

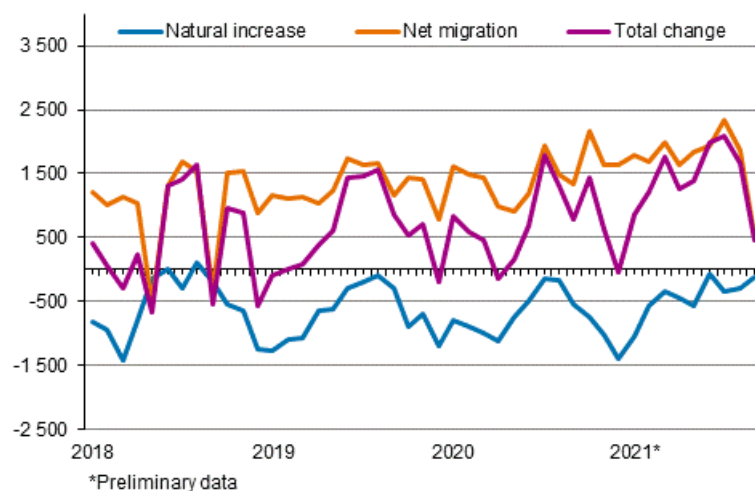
Preliminary population statistics

2021, September

Birth rate rose slightly from last year

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, Finland's population at the end of September was 5,546,497. During January–September Finland's population increased by 12,704 persons. The reason for the population increase was migration gain from abroad: the number of immigrants was 15,584 higher than that of emigrants. The number of births was 3,810 lower than that of deaths.

Population increase by month 2018–2021*



According to the preliminary statistics for January–September a total of 37,721 children were born, which is 2,458 more than in the corresponding period 2020. The number of deaths was 41,531, which is 386 higher than one year earlier.

According to preliminary data, the birth rate rose slightly from the previous year. Over the previous twelve months (October 2020 to September 2021), the total fertility rate was 1.44, while the figure for the calendar year 2020 was 1.37. The total fertility rate is currently the fourth lowest in the measuring history. The total fertility rate indicates how many children a woman would give birth to during her lifetime if the birth rate remained the same as in the year on which the calculation is based.

Altogether 24,319 persons immigrated to Finland from abroad and 8,735 persons emigrated from Finland during January–September. The number of immigrants was 370 higher and the number of emigrants 2,856 lower than in the previous year. In all, 6,559 of the immigrants and 5,782 of the emigrants were Finnish citizens.

According to the preliminary data, the number of inter-municipal migrations totalled 234,644 by the end of September. Compared with the previous year, the increase was 6,107 migrations according to the municipal division of 2021.

Same-sex marriages took legal effect in March 2017. During January–September 2021, same-sex partners entered into 295 marriages of which 213 were between two women and 82 between two men.

According to preliminary data by region, the population grew in Uusimaa, Pirkanmaa, Southwest Finland, North Ostrobothnia, North Savo, Ostrobothnia, Åland and Central Finland between January–September of 2021.

The population grew most in absolute numbers in Uusimaa, where it grew by 8,860 persons. The next largest increase in population was seen in Pirkanmaa, 3,748 persons. Relative to the population, population growth was highest in Pirkanmaa, 7.1 per mil, in Åland, 6.1 per mil and in Uusimaa, 5.2 per mil. Population loss was highest in absolute numbers in the region of Kymenlaakso that lost 957 persons of its population. The population of South Savo decreased by 797 persons, which was the second biggest population loss. Relative to the population, the biggest population loss was found in South Savo, 6.0 per mil.

Most migration gain from intramunicipal and international migration was collected by Uusimaa, 4,324 persons and Pirkanmaa, 3,746 persons. Most migration gain in relative terms based on total net migration was attained by Pirkanmaa, 7.1 per mil, and Southwest Finland, 5.1 per mil.

In absolute numbers, migration loss from total net migration was biggest in the region of Kymenlaakso, 119 persons. In the region of Central Ostrobothnia the loss was 42 persons. In relative terms, the biggest migration loss from total net migration was found in Kymenlaakso, 0.7 per mil of the population.

During January–September 2021, migration between regions numbered 111,618. The positive gain from migration between regions was seen in Pirkanmaa, Southwest Finland, North Savo, North Karelia, Central Finland, Kanta-Häme, North Ostrobothnia and Päijät-Häme. In absolute numbers, the highest gain from migration between regions was received by Pirkanmaa, 2,709 persons. The relative migration gain was highest in Pirkanmaa, 5.2 per mil, and North Savo, 2.7 per mil of the population.

Migration loss from migration between regions was biggest in absolute numbers in the region of Uusimaa, 2,920 persons. Migration loss from migration between regions was biggest in relative terms in the region of Kainuu, 2.9 per mil of the population.

