



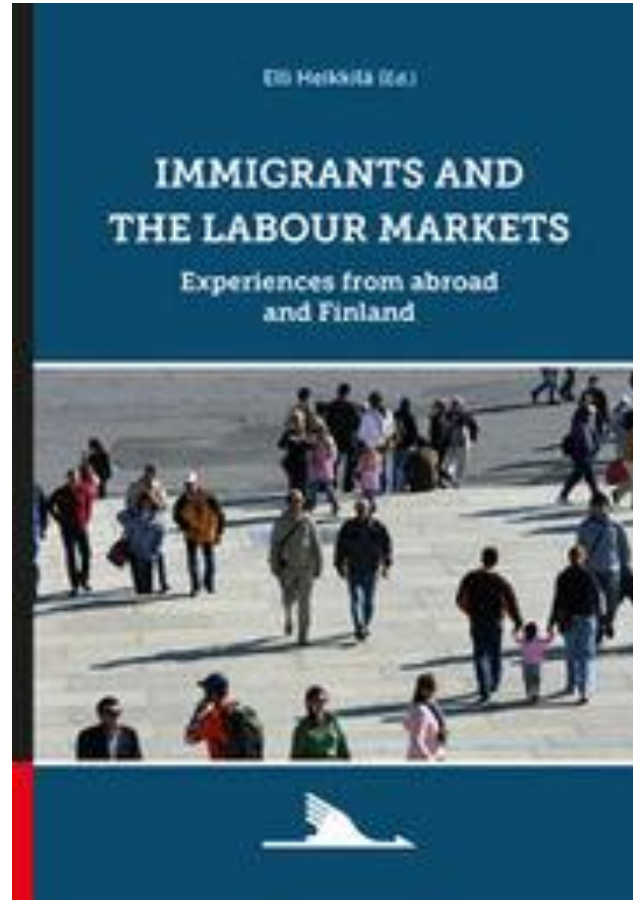
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**Immigrants in the Finnish labour market and  
future needs in an ageing society**

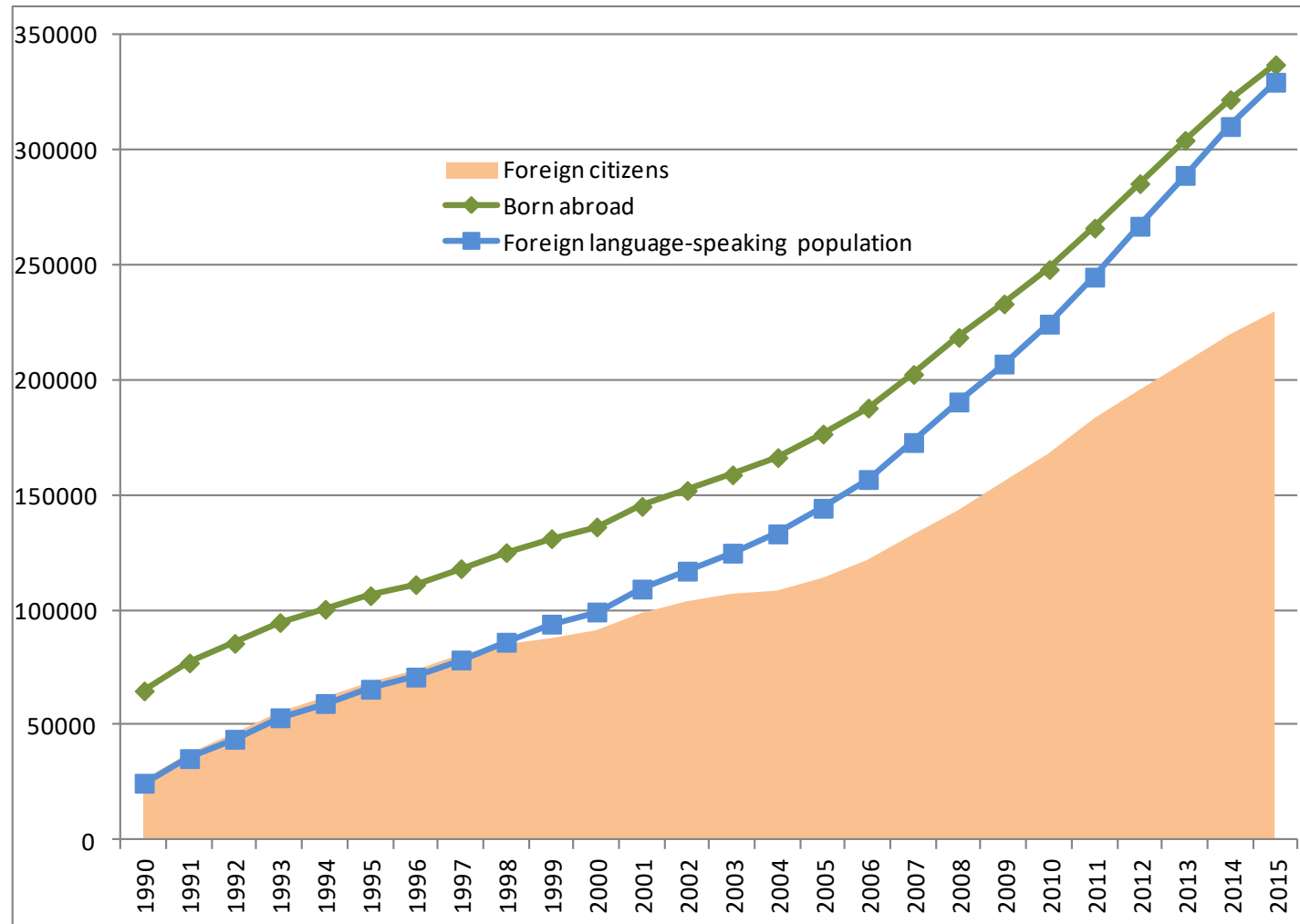
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## The number of foreign citizens, persons born abroad and people speaking a foreign language as their first language in the period 1990–2015 in Finland. Source: Statistics Finland.



