

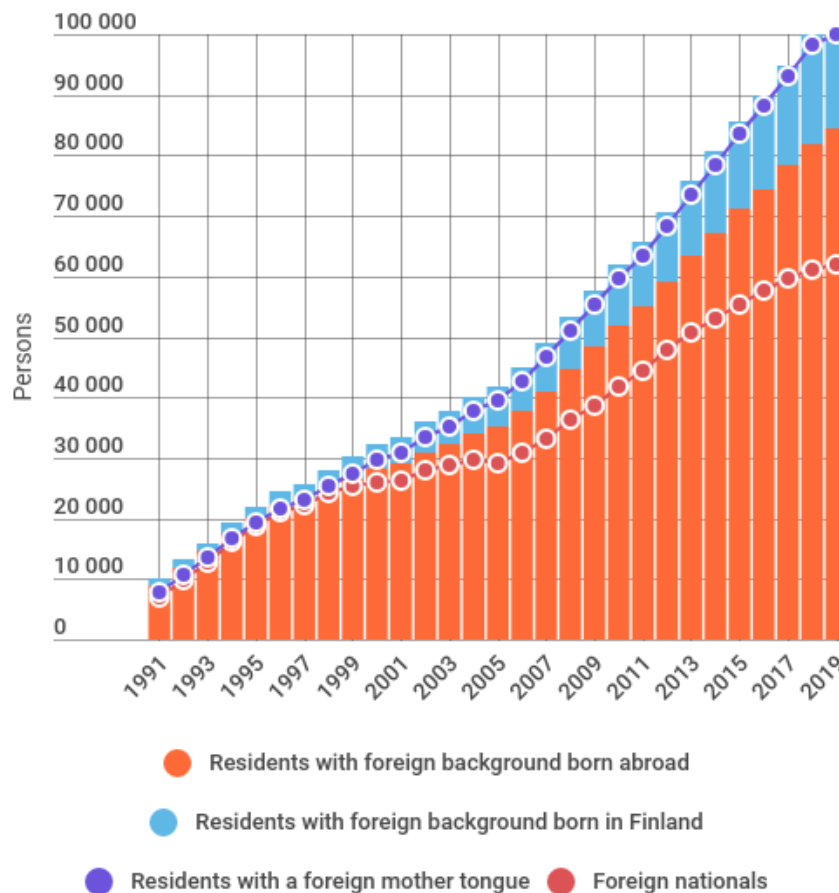
Will Helsinki become multicultural?

The Multicultural Helsinki Region 2040
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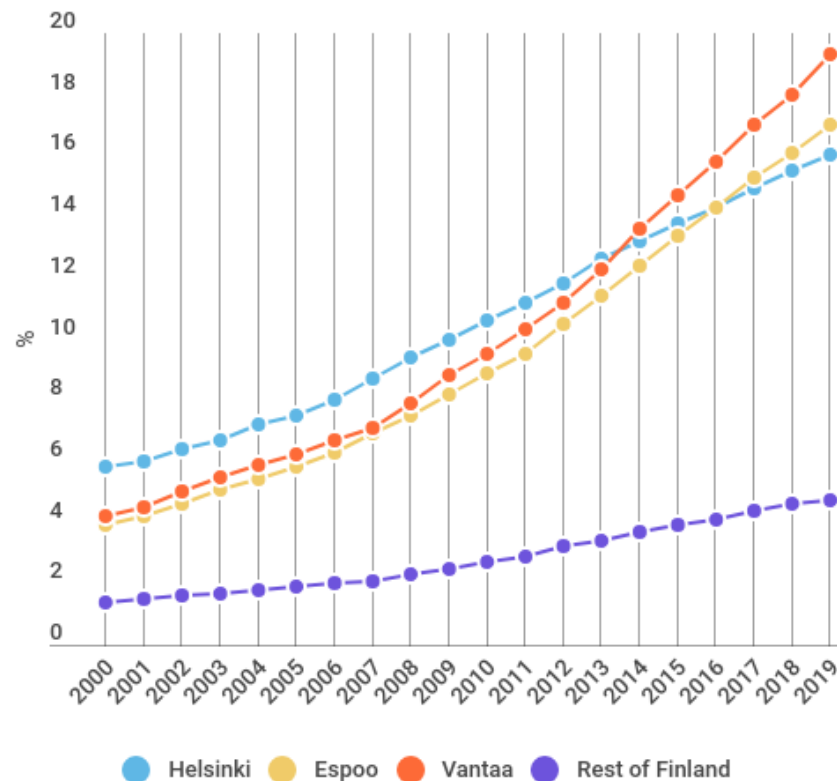
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The number of residents with foreign background has risen sharply in Helsinki (and in the neighbouring cities). Especially on the rise now are those belonging to the second generation.



