

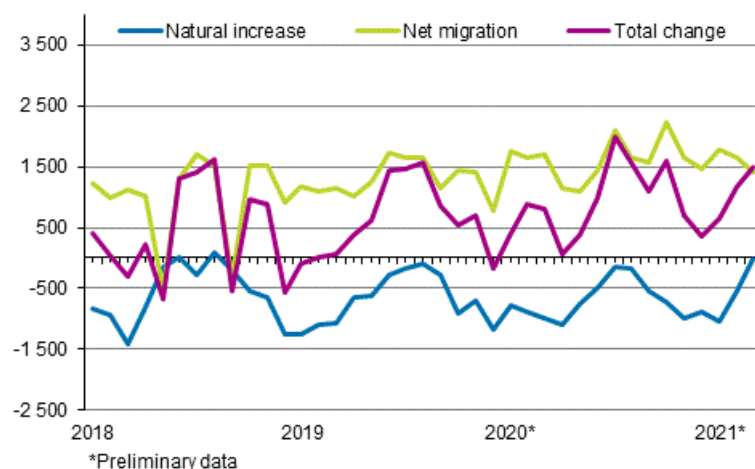
Preliminary population statistics

2021, March

More births in the early part of the year than in January to March last year

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, Finland's population at the end of March was 5,537,116. During January–March Finland's population increased by 3,323 persons. The reason for the population increase was migration gain from abroad: the number of immigrants was 4,841 higher than that of emigrants. The number of births was 1,578 lower than that of deaths.

Population increase by month 2018–2021*



According to the preliminary statistics for January–March a total of 12,156 children were born, which is 717 more than in the corresponding period 2020. The number of deaths was 13,734 which is 358 lower than one year earlier.

Altogether 7,064 persons immigrated to Finland from abroad and 2,223 persons emigrated from Finland during January–March. The number of immigrants was 1,148 lower and the number of emigrants 898 lower than in the previous year. The number of emigrations in the early part of the year was on the same level as after the mid-1990s. In all, 1,638 of the immigrants and 1,474 of the emigrants were Finnish citizens. In all, 23 per cent of the immigrants and 66 per cent of the emigrants were Finnish citizens.

According to the preliminary data, the number of inter-municipal migrations totalled 59,741 by the end of March. Compared with the previous year, the decrease was 1,183 migrations according to the municipal division of 2021.

Same-sex marriages took legal effect in March 2017. During January–March 2021, same-sex partners entered into 65 marriages of which 45 were between two women and 20 between two men.

According to preliminary data by region, the population grew in Uusimaa, Pirkanmaa, North Ostrobothnia, Southwest Finland, Central Ostrobothnia, Åland, Kanta-Häme, Ostrobothnia, Päijät-Häme and South Ostrobothnia between January–March of 2021.

The population grew most in absolute numbers in Uusimaa, where it grew by 2,467 persons. The next largest increase in population was seen in Pirkanmaa, 912 persons. Relative to the population, population growth was highest in Åland, 2.4 per mil, in Pirkanmaa, 1.7 per mil and in Uusimaa, 1.4 per mil. Population loss was highest in absolute numbers in the region of South Karelia that lost 222 persons of its population. The population of North Karelia decreased by 183 persons, which was the second biggest population loss. Relative to the population, the biggest population loss was found in South Karelia, 1.7 per mil.

Most migration gain from intramunicipal and international migration was collected by Uusimaa, 1,186 persons and Pirkanmaa, 958 persons. Most migration gain in relative terms based on total net migration was attained by Åland, 2.3 per mil, and Pirkanmaa, 1.8 per mil.

In absolute numbers, migration loss from total net migration was biggest in the region of Central Finland, 29 persons. Other regions did not have migration loss from total net migration. In relative terms, the biggest migration loss from total net migration was found in Central Finland, 0.1 per mil of the population.

During January–March 2021, migration between regions numbered 25,034. The positive gain from migration between regions was seen in Pirkanmaa, Southwest Finland, Kanta-Häme, South Ostrobothnia, South Savo, Päijät-Häme, North Ostrobothnia, North Savo, Kymenlaakso, Central Ostrobothnia, Kainuu, Åland and Lapland. In absolute numbers, the highest gain from migration between regions was received by Pirkanmaa, 697 persons. Also, the relative migration gain was highest in Pirkanmaa, 1.3 per mil of the population.