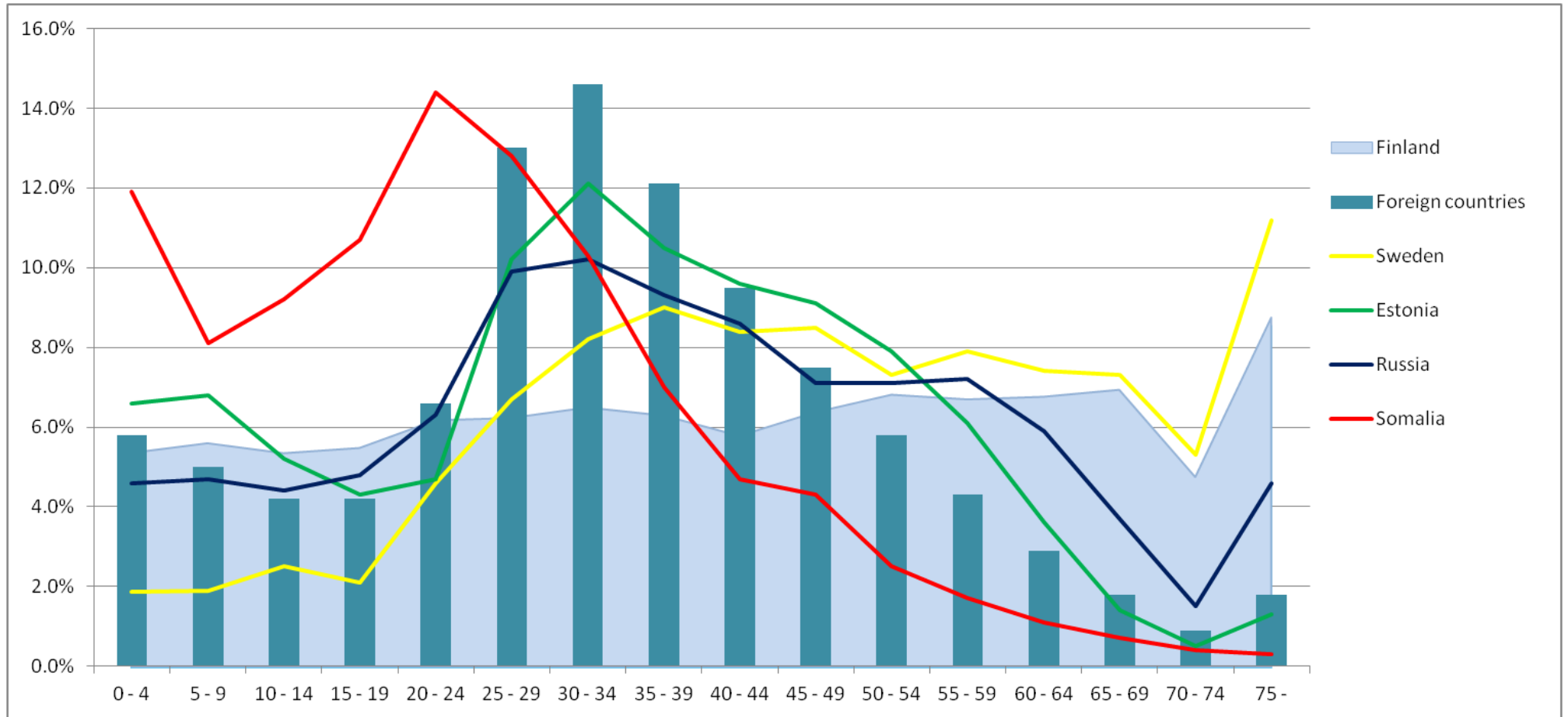
## Stock of immigrants in 2015 in Finland

- Foreign citizens in Finland numbered 229,765 persons in 2015, representing 4.2 per cent of the total population.
- In total, there were 337,162 persons living in Finland who were born abroad
- The largest groups of those born abroad in 2015 were persons born in Russia and the former Soviet Union (68,318), Estonia (44,481), Sweden (31,994), Iraq (10,723) and Somalia (10,570).

## Immigration flows of foreign citizens to Finland in 2000, 2010 and 2015 based on the top ten countries. Source: Statistics Finland.

