



**Climate change and Health: Adapting to Mental, Physical and Societal challenges (CHAMPS)**  
**Psyykinen ja fyysinen terveys sekä yhteiskunnalliset haasteet ilmastonmuutokseen sopeutumisessa**

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# CLIMATE CHANGE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Acute hospital visits among the elderly (75 years and older) in May to September from 1998 to 2017: each additional day a month in the highest bin of daily mean temperature (>25°C) resulted in

- significant increases by 3% to 4% due to dementia or psychiatric disorder as the primary cause
- a significant increase by 2% to 3% in those having pre-existing dementia
- no significant increase in those having pre-existing psychiatric disorder.

Conflicting data on the impacts of temperature on physical activity, whereas limited data on the impacts of temperature and changes in solar radiation on nutrition and sleep.

# RELEVANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- For designing effective heat alert mechanisms, it is of note that the individuals most at risk may have weaker coping skills and lack cognitive capacity to react sufficiently.
- Changes in solar radiation (less in winter, more in summer) and temperature are inducing impacts on mental health which emerge gradually over the years rather than suddenly within days or weeks.
- A strategy and a plan of action are needed for countermeasures against the slow impacts.

Thus far, there are no data on such impacts of climate change on mental wellbeing, mood, mood disorders, or deaths from suicide ...

... but we shall make a dash for the line.

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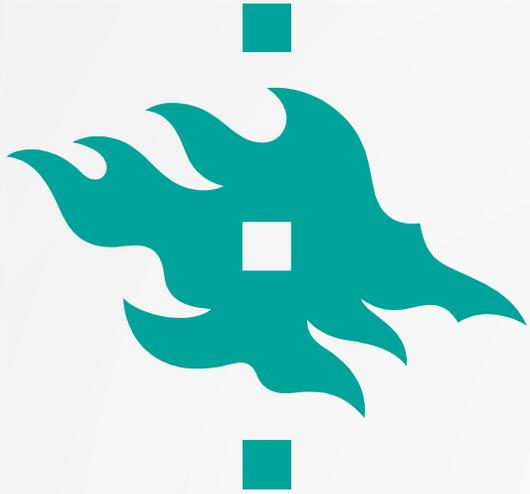
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# CHAMPS FINAL REPORT

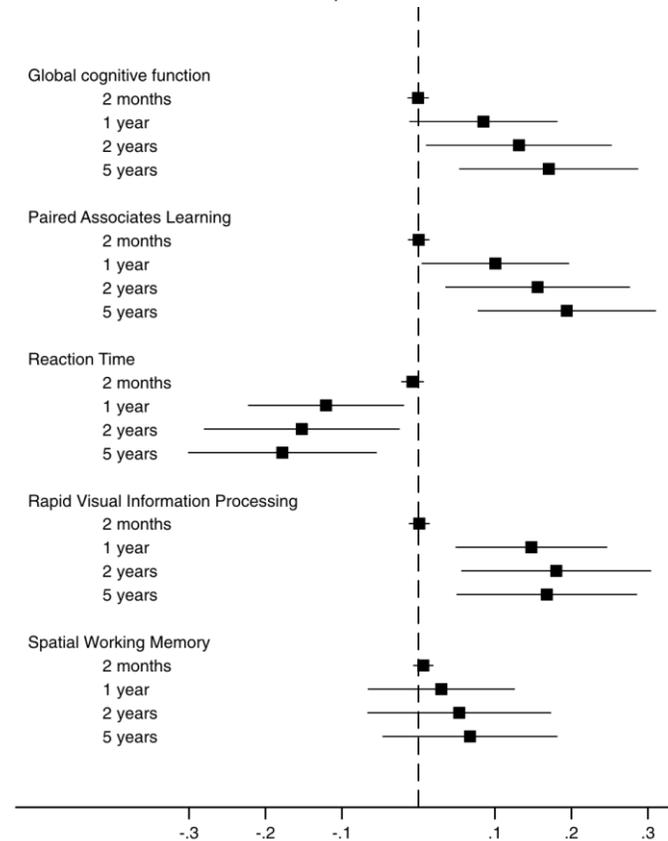
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# LONG-TERM CUMULATIVE EXPOSURE TO CLIMATIC FACTORS AND HEALTH

- Long-term residential exposure to solar radiation in adulthood was associated with
  - sleep quality and diurnal preference (Elovainio et al. 2022)
  - cognitive function (Komulainen et al. 2022a)
  - specific depressive symptoms (Komulainen et al. 2022b)
- Long-term residential exposure to solar radiation and ambient temperature in childhood was unrelated to later risk of a severe mental disorder (Komulainen et al. 2022c, Komulainen et al. [work in progress])



**Figure 1.** Associations of long-term sunlight exposure with cognitive function in the Cardiovascular Risk in Young Finns Study. Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval. Estimates are differences in the rank-order normalized cognitive function scores per 1 MJ/m<sup>2</sup> difference in the average daily exposure to global solar radiation in residential neighborhood from linear regression analysis.

