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Whole Country
- 27 prisons of which 15 are closed prison and 12 open prisons
- About 3200 prisoners of whom about 14% are foreigners (2011)
- About 1400 prison officers or other staff members carrying out supervision duties (2011)
- Net appropriation: about 220 million euro (2012)

### Prisons and Community Sanctions Offices

**Prisons**
- Helsinki
- Hämeenlinna
- Jokela
- Juuka
- Kerava
- Kestilä
- Kuopio
- Kylmäkoski
- Käyrä
- Laukaa
- Mikkeli
- Naarajärvi
- Oulu

**Community Sanctions Offices**
- Helsinki
- Hämeenlinna
- Joensuu
- Jyväskylä
- Kouvola (Kouvola and Lappeenranta)
- Kuopio (Kuopio, Iisalmi and Kajaani)
- Lahti
- Mikkeli (Mikkeli and Savonlinna)
- Oulu (Oulu and Kokkola)
- Pori
- Rovaniemi (Rovaniemi, Kemi and Kuusamo)
- Tampere
- Turku (Turku and Ahvenanmaa)
- Uusimaa (Espoo, Vantaa and Porvoo)
- Vaasa (Vaasa and Seinäjoki)

**Average Daily Number of Prisoners and Community Sanction Clients in 2003–2012**

- Number of community sanction clients on average
- Number of prisoners on average

**Principal Offence of Sentenced Prisoners on 1 May in 2003–2012 (%)**

- Robbery
- Offence against property
- Violent offence
- Drunken driving
- Narcotics offence
- Other

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**CRIMINAL SANCTIONS REGION OF SOUTHERN FINLAND**

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**General**

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Hämeenlinna Prison is located right next to the administratively independent Prison Hospital, which is part of the Health Care Unit of the Criminal Sanctions Agency. A ward for female remand prisoners is located in the same premises as the Prison Hospital.

**Prisoners**

In Finland, most female prisoners are placed in Hämeenlinna Prison. Female remand prisoners can be placed in a family ward with their small child, who in practice can be at most two years old. The decision on the admission of a child is made by the child welfare authorities. Male prisoners are mostly from the area of the Criminal Sanctions Region of Western Finland.

The prisoners in Hämeenlinna Prison are mainly remand and sentenced prisoners but also fine default and life sentence prisoners are placed there. Over 50% of the prisoners in Hämeenlinna Prison have over two-year sentence.

**Staff**

140 of which 104 are supervision staff.

**Budget**

10 million euro (2012)

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**Activities**

A prisoner’s placement in activities is based on an individual sentence plan, which can consist of work, education, substance abuse or other rehabilitation or activity programmes. The activities arranged in Hämeenlinna Prison include:

- **Work activity for female prisoners**, e.g. textile and clothing production, clothing maintenance, packing and assembly work, prison canteen work, shoe repair and cleaning of the wards and corridors.
- **Work activity for male prisoners**, e.g. laundry service, construction and maintenance work, outdoor work in real estate maintenance, metal workshop, kitchen work and cleaning of the wards.
- **Functional groups for prisoners who are not placed in work activities**.
- **Study possibilities**, e.g. basic education and general upper secondary education, orientating and rehabilitating education, IT education, specific education for Romany prisoners and correspondence courses provided by KVS Distance Education Institute.

**Other features**

- For female prisoners, a separate ward with six places for those taking part in a substance abuse rehabilitation programme called On a Journey to Change and a substance-free ward with 11 places for those participating in work activities.
- For male prisoners, a substance-free ward with 18 places where 7-8 prisoners can take part in a substance abuse rehabilitation programme called On a Journey to Change.
- Health education course TERVE.
- **Anti-addiction® substance abuse programme**.
- Individual Behaviour-Interviewing-Change Programme BSF.
- Anger Management Programme.
- Motivation and discussion programme VINN for female prisoners.
- Motivating group programme Unbeatables to end domestic violence.
- Individual work with a senior instructor, instructor, psychologist, social worker, mental health nurse, study instructor or prison chaplain.

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**Other features**

- Nearly all laundry of the Finnish prisons is washed in Hämeenlinna Prison, which also has a nationwide central clothing store.
- All prisoner shoes used in the Finnish prisons are repaired in Hämeenlinna Prison.
- All prisoner hygiene packs used in the Finnish prisons are packed in Hämeenlinna Prison.