

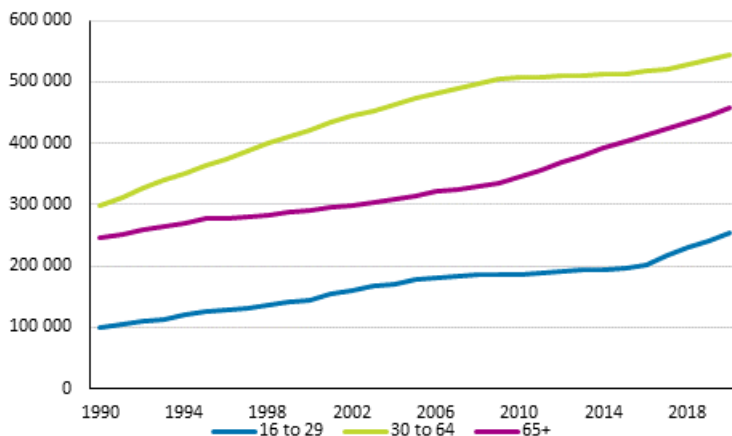
Dwellings and Housing Conditions 2020

Over half a million persons aged 30 to 64 are living alone

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According to Statistics Finland, the number of persons living alone increased further, 33,000 more were living alone in 2020 than in the year before. There are already over half a million working-age persons aged 30 to 64 living alone and they are the largest age group living alone. Over the past five years, the number of persons living alone has increased every year in nearly all age groups. Living alone has grown more common especially among those aged under 30.

Persons living alone by age group in 1990 to 2020, number



In 2020, the number of persons of working age aged 30 to 64 living alone was around 545,000, the number having grown by 245,000 since 1990. The number of persons aged 30 to 64 living alone grew steadily from 1990 until the 2010s, when the growth stabilised for a few years. In recent years, the number of people aged 30 to 64 living alone has turned upwards again, which is partly explained by the size of the age cohort born in the 1980s. The share of persons living alone among the 30 to 64 age group has grown fairly steadily and in 2020 they numbered more than one in five.

The number of persons aged under 30 living alone has more than doubled since 1990 from 100,000 to 253,000. The share of persons living alone among the dwelling population aged under 30 has grown most

in relative terms in recent years. The growth is partly explained by the student financial aid and housing allowance reform in 2017.

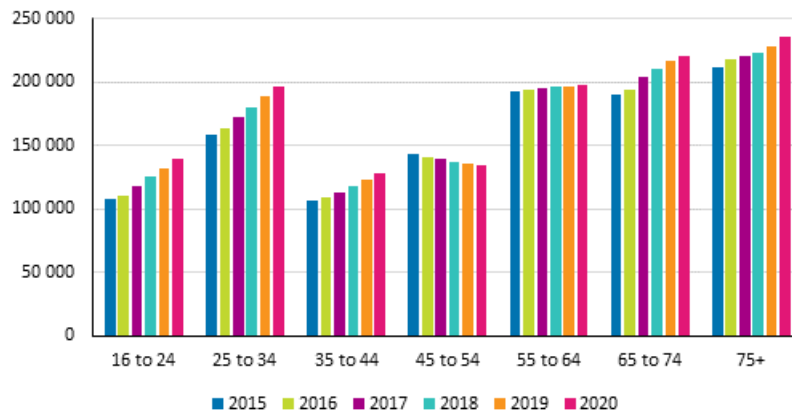
The number of persons aged 65 or over living alone has grown over the same period by 210,000 persons, their number being 457,000 in 2020. Although the number of aged persons living alone is growing, the share of people living alone among the dwelling population aged 65 or over has been falling slightly for good ten years. This is particularly explained by the lengthened life expectancy of men, which means that people become widowed later and later.

The growth in living alone has strengthened in recent years, for at the turn of the 2010s (in 2008 to 2012), the number of persons living alone grew by an average of 14,000 persons per year, while over the past five years it has increased by an average of 28,000 persons per year. In 2020, the total number of persons living alone was 1.25 million and the average size of household-dwelling units was 1.96. At the end of 2020, there were nearly 2.77 million household-dwelling units, the number increased by 32,000 from the previous year.