2000	abs.	%	2010	abs.	%	2015	abs.	%
Russia	2,500	27.5	Estonia	3,858	21.2	Estonia	3,413	15.9
Estonia	745	8.2	Russia	2,225	12.2	Russia	2,058	9.6
Sweden	722	7.9	Somalia	888	4.9	India	754	3.5
Former Serbia and Montenegro	369	4.1	Iraq	821	4.5	China	676	3.2
Turkey	298	3.3	Thailand	712	3.9	Iraq	660	3.1
Great Britain	257	2.8	Sweden	708	3.9	Vietnam	657	3.1
United States	254	2.8	China	554	3.0	Sweden	612	2.9
Thailand	233	2.6	India	452	2.5	Thailand	574	2.7
China	226	2.5	Germany	340	1.9	Ukraine	486	2.3
Germany	224	2.5	United States	331	1.8	Somalia	449	2.1
Total, top ten countries	5,828	64.0	Total, top ten countries	10,889	59.8	Total, top ten countries	10,339	48.3
Immigration total	9,102	100.0	Immigration total	18,212	100.0	Immigration total	21,414	100.0

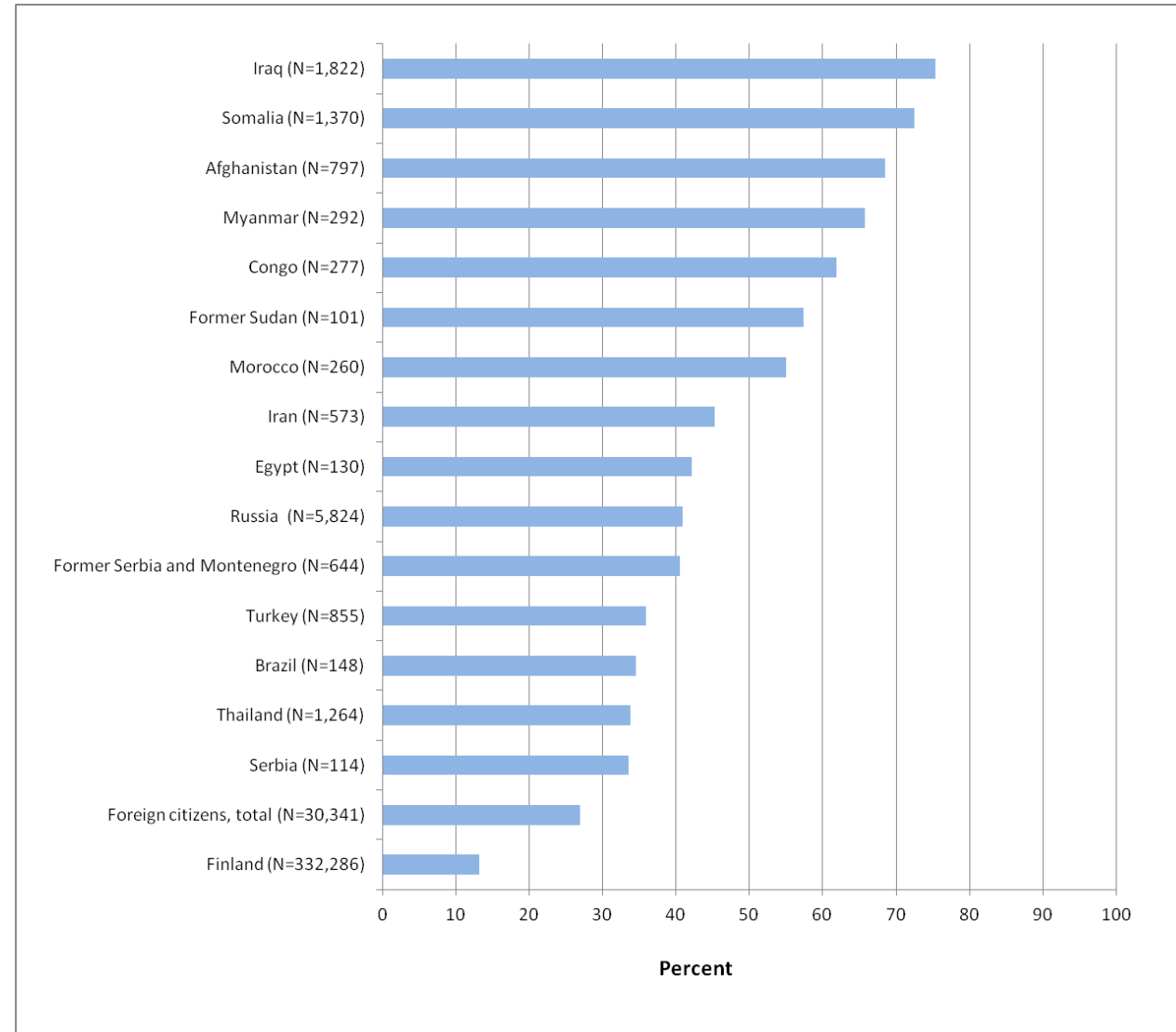
## Age structure of persons residing in Finland by country of citizenship in 2015. Source: Statistics Finland.



## Primary activity of the largest immigrant groups in 2015, by country of citizenship. Source: Statistics Finland.

Country of citizenship	Employed		Unemployed		0-14 years old		Students		Retired		Others outside labour		Total	
	abs.	%	abs.	%	abs.	%	abs.	%	abs.	%	abs.	%	abs.	%
<b>Estonia</b>	24,697	49.0	5,352	10.6	9,413	18.7	2,988	5.9	1,875	3.7	6,042	12.0	50,367	100.0
<b>Russia</b>	8,095	26.3	5,888	19.1	4,240	13.8	3,994	13.0	3,102	10.1	5,494	17.8	30,813	100.0
<b>Sweden</b>	3,168	38.8	809	9.9	511	6.3	350	4.3	2,043	25.0	1,293	15.8	8,174	100.0
<b>China</b>	2,891	35.9	650	8.1	938	11.7	1,181	14.7	57	0.7	2,325	28.9	8,042	100.0
<b>Somalia</b>	497	6.8	1,333	18.4	2,121	29.2	1,095	15.1	159	2.2	2,056	28.3	7,261	100.0
<b>Thailand</b>	2,498	34.6	1,399	19.4	616	8.5	1,108	15.3	57	0.8	1,551	21.5	7,229	100.0
<b>Iraq</b>	651	9.2	1,851	26.2	1,472	20.8	1,069	15.1	257	3.6	1,773	25.1	7,073	100.0
<b>India</b>	1,771	35.5	398	8.0	951	19.1	425	8.5	38	0.8	1,409	28.2	4,992	100.0
<b>Turkey</b>	1,511	32.9	841	18.3	674	14.7	444	9.7	55	1.2	1,070	23.3	4,595	100.0
<b>Vietnam</b>	1,656	36.4	537	11.8	570	12.5	1,057	23.2	83	1.8	649	14.3	4,552	100.0
<b>All foreign citizens, total</b>	84,100	36.6	31,741	13.8	34,521	15.0	24,520	10.7	11,203	4.9	43,680	19.0	229,765	100.0

