

Savonlinna

POCKET GUIDE



A large, vibrant photograph of a park fountain. In the foreground, a seal is swimming in the water, its head and back visible. A tall, powerful jet of water sprays upwards from the fountain, creating a misty spray. The background shows lush green trees and a clear blue sky. The entire image has a torn-edge effect at the top.

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SAVONLINNNA – THE PEARL OF SAIMAA

The Savonlinna region has a strong image as being a good place to live - a place of great beauty and atmosphere, with good services, high-quality cultural events, safety, a clean environment, growing economy and diverse education. Thus the region, with its price level and services, offers a splendid and comfortable backdrop for entrepreneurship, working, studying or recreation. Welcome to Savonlinna!

City Manager
Janne Laine



HISTORY

Savonlinna is located on a number of islands in the heart of Lake Saimaa. In 1475 the construction began on Olavinlinna Castle in what was then the border between Sweden-Finland and Russia. Count Per Brahe the Younger granted Savonlinna the rights of a city as early as 1639. A decisive moment in the development of the city came in 1856 with the creation of the Saimaa Canal. Savonlinna is, to this day, the centre of the shipping in Saimaa. In 1968 the new Saimaa Canal re-established a route to the Baltic Sea. During the 19th century Savonlinna began its development into a destination for travellers. Even then Olavinlinna Castle, the Kasinosaari spa, white passenger ships and the Opera Festival, first held in 1912, attracted visitors from as far as Saint Petersburg. In 1973 most of the municipality of Sääminki was annexed to Savonlinna.

Today Savonlinna is a vibrant cultural, industrial, service and education centre, with a population of approximately 50 000 people. The annual Opera Festival is known throughout the world. The clean environment, excellent services, the picturesque and atmospheric surroundings and diverse selection of culture bring in visitors from all across the globe. Savonlinna is one of the most beautiful cities of Finland.

The municipality of Savonranta became part of Savonlinna in the beginning of 2009, increasing the city's population by 1200 people. Savonranta was originally founded in 1868 and it covers an area of 568.2 km².

The City's Coat of Arms



The Savonlinna coat of arms was designed by the University of Art and Design Helsinki, in celebration of the city's 350th anniversary, based on a proposition made by Professor Carolus Lindberg in 1938. The coat of arms was made by the students of the university, under the supervision of Professor Jukka Pellinen.

According to a blazon published in 1989, the coat of arms has "an or castle with three towers on a field of azure, with an argent wavy line running across the sable lower half of the party per fess escutcheon. An or bow, with argent arrowhead, string and fletching, is nocked at the base of the coat of arms, pointing upwards." The bow and arrow originates from provincial coat of arms, and it was present in the city's seal as early as the 17th century. The castle was first featured in the city's coat of arms in 1788.

AREA

Savonlinna has a surface area of 1 374 km², out of which 812 km² is land. The city's population density in 2008 was 33 persons per each square kilometre of land.

The distances between Savonlinna and other large cities

Kuopio	160 km
Lappeenranta	150 km
Joensuu	140 km
Mikkeli	110 km
Helsinki	350 km



POPULATION

Age Structure

Age group	Number	%
0–6	1659	6,2
7–14	2098	7,8
15–24	3409	12,7
25–44	5655	21,1
45–64	8325	31,1
65–74	2942	11,0
75–	2687	10,0

428 (1.6 %) individuals of the city's population are expatriates.

Population development

year	population
1875	1 023
1885	1 414
1895	1 711
1905	2 435
1915	4 034
1925	4 636
1935	7 861
1945	9 183
1955	12 410
1965	16 442
1975	28 336
1985	28 667
1995	28 867
2005	27 239
1.1.2008	26 775
2010	26 542



RESIDENCE

The population density in Savonlinna is slightly below the national average, and the local residential costs are also lower than average. Homes are increasingly built on plots with a private shore. The whole

of the city centre, at the junction of the Saimaa deep-water channel, is built on islands, and the buildings are located with the usual density of urban structures. The spectacular lakeside scenery is one of the perks to living in Savonlinna. Nearly 40% of the city's territory consists of water.

Housing stock in December 31, 2007 (from Statistics Finland)

Occupancy type	Residences	%
Owner-occupied	8 570	33,8
Rented	4 519	33,6
Right of residence apartments	-	-
Other or unknown	352	2,6
Combined total	13 441	100,0

Type of residence by house type in December 31, 2007 (from Statistics Finland)

House type	number	%
Detached house	4 964	31,9
Row or linked house	2 079	13,4
Apartment building	8 166	52,5
Other (store-, office-, etc. building)	352	2,3
Combined total	15 561	100,0

Summer cottages

There are 3 268 individual shorefront building sites, that include such things as a summer cottage or a sauna, in Savonlinna (from Statistics Finland in December 31, 2007).

Boat docks

Savonlinna's port authority has a capacity for over one thousand boats in 36 locations and the capacity to beach 700 boats in 34 locations around the city.

