



Health care in Finland

- Highly decentralized
- Three level
- Publicly funded system of health care
 - General tax 43% of gross domestic product
- Small private health care system
- Responsibility: the municipalities (local government).

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Health care in Finland

- Public health services are mainly financed from tax (76,6%)
- The child mortality rate in Finland is under 0.3% – one of the lowest in the world.
- The life expectancy for a girl at birth is 83,2 years, for a boy 76,5 years.
- Finland spends less on health care (8,2%) than most other EU member states (mean 9%).
- Survey of EU 15, Norway and USA, Finland was the most efficient public sector health service producer:
 - Due both to the efficiency of the system and to the relatively low level of wages in the health care sector in Finland.

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Good things

- 2013 National database and archives
 - Electronic medical records of all patients
- A Patient's Injury Law
 - right to compensation for unforeseeable injury that occurred as a result of treatment or diagnosis
- The quality of health care according to European Commission survey:
 - 88% of Finnish respondents were satisfied
 - compared with the EU average of 41.3%

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Negative

- Not possible to choose a personal doctor in public health care
- Dilemma between needs and medical possibilities to therapy and money from municipalities
- 2 way financing, state and municipalities
 - Disintegration, more total expences
- Long waiting times for non urgent operations
 - up to 12 months:
 - Patient's guarantee law
 - Assesment within 3 days (Primary health care)
 - Assesment within 3 weeks (In specialiced care)
 - Polyclinic time up to 6 months
 - Treatment up to 6 months
- 2010 renewal of law of public health care (positive?)

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Working conditions

- Work time 38,25 hours per week
- Low level of wages in the health care sector
 - Nurse 2300 €/month
- Long holidays
 - Up to 38 paid holidays (after 15 years)

	Gross domestic product per capita 2008* (EUR)	
	Nominal	Adjusted for Purchasing Power Standard
Finland	34,800	28,900
Germany	30,300	29,100
Sweden	35,600	30,500
UK	29,700	29,500
Japan	26,000	27,800
USA	31,800	38,300
		Eurostat

Source: Statistics Finland

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Municipalities
Primary care (white)

District hospital regions
Secondary care (blue)

University hospital regions
Tertiary care (color)

People 5,4milj
17 pers /km²

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Secondary care - District hospitals in Finland

District hospitals 20

Mean pop 248 184

Min pop Itä-Savo (IS) 45 862

Max pop Helsinki (HUS) 1 513 517

5 Uniclincs + 3 bigger than 200 000

Lahti 7th biggest hospital

Lahti - Tampere 148km
Lahti - Helsinki 112km

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Päijät-Häme Hospital District

Municipalities 15
Inhabitants 212 356
Area 6072 km²
35 people km²
100 km max distance from Lahti

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Operations 2009

Total		15 400
Emergency	20%	3 000
Elective	80%	12 400
Ambulatory DS "12h"	60%	7 400
"From home to OR"	60%	3000/5000

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