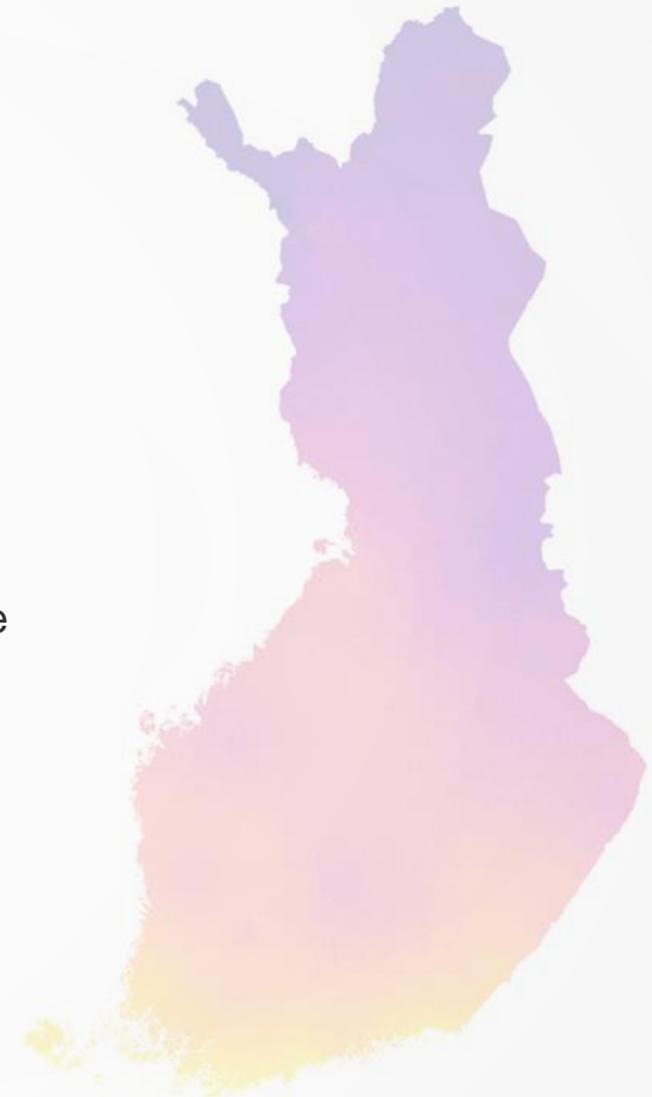


## RELEVANCE & RECOMMENDATIONS

Long-term residential exposure to natural light in adulthood may be implicated in sleep, cognition and mental health in Finland.

Further studies should evaluate the associations between cumulative climatic exposures and health in populations residing in different geographical latitudes.

Mitigating confounding by other geographically distributed factors is crucial in studies utilizing area-level measurements of climatic factors.





