



Facts of Tallinn 2024

Tallinn – Estonia's Economic Centre



Tallinn

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Tallinn is the best-preserved medieval town in Northern Europe.



The Old Town of Tallinn is on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

History

More than 800 years of Tallinn

On 15 June 2019, Tallinn celebrated the 800th anniversary of its first mention in writing in the Livonian Chronicles of Henry, in which Henry of Latvia describes the battle of Lyndanisse (today's Toompea Castle) in 1219 between King Valdemar II of Denmark and the Estonians of that era.

On 15 May 1248, Eric IV Ploughpenny of Denmark granted Tallinn town rights under the Lübeck Law, thereby joining Tallinn to the common legal space of German trading towns.

	Tallinn	Estonia
Location	59° 26' N and 24° 46' E	
Area	159.41 km²	45,335 km²
Islands	Aegna (3.01 km²)	2,317 sea islands, of which 318 are larger than 1 hectare; the largest islands: Saaremaa, Hiiumaa, Muhu and Vormsi
Lakes	Harku (1.6km²) and Ülemiste (9.4km²)	2,786 lakes and reservoirs
Maritime border	78 km with piers and islands, incl. the 10 km to Aegna Island	4,019 km
Land border	58 km	714 km
Population	453,864 (as of 1 January 2024)	1,366,491 (as of 1 January 2024)
Population density	2,847 per km²	31,4 per km²
Official language	Estonian	
Currency	euro (€)	
Average temperature	in July: +17°C (2023) in February: −1.7°C (2023)	

Every eight years, the Land Board maps the shoreline of the Baltic Sea and the country's big lakes. As a result of the mapping of 2020, the number of Estonia's islands grew from 2,222 to 2,317. The new area of Estonia is 45,335 km2 – thus, Estonia's area decreased by 4 km2.

Credit ratings (2024)

CREDIT RATINGS OF TALLINN		ESTONIA	
(as of 1 March 2024)			
Fitch Ratings	A+	Fitch Ratings	A+ (29.07.2023)
		Standard & Poor's	AA−/negative (22.08.2023)
		Moody's	A1/stable (08.03.2024)

Tallinn's membership of international organisations (2024)	
ASCE	Association of Significant Cemeteries in Europe
CGCC	Council of Global City CIOs
CNV	Network of European Hubs for Civil Protection and Crisis Management
ECAD	European Cities Against Drugs
City DNA	European Tourism and Convention Bureaus Network
EGCN	European Green Capital Network
EUROCITIES	Network of major European cities
HANSA	Hanseatic Movement
ICA	International Council on Archives
ICF	Intelligent Community Forum
IMPACTS	Network of European capital and major metropolitan cities for exchanging their experiences of providing urban mobility and transport policies
LUCI	The Lighting Urban Community International
POLIS	Network of European cities and regions working together to develop innovative technologies and policies for local transport
CIVITAS	Co-operation in Europe for mobility
UBC	Union of Baltic Cities
PAN	Pesticide Action Network for pesticide-free cities: Pesticide Free Towns
WTCF	World Tourism Cities Federation
EU Mission Cities	The EU's Mission for Smart and Innovative Cities
UNECE Mayors Forum	Network that connects the mayors of Europe's economic region
OECD Champion Mayors	A global network of mayors that support inclusive development

Estonia is a member of:

- the World Trade Organisation (WTO) since 13 November 1999
- NATO since 29 March 2004
- the European Union since May 2004
- the Schengen Area since 21 December 2007
- the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) since 9 December 2010
- Digital Nations since December 2014

Credit institutions (as of 8 March 2024)

ESTONIA	FOREIGN BRANCHES
AS Inbank	AC Citadele Banka, Estonian branch
AS LHV Pank	Finora Bank UAB, Estonian branch
AS SEB Pank	Nordea Bank Abp, Estonian branch
AS TBB pank	OP Corporate Bank plc, Estonian branch
Bigbank AS	TF Bank AB (publ.) Estonian branch
Coop Pank AS	
Holm Bank AS	
Luminor Bank AS	
Swedbank AS	

SOURCE: Financial Supervision and Resolution Authority



Tallinn was chosen as the Intelligent Community of the Year 2020.

The title of Intelligent Community of the Year is presented annually at the Intelligent Community Forum in New York. It is a global network of 180 cities, metropolitan areas and counties with a think tank as its heart.

Competitiveness

1st place	Tallinn – European Green Capital 2023
1st place	Tallinn – Intelligent Community of the Year 2020. The Intelligent Community Network (The Intelligent Community Forum) aims to create a green world city. (Tallinn was chosen as the Intelligent Community of the Year 2020. The title of Intelligent Community of the Year is presented annually at the Intelligent Community Forum in New York. It is a global network of 180 cities, metropolitan areas and counties with a think tank as its heart)
Top 10	Tallinn is once again among the top ten European Cities of the Future (fdintelligence.com)
↑ 3rd place	Tallinn – fDi Magazine – Mid-Sized European Cities of the Future 2024 – business friendliness
3rd place	Estonia – UN E-Government Survey 2022 (193 countries)
↓ 4th place	Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2023
↑ 6th place	Estonia – 180 World Press Freedom index, Reporters Without Borders (RSF) (among 180 countries)
↓ 8th place	The Heritage Foundation's 2024 Index of Economic Freedom
↓ 8th place	Tallinn – best place to start a business as the 8th most trusted among 59 European startup hubs, Startup Heatmap Europe
↓ 10th place	Tallinn – fDi Magazine – Mid-Sized European Cities of the Future 2023 – overall
↓ 10th place	Tallinn – fDi Magazine – Mid-Sized European Cities of the Future 2023 – human capital and life style

1st place	Estonia – biggest number of funded startups per resident in Europe (The State of European Tech 2023)
1st place	Estonia – biggest number of billion-dollar companies per resident in Europe (The State of European Tech 2023)
1st place	Estonia – digital public services (Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2022, Digital public services, European Commission) (28 countries)
1st place	Estonia – EPI (The Environmental Performance Index 2024, Center for International Earth Science Information Network) (180 countries)
↑ 12th place	Estonia – Transparency International Corruption Perception Index 2023 (among 180 countries)
↑ 16th place	Estonia – Global Innovation Index (132 countries) (Estonia ranks 16th among the 132 economies featured in the Global Innovation Index 2023)
17th place	IMD's ranking to evaluate the retaining and attracting of talent: World Talent Ranking 2023 (among 64 countries)
↑ 18th place	IMD's World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2023 (among 64 countries)
↑ 24th place	Tallinn – IMD Smart City Index 2024 (144 cities)
↓ 26th place	Estonia – IMD's World Competitiveness Yearbook 2023 (among 64 countries)
↓ 31st place	The UN's 2022 Human Development Index (among 189 countries)

SOURCE: e-estonia.com

Business

The cornerstones of Estonian economic growth are entrepreneurship and exports. The government helps to create an attractive business environment by reducing bureaucracy and creating an environment in which doing business is easy, while using blockchain technology for security. Thanks to the e-government, everything – from starting a company and submitting your tax return declaration to submitting reports – can be done without leaving home. Business grows where it is easy for it to grow. That is why Estonia is one of the countries with the highest number of start-ups per capita.

START A COMPANY IN JUST A FEW HOURS

Starting a company takes about three hours, but the world record is 15 minutes (source: Centre of Registers and Information Systems). 98% of people prefer to establish their companies online. With 99.8% of all banking transactions also being made online, running a company in Estonia is easy.

HASSLE-FREE TAX SYSTEM

98% of tax returns are lodged online – it takes just three minutes.

FULLY AUTOMATED TAX PAYMENT

Grown out of the Zero Bureaucracy initiative, the “Data-driven Reporting Project” will create a solution for the automatic flow of data needed by the state, based on minimalism and simplicity. It is a joint project initiated by the Tax and Customs Board (MTA), Statistics Estonia (SA) and Eesti Pank (EP). As of 2024, other institutions (Centre of Registers and Information System, Environmental Board, etc.) have joined the project. The first step will be to reduce the burden on businesses in submitting data on wages and labour, followed by a focus on economic transactions and the accommodation and environment sectors.

SMART SPECIALISATION

In fostering entrepreneurship, Tallinn focuses on the main areas of smart specialisation, i.e. areas that contribute significantly to the development of the city, are seeing rapid growth in productivity and target markets and influence other economic sectors through their development.

These areas include cyber security, robotics, smart fabrics, personal medicine, electronic prescriptions, genetics studies and e-health.



The customs' status system will become more digital and business-friendly on 1 March 2024.



**WORLD RECORD:
A COMPANY IN 15
MINUTES.**

No corporate income tax.

TRANSITION TO GREEN ECONOMY

Carbon-neutral district heating and cooling in Tallinn.

Established in 2023, the joint venture of the City of Tallinn and OÜ Utilitas, AS Utilitas Tallinna Soojus, aims to upgrade the district heating network and achieve carbon neutral district heating and cooling by 2030 at the latest.

Utilitas expanded the Vao energy complex with new renewable energy production units, which will result in 30,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions being avoided annually.

Tallinn's waste plan from 2022 to 2026 shifts the emphasis from waste plants to circular economy centres. The focus in the new recycling centres that will be built next to the waste plants will be on recycling rooms and repair workshops. The first circular economy centre will be Lilleküla.

With its focus on green innovation in mobility and energy, being the European Green Capital of 2023 launched Tallinn as an attractive operating environment where both domestic and foreign companies can continue to test various (green) technologies through the Test in Tallinn project.

INDUSTRY DIGITALISATION

- **E-construction platform**
- **Industry 5.0**
- **smart energy**
- **real-time economy** (replacing economic transactions and administrative actions with automatic data exchange if they are carried out: safely, in a standardised form, digitally, automatically, in machine-readable form, in or near real time)

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT DOING BUSINESS IN ESTONIA:

- starting a business: www.eesti.ee, www.eas.ee, www.investinestonia.com, ettevotja.tallinn.ee; <https://startupestonia.ee/>
- business grants: www.eas.ee, www.rtk.ee, <https://ettevotja.tallinn.ee>; www.tootukassa.ee; www.kik.ee
- e-Residency: <https://e-resident.gov.ee>.



1st place: Estonia EPI (The Environmental Performance Index 2024, Center for International Earth Science Information Network) (180 countries)

Tallinn is open for business

Tallinn is the most important financial and business centre in Estonia. Over half of Estonia’s businesses have converged in and around the capital and over half of Estonia’s GDP is generated in Tallinn. The city is known as a technology-based business environment and a suitable location for the development centres of international businesses and start-ups.

The Tallinn Strategic Management Office’s Enterprise Services support the development of the business and economic environment of Tallinn at the local level, together with foundations and companies set up by the city or with city participation: Tallinn Business Incubators, Tallinn Science Park Tehnopol, AS Tallinna Arendused.



There are 94,245 active businesses in Tallinn (based on the 2022 annual report).

In 2022, 20,078 businesses in Tallinn had a turnover of more than €100,000, while 73 businesses had a turnover of more than €100,000,000.

Tallinn is a city of international businesses, their head offices and development centres. In 2023, there were 15,368 businesses with foreign participation in Tallinn. In 11,385 of these, foreign participation was over 50%.

Number of active businesses in Tallinn (based on the 2022 annual report)

ECONOMIC SECTOR		BUSINESSES
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	18,230
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	15,138
J	Information and communication	11,673
L	Real estate activities	9,377
N	Administrative and support service activities	6,480
F	Construction	6,201
K	Financial and insurance activities	4,980
S	Other service activities	4,525
C	Manufacturing industry	3,976
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	3,527
H	Transportation and storage	3,509
I	Accommodation and food service activities	2,195
P	Education	1,983
Q	Health care and social work activities	1,250
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	681
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	329
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation	120
B	Mining and quarrying	53
X	Undetermined	14
0	Public administration and national defence; compulsory social security	4
TOTAL		94,245

SOURCE: Centre of Registers and Information Systems





Tallinn is a test environment for smart solutions.
www.tallinnovation.ee

Number of employees working for active businesses in Tallinn (Based on the 2022 annual report)

0 employees	60,917
1–10 employees	30,365
11–50 employees	2,401
51–250 employees	450
more than 250 employees	112
TOTAL	94,245

SOURCE: Centre of Registers and Information Systems



Number of registered businesses in Tallinn: 143,502
 (about half of Estonian businesses)

(as of 1 January 2024).

Traditional business events have found a place for themselves in Tallinn:

- **Junior Achievement Estonia Student Company Fair:** (www.ja.ee)
- **Ajujaht** (Brain Hunt) – the best-known start-up accelerator in Estonia (www.ajujaht.ee)
- **MELT Innovation Forum:** (<https://melt.ee/>)
- **Latitude 59** – The biggest technology, business and innovation conference in Estonia (www.latitude59.ee)
- **Impact Day** – the largest sustainability festival in the Baltics (<https://impactday.eu/et/expo/>)
- **Banana Conference** – the biggest Web3 event in Northern and Eastern Europe (<https://bananaconf.xyz/>)
- **Robotex international robotics competition** (<https://robotex.international/>)
- **Tallinn Entrepreneurship Day** (www.ettevotluspaev.tallinn.ee)
- **Tallinn Music Week music industry conference** (<https://tmw.ee/conference/>)
- **PÖFF European Film Forum conference** (<https://industrytallinn.com/>) (A-list festival)



Support structures for business

AS Tallinna Arendused

The core activity of Tallinna Arendused is developing real estate that supports the development of Tallinn and the business environment.

Currently the largest developmental project the company is leading in co-operation with companies representing the Estonian film industry is a multifunctional development planned for the property on 17 Paljassaare Road. The first phase of the project involves building the first world-class film studio complex in Estonia (Tallinn Film Wonderland (<http://tallinnfilmstudios.ee/>)). The second phase will involve the development of functions on the site to support the activities of the film studio complex (www.ltp.ee).

The film studio complex that is planned in Northern Tallinn on the Paljassaare peninsula will be the most modern and versatile complex in the Baltics, made up of both the biggest studio complex of the Baltic Sea and different businesses in the Estonian film industry.