## Highest unemployment rates in the labour force for those from the top fifteen countries by citizenship in 2014. Source: Statistics Finland.

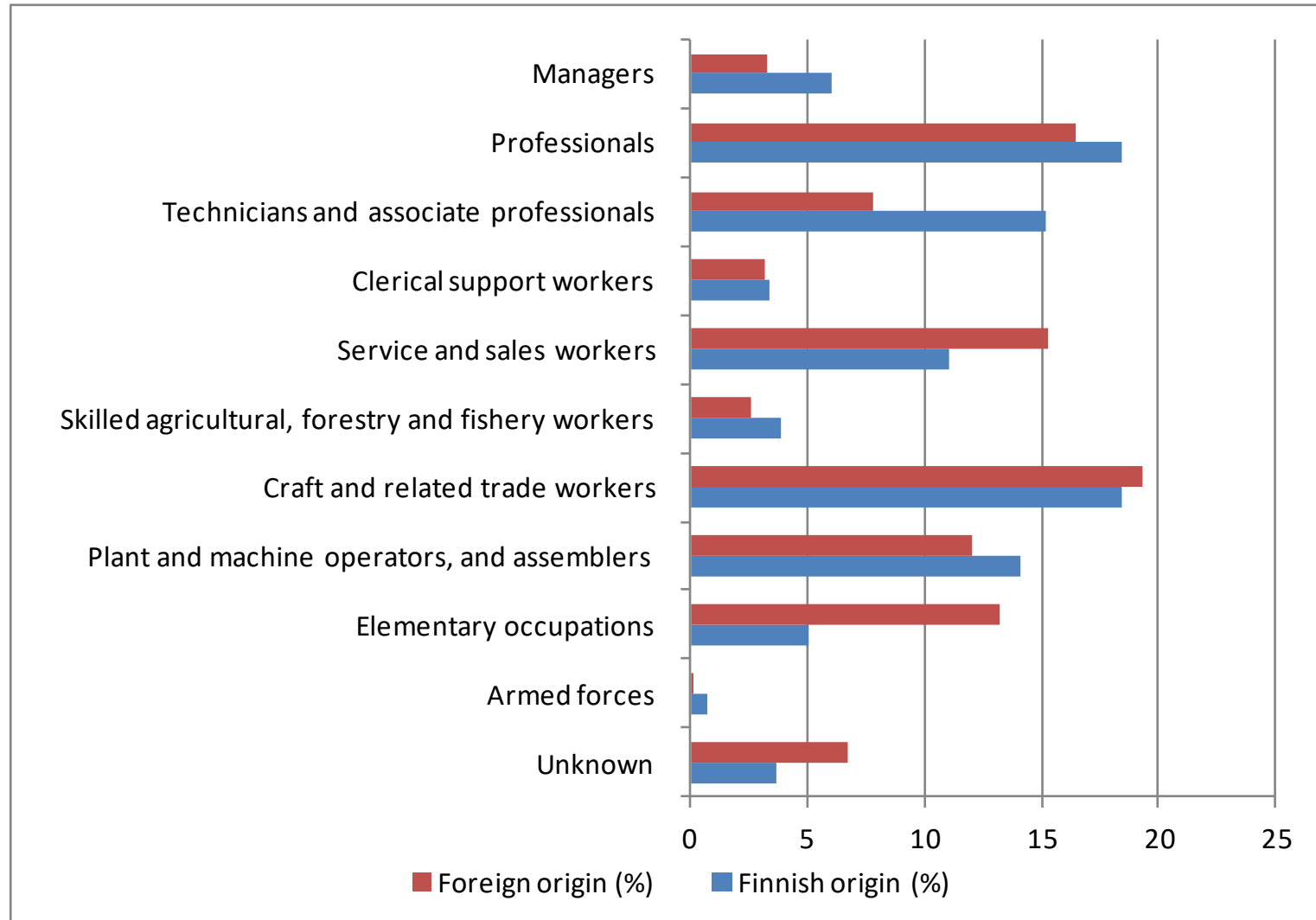




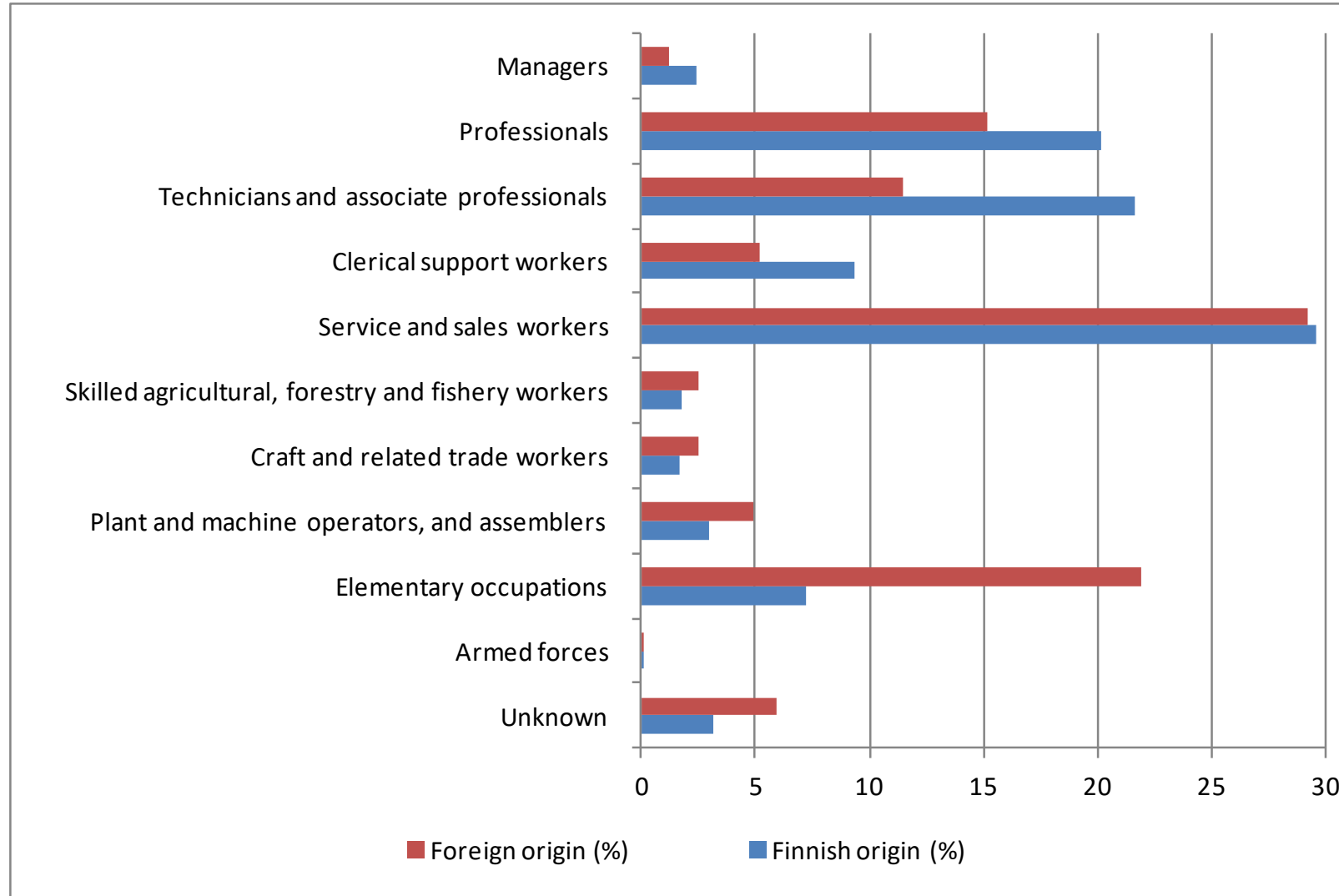
## Highest employment rates and numbers of employed persons from the top twenty countries by citizenship in 2014. Source: Statistics Finland.

<b>Citizenship</b>	abs.	%	<b>Citizenship</b>	abs.	%
Nepal	1,521	92.0	Estonia	24,029	83.4
Germany	1,923	87.0	Russia	8,420	59.1
France	921	86.7	Sweden	3,448	81.4
Canada	297	85.6	China	2,731	82.6
Denmark	364	85.4	Thailand	2,477	66.2
Kenya	521	85.4	Great Britain	2,206	81.4
Norway	349	85.3	Germany	1,923	87.0
Philippines	1,337	84.6	India	1,727	83.3
Spain	1,110	84.0	Poland	1,665	80.9
Netherlands	689	83.9	Turkey	1,525	64.1
Australia	237	83.7	Nepal	1,521	92.0
Bangladesh	753	83.6	Vietnam	1,426	74.3
Ireland	292	83.4	Philippines	1,337	84.6
Estonia	24,029	83.4	Ukraine	1,305	77.0
India	1,727	83.3	Spain	1,110	84.0
China	2,731	82.6	Italy	1,093	81.2
Hungary	866	81.9	United States	1,032	76.8
Latvia	766	81.9	Romania	1,008	79.8
Ghana	609	81.6	Former Serbia and Montenegro	946	59.5
Britain	2,206	81.4	France	921	86.7