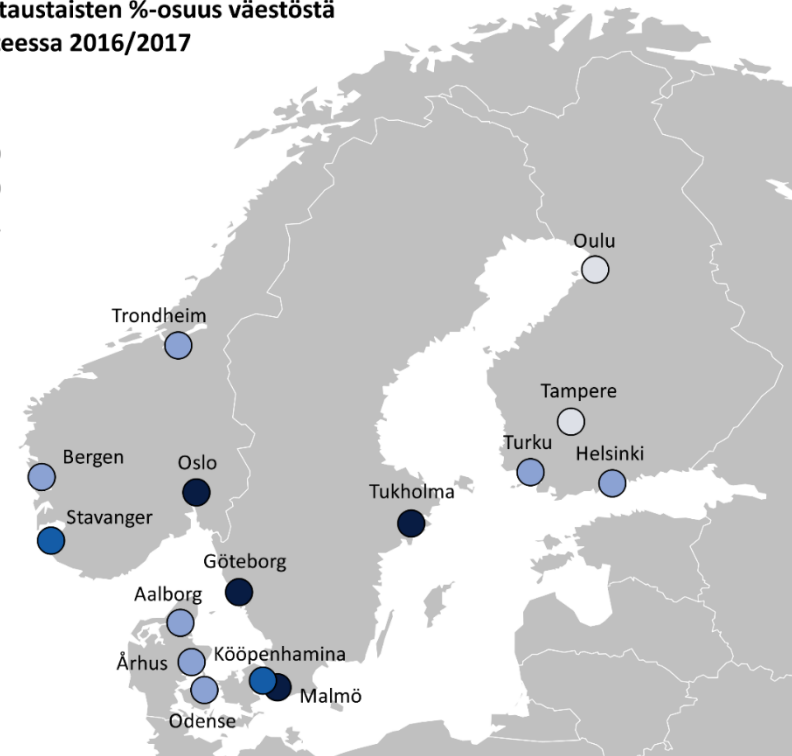
In terms of the share of those with a foreign background of the whole population, the Helsinki region is growing apart from most of the rest of Finland.



In Nordic comparison, the Finnish cities are far behind with regard to the share of those with a foreign background of the whole population.

Ulkomaalaistaustaisten %-osuus väestöstä
vuodenvaihteessa 2016/2017

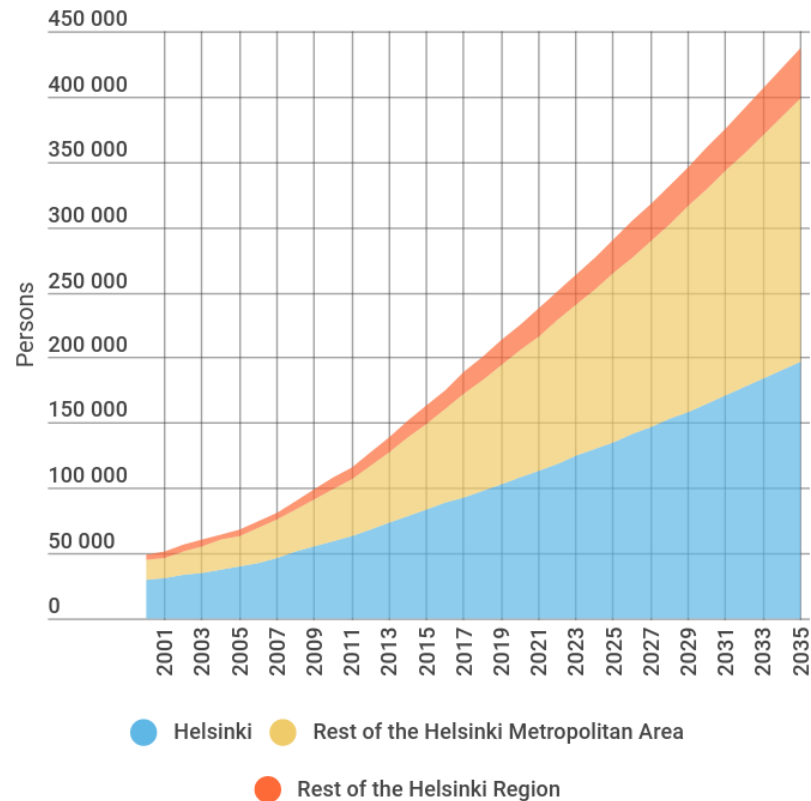
- 3,9–9,9
- 10,0–19,9
- 20,0–29,9
- 30,0–44,1