- So far, the lack of a modern studio has hindered the growth of the audiovisual sector and the export of services (incl. large film projects taking place in Estonia).
- The addition of the new film studio complex will support the local film industry and motivate new film makers – a hub equipped with innovative and modern technology enables people to work on diverse film projects.
- The development of a modern studio complex will significantly increase the attraction of Estonia on an international level by creating an important prerequisite for carrying out large-scale foreign productions in Estonia. This will foster both economic and professional development not only in the film industry but also outside of it.

Tallinn Business Incubators

The Tallinn Business Incubators Foundation was founded by the city, has been operating since 2006 and has helped with the development of over 1,000 companies. The Tallinn Creative Incubator programme (<https://inkubaator.tallinn.ee/>) has 50 businesses participating every year, from production designers and service providers to technological start-ups. Alumni include KIRA, Berrichi, Ellen Richard, RAIKU, Myceen, Lengu and many others. Circular economy businesses are at the centre of attention in particular. Over a hundred Estonian design brands are represented at Tallinn Design House (<https://tallinndesignhouse.com>).

THE CREATIVITY INCUBATOR OFFERS THE ENTREPRENEUR:

- three development programmes;
- a business-based personal consultation;
- over 50 professional business mentors;
- useful courses, seminars, events incl. community events;
- co-operation opportunities with universities and research institutions;
- information and advice on topics related to circular economy;
- co-operation opportunities within the framework of international projects;
- offices and studio rooms starting from 10m².

TALLINN DESIGN HOUSE OFFERS DESIGNER BUSINESSES:

- a platform for co-marketing and exporting;
- useful courses, seminars, events;
- co-operation opportunities in international projects;
- a display at the showroom at Rotermanni 14 and on the website www.tallinndesignhouse.com.



The project involves companies producing films and advertisements as well as post-production companies, totalling around 600 enterprises.



Science and business campus Tehnopol

The science and business campus Tehnopol aims to support world-changing technology entrepreneurship and innovation and its expansion into the foreign market. Tehnopol offers businesses a healthy environment to test solutions and to grow and succeed with the support of business development experts. Tehnopol's vision is to create an environment for businesses where they can sense that no goal is too great. Tehnopol was founded by the Republic of Estonia, the Tallinn University of Technology (henceforth referred to as Taltech) and Tallinn.

<https://www.tehnopol.ee/>

TEHNOPOL OFFERS SERVICES FOR TECHNOLOGY BUSINESSES IN ANY GROWTH PHASE:

- modern office spaces, affordable warehousing and opportunities to test innovation (flexible conditions, a diverse environment, a supportive community and many exciting events);
- prototyping fund Prototron (to help teams with ideas in their initial phases build prototypes);
- Tehnopol Startup Incubator (a dynamic growth accelerator for start-ups in their early stages to become market-ready and take in funds);
- Tehnopol Startup Incubator's special accelerators: AI accelerator, Cyber Accelerator, Green Accelerator, ESA BIC, NATO's DIANA accelerator (which offer a substantive programme and the support of expert mentors focused on a specific area);
- business development services for the development of high-growth technology companies, export capacity building, taking in funds and green turnaround, focus areas: green, health and smart technologies (support of expert mentors, networking, community building);

- innovation services for large organisations and companies to increase their level of innovation and initiate cooperation with start-ups (innovation audit, innovation leaders club, special solution innovation projects – reflection exercises, idea days, implementing internal accelerators).

MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY:

- smart city;
- green technology;
- health technology;
- smart technologies (space, AI, cyber, etc.).

TEHNOPOL IN NUMBERS:

- more than 200 businesses operating in the science campus;
- more than 220 businesses utilising its services;
- more than 80 start-ups in the Tehnopol Startup Incubator;
- more than 750 businesses have graduated from the Tehnopol Startup Incubator programme;
- more than 4,500 employees on the campus;
- business turnover totals 1.4 billion euros;
- €36 million of capital raised by start-ups;
- €14 million of private and public investment intermediated to growth companies;
- €11 million per year increase in business export turnover;
- 11,000 students and 1,300 scientists close at hand;
- 57,000 m² of office and lab space for rent;
- 17 seminar and meeting rooms;
- two research and development centres;
- two labs.



BEST-KNOWN BUSINESSES ON THE BUSINESS CAMPUS:

- Starship (www.starship.xyz)
- Microsoft and Skype (www.microsoft.com/et-ee)
- Cybernetica (www.cyber.ee)
- Hepta Airborne (www.heptaairborne.com)
- Defsec Intel (<https://www.defsecintel.com>)
- SMIT (www.smit.ee)
- Krakul (www.krakul.eu)
- TFTAK (www.tftak.eu)
- J Möllner (<https://www.jmolner.com>)
- GScan (<https://www.gscan.eu>)
- Nanordica (<https://nanordica.com>)
- Wayren (<https://wayren.ee>)
- Fujitsu (<https://global.fujitsu/et-ee>)
- Cafatech (<https://cafatech.com>)



The Campus of Tallinn University of Technology

TalTech serves society through international excellence in teaching, research and **business co-operation**. Located in Mustamäe, the compact, green and modern university campus tests future solutions for smart cities and develops the Internet of Things, forward-thinking entrepreneurship and autonomous vehicles, next-generation solar panels and health technologies, sustainable energy and secure e-governance, smart materials and novel food.

The world's first smart city centre of excellence (www.finestcentre.eu) is being developed at TalTech. It focuses on five areas: data; governance; transport; energy and artificial environments; and the practical development of smart urban space and services. The FinEst Centre of excellence promotes the development of Estonia's e-government as well as the European Digital Single Market and boosts scientific and innovative cooperation between universities and businesses.

The University of Technology has more than 130 research teams and more than 80 labs. The area has 72 buildings on 55.5 hectares. From the campus, it is 7 km to the city centre, 9 km to the airport and 8 km to the port. The campus is also home to the Innovation and Business Centre Mektory and the Tallinn Science Park Tehnopol, where researchers, university students and entrepreneurs meet to solve practical product development problems and generate new forward-looking ideas. Mektory is visited by an average of 35,000 people a year and, in addition to the conference centre and prototyping workshops, it also hosts the TalTech School of Technology, which offers courses for young students. More information: www.taltech.ee.

Ülemiste City – smart future city

Ülemiste City is the largest and fastest-growing business campus in the Baltic States. It covers a compact area of 36 hectares next to Tallinn Airport. Everyday tasks of businesses and employees are made easier thanks to all of the services available on the campus. Businesses can showcase their services, organise meetings and joint events and establish new and useful contacts. The International House of Estonia is also located on the campus.

www.ulemistecity.ee

The campus can be accessed by city buses no. 7, 15, 45, 49, 64 and 65.

THE BEST-KNOWN COMPANIES ON THE CAMPUS:

- Fujitsu Estonia (www.fujitsu.com/global);
- Playtech Estonia (www.playtech.ee);
- Kühne + Nagel (ee.kuehne-nagel.com);
- Nortal (www.nortal.com);
- Helmes (www.helmes.ee);
- Skeleton Technologies (www.skeletontech.com).

ÜLEMISTE CITY IN NUMBERS:

- more than 500 smart businesses
- 167,000m² of office space
- community of 16,000 working, living or studying on campus
- foreign talent from more than 70 countries



The Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech) is the only university of technology in Estonia and the only campus-type university in the Baltics. TalTech offers Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral degrees in engineering, IT, natural sciences, economics and maritime studies.



Tallinn and start-ups

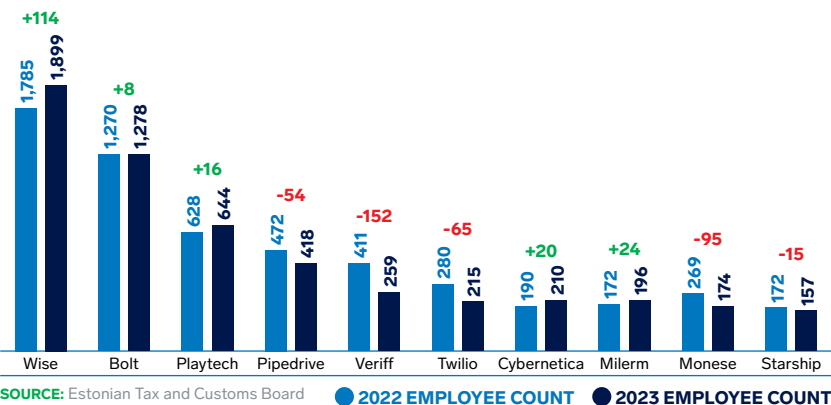
- According to Dealroom, as of 1 April 2024, the start-up sector in Estonia had 1,403 companies (start-ups + growth companies).
- The aggregate turnover of companies active in the start-up sector in 2023 was around €2,992 million (an increase of 18% compared to the year before). Turnover data for businesses are based on quarterly VAT returns submitted by the taxable person to the Tax and Customs Board, and are therefore not comparable with the taxable person's annual accounts.
- Based on e-MTA data, the number of persons employed by enterprises active in the start-up sector as of 31 December 2023 was 12,484 (4% less than a year earlier). Enterprises in the sector paid €322.9 million (18%) more in labour taxes in 2023 than in the year before.

ECOSYSTEM AND NOTEWORTHY INITIATIVES:

Startup Estonia, Estonian Business Angels Network EstBAN, Tallinn Science Park Tehnopol, Prototron, Latitude59, Lift99, Garage48.

Biggest businesses operating in the start-up sector in Estonia

2022 and 2023 employee count as of 31st December



Highest turnover: Bolt, Pipedrive, Veriff, Defsecintel

Biggest employers: Wise, Bolt, Swappie, Eippa WSOperations OÜ

Biggest payers of labour taxes: Bolt, Wise, Pipedrive

Harjumaa 2024 Q1



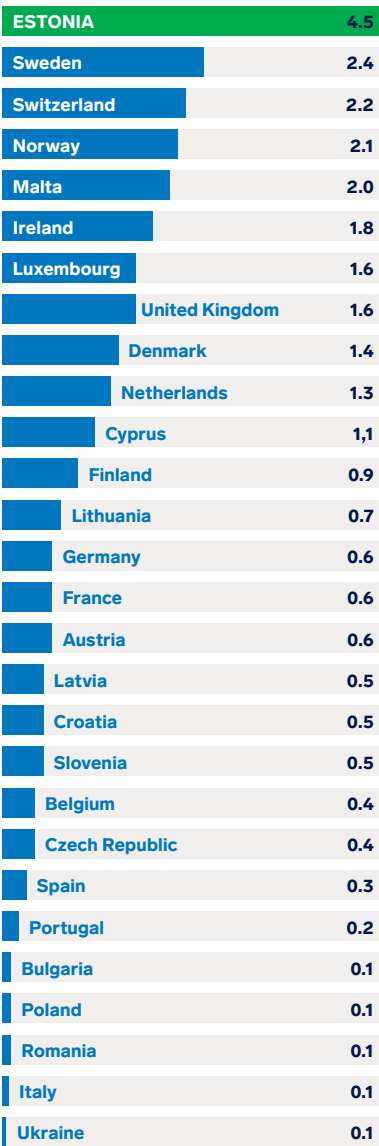
Tallinn-based companies account for 78% of all start-ups, but in terms of both turnover and number of employees, as well as national and labour taxes, Tallinn companies account for 96% of all start-ups in Harju County.



According to the “State of European Tech report 2023”: Estonia has the most funded start-ups per capita (over 400) and also the most billion-dollar companies per capita in Europe (4.5). As of 1 April 2024, the start-up sector in Estonia has 1,403 companies (start-ups + growth companies).

Estonia stands out: we have 4.5 companies worth more than \$1 billion per million inhabitants.

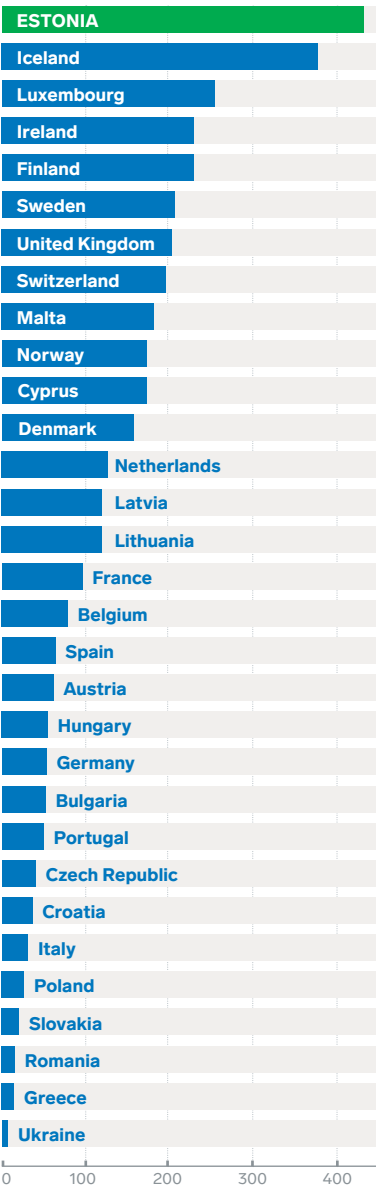
Count of current \$B+ companies per 1M inhabitants



SOURCE: Atomico

Data is as of 30 September 2023. '\$B+' or 'unicorn' is defined as a tech company that has reached \$1B+ valuation in its lifetime. Population data from International Monetary Fund.