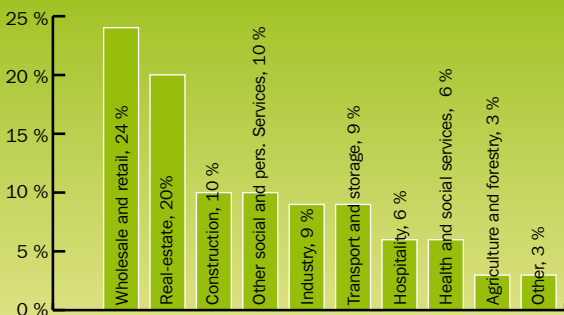


INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT

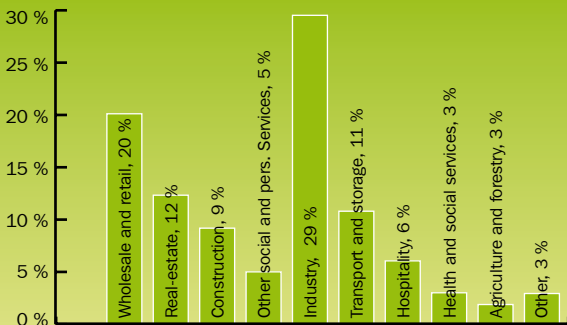
Over 70% of the workforce in Savonlinna work for the service industry. The city is a robust and diverse centre of commerce and welfare services. The compatibility of the welfare services is developed via the hospital district of Eastern Savo. The services also provide a source of interest for visitors looking to care for their health and wellbeing.

The structure of Savonlinna's industry is diverse, not only including agriculture and forestry, but also metal and woodworking industries which in turn have given rise to a variety of small and medium size enterprises. A combination of a strong and evolving industry, experience and education provide a basis for Savonlinna's development. The largest industrial enterprises in Savonlinna are Savonlinna Works, which manufactures machinery and services used in the paper industry, and UPM-Kymmene's plywood board factory. Savonlinna is also home to many other leading business organizations and a great variety of small businesses.

Employment by industry



Personnel by industry





Largest employers	number of employees
UPM-Kymmene, Schaubman	360
Savonlinna Works	300
Norelco	140
Itella Oyj, Savonlinna	128
Andritz	120-130

Public sector	number of employees
Hospital district of Eastern Savo, Sosteri	1894
City of Savonlinna	971



EDUCATION

Day care and early childhood education

Savonlinna's day care system aims to work in cooperation with parents, various organisations and the skilled members of the day care staff. In an ever evolving society, it is important to ensure a high quality of early childhood education and advance the interactive development of children and provide them with a diverse environment of growth and learning.

Savonlinna has 9 day-care centres, which provide day care for up to 686 children. 176 children can receive family day care. The city also has the capacity to offer open day care for 45 children, 20 of the spots being a part of the Normaalikoulu school's preschool group.

www.savonlinna.fi/sivistystoimi

Preschool

The preschools of Savonlinna aspire to strengthen children's self-esteem and the ability to work as a team with other people in a positive atmosphere. The education received in a preschool supports the various developmental needs of growing children, and the education is arranged to provide children knowledge and experience by means of play, action and thought.

www.savonlinna.fi/sivistystoimi/esiopetus

Senior secondary education

Senior High School of Savonlinnan Lyseon Lukio is located at a beautiful spot on Piispanmäki Hill, right in the heart of the city. With fully renovated facilities, the Lyseon Lukio is the only traditional senior secondary school in Savonlinna, offering its students a broad base of common knowledge. About 400 students, from nearly 20 different municipalities, attend the school.

Elementary schools

September 20, 2008 (from Statistics Finland) www.savonlinna.fi/sivistystoimi/perusopetus

School and grades	Number of students
Jurolan koulu 0.–6.	30
Kallislahden koulu 0.–6.	37
Kellarpellon koulu 1.–6.	190
Mertalan koulu 1.–9. (+ valmistava opetus)	642
Moinsalmen koulu 0.–6.	35
Nojanmaan koulu 1.–6.	235
Nätkin koulu 1.–6.	208
Pihlajaniemen koulu 0.–6.	173
Pihlajaveden koulu 1.–9. (erityiskoulu)	84
Savonrannan koulu 1.–9.	102
Savonlinnan normaalikoulu 0.–9. (Joensuun yliopiston Savonlinnan OKL:n harjoittelukoulu)	352
Talvisalon koulu 7.–9.	392
Yhteensä	2480



Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences, Savonniemi Campus

The Lyseon Lukio aims to provide its students with good skills so that they may pursue further fields of education. Students also have the opportunity to attend a competitive sports' program, as a part of their senior secondary studies, or complete courses in technology. The schools works together with e.g. the Lappeenranta University of Technology and the Mikkel University of Applied Sciences. Special diplomas are available for both sports and visual arts. The multidisciplinary science laboratory is used to aid students in reaching the functional demands of the recently updated curriculum.

www.savonlinna.fi/lyseo

Savonlinna Senior Secondary School of Art and Music, founded in 1967, is the oldest national senior secondary school in all of the Nordic countries, to specialise in artistic and musical education

The Senior Secondary School of Art and Music gives its students the skills needed to graduate from senior secondary school and to complete the matriculation exams. Collaborating with such organisations as the Savonlinna Opera Festival, the Helsinki University of Art and Design and the Finnish National Opera, the school offers a wide variety of courses in art and music.