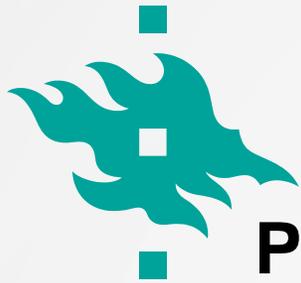
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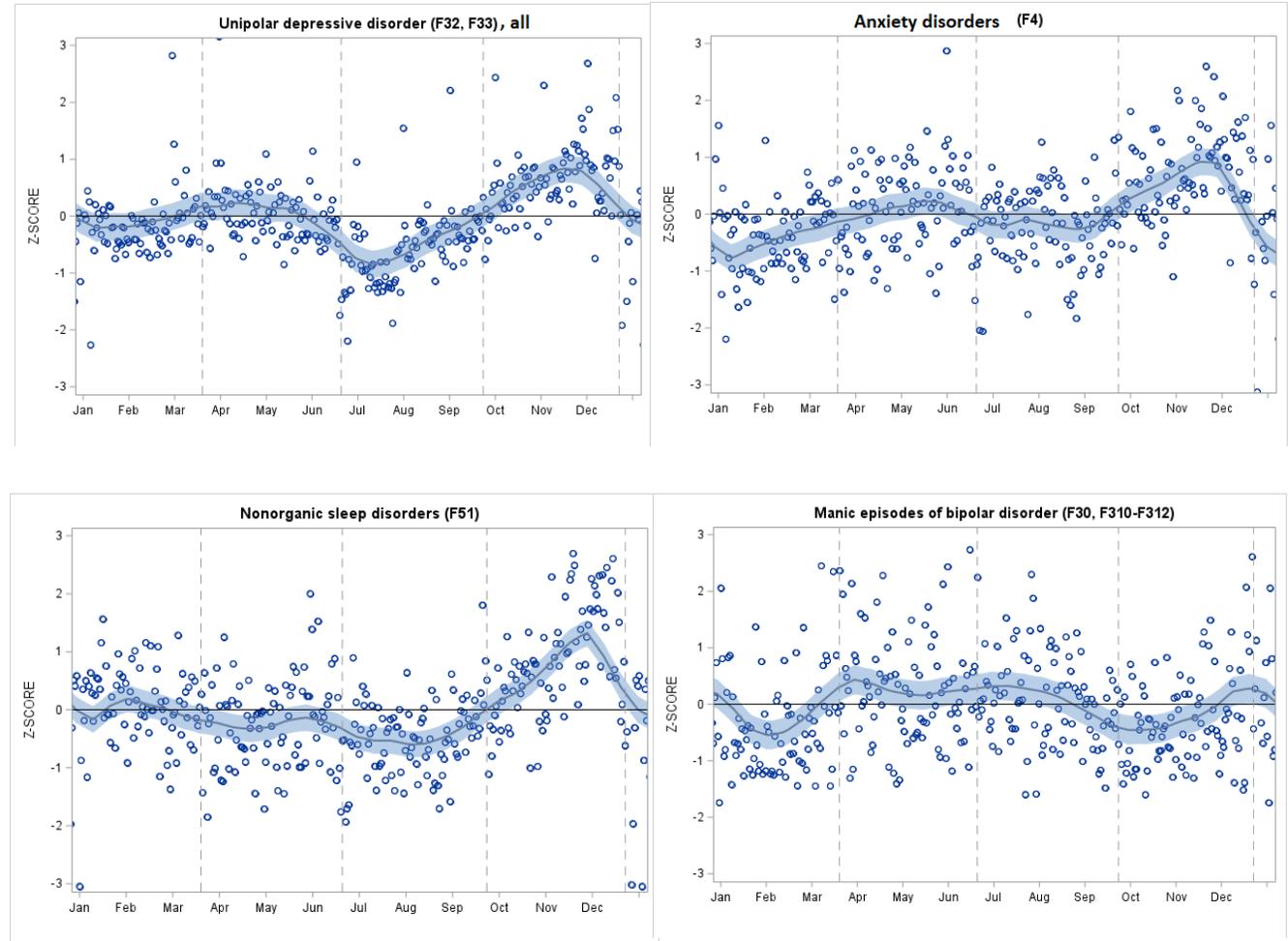
# FINAL REPORT CLIHE - CHAMPS

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# Light exposure, hospitalization and sickness absence

- We found significant seasonal variation in hospital admissions and sickness absence due to mental disorders
- Larger than expected increases in November-December and decreases in spring and summer
- Opposite effects for manic episodes
- Manuscript under preparation: Cumulative individual level sickness absence & light exposure



Virtanen M et al. (2023). *Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences* 32, e64, 1–10.  
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# Relevance & recommendations

- Mental health-related hospitalizations and sickness absence follow patterns that are related to changes in solar radiation.
- If solar radiation is going to decline in winter, this may increase hospitalizations and sickness absence due to depression, anxiety and sleep disturbances but decrease the burden of manic episodes.
- If solar radiation is going to increase in summer, people with bipolar disorder may have more manic episodes while depression, anxiety and sleep disturbances may decrease.
- **Therefore, the mental health impacts of climate change may be season- and disorder-dependent.**
- Future research needs to account for interaction effects between solar radiation and temperature.