Number of funded startups per capita per country, 2023



SOURCE: Atomico

Data is as of 30 September 2023. Data shown for countries with > 300,000 inhabitants

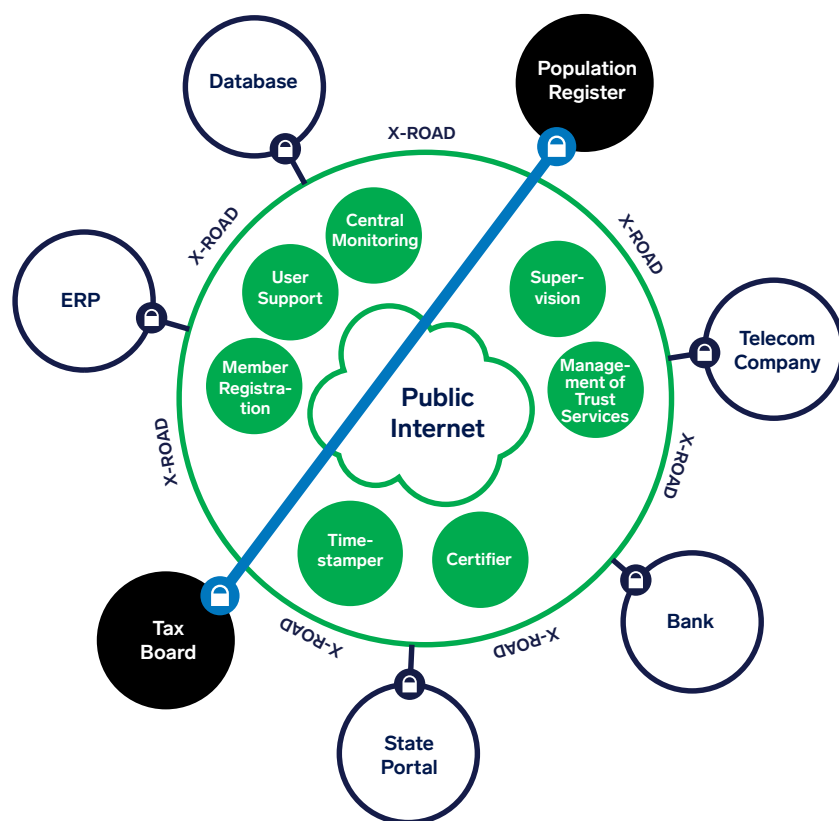


Information and communication technology

The **data exchange layer X-tee** is a technical and organisational solution which enables secure, traceable online data exchange between state authorities and the private sector. To exchange data, a member of X-tee describes the shared data and other members can use it based on an agreement. Thanks to X-tee, organisations can optimise their business processes by making information systems communicate with one another directly and in real time. As a result, citizens and companies do not have to manually forward data (certificates, permits, licences, etc.) from one organisation to another. X-tee makes it possible to considerably reduce the administrative workload both within the country and internationally. www.ria.ee/x-tee

In 2001, Estonia started using the X-tee (formerly X-Road) data exchange layer, which

- saves 3 million working hours annually;
- offers 3,303 services;
- helps with over 2.5 billion transactions per year.



M-payment allows users to pay for various products and services using their mobile phones.

mTasku is a handy digital wallet in which you can store the bank and customer cards you need for everyday transactions and use them, for example, to make payments, enjoy customer discounts, validate public transport privileges or even as digital proof of employment. www.mtasku.ee

Mobile-ID and Smart-ID users can securely confirm their identity using their mobile phone, for instance when logging into online banking systems or digitally signing documents. Mobile-ID and Smart-ID services are the counterparts to a person's ID card in their mobile phone. <https://www.id.ee/>

The **e-Business Register** can be used to make inquiries about a business's annual reports and owners. This makes Estonia's business environment transparent and trustworthy. www.rik.ee

The **Company Registration Portal of the e-Business Register** is an environment where applications can be submitted for registering new companies, amending registry data, liquidating companies and deleting companies from the register in addition to designating a Data Protection Officer for your establishment. 98% of businesses in Estonia are established using the Company Registration Portal of the e-Business Register. The register can also be used by e-residents with an ID-card. <https://www.rik.ee/et/e-ariregister/e-ariregistri-portaal>

E-school is a school management tool that connects homes, schools and local governments. The tool is used by 85% of all schools in Estonia. www.ekool.eu

The **e-Tax Board and e-Customs** can be used to conduct customs transactions and monitor your tax affairs. www.emta.ee

The **e-Land Register** is an online application that provides cadastre information about real estate and its ownership. It contains detailed overviews of properties, including address, region, purpose, encumbrances, restrictions, rights of use, other notations and mortgage information. www.rik.ee/kinnistuportaal

The **e-Health Information System** retains health records for both the doctor and the patient. Patients can obtain an overview of their medical history (information about appointments, tests, diagnoses, etc.), make appointments and pay appointment fees. Health professionals can share information revealed during treatment, view X-rays and other medical imaging and issue electronic prescriptions. Security is a priority when developing health information systems that contain sensitive personal health data. For this reason, every data viewing leaves a footprint in the e-Health Information System and every user can see who has viewed their health data. www.terviseportaal.ee, www.tehik.ee





E-residency

Estonia is the first country in the world to offer citizens of foreign countries the opportunity to become e-residents and benefit from the e-services of their digital country. E-Residency provides the most modern and efficient toolbox for the international entrepreneur, allowing you to set up a company in the European Union with a secure digital identity issued by the country and manage it 100% online. <https://e-resident.gov.ee>

100,000 e-residents have now created more than 30,000 businesses in Estonia since the activation of the e-residency programme in December 2014. During its years of operation the programme has brought in more than €200 million in direct revenue, in addition to the indirect economic benefits from, among other things, the growth and investments that Estonian businesses who serve e-residents have enjoyed. 20% of all new businesses in Estonia are created by e-residents.

E-RESIDENTS CAN:

- log in to Estonian portals and information systems;
- digitally sign documents;
- access Estonia's secure and transparent business environment;
- establish a business online in Estonia in less than a day;
- manage their business independent of their own location;
- get an advanced digital society user experience.

HOW TO BECOME AN E-RESIDENT

1. Fill out an application on the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board website <https://eresident.politsei.ee/>.
2. Wait for a response on your acceptance as an e-resident after passing a background check.
3. Obtain your e-Residence digital ID from an Estonian diplomatic mission or consular post.
4. Join the e-resident community and service provider ecosystem.

STARTUP-VISA

The Estonian start-up visa helps non-EU founders grow their startup in Estonia, one of the best places in the world to start and run a business. It will also help Estonian start-ups hire talent from non-EU countries more easily.

<https://startupestonia.ee/start-up-in-estonia/startup-visa/>

International House of Estonia (IHE)

IHE is a service centre that provides foreigners in Estonia with all the necessary services to interact with the state, receive advice and build their network. The House's goal is to make moving to and settling in Estonia as easy and worry-free as possible.

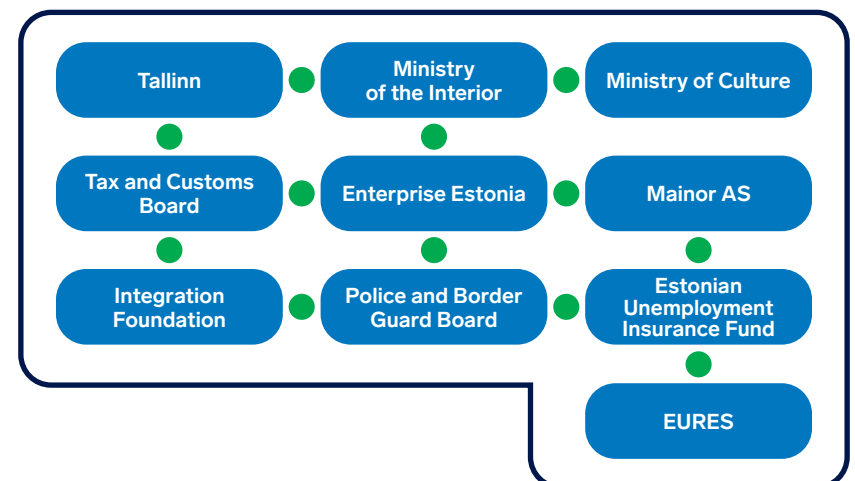
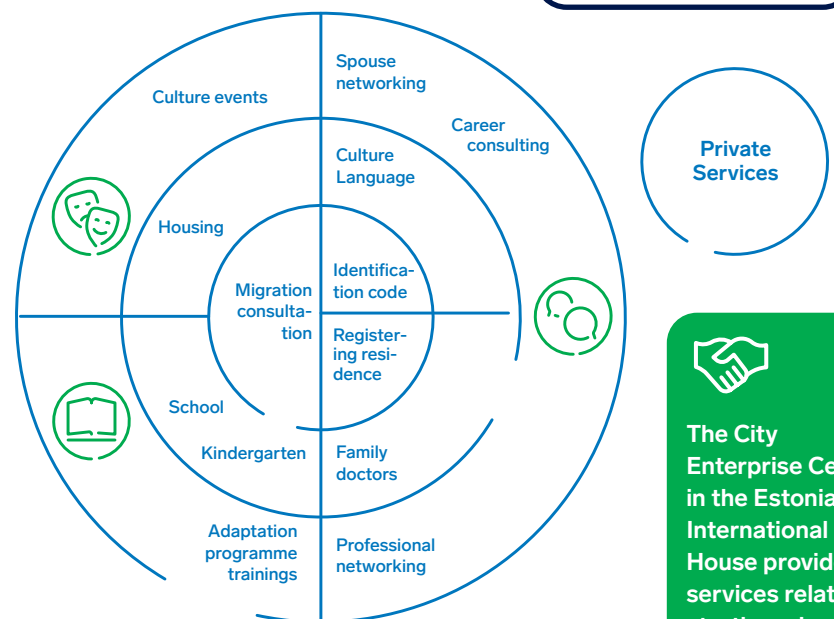
Many service providers are brought together under IHE, including the Police and Border Guard Board, the City of Tallinn, the Integration Foundation and the Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund. The House offers various practical services and information on acquiring necessary documents, starting a business, career advancements, language studies, etc.

They regularly host in-person and online seminars where you can learn important information on living in Estonia, such as information about pensions, language studies, labour law and volunteering.

The International House of Estonia is located in Ülemiste City at Valukoja 8 – just 400 metres from Tallinn Airport.

<https://workinestonia.com/internationalhouse/>

SERVICES AND CO-OPERATION PARTNERS



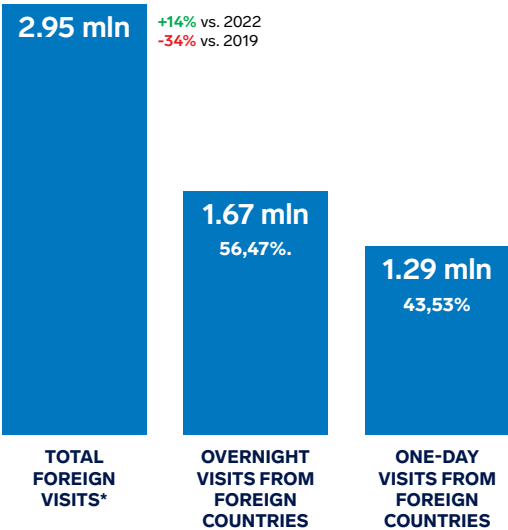
The City Enterprise Centre in the Estonian International House provides services related to starting a business.

Tourism

Main indicators of tourism in Tallinn in 2023
(data as of 15 February 2024)

Foreign visits

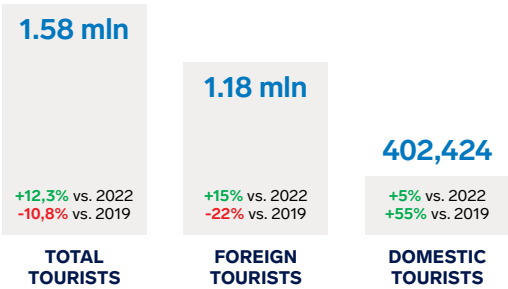
SOURCE: Positium, Bank of Estonia



Overnight visits account for 56.47% of all foreign visits. This is more than 10 percentage points higher than in 2019 and at a similar level to last year (~1 percentage point difference).

Number of tourists staying in accommodation establishments in Tallinn

SOURCE: Positium, Bank of Estonia, Statistics Estonia



Domestic tourists accounted for 25% of all accommodation use by tourists during the year, compared to 15% in 2019.

Number of foreign tourists staying in accommodation establishments in Tallinn

TOP 10

Finland	515,128	44%	+17% vs. 2022	-6% vs. 2019
Latvia	84,126	7%	+20% vs. 2022	+28% vs. 2019
Germany	63,408	5%	+14% vs. 2022	-41% vs. 2019
Lithuania	52,890	4%	+30% vs. 2022	+4% vs. 2019
Great Britain	51,605	4%	+43% vs. 2022	-13% vs. 2019
USA	39,802	3%	+34% vs. 2022	-7% vs. 2019
Sweden	34,959	3%	+26% vs. 2022	-36% vs. 2019
Poland	28,967	2%	+43% vs. 2022	+8% vs. 2019
Italy	24,847	2%	+13% vs. 2022	-18% vs. 2019
Spain	22,540	2%	+29% vs. 2022	-32% vs. 2019

SOURCE: Statistics Estonia

Foreign visits by target markets

TOP 10

Finland	1,421,852	48%
Latvia	258,186	9%
Germany	178,521	6%
Sweden	114,957	4%
Lithuania	110,112	4%
Great Britain	107,553	4%
USA	104,065	4%
Poland	75,612	3%
Italy	57,978	2%
Ukraine	55,913	2%

SOURCE: Positium, Bank of Estonia

Visits from cruise passengers

TOP 10

Germany	116,718
Great Britain	64,390
USA	65,678
Italy	13,790
Canada	9,736
Spain	8,365
Netherlands	5,611
France	4,486
Australia	4,474
Mexico	4,236

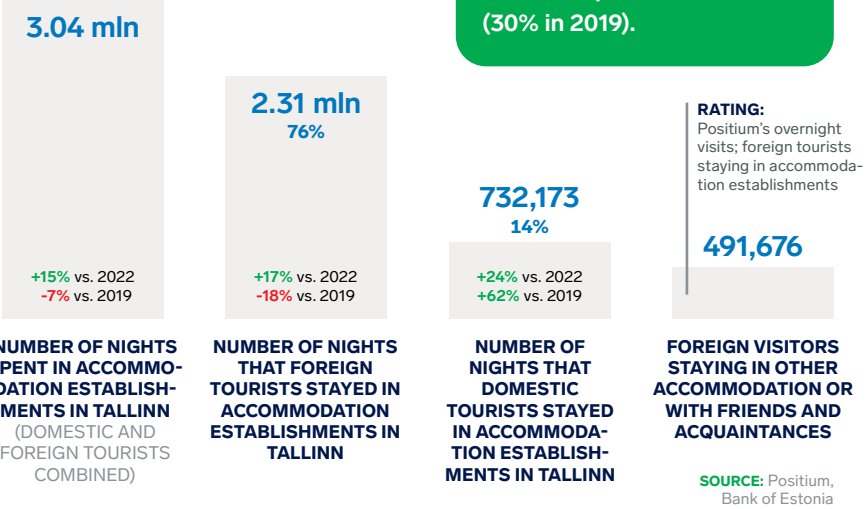
Total 2023
329,697
-3% vs. 2022
-50% vs. 2019

SOURCE: Port of Tallinn

● Cruise passengers accounted for around 25.6% of all one-day visitors.