Approximately one third of the studies in the school are geared towards the development of the students' artistic expression. Throughout its existence, the school has been popular among applicants, the annual number of applicants is nearly twice the amount of student capacity. The students hail from over 60 different municipalities.

A thorough renovation was undertaken in the school in 2007. Once works on the renovations and extensions were completed, the school was equipped with excellent premises, furniture and tools to suit its special requirements.

www.savonlinna.fi/taidelukio

Savonlinnan aikuislukio, adult senior secondary school, is the only senior secondary school of Eastern Savo that specializes in teaching adults. Students are able to do both elementary and senior secondary studies as either evening or long distance classes. The school's curriculum includes English, Swedish, German, French, Russian and Finnish as a second language, a subject specifically meant for immigrants. Studies which are aiming for a degree are free of charge, while participating in individual courses includes a course fee.

The school has approximately 80 regular students and approximately 200 students attending individual subjects.

The school also arranges studies in Savonlinna's upper secondary vocational school. As the school is part of the Eastern Finland study network, ISO, and the Upper Secondary Distance Learning network, it enables the students to choose among subjects shared by nearly 70 schools nationwide. Meanwhile the national Noste program aims to aid adults who wish to finish their elementary school education or unfinished senior upper secondary school studies.

www.savonlinna.fi/aikuislukio

Vocational education

Part of Savonlinna's image is based on education. The city has both university and vocational college campuses, attended by several thousand students, and the city plays a nationally important part in developing upper secondary vocational education.

Savonlinnan ammatti- ja aikuisopisto, upper secondary vocational college, is divided into six individual schools: Vipunen (Technology and Transport), Artemia (Culture sector, Art, Crafts and Design), Like (Business and Administration), Pavilion (Tourism, Catering and Domestic Services), Varpala (Natural Resources and Environment) and Lehtiniemi (Social and Health Services). The college offers adult education in each of the fields as well as apprenticeship training.

www.samiedu.fi

Higher education

University of Joensuu, Savonlinna Campus, has around one thousand attending students and about 160 members of staff. The Savonlinna campus includes a faculty

of educational sciences, minor units of the faculty of humanities and the university's Centre for Tourism Studies. Students in the Savonlinna campus can study to become primary school teachers, kindergarten teachers, home economics' teachers and handicrafts' teachers.

kampusnet.joensuu.fi/portal

Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences, Savonniemi Campus, in Savonlinna is the very image of a multidisciplinary school. The campus is attended by approximately 900 students, who are studying to attain one of six degrees, in either Tourism, Design, Business Management, Nursing, Physiotherapy or Podiatry. All students can, in addition to their own major subjects, participate in the courses of the other subjects and contribute to various cooperative projects with other organisations and schools.

www.mamk.fi

Level of education in the population in 2007

	number
People with educational qualifications	23018
People with upper secondary education	9172
People with tertiary education	5359

Basic art education

Target-oriented comprehensive art education is mostly intended for children and young people. The education includes music, dance, crafts, architecture, creative writing and performing audiovisual and visual arts. Adults can also receive basic arts training. Savonlinnan musiikkiopisto offers both a basic and an advanced syllabus, while Linnalan Kuvataidekoulu,

Linnalan opisto and Taidekoulu Hyrrä offer basic syllabi.

Savonlinna Music College offers comprehensive art education in the following subjects; piano, organ, singing, accordion, guitar, string instruments, wind instruments, percussion instruments and the basics of musical theory. The school has additional locations in Kerimäki, Punkaharju and Sulkava. www.sln-musiikkiopisto.fi

Linnalan Kuvataidekoulu, a visual arts' school, is an independent department of the Linnala folk high school, where people of all ages can receive comprehensive art education in visual arts and crafts. The school also arranges camp activities. www.linnala.net

Linnala folk high school's music department offers studies in both vocal and instrumental music in accordance with a basic syllabus. Additional courses can be selected from Linnala's general curriculum. www.linnala.net

Taidekoulu Hyrrä, an art school offers education in circus art, theatre and dance. The school is maintained by its own support organisation. www.taidekouluhyrra.fi

Other education

Savonlinna Summer University was founded in 1964. The Savonlinna Summer University Organisation includes the municipalities of Savonlinna, Kerimäki, Enonkoski and Punkaharju, the University of Joensuu and the Southern Savo provincial federation. The summer university focuses on offering year-round open university and vocational supplementary education to the residents of the nearby municipalities. The school also plays a vital part in improving Savonlinna's prospects of becoming an attractive centre for summer education and culture. www.savonlinnankesayliopisto.net

Savonlinna Christian College is a folk high school founded in 1946. The school provides basic and advanced education on common knowledge, as well as other services. The college's aim is to advance personal growth, lifelong learning and the feeling of congregational and social responsibility. www.sko.fi