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Appendix table 1. Preliminary data on vital statistics by month of occurrence 2021

Month / Quarter	Live births	Deaths	Natural increase	Inter-municipal migration ¹⁾	Immigration	Emigration	Net migration	Total change ²⁾	Population
Total	37 721	41 531	-3 810	234 644	24 319	8 735	15 584	12 704	5 546 497
January	3 998	5 054	-1 056	21 703	2 660	881	1 779	870	5 534 663
February	3 884	4 452	-568	18 694	2 412	720	1 692	1 207	5 535 870
March	4 316	4 670	-354	20 279	2 803	811	1 992	1 771	5 537 641
1. quarter	12 198	14 176	-1 978	60 676	7 875	2 412	5 463	3 848	5 537 641
April	4 023	4 466	-443	21 750	2 435	803	1 632	1 270	5 538 911
May	4 082	4 648	-566	24 530	2 566	718	1 848	1 382	5 540 293
June	4 311	4 369	-58	28 577	2 920	976	1 944	1 992	5 542 285
2. quarter	12 416	13 483	-1 067	74 857	7 921	2 497	5 424	4 644	5 542 285
July	4 325	4 674	-349	28 894	3 269	937	2 332	2 084	5 544 369
August	4 419	4 710	-291	43 436	3 515	1 650	1 865	1 672	5 546 041
September	4 363	4 488	-125	26 781	1 739	1 239	500	456	5 546 497
3. quarter	13 107	13 872	-765	99 111	8 523	3 826	4 697	4 212	5 546 497

1) These statistics apply the regional division of 1 January 2021

2) Includes population correction

Appendix table 2. Preliminary vital statistics by region 2021 and change compared to 2020 final data, quarter 1–3

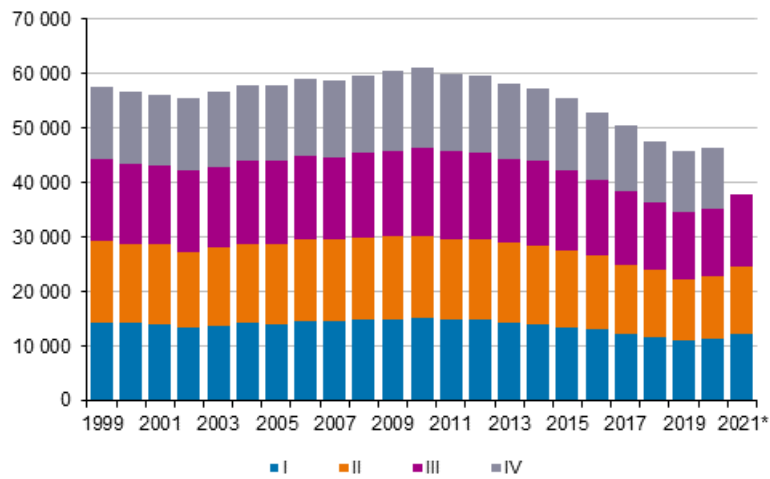
Area/region 1)	Natural increase		Net migration between regions ¹⁾		Net immigration		Total change	
	2021*	Change	2021*	Change	2021*	Change	2021*	Change ²⁾
WHOLE COUNTRY	-3 810	2 072	–	–	15 584	3 226	12 704	6 228
MAINLAND FINLAND	-3 841	2 039	35	4	15 402	3 181	12 520	6 148
Uusimaa	3 852	1 268	-2 920	-4 687	7 244	1 561	8 860	-1 174
Southwest Finland	-457	120	1 144	106	1 294	224	2 076	545
Satakunta	-799	132	-428	212	486	46	-737	394
Kanta-Häme	-529	28	110	58	227	50	-186	142
Pirkanmaa	-114	253	2 709	609	1 037	234	3 748	1 212
Päijät-Häme	-734	-67	37	220	424	114	-257	283
Kymenlaakso	-850	47	-320	403	201	-116	-957	346
South Karelia	-684	6	-219	-80	347	52	-555	-21
South Savo	-915	-18	-84	371	204	-27	-797	324
North Savo	-759	47	677	811	378	46	289	897
North Karelia	-623	49	120	411	380	164	-132	615
Central Finland	-406	73	113	72	440	6	159	163
South Ostrobothnia	-430	146	-45	566	288	31	-193	737
Ostrobothnia	-3	-31	-463	37	737	215	277	227
Central Ostrobothnia	-6	18	-163	140	121	34	-49	191
North Ostrobothnia	431	-177	40	558	961	367	1 432	748
Kainuu	-363	46	-205	-1	285	147	-288	187
Lapland	-452	99	-68	198	348	33	-170	332
ÅLAND	31	33	-35	-4	182	45	184	80