Number of persons living alone has increased in nearly all age groups

The number of persons living alone has grown every year from 2015 in nearly all age groups. The number of persons living alone has grown most in the 25 to 34 age group, with an increase of almost 38,000 persons in five years.

Persons living alone by age group in 2015 to 2020, number.



As an exception to other age groups, the number of persons living alone among those aged 45 to 54 has decreased every year during the review period. The number of persons living alone in this age group was around six per cent fewer in 2020 than in 2015.

The biggest age groups living alone are those aged 75 and older, and those aged 65 to 74. The increase in the number of elderly people living alone is also partly explained by the ageing of the large age cohort. There are twice as many women as men living alone among those aged 65 or over, while among younger people it is more common for men to live alone.

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Appendix table 1. Household-dwelling units by number of person 1960-2020

| Year | Number of person | | | | | |
|------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| | Total | 1 person | 2 persons | 3 persons | 4+ persons | Average size |
| 1960 | 1 204 385 | 188 995 | 245 921 | 229 824 | 539 645 | 3,34 |
| 1970 | 1 420 723 | 288 970 | 323 640 | 284 336 | 523 777 | 2,99 |
| 1975 | 1 567 941 | 376 904 | 392 367 | 322 321 | 476 349 | 2,73 |
| 1980 | 1 781 771 | 482 476 | 457 667 | 345 769 | 495 859 | 2,64 |
| 1985 | 1 887 710 | 532 094 | 514 825 | 347 127 | 493 664 | 2,56 |
| 1986 | 1 916 606 | 551 369 | 532 147 | 345 669 | 487 421 | 2,53 |
| 1987 | 1 947 574 | 573 248 | 551 640 | 343 287 | 479 399 | 2,50 |
| 1988 | 1 981 693 | 600 717 | 569 977 | 339 981 | 471 018 | 2,46 |
| 1989 | 2 008 531 | 624 762 | 583 894 | 335 155 | 464 720 | 2,44 |
| 1990 | 2 036 732 | 646 229 | 597 928 | 332 295 | 460 280 | 2,42 |
| 1991 | 2 065 937 | 668 967 | 610 619 | 330 233 | 456 118 | 2,40 |
| 1992 | 2 094 204 | 693 825 | 619 098 | 327 772 | 453 509 | 2,38 |
| 1993 | 2 119 691 | 716 052 | 625 489 | 326 651 | 451 499 | 2,36 |
| 1994 | 2 148 527 | 740 837 | 638 086 | 324 803 | 444 801 | 2,34 |
| 1995 | 2 180 934 | 766 636 | 652 608 | 323 921 | 437 769 | 2,31 |
| 1996 | 2 198 791 | 781 901 | 663 929 | 321 986 | 430 975 | 2,29 |
| 1997 | 2 221 191 | 799 337 | 676 422 | 320 379 | 425 053 | 2,28 |
| 1998 | 2 247 206 | 819 418 | 692 650 | 317 842 | 417 296 | 2,25 |
| 1999 | 2 272 910 | 839 316 | 708 112 | 315 633 | 409 849 | 2,23 |
| 2000 | 2 295 386 | 856 746 | 722 437 | 312 646 | 403 557 | 2,21 |
| 2001 | 2 329 343 | 882 559 | 741 726 | 310 149 | 394 909 | 2,19 |
| 2002 | 2 354 082 | 903 440 | 753 595 | 307 241 | 389 806 | 2,17 |
| 2003 | 2 378 079 | 923 236 | 766 068 | 303 554 | 385 221 | 2,15 |
| 2004 | 2 402 091 | 942 711 | 777 790 | 300 491 | 381 099 | 2,14 |
| 2005 | 2 429 500 | 964 739 | 789 950 | 297 276 | 377 535 | 2,12 |
| 2006 | 2 453 826 | 983 626 | 801 068 | 294 518 | 374 614 | 2,11 |
| 2007 | 2 476 505 | 999 812 | 811 596 | 292 140 | 372 957 | 2,10 |
| 2008 | 2 499 332 | 1 014 974 | 822 639 | 290 820 | 370 899 | 2,09 |
| 2009 | 2 517 393 | 1 025 658 | 830 843 | 291 056 | 369 836 | 2,08 |
| 2010 | 2 537 197 | 1 040 378 | 837 234 | 290 767 | 368 818 | 2,07 |
| 2011 | 2 556 068 | 1 053 070 | 846 679 | 289 600 | 366 719 | 2,07 |
| 2012 | 2 579 781 | 1 069 933 | 855 816 | 289 058 | 364 974 | 2,06 |
| 2013 | 2 599 613 | 1 082 996 | 864 594 | 287 960 | 364 063 | 2,05 |
| 2014 | 2 617 780 | 1 098 023 | 869 454 | 286 621 | 363 682 | 2,04 |
| 2015 | 2 634 339 | 1 112 342 | 874 880 | 285 433 | 361 684 | 2,04 |
| 2016 | 2 654 657 | 1 131 424 | 880 188 | 284 108 | 358 937 | 2,03 |
| 2017 | 2 680 077 | 1 162 308 | 880 794 | 281 143 | 355 832 | 2,01 |
| 2018 | 2 705 499 | 1 191 297 | 885 410 | 278 502 | 350 290 | 1,99 |
| 2019 | 2 734 219 | 1 221 456 | 891 582 | 276 942 | 344 239 | 1,97 |
| 2020 | 2 766 679 | 1 254 300 | 899 757 | 273 769 | 338 853 | 1,96 |