Number of nights spent in accommodation establishments in Tallinn



Number of nights that foreign tourists stayed in accommodation establishments in Tallinn
TOP 10

Finland	881,054	+18% vs. 2022	+1% vs. 2019
Germany	149,764	+12% vs. 2022	-31% vs. 2019
Latvia	142,856	+20% vs. 2022	+32% vs. 2019
Great Britain	105,763	+34% vs. 2022	-23% vs. 2019
USA	87,293	+21% vs. 2022	-6% vs. 2019
Lithuania	86,386	+31% vs. 2022	-2% vs. 2019
Spain	74,451	+87% vs. 2022	-2% vs. 2019
Ukraine	68,578	+10% vs. 2022	+34% vs. 2019
Sweden	67,755	+25% vs. 2022	-28% vs. 2019
Italy	56,039	+18% vs. 2022	-16% vs. 2019

SOURCE: Statistics Estonia

Average of foreign tourists with the longest visits in accommodation establishments

TOP 10

Brazil	3.36 nights
Spain	3.30 nights
Ukraine	3.23 nights
Albania	2.90 nights
Türkiye	2.82 nights
Slovakia	2.72 nights
France	2.65 nights
Hungary	2.62 nights
Czechia	2.39 nights
Portugal	2.38 nights

SOURCE: Statistics Estonia

Average of foreign tourists with the longest visits

TOP 10

Ukraine	24 nights
Netherlands	15 nights
Russia	15 nights
Australia	14 nights
Spain	14 nights
Türkiye	13 nights
France	13 nights
Denmark	13 nights
China	13 nights
Switz.	12 nights

SOURCE: Positium, Bank of Estonia



TALLINN CHRISTMAS MARKET has been included in the rankings of several top publications like magazines Vogue and Conde Nast Traveller and newspapers The Times and Telegraph.

Other important observations and trends

- The Bank of Estonia estimates that foreign tourists spent around €1.23 billion in Estonia last year. Assuming conservatively that tourists visiting Tallinn spend like everyone else, foreign tourists have spent over €900 million in Tallinn.
- While the level of tourists in 2019 has not yet returned, most of the trends suggest that this could happen this year. There are markets that recovered quickly (e.g. Finland), markets that showed a consistent upward trend throughout 2023 (the US) and markets where the recovery is very fast but still in the early stages (some Asian countries).
- Compared to the pre-pandemic period, Tallinn considers the share of domestic tourists important, as they are currently the second largest market after the Finns. Their share is decreasing (due to the recovering amount of foreign tourists), but the absolute number remains relatively stable.
- Foreign tourists’ assessments of Tallinn are very good. Tallinn’s Net Promoter Score based on the survey of foreign visitors is 63.11 (the proportion of scores 9 and 10 out of all scores on a scale of 1-10, from which the proportion of scores 1-6 has been deducted).
- Tallinn’s reputation as a travel destination remains consistently good in the TCI Research sentiment survey and is less vulnerable to various regional crises than other nearby destinations.
- The end of last year was exceptionally good – record accommodation statistics for December and more tourists staying in accommodation than in any previous December.
- The average length of stay is gradually increasing. This offers a more secure market for accommodation and a more memorable experience for tourists.

Amount of accommodation establishments in Tallinn (5 or more beds)

115
VARIES BY MONTH: 109–123
SOURCE: Statistics Estonia, survey “Accommodation”

Annual average occupancy rate of rooms in accommodation establishments in Tallinn (%)

61%
+9% vs. 2022 -6% vs. 2019
SOURCE: Statistics Estonia

Number of beds in accommodation establishments in Tallinn around 18,000

VARIES BY MONTH (17,775–18,343)
SOURCE: Statistics Estonia

Income from provision of accommodation services of the accommodation establishments in Tallinn

€156 million
+27% vs. 2022
less than 1% change from 2019
SOURCE: Statistics Estonia

Average price of a room in an accommodation establishment in Tallinn

€80.48
INCOME FROM THE SALE OF ACCOMMODATION SERVICES WITH SHARED USE OF ROOMS
+6.6% vs. 2022 -1.62% vs. 2019
SOURCE: Statistics Estonia

Number of rooms in accommodation establishments in Tallinn

Around 8,691
VARIES BY MONTH: 8,487–8,800
SOURCE: Statistics Estonia

Other accommodation establishments in Tallinn

Around 2,500 (per month)
VARIES BY MONTH: 2,218–2,817
SOURCE: Transparent



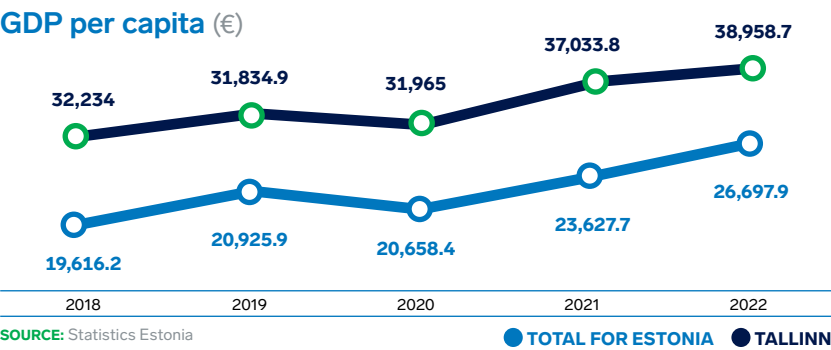
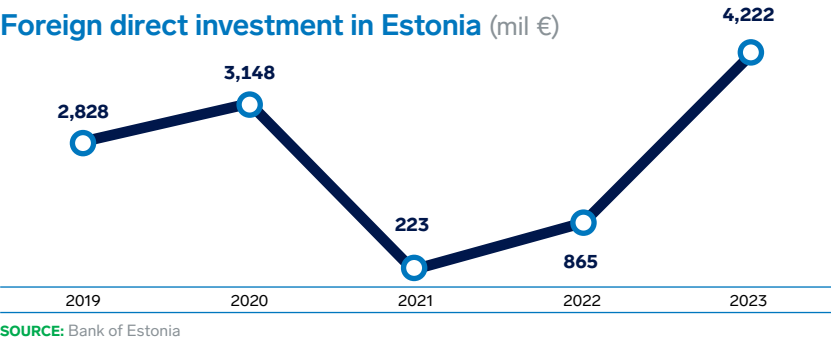
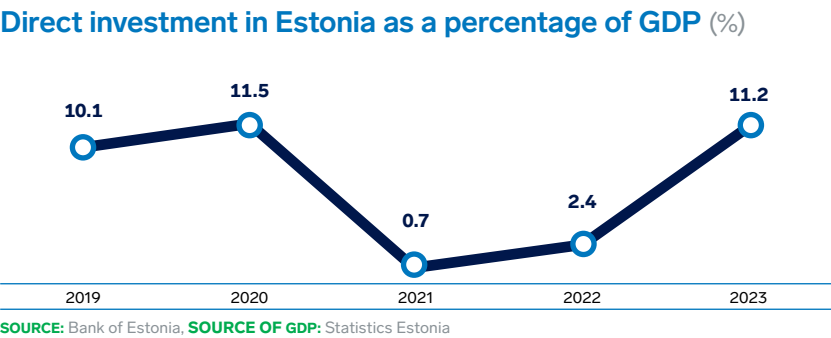
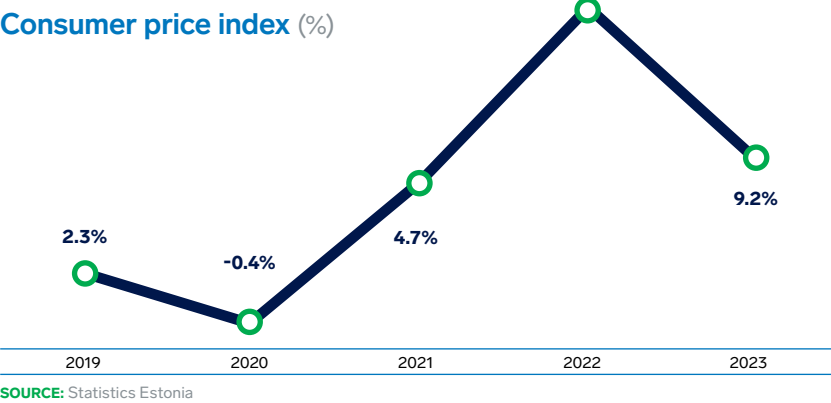
There were 2490 business events (conferences, seminars and training courses) with more than 10 participants in Tallinn in 2023. Of these, approx. 22% were international in nature, with foreign delegations making up more than 20% of all participants.

Largest conference facilities in Tallinn (2023)

NUMBER OF SEATS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM	NUMBER OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES	CONFERENCE FACILITIES
500–1,000	18	Estonian National Opera, Estonia Concert Hall, Tallinn University of Technology, Russian Theatre of Estonia, Creative Hub, Seaplane Harbour, Salme Cultural Centre, Tallinn Song Festival Grounds, Original Sokos Hotel Viru conference centre, Swissôtel Tallinn conference centre, Hilton Tallinn Park Hotel conference centre, Radisson Blu Hotel Olümpia conference centre, Teras Beach Tallinn, JAIK in the Telliskivi Creative City, Noblessner Foundry, Kumu Art Museum conference centre, Ülemiste City Technopolis conference centre, Põhjala Factory
1,001–2,000	3	Alexela Concert Hall, Eesti Näitused mess hall, Port of Tallinn cruise terminal
7000	2	Saku Suurhall, Tondiraba Ice Hall

SOURCE: Tourism Division of Tallinn Strategic Management Office's Enterprise Services

Economy





By the end of 2023, foreign direct investment in Estonia totalled €37.5 billion.

SOURCE: Eesti Pank

Main socio-economic indicators of Tallinn residents (€)

Average gross monthly salary (2023)	2,152.00
Q1 2024	2,247.00
Monthly minimum wage (2024)	820.00
Average monthly old-age pension (2024)	735.00
Monthly subsistence level (2024)	200.00
Weekly food basket cost for a family of four (2023)	117.28

SOURCES: Statistics Estonia, Estonian Institute of Economic Research



The relative importance of Tallinn in the national GDP was 48.2% in 2022.

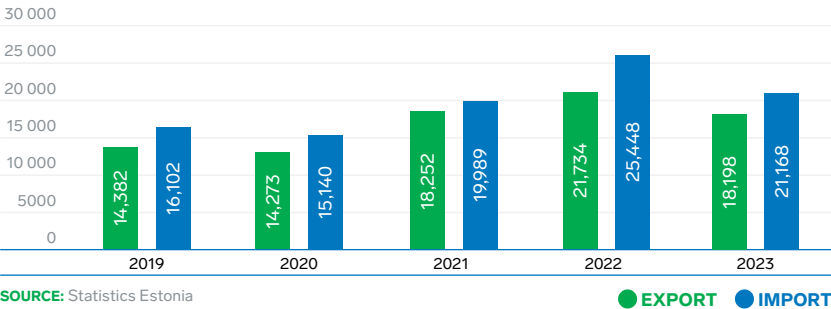




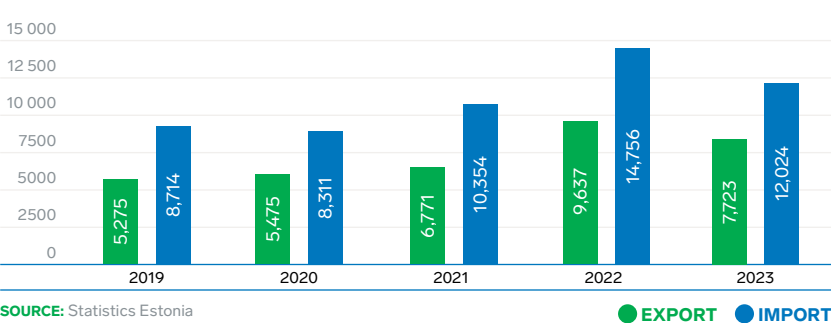
In 2023, Estonia's gross domestic product (GDP) was €37 billion in current prices.