Linnala folk high school, offers a large number of courses in such subjects as languages, music, art, dance and physical exercise. The school also includes an independent department of visual art. The Linnalan Setlementti, a settlement house organisation, functions as the organisational backdrop of the school. The organisation also offers aid to immigrants, organises public events and maintains a bilingual playschool, a lunch cafeteria and many other services, including projects supported by the Finnish Red Cross and Finland's Slot Machine Association. www.linnala.net

Tanhuvaaran Sports Institute is a modern sports centre, located in the scenic nature of Savonlinna. The institute trains sports instructors, participates in collaborative endeavours with businesses and organisations and functions as the training grounds for competitive athletes of various fields. www.tanhuvaara.fi

Savonlinna Music Academy is a unique and internationally acclaimed school of higher musical education. Its goal is to be a leader in the fields of Lied, chamber music and opera music. www.savonlinnamusicacademy.com



An academic procession, University of Joensuu, Savonlinna Campus







CULTURAL SIGHTS AND SERVICES

Culture Travel

The Savonlinna region has established itself as a developing spa resort and centre for cultural tourism. The city has already become the capital of Finnish summer. The region offers a wide variety of high quality cultural events, like the opera and ballet festivals, the concerts of Savonlinnasali Hall, the theatres and the Retretti art centre. In the future, efforts such as developments around the Casino spa hotel, increased cooperation with Russia, charter flights, additions to the available accommodation services are among the key aspects in improving the travelling industry. More investments will have to be made to locations similar to the Savonlinnasali Hall. With strong businesses and the utilisation of professional know-how, the most can be gained from the region's many resources.

Office of Cultural Services

The city's Office of Cultural Services provides information on the cultural activities of Savonlinna, such as events, recreation and exhibition facilities, cultural organisations, and arts grants. The office also maintains Gallery Pinna and Sääminkisali, organises events and administers cultural affairs. www.savonlinna.fi/kulttuuripalvelut

The City Library

A library is a popular and respected cultural service, available to everyone. Savonlinna's City Library is visited daily by 600 patrons and in the year 2007 the library had over 12 000 active borrowers. The library has five stationary service locations: the main library, Nälkälinnanmäki library, Nojamaa library, Kellarpelto library,

Savonranta library and the library's music department in the Sääminki House. The Käkriäinen mobile library visits nearly 70 locations in the vicinity of the city centre and around the dispersed settlements.

The library's collections include over 150 000 works, 87% of which consists of books. In addition to the books, the library offers selections of music, movies, newspapers and past and present issues of magazines. Each of the library's locations also have free internet access for the use of patrons. In 2007, 439 759 works were borrowed from the library, 72% comprising of books. On average each resident of the region of Savo borrowed 16.2 works from libraries that year.

The main library building, a fine example of the architectural style of its time period, was constructed in 1964. However, the premises of the current building can no longer correspond with demands of the day. Plans are underway to construct a new main library by 2012.

www.savonlinna.fi/kirjasto

Museums

Savonlinna Provincial Museum Riihisaari (E. B. Lohrmann, 1852) is situated in a former state granary. It is also the site for Finland's largest fleet of steamships: the passenger ship Savonlinna; the world's only genuine tar steamer, Mikko; the steam schooner Salama; and the steam barge Ahkera. In 2007, Riihisaari attracted about 25 000 visitors. The museum also houses the Finnish Forest and Park Service's **Nestori – The Saimaa Nature Exhibition**, which provides information about the lake district, the national parks of Linnansaari and Kolovesi, the Siikalake bird lake and other nature resorts in the Savonlinna region.

www.savonlinna.fi/museo

Theatres

Savonlinna Theatre is an active professional theatre dedicated to producing high-quality dramatic art
www.savonlinnanteatteri.fi

The summer theatre of Kasinosaari Island the amateur theatre Teatterimylly, has a new production for the entire family every summer, performed in the splendid landscape theatre of Kasinosaari Island.
www.teatterimylly.fi

Cinemas

Killa at the Viiskulma crossroads and **Ola-vi** on Olavinkatu Street screen the latest premiers to film-goers of all ages and to companies. www.savonkinot.fi/savonlinna

Churches

The Lutheran cathedral was designed by architect A. H. Dahlström and it was inaugurated and conveyed to the Savonlinna-Sääminki parish in 1879.

Pikkukirkon (Little Church), designed by L. T. J. Visconti, was built by the Orthodox parish in 1846.