Appendix table 2. Population Householdwelling Units and living alone by sex and age in 2020

| Agegroup | Dwelling population | One-person household dwelling units | Dwelling population | One-person household dwelling units | Dwelling population | One-person household dwelling units |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Men Total | Men Total | Women Total | Women Total | Total | Total |
| Total | 2 669 975 | 591 253 | 2 741 947 | 663 047 | 5 411 922 | 1 254 300 |
| 0–15 | 465 765 | 0 | 445 820 | 0 | 911 585 | 0 |
| 16–24 | 273 602 | 66 905 | 259 963 | 72 983 | 533 565 | 139 888 |
| 25–29 | 176 003 | 66 884 | 168 267 | 46 213 | 344 270 | 113 097 |
| 30–34 | 178 055 | 53 707 | 169 181 | 29 647 | 347 236 | 83 354 |
| 35–39 | 182 705 | 46 149 | 173 961 | 22 079 | 356 666 | 68 228 |
| 40–44 | 174 836 | 40 218 | 167 873 | 19 406 | 342 709 | 59 624 |
| 45–49 | 158 811 | 36 525 | 154 007 | 21 662 | 312 818 | 58 187 |
| 50–54 | 171 191 | 42 349 | 170 425 | 34 518 | 341 616 | 76 867 |
| 55–59 | 179 819 | 47 152 | 182 303 | 48 582 | 362 122 | 95 734 |
| 60–64 | 171 796 | 46 384 | 180 031 | 56 243 | 351 827 | 102 627 |
| 65–69 | 166 362 | 43 783 | 181 804 | 62 787 | 348 166 | 106 570 |
| 70–74 | 162 368 | 40 661 | 185 347 | 72 992 | 347 715 | 113 653 |
| 75+ | 208 662 | 60 536 | 302 965 | 175 935 | 511 627 | 236 471 |