Foreign trade

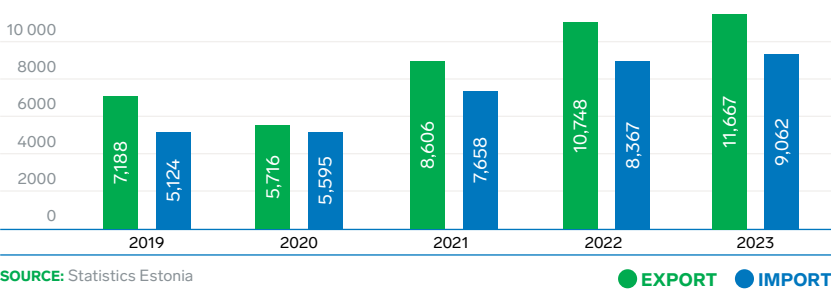
Estonian exports and imports of goods (mil €)



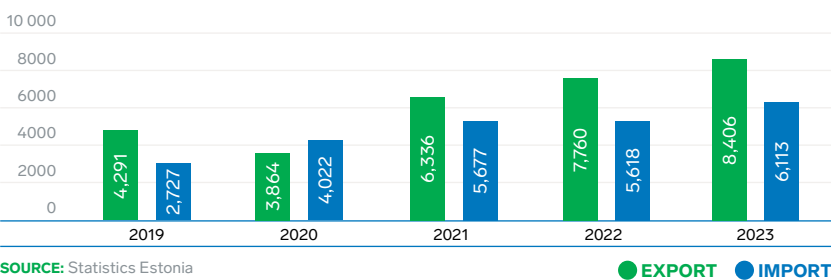
Exports and imports of goods in Tallinn



Estonian exports and imports of services (mil €)



Exports and imports of services in Tallinn (mil €)



Estonian exports of goods by target country (2023)

Finland	16.9%	Germany	6.6%
Latvia	11.9%	Netherlands	3.8%
Sweden	9.3%	Norway	3.4%
Lithuania	8.1%	Other countries	40%

SOURCE: Statistics Estonia

Estonian exports of services by target country (2023)

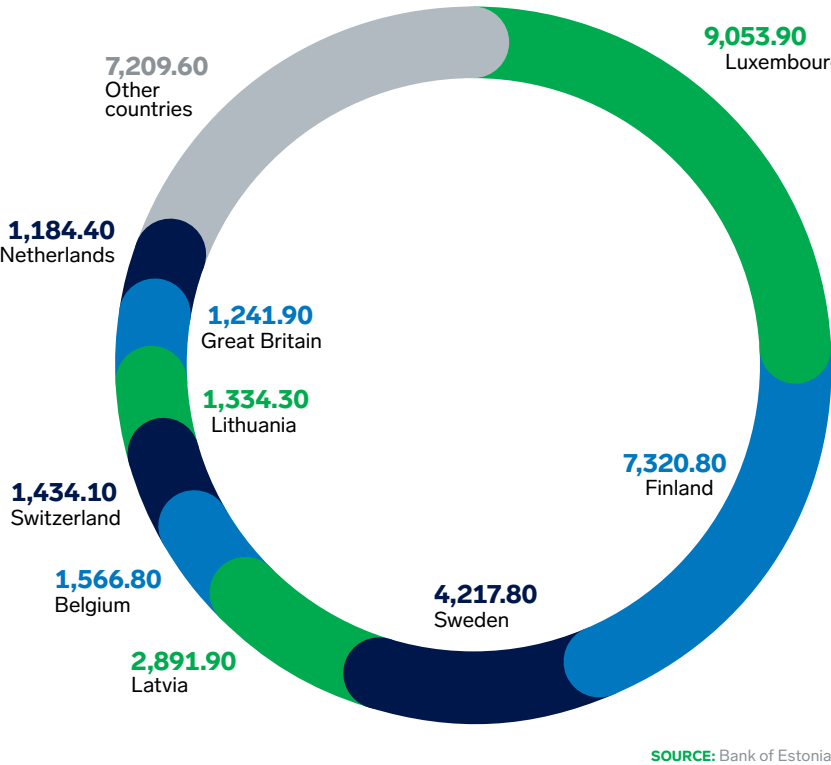
Finland	16.38%	Latvia	5.75%
The Americas	9.74%	Great Britain	5.58%
Sweden	7.39%	Lithuania	5.08%
Germany	7.01%	Other countries	36.1%
USA	6.97%		

SOURCE: Statistics Estonia



Estonia's most exported services in 2023 (according to data from Statistics Estonia): telecommunication, computer and information services, transport, computer services.

Direct investment positions in Estonia and abroad by country (€ million) as at 12 March 2024





Residential housing and commercial real estate

New constructions in Tallinn

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Residential buildings					
Number of residential premises	2,997	2,908	3,061	2,299	3,619
Area of residential premises (m²)	215,505	211,837	213,670	149,473	246,843
Non-residential buildings					
Usable space (m²)	127,582	382,533	180,425	139,090	186,849
TOTAL AREA OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (M²)	343,087	594,370	393,095	288,563	433,692

SOURCE: Statistics Estonia

TALLINN'S E-REGISTER OF PLANS

Tallinn's e-Register of Plans (TPR) provides access to detailed and functional zoning plans and also processes floor plans. It can be accessed by logging in with an ID card or Mobile ID. Anyone can access the register as a client. Organisations can also designate employees who can then conduct business in the register in an assigned role (e.g. designer). <https://tpr.tallinn.ee>

Housing stock in Tallinn

(as of 31 December 2021)

Number of residential premises	225,177
Area of residential premises	12,904,618 m²
Average area per resident	29 m²

SOURCE: Statistics Estonia RL21202
(Population census as of 31 December 2021)

Tallinn in 2023

CONSTRUCTION FIELD

Building permits issued	805
Building notices submitted	1,669
Occupancy permits issued	1,050
Occupancy notices submitted	1,129
State authorities performing construction supervision	
enforcement orders	38
warnings given	8

SOURCE: Tallinn Urban Planning Department



According to statistics from the Estonian Land Board, the average cost per m² of a new apartment in Tallinn in Q4 of 2023 was €4,205 per m².

DETAILED ZONING PLANS

Applications to initiate detailed zoning plans	37
Detailed zoning plans initiated	22
Detailed zoning plans accepted	10
Detailed zoning plans established	13
Detailed zoning plans revoked	3
Detailed zoning plans partially revoked	15
Applications to establish comprehensive plans	701
Comprehensive plans issued	161

Business real estate

Shopping centres in Tallinn

Unlike many other European capitals, Tallinn has no shopping street. In addition to the city centre, the Rotermann and Telliskivi quarters have become the centres of street trade.

Range of average rents in Tallinn shopping centres (2024)

PURPOSE OF USE OF COMMERCIAL SPACE	SIZE OF COMMERCIAL SPACE (M²)	CBRE 2024
Flower shop	Up to 60	30–50 (20–30)
Pharmacy	101–300	50–100
Optical store	Up to 100	40–80
Retail	Up to 100	20–80 (20–60)
	101–300	15–60 (15–45)
	More than 300	10–30 (10–20)
Food service	40–300	10–35
Anchor tenant	More than 1,500	8–15

SOURCE: CBRE Baltics (price in areas with low-level foot traffic in brackets)

On commercial and service areas with street entrances

(size of commercial space is more than 50 m²)

	AREAS WITH HIGH-LEVEL FOOT TRAFFIC; NET RENT	AREAS WITH LOW-LEVEL FOOT TRAFFIC; NET RENT
Tallinn City Centre	20–35	10–18
Tallinn outskirts	7–15	5–10

The market for warehouse and production space in Estonia is centred in Harju County. Logistics centres were actively expanded on in the last few years. The most active areas are along the major highways out of Tallinn, Tartu Highway and Pärnu Highway, and in the direction of Peterburi Road.

The price range of rent is increasing due to the addition of new and certified buildings, while the rent of older buildings cannot be raised at the same pace. Prices for larger, modern warehouses and production premises with standard solutions are predominantly in the range of €5-7 per m².

In Tallinn, the market for office space is primarily concentrated in the areas in which most class A and B office buildings are located: the city centre, Pärnu Highway, the start of Mustamäe Road, the Fahle Quarter, Tehnopol and the Ülemiste business district.

The tenant-centric market has resulted in more flexible contracts: instead of ten-year contracts, five-year or even shorter contracts have become the norm. They are driven by increasing competition for tenants and rising vacancies.

Demand for co-working spaces, or office hotels, has increased and interest is growing due to the offer of more flexible terms.

Working spaces like this are currently available in Ülemiste City, Maakri district, Rotermann, around Pärnu Highway and Manta House in Nõmme. www.wrkland.com; www.umaworkspace.com; www.regus.com



www.kv.ee,
www.city24.ee;



Tallinn city real
estate portal
www.kinnisvara.tallinn.ee

Average monthly rental rates for office space in Tallinn

(Q1 2024)

QUALITY CLASS	QUALITY CLASS	NET PRICE
Central business district in city centre, class A building	AA	17–21 €/m²
Central business district in city centre, class B building	AB	9–17 €/m²
Class A building on city outskirts	BA	12–16 €/m²
Class B building on city outskirts	BB	8–12 €/m²

SOURCE: CBRE Baltics

LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Tallinn Film Studios 57 ha
- Noblessner Quarter 24.54 ha
- Kopli Lines 23.3 ha
- Pollinator Highway from Paavli to Pelguranna 12.6 ha
- City Hall and its surroundings
- Smart city development of Ülemiste City
- Development of Tallinn Science Park Tehnopol
- Rail Baltica Ülemiste joint terminal
- Construction of Tallinn Hospital
- Construction of Veerenni and Pille quarter

SOURCE: Tallinn Urban Planning Department

Population and labour market

Breakdown of Tallinn's population by age (as of 1 January 2024)

0–4	21,351
5–9	24,290
10–14	24,420
15–19	23,524
20–24	21,015
25–29	27,219
30–34	37,953
35–39	42,518
40–44	36,561
45–49	33,229
50–54	29,280
55–59	24,776
60–64	26,017
65–69	24,537
70–74	21,494
75–79	15,451
80–84	12,065
85–89	8,229
90–94	2,909
95–99	679
100 and older	55
85 and older	11,872
TOTAL	457,572

SOURCE: Population survey RV022U by Statistics Estonia

The population of Tallinn (as of 1 January 2024)

TOTAL	457,572	100.00
Estonians	237,832	51.98
Russians	139,835	30.56
Other nationalities	75,287	16.45
Ukrainians	35,355	7.73
Belarusians	6,178	1.35
Finns	3,504	0.77
Tatars	1,047	0.23
Latvians	1,702	0.37
Poles	940	0.21
Jewish people	1,514	0.33
Lithuanians	1,102	0.24
Germans	1,288	0.28
Armenians	1,174	0.26
Azerbaijanis	1,260	0.28
Unknown nationality	4,618	1.01

SOURCE: Population survey RV0222U by Statistics Estonia

As of 1 January 2024, Tallinn has 461,371 residents. (Population register)

As of 1 January 2024, the number of registered businesses in Tallinn is 143 502.

(Centre of Registers and Information Systems)

Economic status of residents of Tallinn aged 15-74 (2023)

Residents of Tallinn aged 15–74	↑ 343,200
Economically active population (labour force), incl.	↑ 268,300
employed	↑ 249,900
unemployed	↑ 18,400
Economically inactive population	↑ 74,800
Labour force participation rate (%)	↓ 78.2
Employment rate (%)	↓ 72.8
Unemployment rate (%)	↑ 6.9

SOURCE: Estonian labour force survey by Statistics Estonia TT4645

Employed and salaried workers in Tallinn by sector (2023)

	NUMBER OF EMPLOYED (thousands)	PERCENT-AGE
Wholesale and retail business, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	36.8	14.73%
manufacturing industry	34.1	13.65%
information and communication	21.6	8.64%
transportation and storage	20.3	8.12%
education	19.9	7.96%
professional, scientific and technical activities	17.5	7.00%
construction	17	6.80%
health care and social work activities	16.4	6.56%
public administration and national defence	12.2	4.88%
administrative and support service activities	10.6	4.24%
accommodation and food services	9.9	3.96%
financial and insurance activities	9.2	3.68%
other service activities	8.1	3.24%
arts, entertainment and recreation	6.9	2.76%
real estate activities	5.8	2.32%
electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1.7	0.68%
water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation	1.4	0.56%
TOTAL	249.9	100%

SOURCE: Estonian labour force survey by Statistics Estonia (tooturg.stat.ee)

The **Work in Estonia** website helps companies hire foreign specialists, showcases Estonia and its career opportunities and helps foreign talent move to Estonia. The website provides information to foreigners who are interested in working in Estonia as well as to Estonian entrepreneurs looking for new team members from other countries. It also provides instructions on how to relocate to Estonia and information on its living environment, and includes job offers suitable for foreigners and marketing materials to help companies recruit foreigners. www.workinestonia.com



IMD World Talent Ranking 2023 (international skilled labour ranking): 17th place among 64 countries.



Transport

Public transport and parking in the city

Since 1 January 2013, public transport has been free for registered residents of Tallinn.

There were almost **132.8 million** rides in 2023. A single rider can make more than one trip, which is why we talk about the number of trips – not the number of riders.



At the end of 2023 there were 1,102 public transport stops in active use in Tallinn, of which 937 had a shelter (62 of them had two or three shelters). There are 1,000 shelters in total.

Every day, school buses take three routes: from Viimsi Centre to Baltic Station, from Tammneeme to Baltic Station and from Tiskre to Baltic Station, and are intended for primary, elementary and high school students. In 2023, school buses carried an average of 66 students per day. All school buses run on biomethane and have an average age of 3 years.

SOURCE: Tallinn Transport Department

95% of these vehicles have a low ride height (at least two low entrances), including 100% of buses and trolleybuses and 49.2% of trams.

As of the end of 2023, the average age of the vehicles was 4.3 years for buses, 17 years for trolleybuses and 18.9 years for trams.

520 vehicles service public inner-city routes in Tallinn, including:

- 46 trams on five routes;
- 32 trolleybuses on four routes;
- 441 buses on 73 routes (incl. 6 night lines)



A ferry route to the island of Aegna was operational in 2023. 226 trips were made, with the ferries carrying a total of 12,748 passengers.

SOURCE: Tallinn Transport Department



As of the end of 2023, 68 public transport stops are equipped with real time passenger information boards.

66 of the information boards also have a voice announcement function for people with visual impairment. In addition to the information boards, 12 stop-specific real-time websites have been created, two of which will be displayed in the terminals of the Port of Tallinn, one on the interior display of the tram lounge at the Airport, one on the information display installed in the new waiting room at the Keskus stop and eight on the information kiosks at the public transport stops on the Reidi Road.

Electronic information kiosks have been installed at the public transport stops along the Reidi Road, displaying route schedules and real-time information about departures. The information kiosk and information display are also used as a medium for making announcements related to public transport.

Tallinn's public paid parking consists of 6,200 parking spaces: 884 in the Old Town, 661 in the heart of the city and 4,655 in the city centre. The number of parking spaces is steadily declining, while the number of cars is increasing.