Music

The conference and concert venue Savonlinna Hall on the Kasinosaari Island

was built in 2002, and the oldest section of the building, Wanha Kasino (Old Casino), dates from 1896. Savonlinna Hall combines the long traditions of the area, the celebrated skill of Finnish timber construction, and modern technology.
www.savonlinnasali.fi

The Savonlinna Orchestra comes to life when the Savonlinna Quartet, maintained by the Savonlinna Orchestra Society, and the Savonlinna Music Society of amateur and student musicians play together. Music teachers from the Savonlinna Music College and other professional players also play in the orchestra. The Savonlinna Orchestra organises 30 concerts and chamber concerts yearly.
www.savonlinnanorkesteri.fi

Historical Sites

Olavinlinna Castle

When the works on Olavinlinna Castle, or St. Olaf's Castle, started in 1475, the founder of the castle, Danish-born knight Erik Axelsson Tott, envisioned an imposing fortification which would defend the strategically important Savo region. The castle was to counter attacks from the east by the Russians, securing control over Savo to the Swedish Crown. The history of Olavinlinna is indeed a mixture of the clang of medieval swords and the roar of cannons, and of the bustle of everyday life under cover of massive fortifications. Olavinlinna



Castle is the main attraction of Savonlinna, drawing tens of thousands of visitors yearly. www.olavinlinna.fi

Villa Rauhalinna was completed in 1900. It was designed and commissioned by lieutenant general Nils Weckman, a high-ranking fortification engineer in the Russian army. He presented Rauhalinna as a silver wedding gift to his wife, Alma. According to a contemporary, the festivities on the inauguration of the building were “perhaps the most splendid” that the Savonlinna region has ever seen. www.rauhalinna.fi

Linnankatu Street is the oldest street in the city. This modest-looking street, once populated by the crafts workers of Olavinlinna Castle, became the city’s most refined neighbourhood in the 19th century. In those days one of its cross streets, Eerikinkatu, also went by the name Paris Street.



The old elementary school of Puistokatu Street 5 is a valuable and time-honoured former school building in central Savonlinna. It was designed by architect Wivi Lönn in 1925. The premises have been restored and modernised according to present standards, and they contain many well-lit and

well-equipped conference and negotiation rooms intended for a variety of functions.

Sääminki House (Sebastian Gripenberg) The new parish house of Sääminki was built in 1882. A section of the building used to function as an elementary school. The house was designed by architect Sebastian Gripenberg, and its construction material is timber obtained from the old church of the Sääminki parish, which was located in Kirkkonieniemi. Today the Sääminki House functions as premises for services such as the music department of the Savonlinna City Library.

Statues

St. Olaf (Ville Valgren 1912) The statue of St. Olaf in Olavinlinna castle is from 1912. Ville Valgren has depicted St. Olaf as a noble king wearing a coat of mail and a crown. In reality, Olaf (995–1030) was a marauding Viking and a king who fought wars to gain power. After his death, Olaf was made a saint for political reasons as he had turned to the Christian faith and had also converted a large part of the then feud-ridden Norway. The cult of St. Olaf spread swiftly after his death and found particular favour among mariners and merchants. The statue is of Italian soapstone and weighs some 3300 pounds.

Statue of Joel Lehtonen

The statue, sculpted in 1953 by Väinö Aaltonen, is situated in a park named after Joel Lehtonen in the centre of the city. The writer is seen gazing towards his summer residence in Putkinotko by the Lake Haukivesi. The park was named Lehtonen Park and inaugurated with ceremony in 1989.

Black Ram (Anton Ravander-Rauas, 1964) A black ram (or some other sheep) was kept in Olavinlinna Castle in order to be served on St. Olaf’s Day, on 29 July, as a sacrificial feast. The offering of a sheep

and the cult of St. Olaf represented a kind of bridge between the old pagan traditions and Christian worship. The custom continued in the Protestant era when the worship of St. Olaf was believed to ensure a good new year. The ram had a good life in the castle, which is evident from the proverb "to live like a ram in the castle." The parish register of Sääminki from 1728 mentions the fate of the last ram of the castle. It died by drowning in a river, and this also marked the end of the tradition. The ram statue was presented to the city of Savonlinna on its 325th anniversary in 1964.

Ringed Seal (Arto Lötjönen and Eeva-Maria Miettinen, 2000). The statue of a ringed seal in the fountain near the market square, between the two bridges Torisilta and Pitkäsilta in the Haapasalmi Strait, was designed by artisan and stonemason Arto Lötjönen in 2000 with student Eeva-Maria Miettinen.

Castle Spirit (Aimo Tukiaisen, 1975) Aimo Tukiaisen (1917–96). Sculptor Aimo Tukiaisen (1917–96) designed and sculpted the knight statue, "Spirit of the Castle," on the Tallisaari Island next to Olavinlinna, where it was erected on the 500th anniversary of the castle. The statue is of knight Erik Axelsson Tott, the founder of Olavinlinna Castle. Tott is depicted in full figure as a knight in armour gazing towards the castle.

Soldier (Wäinö Aaltonen, 1921). Wäinö Aaltonen's soldier statue from 1921 is situated in the Kirkkopuisto Park. The statue was originally entered in the 1919 Statue of Freedom competition in Tampere. It is a male figure of granite to which Aaltonen has given the features of his friend, poet Aaro Hellaakoski. The soldier's nakedness was for long a topic of debate in Savonlinna. The statue was also said to reflect the sentiments of the winning side of the civil

war of 1918, although the general impression is that of humility.

EVENTS

The Savonlinna Ballet Festival is one of the most outstanding cultural events of the summer festival season. Olavinlinna Castle is transformed into a temple of dance art in early August. www.savonlinnaballet.net

St. Olaf's Day, the anniversary of Savonlinna, is celebrated on 29 July. The day ends with a magnificent fireworks display at midnight.