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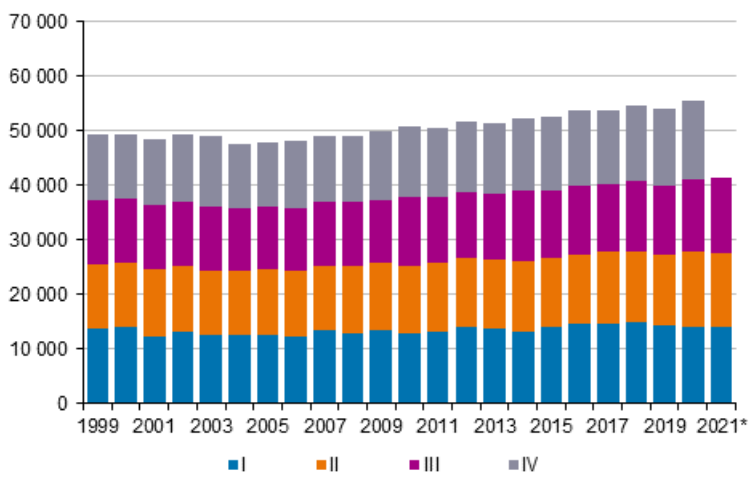
2) In the preliminary data, the total change includes the monthly correction term. In the final data, the correction term is only at the end of the year.

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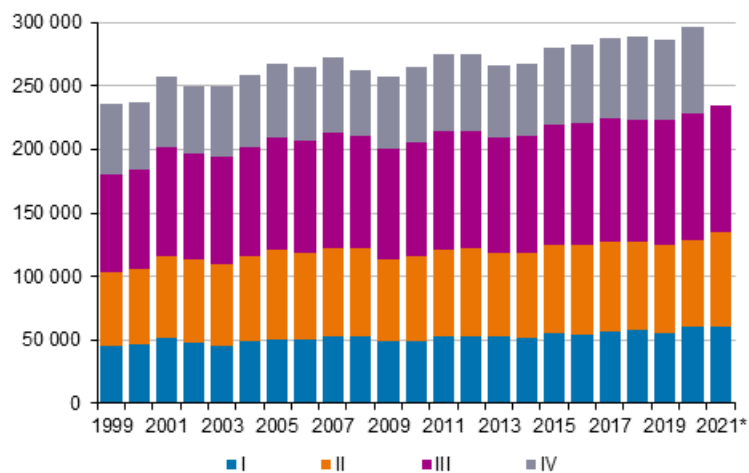
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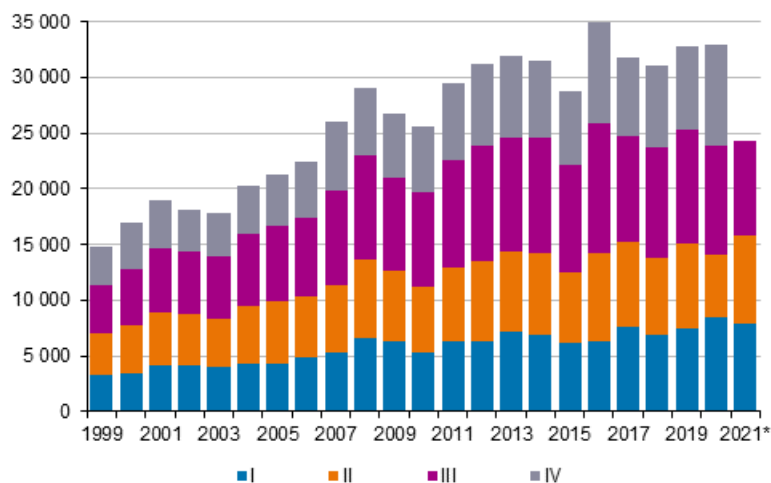
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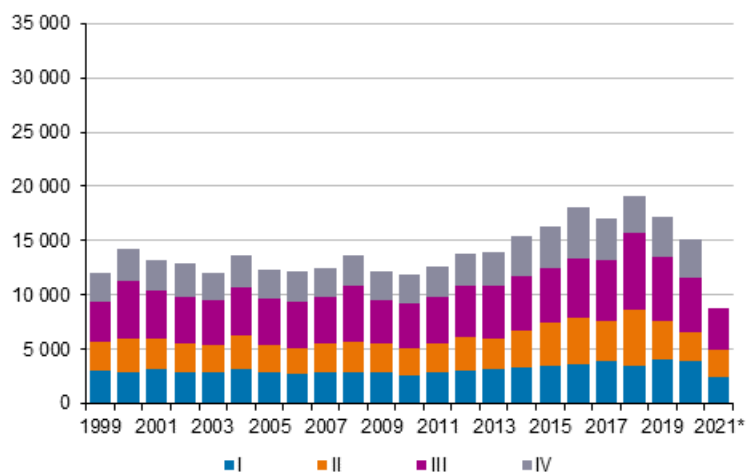
Appendix figure 3. Intermunicipal migration by quarter 1999–2020 and preliminary data 2021



Appendix figure 4. Immigration by quarter 1999–2020 and preliminary data 2021



Appendix figure 5. Emigration by quarter 1999–2020 and preliminary data 2021



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