Since 2001, Tallinn's public paid parking areas have used the m-parking system, which allows drivers to use their mobile phones to pay for parking. 97% of parkers use the m-parking or smart parking systems. In 2019, the option to pay with card was added. After long-term development and testing by Telia Eesti, foreign visitors to Estonia can now also use this system to pay for parking.

SOURCE: Tallinn Transport Department

Port of Tallinn

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Passengers (thousands)	10,640	4,333	3,542	7,027	7,918
Ships, incl.	7,855	7,088	7,333	7,130	7,026
Cargo ships	1,743	1,637	1,654	1,458	1,380
Passenger ships	5,766	5,451	5,634	5,493	5,548
Cruise ships	345	0	45	179	98
Container cargo (TEU)	223,000	213,928	227,000	267,552	221,405
Freight turnover (thousands of tonnes)	19,931	21,327	22,397	17,761	12,586

SOURCE: Port of Tallinn

Tallinn Airport

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Passengers (thousands)	3,267	864	1,301	2,748	2,960
Freight turnover in tonnes	10,916	9,190	10,560	11,110	8,753

SOURCE: Tallinn Airport



Completion of the Rail Baltica railway link is planned for 2030. Rail Baltica is an 870-km electrified railway that will enable passenger trains to travel at a maximum speed of 249 km per hour. It will be a fast, safe and environmentally friendly railway connecting Tallinn, Pärnu, Riga, Kaunas, Vilnius and Warsaw to the rest of Europe.

More information: www.rbestonia.ee; www.railbaltica.org.



Passengers will no longer need to remove liquids and large pieces of technical equipment from their hand luggage when passing through security checks at Tallinn Airport. Restrictions on liquids that can be carried in hand baggage have also changed.

Smart City solutions in Tallinn

- www.tallinnovation.ee

Digital Twin

The Tallinn Digital Twin project will focus on improving the accessibility and quality of data, making it more valuable through simulations and creating useful tools for the city's management and citizens. Check out the 3D model of Tallinn: 3d.tallinn.ee.

Pilot projects:

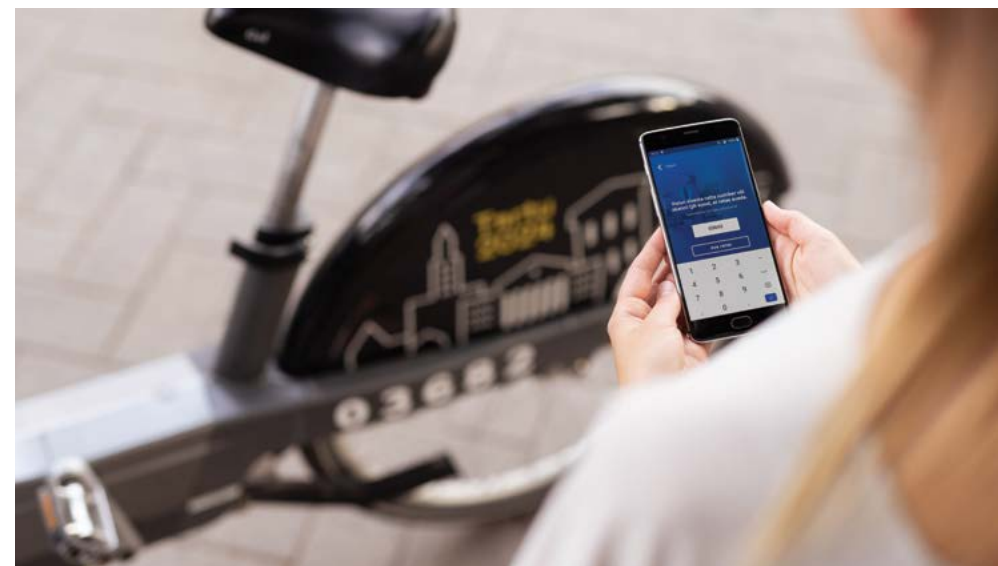
- mobile data retrieval solution for urban street conditions with the aim of mapping the whole of Tallinn: around 1,200 km of streets.
- Digital Twin platform pilot project: description of the technical architecture of the platform needed for Tallinn and development of the portal.
- Collecting and deploying geospatial data and obtaining models of Tallinn's buildings at a higher level of detail.
- **Development of an account-based online ticketing system** for public transport in Tallinn, integrated with other regions (Tartu, Pärnu, Kohtla-Järve, etc.). Passengers can buy tickets for a longer period directly onto their public transport card or load money onto it to buy hourly tickets during their travels. The public transport cards are cross-utilisable. A contactless smart student card or ISIC card can also be used in place of a public transport card. Since the end of 2018, hourly tickets can also be purchased with contactless bank cards (Visa, MasterCard and Maestro). A QR ticket can be purchased from the mobile application pilet.ee, from the tallinn.pilet.ee website or from a ticket machine. The QR code can function as any ticket that is valid from 1 to 10 hours.
- **The parking platform** includes mobile parking (incl. SMS-based information exchange), (disabled) permits, processing of fines and objections, work equipment of controllers, etc. and enables up to 95% of transactions to be completed electronically. If a driver does not pay for parking, a procedure is launched and images with proof of parking are immediately forwarded to the parking management system.
- **Park and Ride.** There are five Park and Ride (P&R) car parks in Tallinn, in which people can leave their cars during the day to continue their journey to the city centre by public transport. The users of the Park and Ride system are drivers and passengers of cars and vans parked in a P&R car park who travel to and from their destination by public transport. More information: <https://www.tallinn.ee/et/pargi-ja-reisi>.
- **Real-time passenger information boards at public transport stops.** By the end of 2023, 68 public transport stops were equipped with real time passenger information boards. 66 of the information boards also have a voice announcement function for people with visual impairment. In addition to the information boards, web pages updated in real time have been created for 12 stops, two of which are displayed in the terminals at the Port of Tallinn, one on the interior display of the tram lounge at the Airport and the others on the information kiosks at public transport stops.



Tallinn provides
510 public
services.

- Public transport is fitted with priority system devices, which give them right of way at 49 traffic light intersections.
- All of Tallinn's 403 traffic light intersections with 7,456 traffic lights and 66 variable speed limit signs can be controlled in the central administration. The traffic light systems are equipped with 653 sensors (mainly video sensors) and 1,122 pedestrian call buttons. 2 adaptive traffic light system solutions have been implemented.
- Two automatic incident detection systems (Ülemiste car tunnel and the airport tram tunnel) with automatic control are used to manage the tunnels. The use of thermal detection systems for pedestrians and cyclists will be expanded. There are 55 traffic information tables in Tallinn, providing drivers with information on traffic jams.
- The vehicle monitoring system consists of 208 cameras at intersections (<https://ristmikud.tallinn.ee/>) and 46 control points with 440 sensors. The system <https://seire.tallinn.ee/gives> an overview of traffic congestion and its changes. The data is used in traffic management and urban planning. In addition, these solutions allow drivers to choose a driving route with less traffic.

SOURCE: Tallinn Transport Department



SMART SOLUTIONS IN TRANSPORT

- **Bikeep** – smart parking areas for bicycles and scooters that can also charge electric scooters (www.bikeep.com).
- **Citybee** – a sharing service for cars and vans (www.citybee.ee).
- **Comodule** – a sharing service for electric scooters and bikes (www.comodule.com).
- **Bolt** – a sharing service for electric scooters and rides (www.bolt.eu).
- **SNABB** – a parking application for people who are looking for and offering parking spaces (<https://snabb.xyz/>)
- **Fleetfox** – mobile eco-friendly car steam cleaning that comes to the customer (<https://fleetfox.eu/>)

bikeep

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Bolt

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Education

The number of students in Estonian general education schools has been rising in recent years: in the academic year 2022/23, there were almost 12,500 more students in the general education system than in the previous academic year (+8%). However, the number of students enrolled in higher education institutions has decreased slightly, especially in Master’s and doctoral programmes (–2.6% in both programmes).

In the 2022/23 academic year, there were 18 higher education institutions in Estonia, (7 universities and 11 universities of applied sciences), with a total of 44,131 students. That is 480 fewer than the year before.

The number of students has been growing steadily in recent years in the fields of education, health and well-being, agriculture, forestry, fishing and veterinary science.

SOURCES: e-estonia.com, Ministry of Education

Education is valued in Estonia, and the level of basic education has been high for decades. Since 2018, basic education in Estonia has been at the global forefront.

According to the international PIAAC Survey of Adult Skills, Estonian adults in their 50s and 60s with basic education have excellent skills and knowledge compared to other OECD countries.

The share of people with higher education in the Estonian working-age population (aged 25–64) was above the EU-27 average in 2021.

The Education and Youth Board (Harno) has launched the 2024 Green Skills Programme, which aims to strengthen the labour market relevance of the Estonian education system and promote environmental sustainability.

The agreement between the Benelux and Baltic countries on the automatic recognition of higher education diplomas, which facilitates mobility between six countries – Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg – entered into force on 1 May 2024.

SOURCE: Education and Youth Board

Tallinn’s labour force by education level (2023)

15–74-YEAR-OLDS AND LABOUR FORCE (thousands)		PERCENTAGE
Primary education	18.3	6.8%
Secondary education, post-secondary and pre-tertiary education	117.1	43.6%
Tertiary education, incl.	132.9	49.5%
...secondary specialised education after secondary education	15.3	5.7%
...higher education, Master’s and doctoral degrees	117.6	43.8%
TOTAL	268.3	100%

SOURCE: Statistics Estonia TT123



Compared to other OECD countries, more than twice as many university students on average study ICT subjects in Estonia.

SOURCE: e-estonia.com



Educational institutes in Tallinn (2023/2024 academic year)

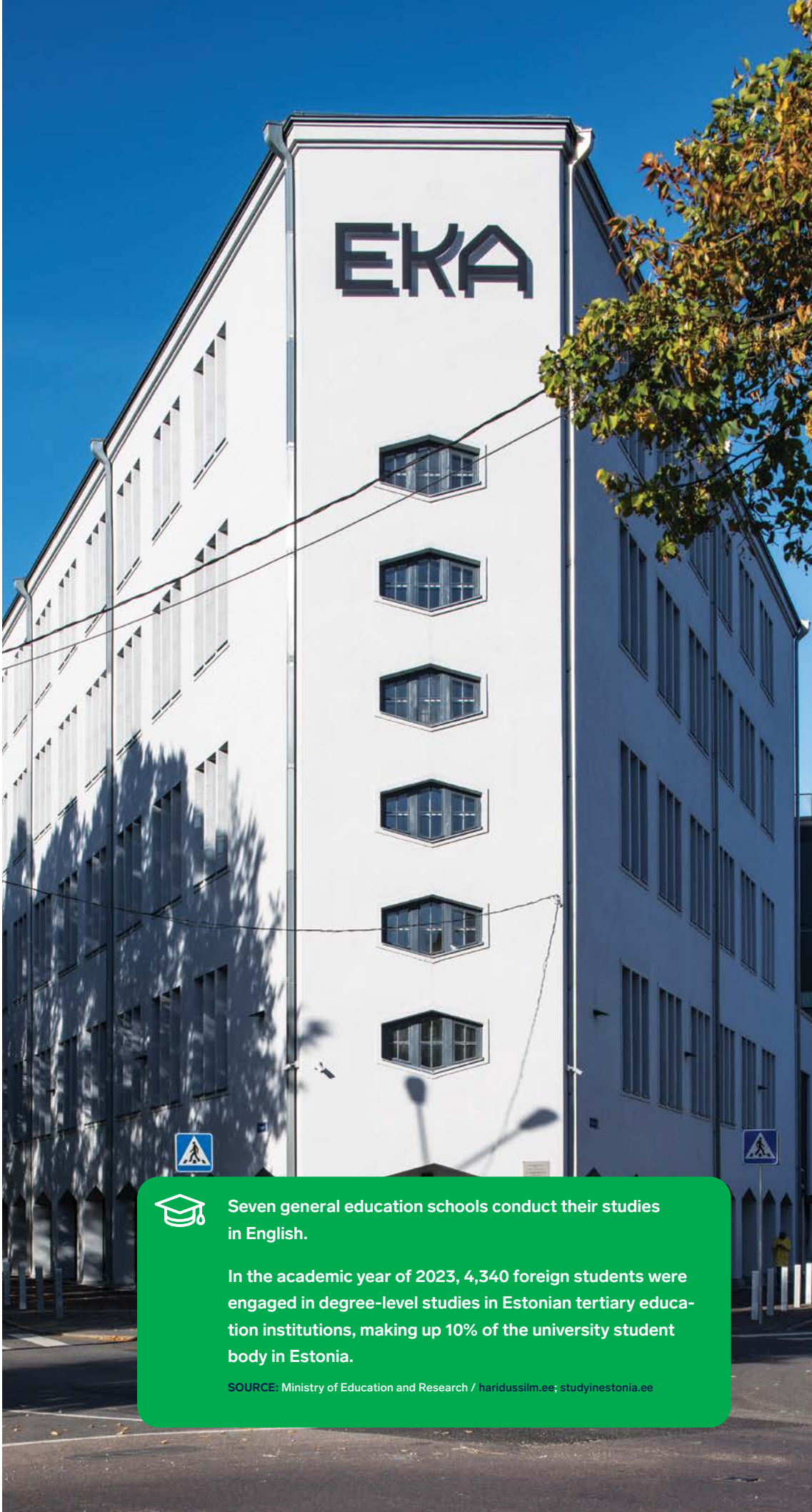
TYPE OF INSTITUTION	NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS
Preschools, incl. International School of Estonia, Tartu International School	143
Basic and high schools, incl. Tallinn Finnish School, International School of Estonia, International School of Tallinn, Tallinn European School, School of Émile	94
Vocational schools	11
Schools of higher education, incl.	12
public universities	4
private universities	1
public schools of applied higher education	3
private schools of applied higher education	4

SOURCE: Ministry of Education and Research / ehis

Number and percentage of graduates of Estonian higher education institutions by field of study (2023)

	NUMBER OF GRADUATES	PERCENTAGE
Business and management	1,546	17.49%
Health	960	10.86%
Education	811	9.18%
Information and communication technologies	689	7.80%
Arts	650	7.36%
Technical fields	523	5.92%
Social and behavioural sciences	480	5.43%
Law	423	4.79%
Architecture and construction	330	3.73%
Languages	280	3.17%
Wellbeing	270	3.06%
Physical natural sciences	230	2.60%
Humanities	207	2.34%
Transport services	180	2.04%
Personal service activities	178	2.01%
Security services	169	1.91%
Biology and sciences related to it	159	1.80%
Journalism and information	136	1.54%
Manufacturing and processing	122	1.38%
Environment	114	1.29%
Interdisciplinary studies in information and communication technology	104	1.18%
Agriculture	50	0.57%
Mathematics and statistics	49	0.55%
Veterinary science	47	0.53%
Forestry	40	0.45%
Interdisciplinary studies in social sciences, journalism and information	33	0.37%
Interdisciplinary studies in technology, manufacturing and construction	19	0.22%
Interdisciplinary studies in humanities and the arts	13	0.15%
Interdisciplinary studies in agriculture, forestry, fishing and veterinary science	11	0.12%
Interdisciplinary studies in education	10	0.11%
Fishing	2	0.02%
Health and welfare, not elsewhere classified	2	0.02%
TOTAL	8,837	100%

SOURCE: Ministry of Education and Research, haridussilm.ee



Seven general education schools conduct their studies in English.

