

FINLAND

MEET A CHILD

13-year old, **Andre**, refused to go to the school because his teacher punished him in an unpleasant manner for being late to school three times. He narrates, "I had to explain myself to a male administrative assistant. I was given a choice of three days suspension or undress myself in the rest room. Scared of my parents' scolding, I nodded for the later option. But I haven't expected what he said to me: 'I want you to bend over and lie flat on the desk, feet wide apart'. So, reluctantly I did as he said trying to maintain as much modesty as possible. The bruises lasted three weeks, and I had to be careful not to let anyone see them. I was terribly embarrassed and humiliated. I only know that this experience was the closest thing to a rape as I can imagine".

TOTAL POPULATION 5,222,000
CHILD POPULATION 939,960

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR
No Confirmed Data

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, the estimated economically active population is 2,475,000 with no children in the age group 10-14 years being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO
1041 females for 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an
estimate for 2005)

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 100 children in the primary school age group of 7-12 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005.

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

With an EDI of 0.990, Finland's progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is high

UNESCO'S EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

CHILD SLAVERY

The Constitution prohibits forced or compulsory labor, including by children; however, there were reports that persons were trafficked for prostitution and labor

US Dept. of State, Country Reports
on Human Rights Practices- 2004,
February 2005

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Finland is a destination and transit country for women and girls trafficked primarily from Russia for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

Child Pornography is a concern in Finland. While available information does not offer statistics on the production and possession of child pornography

ECPAT CSEC Database, http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No Confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

There were no reports of under-18s in the armed forces.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

No Confirmed Data