Migration loss from migration between regions was biggest in absolute numbers in the region of Uusimaa, 966 persons. Migration loss from migration between regions was biggest in relative terms in the region of Ostrobothnia, 1.5 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	12 156	13 734	-1 578	59 741	7 064	2 223	4 841	3 323	5 537 116
January	3 989	5 029	-1 040	21 702	2 648	854	1 794	653	5 534 446
February	3 869	4 403	-534	18 680	2 337	694	1 643	1 174	5 535 620
March	4 298	4 302	-4	19 359	2 079	675	1 404	1 496	5 537 116
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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 preliminary data, quarter 1

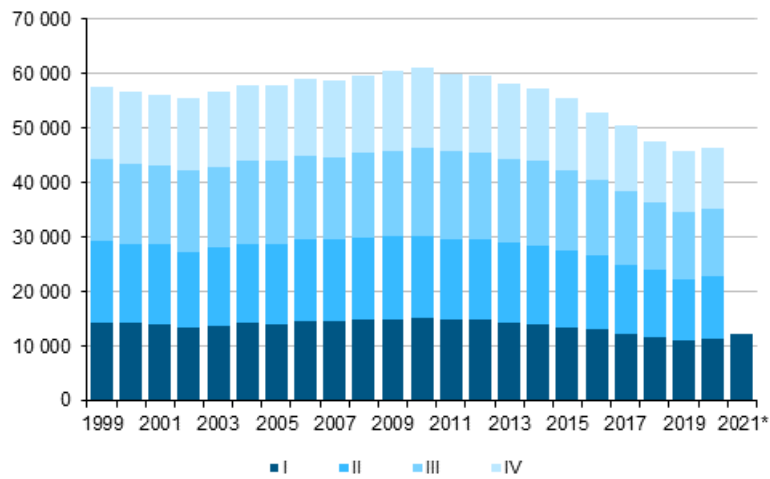
Area/region 1)	Natural increase		Net migration between regions ¹⁾		Net immigration		Total change	
	2021*	Change	2021*	Change	2021*	Change	2021*	Change ²⁾
WHOLE COUNTRY	-1 578	1 075	–	–	4 841	-250	3 323	1 229
MAINLAND FINLAND	-1 593	1 055	-6	-4	4 779	-317	3 251	1 181
Uusimaa	1 128	353	-966	-1 788	2 152	-340	2 467	-1 428
Southwest Finland	-176	152	187	227	395	-54	377	356
Satakunta	-251	133	-90	-7	178	46	-181	165
Kanta-Häme	-198	5	171	25	84	5	61	36
Pirkanmaa	-131	48	697	274	261	-92	912	272
Päijät-Häme	-211	25	109	95	124	-10	18	155
Kymenlaakso	-250	61	57	173	57	-78	-135	164
South Karelia	-234	44	-99	-1	116	35	-222	79
South Savo	-307	-15	113	105	70	-30	-129	70
North Savo	-299	-10	61	180	139	14	-125	199
North Karelia	-220	60	-89	74	142	48	-183	165
Central Finland	-154	31	-161	2	132	-12	-176	67
South Ostrobothnia	-160	72	114	157	62	-14	8	221
Ostrobothnia	25	92	-256	13	295	94	46	151
Central Ostrobothnia	-6	9	38	58	60	32	89	97
North Ostrobothnia	104	-75	97	306	341	66	518	298
Kainuu	-122	14	8	113	49	-20	-72	99
Lapland	-131	56	3	-10	122	-7	-22	15
ÅLAND	15	20	6	4	62	67	72	48

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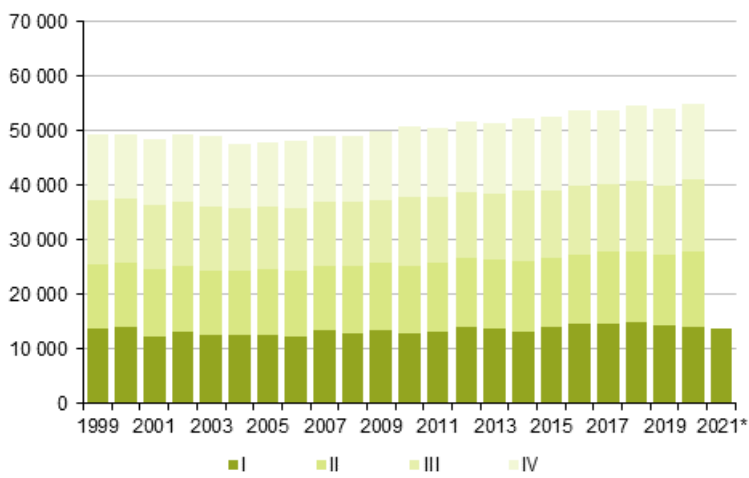
2) In the preliminary data, the total change includes the monthly correction term. In the final data, the correction term is only at the end of the year.