Lähteet: Tilastokeskus, Statistiska centralbyrån, Statistisk centralbyrå ja Danmarks statistisk

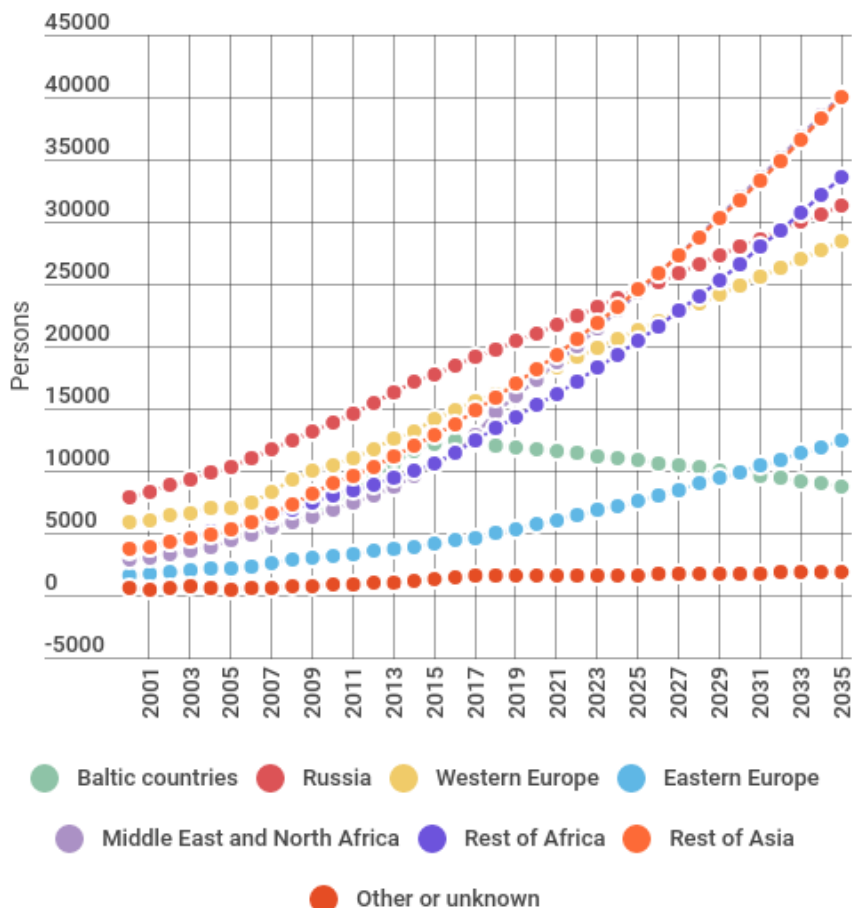
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Most probably, the gap will also remain even though we can expect the population to grow more diverse in the near future.