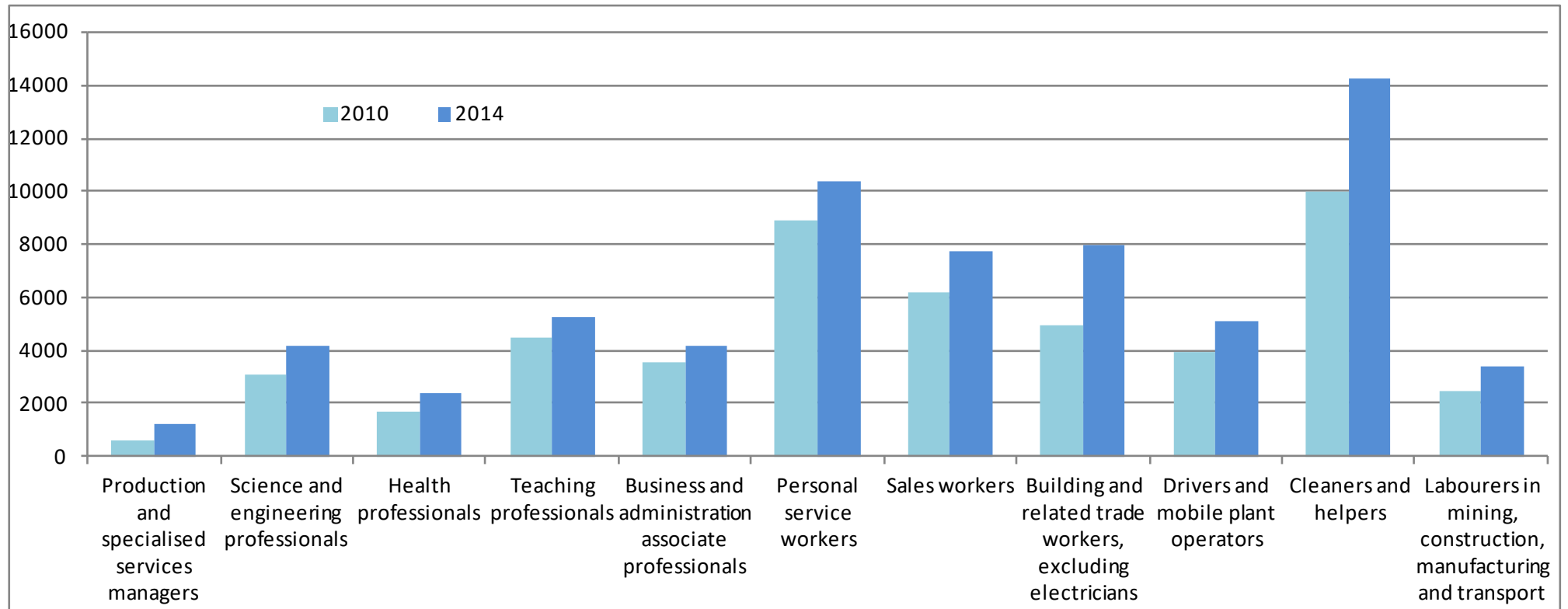
## Number of employed Finnish men (n=1,059,118) and foreign men (n=65,667) by profession group in 2014. Source: Statistics Finland.



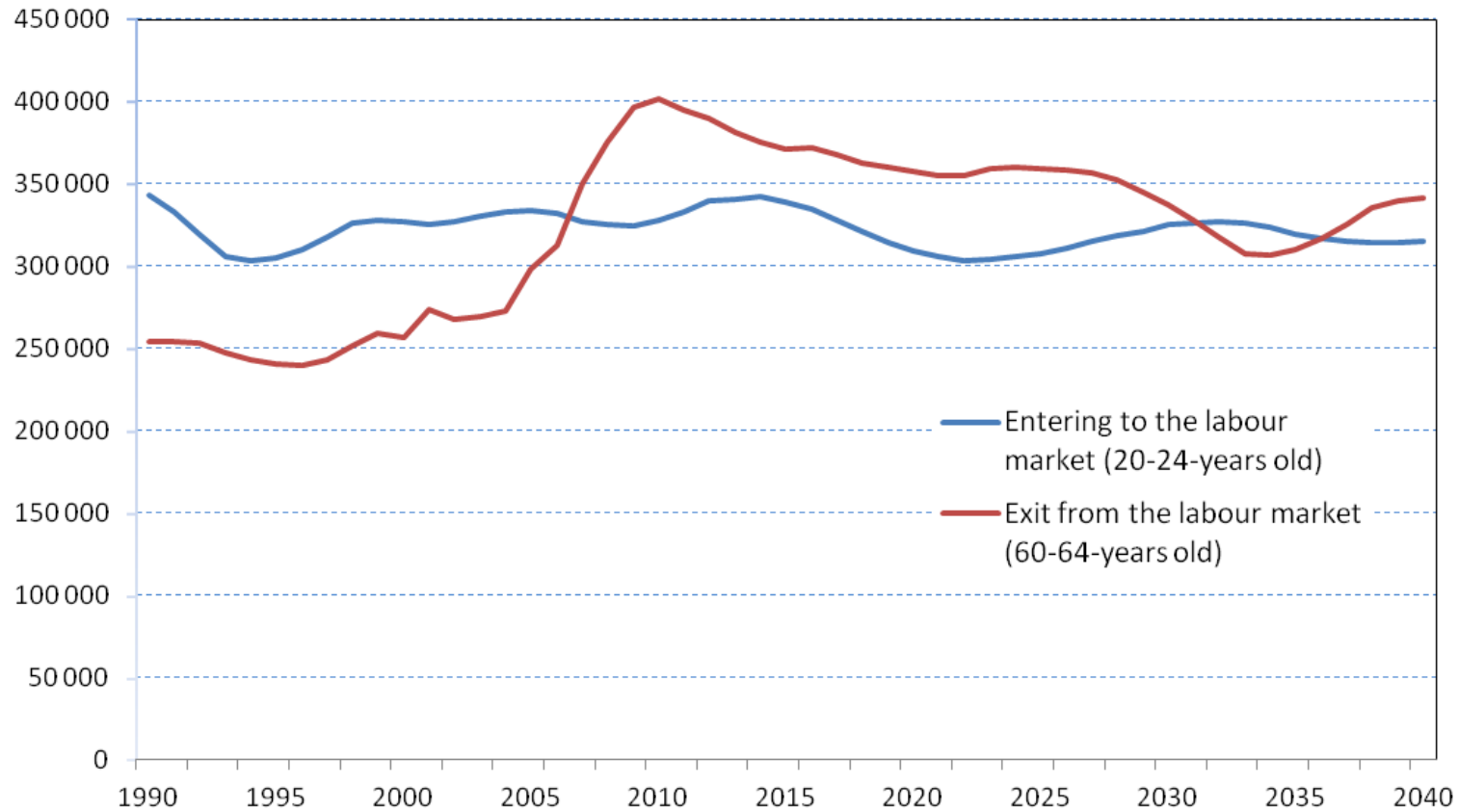
# Number of employed Finnish women (n=1,095,910) and foreign women (n=53,381) by profession group in 2014. Source: Statistics Finland.



