries	Total	EU 28 countries	Nordic countries	Total	EU 28 countries	Nordic countries
WHOLE COUNTRY	26 363	11 576	3 416	14 464	10 051	4 058	11 899	1 525	-642
MAINLAND FINLAND	25 836	11 127	3 082	14 006	9 625	3 683	11 830	1 502	-601
Uusimaa	12 915	6 312	1 361	7 778	5 320	1 829	5 137	992	-468
Varsinais-Suomi	1 941	768	326	1 101	777	345	840	-9	-19
Satakunta	598	326	41	294	201	40	304	125	1
Kanta-Häme	504	223	55	245	188	49	259	35	6
Pirkanmaa	1 815	708	186	980	640	183	835	68	3
Päijät-Häme	527	229	56	295	202	78	232	27	-22
Kymenlaakso	649	232	59	296	200	63	353	32	-4
South Karelia	529	131	40	182	107	41	347	24	-1
Etelä-Savo	454	150	27	127	94	21	327	56	6
Pohjois-Savo	561	203	65	278	195	66	283	8	-1
North Karelia	453	156	50	170	108	43	283	48	7
Central Finland	724	251	81	414	260	95	310	-9	-14
South Ostrobothnia	333	173	42	186	140	47	147	33	-5
Ostrobothnia	1 479	502	282	664	505	377	815	-3	-95
Central Ostrobothnia	202	50	27	74	53	27	128	-3	0
North Ostrobothnia	1 234	361	169	580	387	202	654	-26	-33
Kainuu	209	56	16	47	33	12	162	23	4
Lapland	709	296	199	295	215	165	414	81	34
ÅLAND	527	449	334	458	426	375	69	23	-41

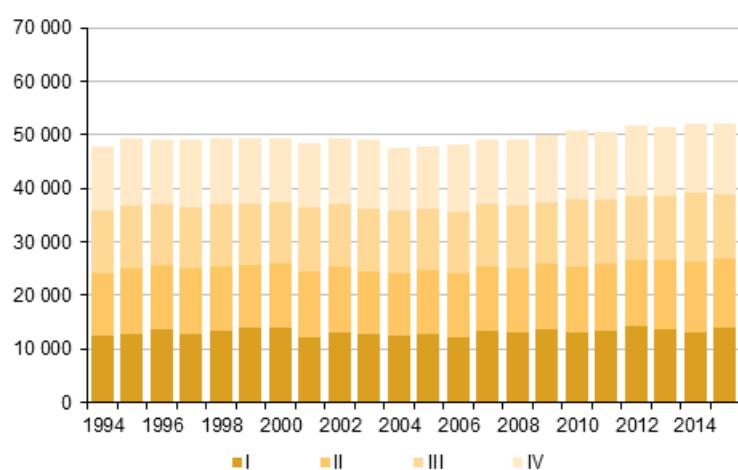
1) Regional division 1.1.2015

## Appendix figures

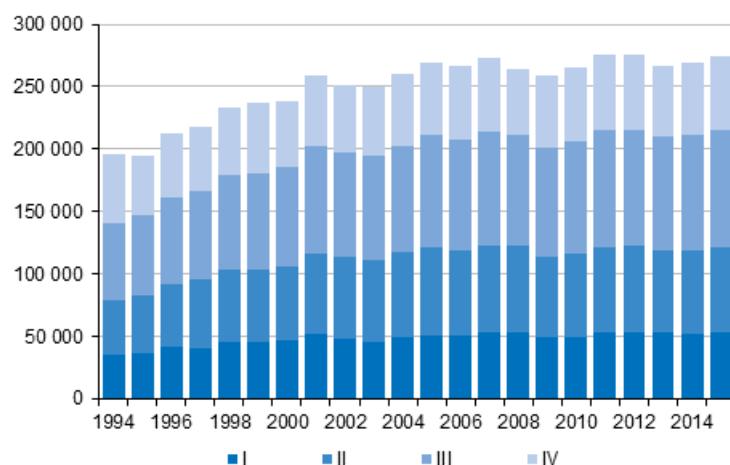
**Appendix figure 1. Live births by quarter 1994–2014 and preliminary data 2015**



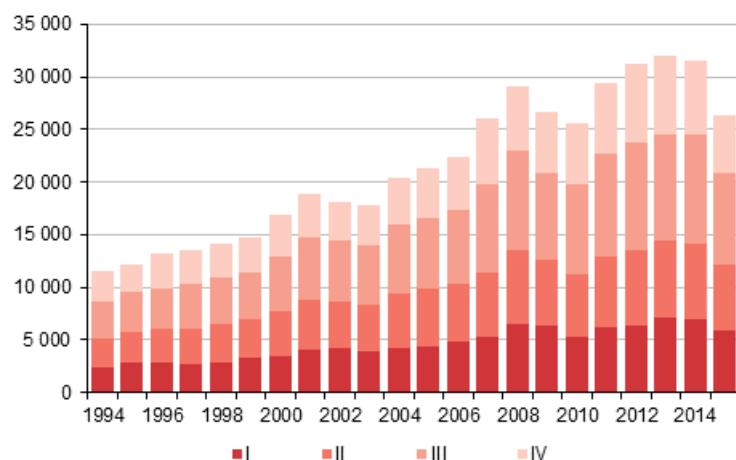
**Appendix figure 2. Deaths by quarter 1994–2014 and preliminary data 2015**



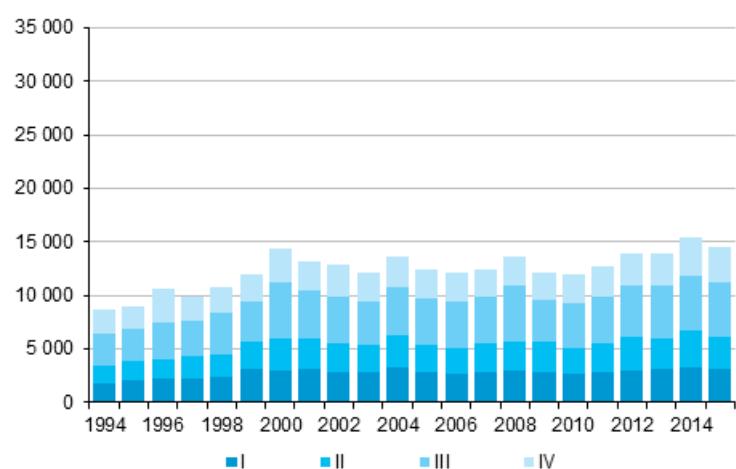
**Appendix figure 3. Intermunicipal migration by quarter 1994–2014 and preliminary data 2015**



**Appendix figure 4. Immigration by quarter 1994–2014 and preliminary data 2015**



**Appendix figure 5. Emigration by quarter 1994–2014 and preliminary data 2015**



---

**Suomen virallinen tilasto**  
Finlands officiella statistik  
Official Statistics of Finland

Population 2016

## Inquiries

Eevi Lappalainen      029 551 3367  
Matti Saari            029 551 3401  
Director in charge:  
Jari Tarkoma

[info@stat.fi](mailto:info@stat.fi)  
[www.stat.fi](http://www.stat.fi)  
Source: Population and Justice Statistics. Statistics Finland