

Finland – Fact Sheet

Area:	337,000 km ² 58% forests, 8% cultivated, 7% water
Population:	4.9 million
Capital:	Helsinki
Languages:	94% Finnish, 6% Swedish
Religions:	90% Lutheran, 1% Greek Orthodox
Head of state:	President Mauno Koivisto (re-elected in February 1988 for a second six-year term)
Head of government:	Prime Minister Harri Holkeri (since April 1987)
Type of government:	Independent republic since 1917, with elected president, parliamentary democracy, proportional representation
National government:	Cabinet headed by Prime Minister, responsible to parliament. Currently in power is a coalition of the National Coalition Party (conservatives), the Social Democratic Party, the Swedish People's Party, and the Finnish Rural Party
Agreements:	Free trade agreement with European Community (EC) since 1973, separate free trade agreements with individual East European countries, co-operation agreement on economic, technical and scientific affairs with the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) since 1973
Gross domestic product (GDP):	US\$122 billion (1989)
GDP growth rate:	5% (1989)
Per capita GDP:	C\$23,000 (1989)
Inflation rate:	6.6% (1989)
Unemployment rate:	3.5% (1989)