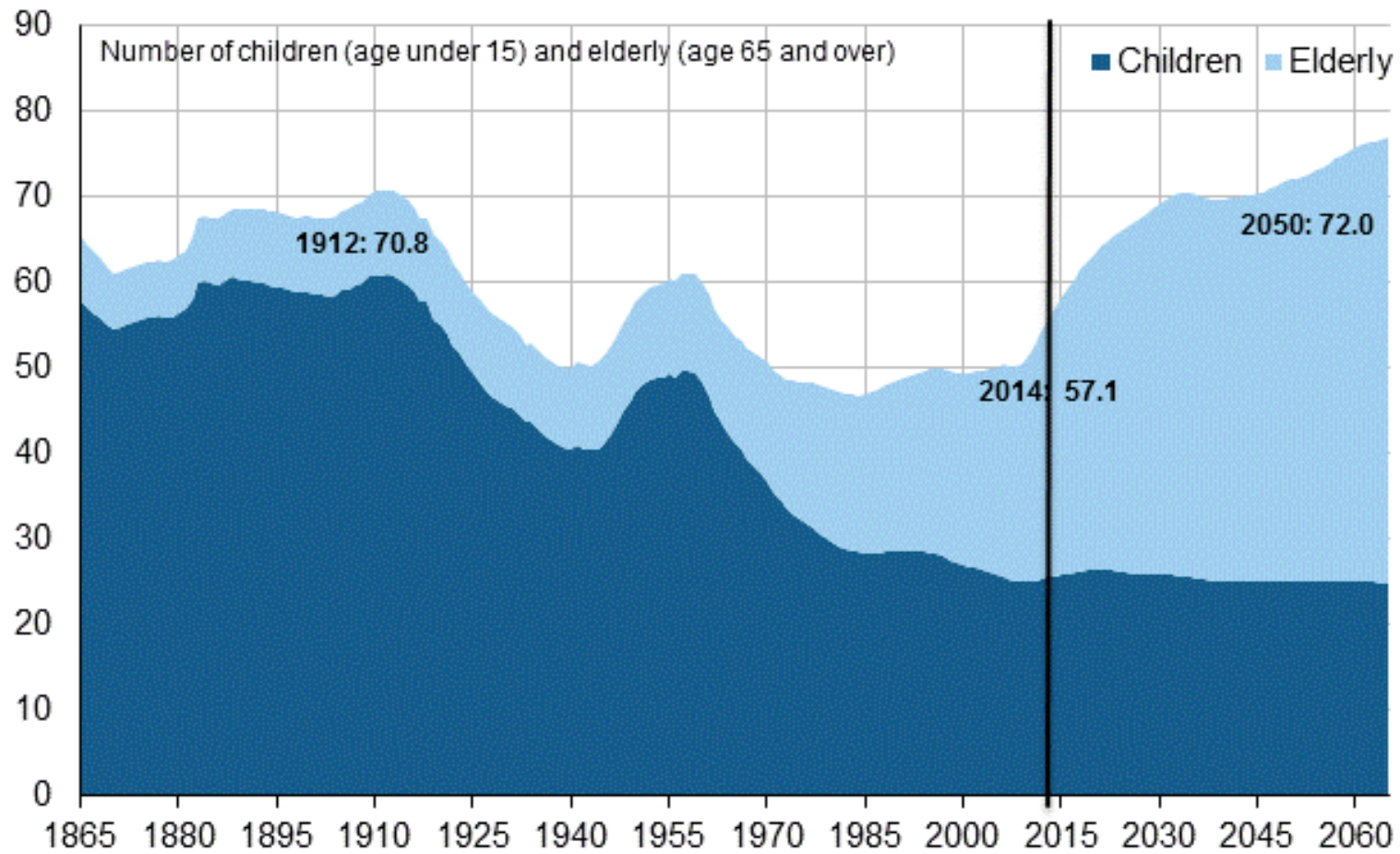
# Number of foreign workers employed in select profession groups in 2010 and 2014. Source: Statistics Finland.



# The number of 20–24 years olds entering the labour market compared to 60–64 years olds exiting the labour market in 1990–2040. Source: Statistics Finland.

