



From poverty to a dreamland for young people? Independent Finland 100 years

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2017: Life expectancy for a newborn girl 84 and boy 79 years.

Finland is the most stable country in the world.

The Fund for Peace, [Fragile States Index 2017](#)

Finns are the second most satisfied with their life among Europeans.

Eurostat, [Percentage of the population rating their satisfaction as high, medium or low](#)

Finland is the second best country to be a girl in the world.

Save the Children, [Every last girl: Girl's opportunity index](#)

Finland is the most literate country in the world.

J. W. Miller and M. C. McKenna, [World's Most Literate Nations: Rank Breakdown](#)

Abortion is legal but the teenage abortion rate is down to 8.4 per 1000. It is among the lowest rates in the world, if not the lowest.

HIV has remained rare. Traffic safety has improved consistently.

Smoking and binge drinking are still common but diminishing.

2011 compulsory driver's licence to drive a moped
2001 Health education as compulsory subject at schools

1972-1977: comprehensive school for 9 years for everyone

1972: the Public Health Act: F.ex. school health care mandatory

1948: Free school meals

1944: A law about well-baby clinics

1939-1945: Winter war, II world war

1918 Civil war,
1918-19: Spanish flu

1906: Women got right to vote (in the Grand Duchy of Finland under Russia)

1921: compulsory education for every 7-15 year old for at least 8 yst. First school health physicians.

1917: Independence. Life expectancy for a newborn girl 49 and boy 43 years. One of the poorest countries in Europe.



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