Syystulet (Autumn Fires) is a festival held every year on the last week of August near Olavinlinna Castle and Riihisaari.

The Epiphany of the Three Castles is an event in Olavinlinna Castle which is held simultaneously in two other castles the Turku Castle in Turku and the Häme Castle in Hämeenlinna.

Ice Castle – The Ice Sculpture Festival is a winter event for the whole family and a top-ranking exhibition competition of ice-sculpting, bringing together internationally acclaimed masters of ice sculpture from around the world. www.jaalinna.fi

www.savonlinna.travel.
www.savonlinnaseutu.fi
www.savonlinna.fi/kulttuuripalvelut



The Savonlinna Opera Festival

is the most internationally renowned Finnish cultural event and one of the most prominent tourist attractions in Finland. Opera in Savonlinna is a captivating experience, created by the fabulous opera performances and concerts, the unique atmosphere of the medieval Olavinlinna Castle and the city's naturally beautiful summer milieu. www.operafestival.fi

RECREATION

Youth Work

Youth work in Savonlinna is organised as an outsourcing service by the registered associations Savonlinnan Seudun Nuorisotoiminnan Tuki and Linnalan Nuoret. Their activities promote a substance-free lifestyle and are based on both preventative and multicultural models of youth work. The activities include club meetings and camping trips, and other functions in youth facilities and events. Further information on upcoming activities and events can be found in www.verkkosaari.net, or by visiting the offices of Savonlinnan Seudun Kolomonen in Pappilankatu Street 3.

Sports Areas

- Pikku Saimaa swimming baths
- Ice stadium
- OKL – sports hall
- Tanhuvaara Sports Institute
- Monrepos Arena
- Bowling alley (Hotel Pietari Kylliäinen)
- Fontana Casino Spa Hotel

Ski Tracks

- Aholampi skiing centre
- Tervastupa ski tracks
- Fitness tracks
- Tanhuvaara Sports Institute

Fitness Tracks

- Aholampi skiing centre
- Pitkämäki
- Pihlajaniemi
- Talvisalo
- Nojanmaa
- Nyrkkimäki

Sports Fields

- Kyrönneemi
- Kellarpelto
- Mertala playing field
- Heikinpohja

Ice Skating Areas and Ice Hockey Rinks

- Ice skating area and ice hockey rink at the ice stadium, 8 other ice skating areas or rinks

Nature Trails

- Karhuvuori nature trail
- Soininmäki nature trail

Ski Resorts

- Ruunarinteet Ski Centre

Shooting range

- Luhtislampi shooting range
- Archery track, Haapala

Riding schools

- Sarin Talli riding school
- Vuohimäki riding School
- Paunolanmäki stable

Rowing

- Church boat harbour

Motor Sport

- Kuikkaniemi motor racing
- Aholampi go-karting

Budo

- Toppala House

Tennis

- Tennis and squash centre
- Nojanmaa indoor tennis
- Pikku Saimaa swimming baths

Open Water Swimming

- Sixteen locations altogether

Savonlinna Camping Vuohimäki is a 4-star camping and caravan site by the Lake Pihlajavesi, about seven kilometres from central Savonlinna. It has a capacity of 100 parking spaces for caravans and cars complete with individual power sources, and can accommodate 150 tents. The site also provides cottage accommodation and rooms. In the café-pizzeria you can buy delicious pizza and other provisions. Campers can rent bicycles and kickboard scooters, go boating on a rowboat, canoe or pedal boat, or have a round of miniature golf. Other activities include billiards, volleyball and badminton, and near the campsite there is a riding stable.

www.fontana.fi/vuohimäki

Nature Resorts

Kasinosaaari Islands or the “Islands of the Fortunate,” were known as the scene of a lively and international holiday resort in the early 20th century. It was the topic of rumours the world over: guests from home and abroad would travel to the Savonlinna baths to be refreshed, among them wealthy visitors from St. Petersburg. The Kasinosaaari Islands are located right in the centre of the city and are a popular outdoor recreation area among residents.

Linnansaari National Park in the middle of Lake Haukivesi, which is part of Lake Saimaa, is Finnish lake environment at its best. The Linnansaari National Park, with its hundreds of islands and wide open lakes, is a paradise for hikers travelling by water.

Kolovesi National Park was founded in 1990 to preserve the environment of Lake Saimaa's archipelago, the habitat of the Saimaa ringed seal and the woodlands of Southern Finland. Humans are known to have stayed in the Kolovesi area already in the Stone Age. Signs of human activity can be seen in the elk and human figures, dating from as far as 5000 years ago, painted on the steep walls of Ukonvuori Hill and the nearby Havukkavuori Hill and Vierunvuori Hill. Part of Kolovesi is in the district of Savonranta.

The Green Gold Culture Road includes almost 400 kilometres of Southern Savo's beautiful and ever-changing scenery. It introduces the many attractions of the area, its quiet village roads and the green gold of its forests. Travellers also become acquainted with the local tradition of timber construction and other aspects of the region's valuable cultural history, as well as the many cultural events and services along the way.