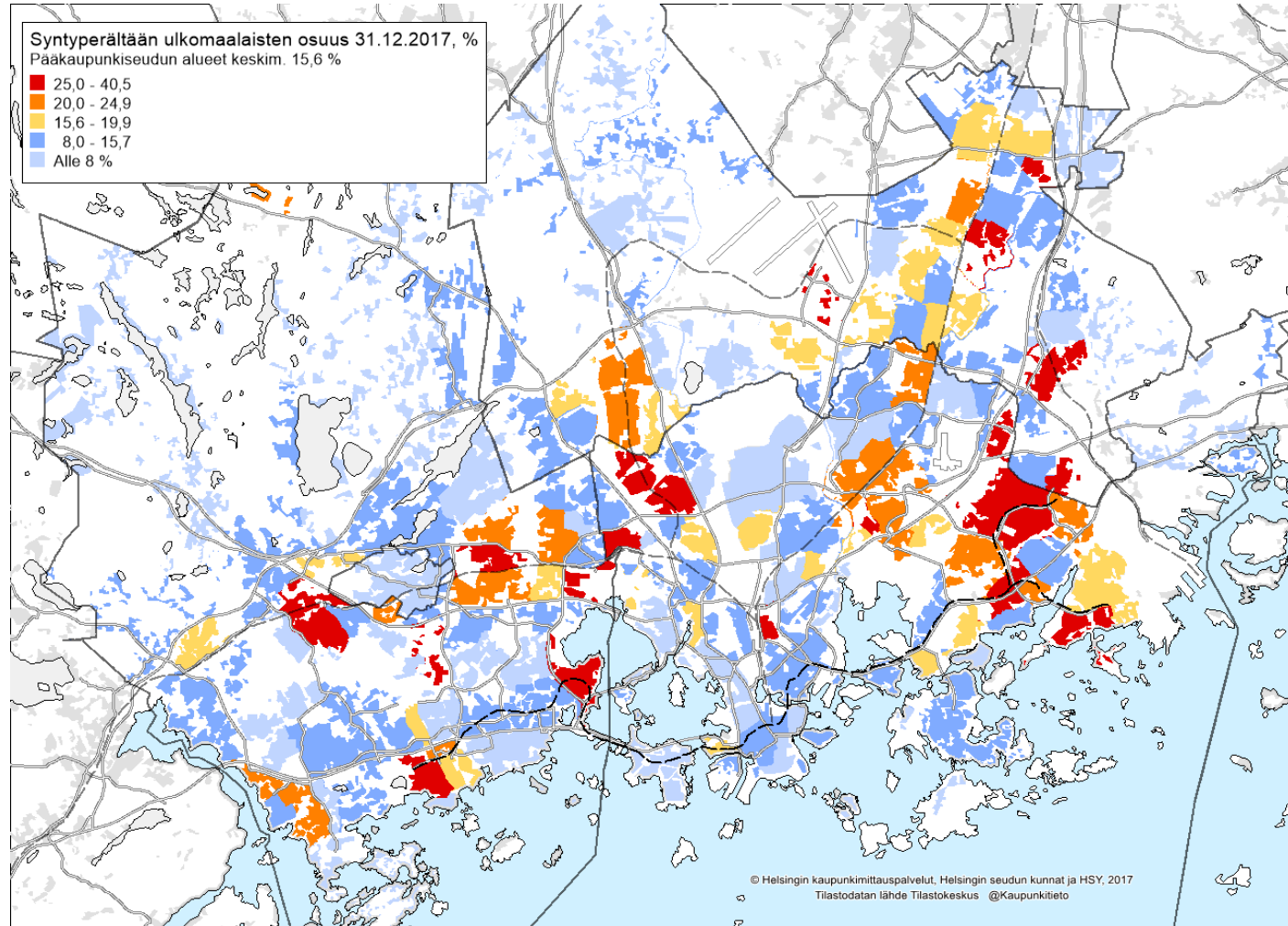
Source: The projection for the population with a foreign mother tongue in Helsinki and the Helsinki Region 2018–2035, City of Helsinki

The composition of the population will also change. Russians/Russian speakers will no longer be the (by far) largest group(s).



Source: *The projection for the population with a foreign mother tongue in Helsinki and the Helsinki Region 2018–2035, City of Helsinki*

Some areas are already now more diverse than others; most probably these differences will also remain, maybe even growing.



The future of multicultural Helsinki region

- Floating population: lots of people come and go
- Minority formation: new ethnic and cultural minorities
- Assimilation: many newcomers become indistinguishable
- Hybridization: hyphenated identities, third space
- Super-diversity: diversities within diversity
- Complex diversity: new combinations of background factors