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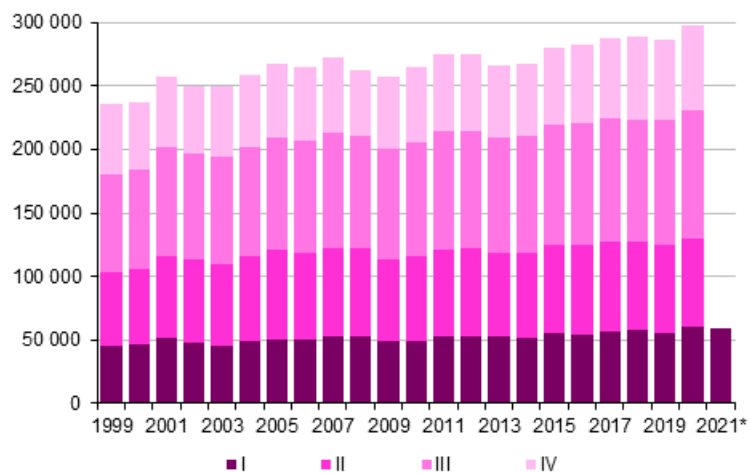
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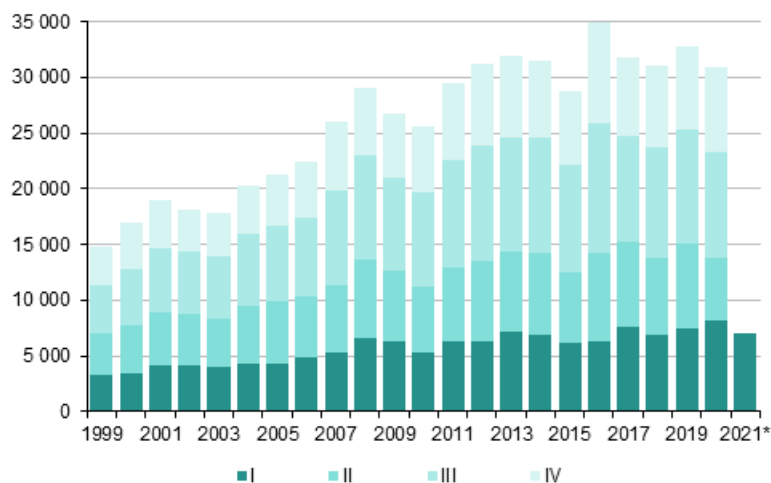
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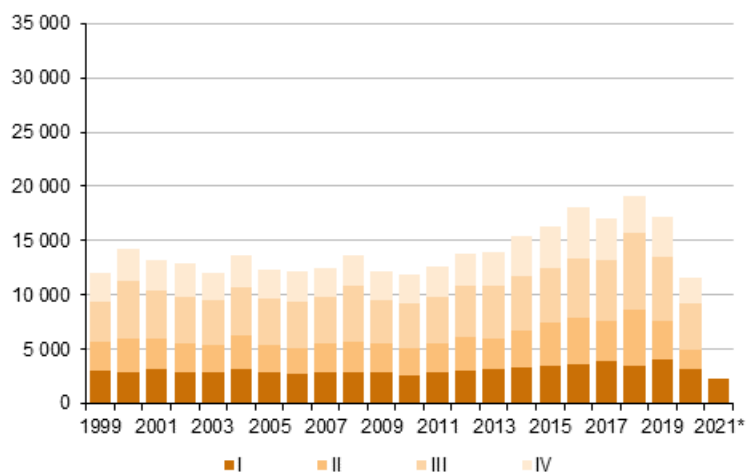
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Appendix figure 5. Emigration by quarter 1999–2019 and preliminary data 2020 and 2021



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