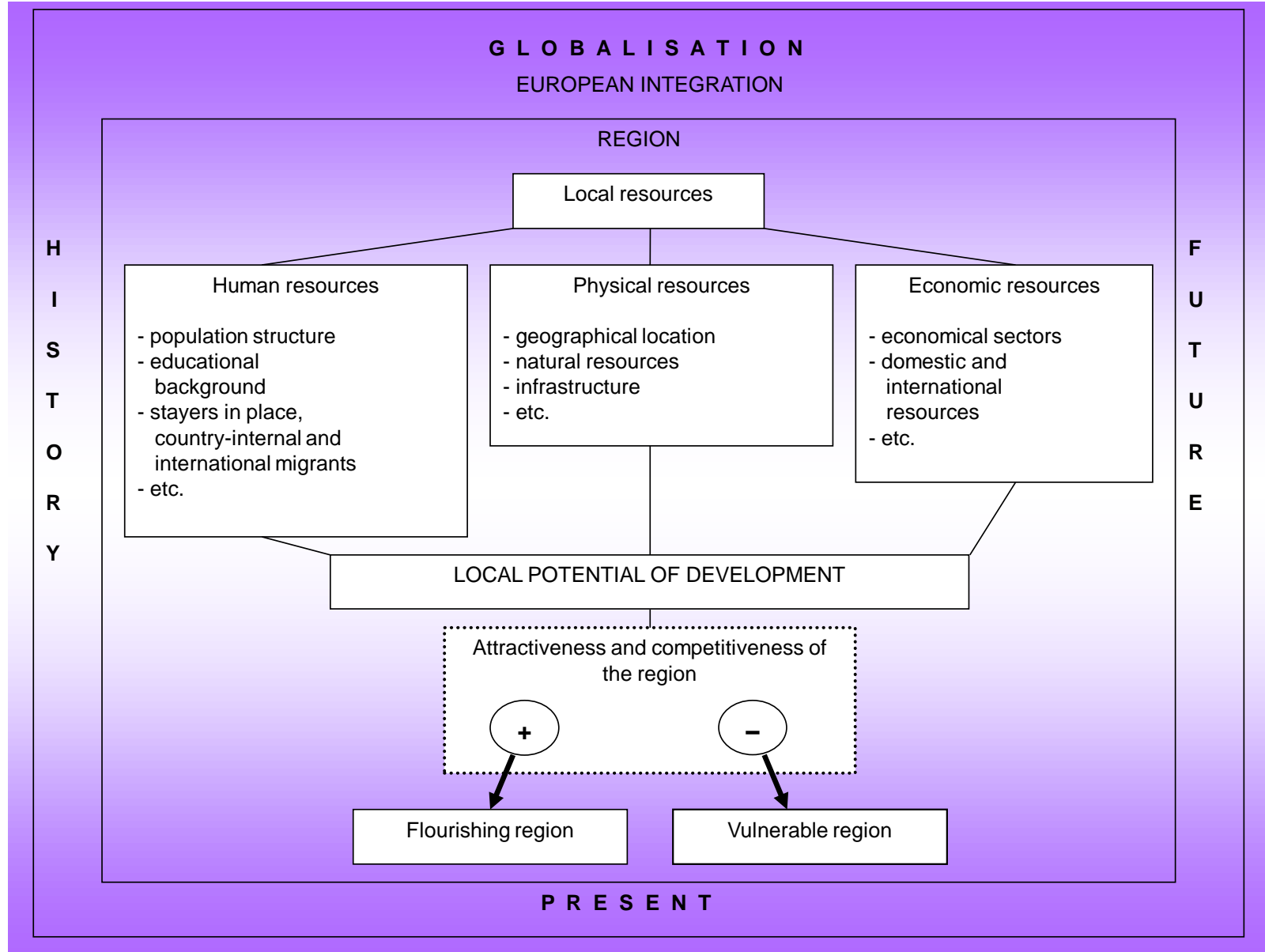


## Demographic dependency ratio in Finland for the years 1865–2065 (Statistics Finland 2015).



## Demographic dependency ratio based on the lowest and highest shares of population in the top ten municipalities, in relation to other demographic indicators, in 2014. Source: Statistics Finland.

Municipalities	Demographic dependency ratio		Medium age of population	Natural population change	Net migration in country-internal migration	Net international migration	Foreign background persons, %
		65+, %					
Helsinki	44	16.6	40.5	1,881	3,564	1,983	14.3
Tampere	47.2	18.4	40.7	623	938	563	6.9
Vantaa	49	14.8	39	1,208	1,417	1,303	15.8
Turku	49.2	20.1	41.7	193	1,137	687	10.4
Jyväskylä	49.7	17	39.4	595	723	292	4.5
Espoo	50.2	13.9	38	1,853	1,238	1,175	14.3
Oulu	50.6	14.4	37.6	1,294	506	456	3.6
Järvenpää	50.8	16.1	40	208	265	50	4.6
Joensuu	51.8	19.8	41.7	-5	343	174	4.3
Kuopio	52.1	19	41.4	42	591	192	3.5
Perho	88.9	20.8	38.8	22	17	2	0.7
Hailuoto	89.1	34.3	50.6	0	-1	-1	1.1
Kivijärvi	89.6	34.3	50.1	-14	-30	-1	0.9
Sysmä	89.7	37.2	53.2	-47	-22	6	1.8
Pielavesi	90.4	32.8	49.5	-55	3	9	1.7
Vesanto	90.9	36.7	52.6	-25	-25	-1	1.5
Savitaipale	91.1	35.7	51.6	-34	-21	0	1.1
Enonkoski	91.3	35	51	-15	-9	-1	2.1
Luhanka	100.3	39.4	54.2	-11	11	0	0.4
Kuhmoinen	102.8	41.6	55.1	-40	6	-3	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,441</b>	<b>6.2</b>





# Thank You!

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