The Finnish Natura 2000 conservation network includes six sites which are located in the former area of the city of Savonlinna. The largest of these, comprising some 31 299 hectares, is in Pihlajavesi. Six entirely new sites and one shared site were also transferred from the Savonranta district. The total area of the Natura sites amounts to 52 893 hectares, of which 38 361 is water (27 % of the total area of the city and as much as 51.4 % of its water area).

There are also sites in the Savonlinna region that belong to a national shoreline conservation program, and sites in programs for the conservation of groves, bogs, ridges, old forests and bird lakes. Locations in Savonlinna that have been chosen as sites of national significance include the Olavinlinna Castle, Kokonsaari Island and the sights along the Heinävesi lake route, including the Oravi Canal. Savonlinna has chosen Soidinmäki as a forest heritage area.

Municipal Nature Symbols

Mammal	Saimaa ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida saimensis</i>
Bird	Golden oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
Fish	Orfe	<i>Leuciscus idus</i>
Insect	Poplar admiral	<i>Limenitis populi</i>
Plant	Carlina thistle	<i>Carlina biebersteinii</i>
Mushroom	Northern milk-cap	<i>Lactarius trivialis</i>

The Saimaa ringed seal is one of the native inhabitants of Lake Saimaa's archipelago and the most endangered seal species in the world. Only 200–300 individuals remain, and most of them live in lakes in the Savonlinna region; Lake Pihlajavesi, Lake Haukivesi and Lake Joutenvesi. Other protected species found in Savonlinna include the endangered white-backed woodpecker and the vulnerable corncrake.

SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Social services are arranged by the city of Savonlinna as regards adult social work, services for the disabled, immigrant services and child welfare services. Care for the elderly, services for substance abusers, and child guidance and family clinics are provided by Sosteri

Central Hospital – The Joint Municipal Authority of the East Savo Hospital District Savonlinna Central Hospital started in 1955. The central hospital, designed by architect Martti Välikangas, is located on the shore of Lake Pihlajavesi on Talvisalo Island, on an approximately ten hectare plot donated by the city of Savonlinna. The new hospital district Sosteri, which provides a wide range of specialist and primary health care services and social services, was launched on 1 January 2007. The entire range of services can be found in the same place: primary health care, specialist health care, care for the elderly, services for substance abusers, and child guidance and family clinics.

The population base of the hospital district is 52 857 inhabitants (31 December 2007). Member municipalities are Enonkoski, Kerimäki, Parikkala, Punkaharju, Rantasalmi, Savonlinna, Savonranta and Sulkava. Environmental health care also covers the municipalities of Juva and

Puumala. Specialist health care, primary health care and social welfare services are all centralised under the same organisation. The purpose of Sosteri is to organise a seamless service chain of social welfare and health care. Services, activities and the organisation are arranged according to the life cycle model: – Services for families with children – Services for adults – Services for the elderly.

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Veterinary care is responsible for the health care and medical treatment of domestic animals. In addition to its main tasks it attends to the prevention of contagious animal diseases and diseases communicable from animals to humans, and animal protection. Veterinarians also supervise food safety by monitoring primary production facilities and carrying out meat inspection in small-scale slaughterhouses. Veterinary services in Sosteri's district can be found in Juva, Sulkava, Puumala, Rantasalmi, Savonlinna, Savonranta, Kerimäki and Punkaharju.



TECHNICAL SERVICES

The purpose of Technical Services is to organise, within the guidelines of sustainable development, the development of the community structure, and the city environment in general, in order to create conditions for advancing the city's economy and the safe and comfortable living and transport of its residents.

The department is responsible for town planning, plot acquisition and conveyance, real estate formation, municipal utility services, duties accorded to the city by the law on state-subsidised housing loans, supervision of building, environmental protection, water supply and sewage systems, facility services, the machine maintenance centre, and duties prescribed by private road law.

Administrative Services

Technical Administration sees to the operation of technical services, develops its finance and organisation, sets its objectives, and oversees the execution of objectives. The department also manages parking control. Housing Office manages duties prescribed by legislation on state-subsidised housing loans and repair grants, and public transportation.

Planning Services

Planning Services performs master planning and town planning, facility planning,

and public utility planning. The unit also participates in the planning of water management. In the beginning of 2009, a legally effective master plan is in force in an area of 133 000 hectares. The area of the town plan is about 2237 hectares.

Survey and Cartography Services

Survey and Cartography Services is in charge of the city's cartography and geographical information services, address system, land parcelling and real estate formation, land register, building inspection measurements, and advisory and preparation work relating to private road matters.

Land Use, Forest Property and Harbour Services

Land Use Department is responsible for the management, acquisition and leasing of land and water areas, the acquisition and conveyance of vacant real property, and for the management of land and forest property and harbour operations. The city owns 4150 hectares of land and 3325 hectares of waters. About 25 plots are conveyed to detached house construction every year.

The volume of passenger traffic in the harbour in 2007 was 62 100 passengers, while the volume of freight traffic in the deep-water harbour was approximately 35 000 tonnes. The number of overnight stays in the three guest harbours is 6000 per summer on average.