In the academic year of 2023, 4,340 foreign students were engaged in degree-level studies in Estonian tertiary education institutions, making up 10% of the university student body in Estonia.

SOURCE: Ministry of Education and Research / haridussilm.ee; studyinestonia.ee

Estonia's PISA 2022 results

According to PISA 2022, Estonian children's knowledge is one of the best in the world and the best in Europe.

- **Mathematics:** Placed **1st** and **2nd** in Europe with Switzerland and **7th** in the world.
- **Natural sciences:** **1st** in Europe and **6th** globally.
- **Reading:** Placed **1st** and **2nd** in Europe with Ireland and **6th** in the world.



Circular economy and environmental protection

Urban gardening: 158 learning gardens have been established in various city establishments with the help of the city of Tallinn. These include study gardens in schools and kindergartens as well as museums, care institutions and youth centres. Every district in Tallinn has at least one community garden. Tallinn has a total of 33 community gardens, where citizens of various ages speaking various languages work together to grow edible plants.

Urban beekeeping – the beehives on the rooftops of the city's high-rise buildings, the President's rose garden in Kadriorg and elsewhere in the city are highly valued. The City Hall's courtyard, Tallinn Zoo, Tallinn Botanical garden, Pollinator Highway and many other places have their own bees.

Pollinator Highway is a species-rich meadow-like natural environment – a green 14-kilometre corridor between districts and a space for people and pollinators to move around that passes through six districts. www.putukavail.ee

The other green corridor to be made is Klindi Park, which will make the approximately nine-kilometre-long limestone rock outcrop along the border of the City Centre, Lasnamäe and Pirita districts a cohesive and integrated path defined by biodiversity and nature-oriented solutions.



Tallinn is participating in the European Union's Horizon 2020 external project „Green Cities – GoGreenRoutes”, the SOFTacademy project focusing on neighbourhood-based renovation and the BalticSeaH2 hydrogen economy start-up project.

Read more about the other external projects:
tallinn.ee/et/valisprojektid/projektid



In Tallinn, 7 road sections with solar electricity-producing covers were installed in 2019–2020.

Tallinn's trams and trolleybuses run on 100% renewable electricity and the electric buses that will enter service in May 2024 will also run on clean energy. Besides public transport, green electricity is also used in street lights.



As of 22 March 2023, 90 educational establishments (27 schools and 63 kindergartens) in Tallinn have joined the Green School programme.

Green innovation

In the title year of the European Green Capital 2023 title, Tallinn hosted a Green Week with five events: the international greentech exposition NEXPO (from 14 November to 17 November), Cleantech Forum Europe, GreenEST Summit, Smart Cities Convention and the balanced economy conference. In total, NEXPO attracted nearly 4,000 **visitors from 64 countries**. There were **50 exhibitors** at the show. The Smart Cities Convention was attended by 26 national representatives from 32 cities.

The year of the Green Capital encouraged Tallinn to implement **environmentally friendly criteria in the organisation of public events**. From 2024, only reusable containers and cutlery will be allowed to serve food and drink at public events nationwide. **In Tallinn, the ban was already applied from 1 June 2023.**

Tallinn was the first capital city in Europe to implement reusable solutions at an event as large as the **Estonian Youth Song and Dance Festival**, which attracted over 100,000 participants and visitors from Estonia and abroad. Thanks to the reusability requirement, 500,000 disposable tableware items were not used and 3.5 tonnes of waste were not generated.

The Green Tracks (Rohejalg) spatial intervention project brought to the city:

- the summer park in the town hall square
- the Jõesuu beach park in Pirita
- City Hall interventions and the City-Machine installation
- 8 little parks
- 14 flower meadows
- 9 food gardens
- 3 green intersections
- 150 trees planted with the participants of the Estonian Youth Song and Dance Festival
- 304 shade trees
- This year, **10 solar power plants will be installed on the roofs of schools**, which will be completed in the summer. The plants will be built primarily for the schools' own use.
- Tallinn and Helsinki jointly launched the **“Save Our Sea” Baltic Sea campaign**, with over 156,000 people from 45 local governments around the Baltic Sea taking part. In total, 91 events took place around the Baltic Sea, with municipalities from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Åland and Belgium taking part.
- In 2023, Tallinn joined the **Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change**, whose main objective is to support at least 150 European regions and communities in building resilience to climate change by 2030.
- This year, Tallinn also joined the **New European Bauhaus network**, which provides an opportunity to share best practice solutions with other European cities and promoting the city's green vision. Membership of the network will create additional opportunities for co-operation on various EU external projects and other initiatives.
- In 2024, Tallinn is leading a **network of European Green Capitals**, which will include 38 cities that have been designated or have reached the finals of the European Green Capital. These are Europe's most successful cities committed to sustainable and green thinking.
- **Eight high-level conferences** were held in Tallinn in cooperation with

international partners as part of the European Green Capital. Our partners included influential organisations such as the European Commission, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the European Committee of the Regions, the Covenant of Mayors, ICLEI and Eurocities. In addition to green innovation, sustainable urban management and smart cities, other topics included energy efficiency, digital twins and changes in cities caused by climate change. The events attracted **more than 750 foreign visitors** to Tallinn.

- Tallinn has created the **Test It In Tallinn** initiative that aims to present the city as a suitable environment for smart solutions. In its first year, 28 companies from 16 countries have already participated.

Tallinn has used the testing opportunities for green technology in various ways:

- **city-based pilot projects in innovation hubs** (Ülemiste City, Tehnopol) in co-operation with campus owners (e.g. Ülemiste City's cooperation with Fyma to gain access to detailed real-time data on pedestrian and vehicle movements);
- **regional pilot projects in an urban environment** in cooperation with district administrations and city authorities (e.g. a pilot project in Tallinn using muon technology for non-destructive testing of structures and internal parts of two city-managed buildings in the Test in Tallinn project);
- Piloting of products/services from the Tallinnovation competition winners in the urban environment in cooperation with the city and Technopolis (e.g. Ibiot sensors in rubbish bins, which allow waste collection operators to make bin emptying demand-driven, and WiseParker's smart buoy LainePoiss, which measures wave height and other relevant wave parameters and allows real-time wave information to be provided to users in the Tallinn maritime area);
- bilateral agreements between the city and private companies to test products and provide services (e.g. Picapac, which is part of the Test in Tallinn programme, is testing smart community mailboxes in Pirita);
- providing testing opportunities for digital services through the Test in Tallinn programme, which invites everyone to build or test their own new ideas, prototypes, products or completely new digital services in the city (e.g. Make a BIM, an artificial intelligence-based software for building BIM models from 2D drawings. The company wants to test its solution based on drawings of buildings owned by the City of Tallinn; and Pocoplay, which is testing the use of AI to generate training materials for staff at the Tallinn Municipal Police Department).



Nature

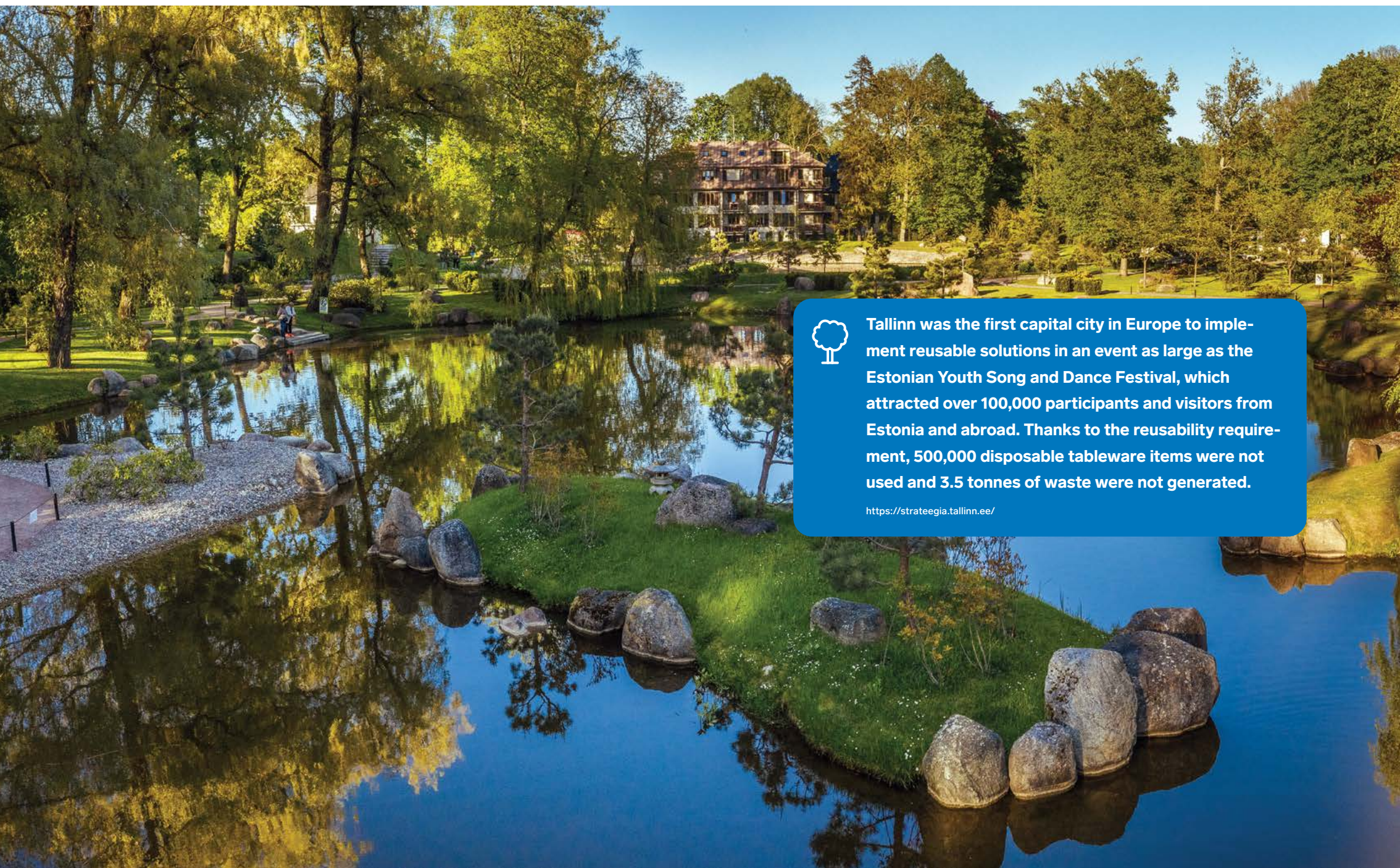
- Tallinn has 60 parks, 11 nature reserves and over 100 individual objects under environmental protection.
- 2,200 ha (13.8%) of the total area of the capital has been placed under nature conservation protection.
- 9 km from the city's hub: Pääsküla bog – the largest preserved bog in Tallinn.
- 8 km from the city's hub: Natura 2000 area in Paljassaare – the area with the most diverse bird species in the region.
- 7 km from the city's hub: The Pirita river primeval valley – large meadows and the oldest woods in Tallinn.
- 8.2% of the total area of Tallinn forms part of the Natura 2000 network.
- 5 km from the city's hub: Maarjamäe Klint – one of the most beautiful parts of the Northern Estonian Klint. It is also its highest and most observable part in Tallinn.

Parks and land use

- 79.3% of Tallinn's residents live within 300 metres of a park.
- Public parks make up 26.7% of Tallinn.
- There is 92 m² of public park space per resident.

Air and noise

- Tallinn is among Europe's top 10 and the world's top 20 cities with the cleanest air. (smartair)
- More than 120 building facades have been made noise-proof with the help of the city.



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<https://strateegia.tallinn.ee/>

Waste

- Each resident creates **around 449 kg** of municipal waste per year.
- There are **407** public collection centres for packaging waste in Tallinn.
- There are six collection centres for dangerous waste and four waste stations in Tallinn.
- Only **around 7%** of municipal waste is deposited in landfill.
- Tallinn has **89** clothes donation points (incl. 76 donation containers).
- Separate collection for municipal waste accounts for **50.3%** of total municipal waste.

Water and wastewater

- The average water consumption per resident is **94 litres** per day.
- **Lake Ülemiste** provides **90%** of this water.
- The quality of the drinking water met **99.93%** of the requirements.
- **99.9%** of housing is connected to the public sewerage system and **99.8%** to the public water supply.
- The entire city's sewage is cleaned with the help of modern technological solutions. **53 thousand m³** of waste water was cleaned.
- The shared water system has more than **1,210 km of water pipelines, more than 1,195 km of sewerage pipelines and 518 km of stormwater pipelines.**
- In 2023, more than **27 km of water and sewerage pipelines** were built and reconstructed, 12 km of them using the closed method.
- **41 public drinking water taps** were open in Tallinn in summer 2023. A total of 20 new drinking water taps were built.
- There are **4,640 fire hydrants** in operation.
- Compared to 2020, CO₂ emissions in the water sector decreased by **38%**.