Appendix table 3. Floorarea per dwelling by type of building 1970-2020, whole dwellingstock (Correction on 10 August 2021)

| Corrected 10 August 2021. The corrections are indicated in red. | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | Buildings total | Detached houses | Attached houses | Blocks of flats | Other buildings | Floorarea per person |
| 1970 | 60,0 | 66,0 | 73,0 | 51,0 | 54,0 | 18,9 |
| 1980 | 69,3 | 83,6 | 71,7 | 54,8 | 55,5 | 26,3 |
| 1985 | 73,9 | 92,8 | 72,0 | 56,3 | 59,1 | 28,9 |
| 1988 | 73,8 | 93,8 | 70,8 | 55,8 | 60,3 | 30,5 |
| 1989 | 74,2 | 94,9 | 70,5 | 55,8 | 60,2 | 31,0 |
| 1990 | 74,4 | 95,3 | 70,2 | 55,8 | 59,7 | 31,4 |
| 1991 | 74,8 | 96,6 | 70,1 | 55,8 | 59,6 | 31,9 |
| 1992 | 74,8 | 97,1 | 70,1 | 55,8 | 56,9 | 32,3 |
| 1993 | 75,1 | 98,0 | 70,1 | 55,9 | 56,5 | 32,7 |
| 1994 | 75,3 | 98,7 | 70,1 | 55,9 | 56,5 | 33,0 |
| 1995 | 75,5 | 99,2 | 70,1 | 55,9 | 56,7 | 33,4 |
| 1996 | 75,7 | 99,7 | 70,2 | 56,0 | 59,0 | 33,7 |
| 1997 | 75,8 | 100,1 | 70,2 | 56,0 | 58,6 | 34,1 |
| 1998 | 76,0 | 100,6 | 70,3 | 56,0 | 59,0 | 34,5 |
| 1999 | 76,5 | 101,1 | 70,7 | 56,1 | 60,4 | 34,9 |
| 2000 | 76,5 | 101,9 | 70,0 | 56,1 | 59,8 | 35,3 |
| 2001 | 76,8 | 102,6 | 70,1 | 56,1 | 61,2 | 35,8 |
| 2002 | 77,0 | 103,5 | 70,2 | 56,2 | 59,9 | 36,3 |
| 2003 | 77,3 | 104,1 | 70,3 | 56,2 | 59,7 | 36,7 |
| 2004 | 77,6 | 104,9 | 70,4 | 56,2 | 59,6 | 37,2 |
| 2005 | 78,1 | 105,3 | 70,6 | 56,2 | 59,2 | 37,5 |
| 2006 | 78,4 | 106,5 | 70,7 | 56,3 | 60,4 | 38,0 |
| 2007 | 78,8 | 107,1 | 70,9 | 56,4 | 60,6 | 38,3 |
| 2008 | 79,1 | 107,8 | 71,0 | 56,4 | 60,8 | 38,6 |
| 2009 | 79,4 | 108,0 | 71,1 | 56,5 | 60,9 | 38,9 |
| 2010 | 79,5 | 108,4 | 71,2 | 56,5 | 60,7 | 39,1 |
| 2011 | 79,8 | 109,0 | 71,2 | 56,5 | 61,2 | 39,4 |
| 2012 | 79,9 | 109,5 | 71,3 | 56,5 | 61,1 | 39,6 |
| 2013 | 79,9 | 109,9 | 71,3 | 56,5 | 60,6 | 39,8 |
| 2014 | 80,0 | 110,8 | 71,3 | 56,4 | 60,7 | 39,9 |
| 2015 | 80,0 | 111,0 | 71,3 | 56,4 | 60,8 | 40,1 |
| 2016 | 79,9 | 111,5 | 71,4 | 56,3 | 60,6 | 40,3 |
| 2017 | 79,8 | 111,8 | 71,4 | 56,1 | 60,4 | 40,5 |
| 2018 | 79,5 | 112,0 | 71,4 | 55,8 | 60,6 | 40,8 |
| 2019 | 79,3 | 112,3 | 71,4 | 55,6 | 60,3 | 41,0 |
| 2020 ¹⁾ | 79,4 | 112,8 | 71,3 | 55,5 | 61,7 | 41,3 |

1) The type of building is formed based on the Classification of Buildings 2018

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