Public Utility Services

Public Utility Services is in charge of the construction and maintenance of streets. It also sees to the upkeep of parks, the market square and the machine maintenance centre, and arranges public sanitation and waste disposal as regards snow disposal sites and organic waste.

Facility Services

Facility Services is in charge of the acquisition, selling and administration of premises, as well as the leasing, building, management and upkeep thereof.

Building Inspection Services

Building Inspection sees to the statutory duties of the municipal building inspection authority. Altogether 439 building permits, action permits and construction announcements were granted in 2007.

Environmental Protection Services

Environmental Protection is the authority responsible for environmental protection, environmental permits and camping sites in Savonlinna. It supervises and develops environmental protection and nature conservation in the city by taking care of the duties prescribed in waste management regulations to the supervising authority, ensuring the environmental management of conservation areas and sites, advancing

the recreational use of the environment, compiling an environmental protection program and an environmental monitoring system for the city, and by advising, informing and instructing residents in matters relating to environmental protection.

Savonlinna Water

Savonlinna Water is the city's public waterworks and sewage system. Its function is to produce the services required by the water management of the community on a commercial basis, and to develop its activities in accordance with requirements created by developments in other sectors of the community.

Water charges as of 1 January 2009:

Water	1.61 €/m ³
Sewage	2.14 €/m ³

Rescue Services

The South Savo Rescue Services Department is responsible for firefighting and rescue services in Savonlinna.



CITY ECONOMY

Income Tax Rates

Local tax rate 20,25 %

The Evangelical Lutheran parish 1,5 %

The Orthodox parish 1,95 %

Real Estate Tax Rates

General 0,90 %

Permanent residence houses 0,30 %

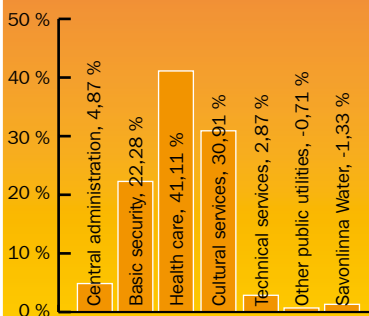
Other residential houses 0,90 %

Non-profit corporations 0,90 %

The loan stock on 31 December 2007 was 29.53 million euros, 1103 euros per resident.



Financial Statement 2007. Operational economy, net expenses/net income by sector



CITY COUNCIL

City Council in 2009–2012

Chairman Jouni Backman (Social Democratic Party)

First Vice Chairman Jaro Koikkalainen (Centre Party)

Second Vice Chairman Juhani Rouvinen (National Coalition Party).

Distribution of Seats in the City Council

Party	Seats
Social Democratic Party	14
Centre Party	13
National Coalition Party	7
Left Alliance	3
Green League	3
Christian Democrats	2
True Finns	1
Combined total	43 representatives

Representatives

Social Democratic Party: Backman Jouni, Pasanen-Harju Virve, Hirvonen Teemu, Linnamurto Jarmo, Mikkonen Anna-Kristiina, Sironen Olli, Härkönen Riitta, Suomalainen Ritva, Juuti Pirkko, Laamanen Heli, Makkonen Aila, Linnamurto Erja, Backman Anja, Eronen-Raivio Maarit. **Centre Party:** Koikkalainen Jaro, Loikkanen Tuomas, Parkkinen Matti-Pekka, Hurskainen Vesa, Uimonen Anna-Liisa, Wuorinen Jarkko, Torikka-Suomalainen Kirsi, Luukkanen Harri, Röpelin-Pitkänen Carita, Puustinen Juhani, Makkonen Maire, Korhonen Leena, Pärämänen Heikki. **National Coalition Party:** Halko Harri, Rouvinen Juhani, Seppänen Ulla, Söderholm Jan, Ronkanen Onni, Niiranen Tuija, Kokko Sampsa. **Left Alliance:** Bilund Juha, Valkonen Esa, Lötjönen Arto. **Green League:** Condit Stephen, Vaarnamo Varpu, Vento Heikki. **Christian Democrats:** Riikonen Teuvo V., Pyöriä Outi. **True Finns:** Rakkolainen Erkki.

City Board 2009–2010

Chairman Matti-Pekka Parkkinen (Centre Party)
First Vice Chairman Virve Pasanen-Harju (Social Democratic Party)
Second Vice Chairman Harri Halko (National Coalition Party)
Bilund, Juha (Left Alliance)
Hirvonen, Teemu (Social Democratic Party)
Linnamurto, Jarmo (Social Democratic Party)
Loikkanen, Tuomas (Centre Party)
Mikkonen, Anna-Kristiina (Social Democratic Party)
Seppänen, Ulla (National Coalition Party)
Torikka-Suomalainen, Kirsi (Centre Party)
Pyöriä, Outi (National Coalition Party)

Friendship Cities

Selfoss - Iceland
Arendal - Norway
Silkeborg/Pohjola Norden- Denmark
Detmold - Germany
Kalmar - Sweden
Torzhok -Russia





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