Sustainable city management

- Tallinn is aiming to be a climate neutral city by 2050.
- Tallinn belongs to 14 environmental organisations and contact networks.
- Tallinn is part of the EU's Smart and Adaptable Cities mission and the European Green Capital 2023.
- The city provides mostly paperless e-services.
- Most of Tallinn's public authorities have implemented a green office environmental management system.
- A guide for Tallinn's environmentally friendly events and environmental criteria for restaurant food, or green labels, has been developed.
- Since 1 June 2023, only reusable dishes and cutlery have been allowed at public events in Tallinn.

Residents' environmental awareness

Tallinn's residents' awareness of environmental problems has increased: 83% of them think environmental problems will significantly affect their daily life in the near future. The majority of Tallinn's citizens, 88%, also see opportunities for themselves to contribute to avoiding and solving environmental problems. 89% agrees that everyone must make their own contributions to avoid and solve environmental problems.



Health care

It is certainly worth coming to Tallinn for treatment. All of the city's medical institutions have joined forces to make it so: hospitals and clinics, labs and special care institutions, research and development centres, universities and clusters.

Going to the doctor in a foreign country is becoming increasingly common all around the world. For citizens of the European Union (EU), medical tourism and paying for treatment is easier due to the EU Free Movement of Patients Directive.

Tallinn offers:

- quick and easy access to doctors' appointments;
- reasonable prices for both treatment services and recreational activities for those accompanying the patient.

Along with traditional medicine, e-medicine is also well-developed in Tallinn.

Electronic referrals for consultations with specialists. Estonia is one of the few countries that uses a nation-wide electronic database of health records that includes everyone's health data (<https://www.terviseportaal.ee/>). This information system helps to improve the quality and efficiency of treatment. Every patient can securely view their health data online. The service provider can also access the screening and other health data uploaded by another service provider if this is necessary and they have the patient's permission to do so. Health data can also be put on a CD or memory stick or forwarded via e-mail upon the patient's request.

E-consultations. In the case of certain medical fields and health conditions, the family physician can request an e-consultation from a medical specialist with an e-referral. The specialist then sends their response to the family physician digitally, meaning that the patient does not have to make a separate appointment with the specialist. The Estonian Health Insurance Fund covers the cost of the consultations.

Teledermatoscopy is a new tool for the prevention, early diagnosis and screening of malignant skin tumours. The DermTest application software specially developed for teledermatoscopy enables digital images taken with a dermatoscope of the problem area to be quickly and conveniently forwarded to a medical specialist for evaluation. A diagnosis is thereafter issued to the patient via tele-consultations.

A digital prescription is an electronic medicine prescription or digital prescription for a medical device that is not printed out, but forwarded directly from the doctor's computer to the prescription centre via the Internet. The prescription centre is an electronic database for issuing and processing prescriptions (for medication, infant food and medical devices). Prescription medicine can only be purchased if the person has an identity document with a picture and their personal identification code with them, e.g. their ID card, driver's licence or passport. If the buyer is purchasing the medicine for another person, they must know their identification code as well. The pharmacist uses the patient's identification code to quickly find all of the necessary information from the prescription centre.

SOURCE: The Estonian Health Insurance Fund

Thanks to e-prescriptions, patients do not always have to make an appointment with a doctor to get the medicine they need. Instead they can just call their doctor



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(<https://www.tehnopol.ee/ariteenused/tervise tehnoloogia/>)

and go to the pharmacy or order their medicine online. E-prescriptions make up 100% of the used prescriptions. Of them, 99.9% are prescribed digitally, the remaining 0.1% are entered at the pharmacy.

Even Finnish, Portuguese, Croatian and Polish patients can use e-prescriptions to buy their medicine from Estonian pharmacies.

From March 2024, Estonian and Latvian citizens will be able to use cross-border digital prescription and health record services in each other's countries. Estonia operates such exchanges in a total of 11 countries.

E-Ambulance is a quick-response solution that can detect and position an emergency phone call for the responding ambulance within 30 seconds and send the emergency ambulance to the point of need quickly. The paramedics can use a patient's ID code to read time-critical information, such as blood type, allergies, current prescriptions, recent treatments or pregnancy.

SOURCE: e-estonia.com

Virtual doctor's appointments. New health services in Estonia include Confido emergency clinics (www.confido.ee) and telemedicine service Salu Health (<https://salu.md/et/>).

Sport



Tallinn is the European Capital of Sport 2025.

Tallinn is the hub of Estonian sporting life, hosting over a hundred international competitions every year. The rich calendar of sporting events starts with the traditional youth tournament Baltic Sea Basketball Cup and ends with the end-of-year football tournament.

In 2024, the two events will be interspersed with 16 title events, such as the World Winter Swimming Championships, the U21 European Judo Championships, the GT-30 and ISY-400 World Aquatics Boat Class Championships, the F-125 European Boat Class Championships, the European Disc Golf Festival, the IRONMAN Tallinn 70.3 European Championships, the Tallinn Marathon, the European and World Championships selection matches in ball games, etc. Tallinn supports the organisation of international sporting events with a total of €1.27 million.

More than 300 sporting events take place in Tallinn every year. These events and activities are usually organised by various sports organisations, but there are some more traditional events organised by the city itself:

- Tallinn's best young sportsmen and sportswomen award ceremony
- spring orienteering game
- free summer training programme
- Sport at School programme for primary school pupils
- European Week of Sport activities
- sports morning
- Tallinn Sports Gala

Tallinn is home to **566 sports facilities** and more than **1000 sporting places**. Tallinn has over 102,393 sports enthusiasts who train in its sports clubs. There are 839 sports organisations in the city and more than 1500 coaches.

There are various sports organisations in Tallinn: sports clubs for children and adults, sports associations and federations, and sports event organisers. Most of the sports clubs and organisations are non-profit organisations that operate independently and work closely with sports federations.

The most popular sports among Tallinn residents are fitness, athletics, swimming, football, basketball and volleyball.

The city's goal is to increase the number of people leading healthy lifestyles and being sufficiently active to 65% by 2035.

There are a total of 85 city-owned ball fields and field complexes. A wide range of sports are available, such as basketball and football but also tennis. A number of stadiums are available free of charge to the city's residents when they are not used for official training or competitions.

For extreme sports enthusiasts, there are 17 dedicated areas, including skate parks, pump tracks and parkour gyms. The Pääsküla Youth Centre is home to the city's only indoor skate park for BMX, skateboarding, rollerblading and scootering. Everything you need to ride safely can be rented on-site.



20-26 September 2024 Simple Session: an international street sporting event for BMX riders and skaters.

To date, 86 outdoor gyms have been built across the city. They can be found in large sports parks as well as on the outskirts of health resorts. In addition, larger complexes have been set up, combining ball courts, extreme sports fields and outdoor gyms.

There are a number of fitness trails in different parts of Tallinn, suitable for walking, running and cycling. These trails are also suitable for skiing in winter. In total, there are six health trails in the city, the longest of which are located in Nõmme and Pirita.

In 2024, a total of €23.2 million is planned for operating expenditure in the area of sport and physical activity, and €5.6 million for investment.

In order to achieve the objectives of the sector, organised sporting activities, both physical and competitive, will be developed and supported in cooperation with national and local sports organisations. Support will be given to various sport projects and associations, private sport bases and both local and international sport competitions and events.

The biggest investment in sports in Tallinn is the complete renovation of Kadriorg Stadium, the design of which started in 2023. This year, the stadium's design will be completed and construction of the main arena and stands will start.

Supporting youth sports activities is also important for Tallinn, as they contribute to enhancing the physical and mental well-being of young people and reducing the risk of obesity and health issues.

To encourage children's physical activity, free training sessions are held twice a week in 17 locations throughout the summer (from early June to late August).

This year, the Youth Grants scheme will support 168 sporting organisations with €6.94 million, covering 22,540 enthusiasts and 540 coaches.

For the last three summers, Tallinn has offered residents the use of school sports facilities as an opportunity for physical activity without buying a ticket. Last summer, 19 school stadiums were open.

Thanks to these facilities, Tallinn was awarded the title of European Capital of Sport 2025.



Culture

Tallinn received the UNESCO City of Music title in 2022.
(muusikalinn tallinn.ee)

The main attractions in Tallinn are the Old Town, which belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage List, Toompea, the Estonian Maritime Museum's Fat Margaret Tower and Seaplane Harbour, Tallinn Zoo, Tallinn TV tower, Kadriorg Park, Tallinn Song Festival Grounds, Estonian Open Air Museum, Pirita promenade and Ruins of Bridgettine Convent, Maarjamäe Palace and Film Museum, Tallinn Botanic Garden and Pirita River's primeval valley.

TALLINN HAS:

- more than 40 museums, a TV tower, a town hall and the Energy Discovery Centre
- more than 40 art galleries and exhibition spaces
- a central library with 17 branch libraries and a mobile library bus
- 30 academic and specialist libraries (incl. the Estonian National Library)
- more than 60 school libraries
- more than 20 concert halls and the Song Festival Grounds
- more than 30 project-based and repertory theatres
- 7 cinemas (incl. Europe's most modern cinema at Ülemiste Centre)
- 9 cultural centres, community centres and leisure centres
- 10 municipal hobby schools
- more than 200 cultural societies and associations
- more than 350 private hobby schools
- 10 public youth centres
- a botanic garden and a zoo
- 44 places of worship



Rahva Raamat in the Viru Keskus shopping centre was selected as the Bookstore of the Year at the London Book Fair. Rahva Raamat is also the oldest bookseller in Estonia.

A NUMBER OF EVENTS HAVE BECOME A TRADITIONAL PART OF TALLINN'S CULTURAL LIFE:

- Tallinn's documentary film festival DocPoint Tallinn: docpoint.ee
- Estonian/Baltic Music Days: eestimuusikapaevad.ee
- Tallinn Fashion Week: https://tfw.ee
- Festival Jazzkaar: jazzkaar.ee
- Tallinn Day: www.tallinn.ee/tallinnapaev
- Museum Night: www.muuseumioo.ee
- Tallinn Music Week: tmw.ee
- Tallinn Old Town Days: https://vanalinnapaevad.ee
- Tall Ships Races Sailing Regatta: tallshipstallinn.ee
- Birgitta Festival: filharmoonia.ee/birgitta
- Performing arts festival SAAL Biennaal: saal.ee
- Tallinn Design Festival: disainioo.ee
- Black Nights Film Festival: poff.ee
- Christmas market at the Town Hall Square: www.christmasmarket.ee



The Estonian Song and Dance Festival takes place every five years. It has been 150 years since the first song festival. The first all-Estonian song festival took place in Tartu in 1869. Since the sixth festival, the events have been held in Tallinn.



UPCOMING FESTIVALS:
Estonian Song and Dance Festival in 2025.
Estonian Youth Song and Dance Festival in 2027.



In 2003, the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian song and dance festival traditions were added to UNESCO's list of Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.

Administration and budget

Tallinn's administration*
(as of 1 January 2024)



* Number of employees shown in brackets.



Tallinn's budget for 2024 is
€1,258,005,423.

Budgetary revenue (€, 2024)

Personal income tax	715,000,000
Land tax	25,100,000
Parking fees	7,100,000
Advertising tax	5,800,000
Road and street closure tax	2,050,000
Fees	543,000
Income from economic activities	83,581,571
Lease and rent	17,617,144
Sale of rights	4,616,100
Sale of other goods and services	4,306,810
Other income	1,074,000
Financial income	3,900,000
Sale of assets	585,200
Other income from assets	467,000
Dividends	4,000,000
Grants from the state and other institutions	169,213,012
Foreign financing	11,612,266
Donations	60,000
Loans	125,000,000
Loan repayments	6,302,130
Change in deposits	70,044,035
Change in claims	33,155
TOTAL INCOME	1,258 005,423

Budgetary outlays (€, 2024)

City management	2,696,750
City support services	75,063,640
Education	465,776,210
<i>of which private- and public-sector cooperation projects</i>	11,126,770
Culture	61,557,607
Sports and fitness	28,795,128
Youth work	3,162,871
Social welfare	131,655,732
Health care	31,819,516
City economy (incl. housing economy)	52,686,840
<i>of which private- and public-sector cooperation projects</i>	14,066,000
Business environment	5,380,230
Mobility	274,773,705
Urban landscape	33,943,721
Utility networks	30,732,590
Environmental protection	5,895,548
Urban planning	5,696,650
Public order	8,234,954
Financial expenses	11,000,000
Reserves, incl.	7,291,710
<i>City Government reserve fund</i>	500,000
<i>city districts reserve fund</i>	81,710
<i>reserve for claims related to court disputes and other legal disputes</i>	500,000
<i>reserve for actions related to assets and activities of the city</i>	750,000
<i>reserve for co-financing and preparation of foreign projects</i>	460,000
<i>crisis reserve</i>	1,000,000
<i>reserve for energy costs</i>	3,000,000
<i>inclusive budgeting</i>	1,000,000
Loan repayments	20,209,156
Payments related to services in concession contracts	1,599,710
Change in liabilities	33,155
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,258,005,423

Distribution of investments (2024)

	EUR	PERCENTAGE
Mobility	87,129,400	34.7%
Education	70,121,710	27.9%
Culture	21,551,000	8.6%
Urban landscape and environmental protection	16,494,500	6.6%
Social welfare and health care	18,414,020	7.3%
Sports and fitness	5,590,000	2.2%
City economy (incl. housing economy)	14,726,800	5.9%
Utility networks	13,557,090	5.4%
Public order	1,000,000	0.4%
City support services	2,500,000	1.0%
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	251,084,520	100%

The City of Tallinn is managed by the City Council and City Government. Tallinn City Council as the representative body of the local authority is elected for four years. It operates in the form of plenary meetings and also through committees and factions. The management body of Tallinn is the City Government, which has eight members: the mayor and seven deputy mayors. It manages the work of the city institutions and participates in legal persons governed by private law as a shareholder, partner, founder and member.

Tallinn is divided into eight administrative units, i.e. city districts, which are managed by district administrations.





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