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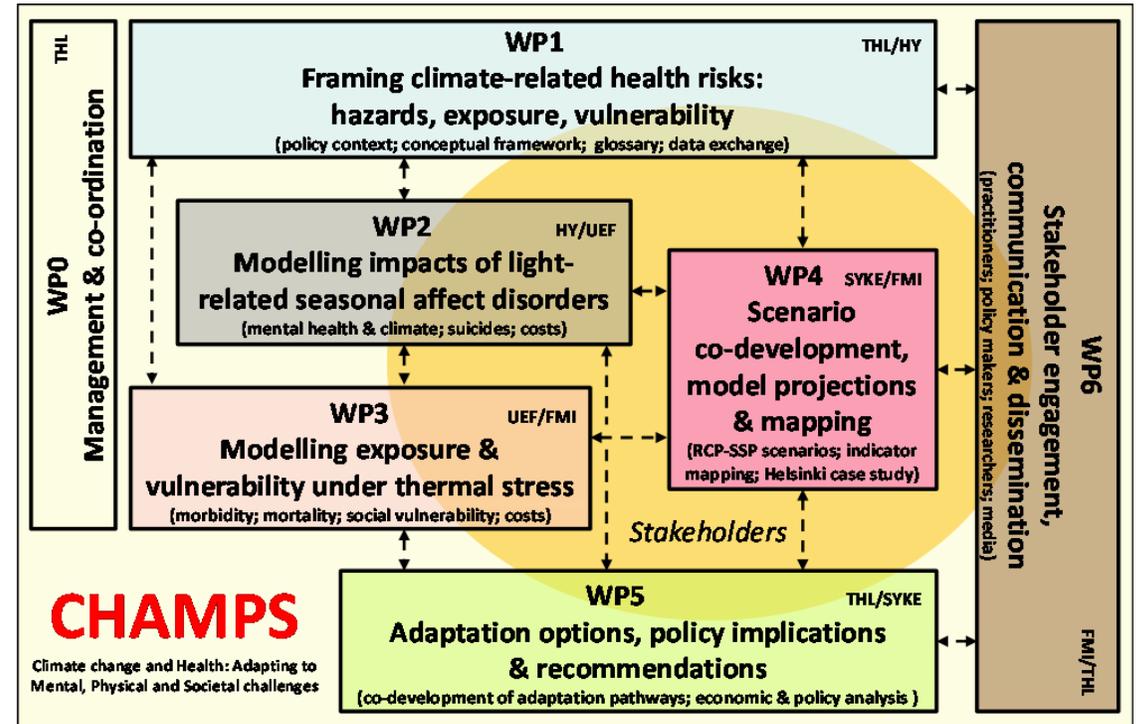
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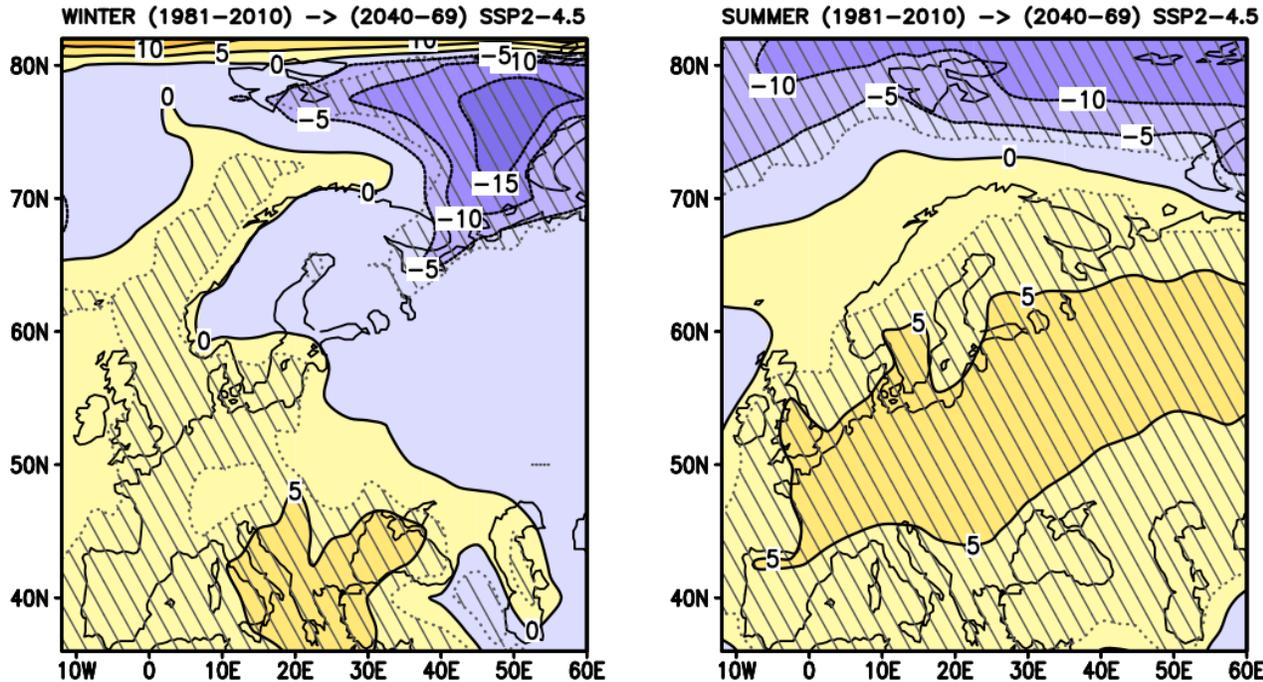


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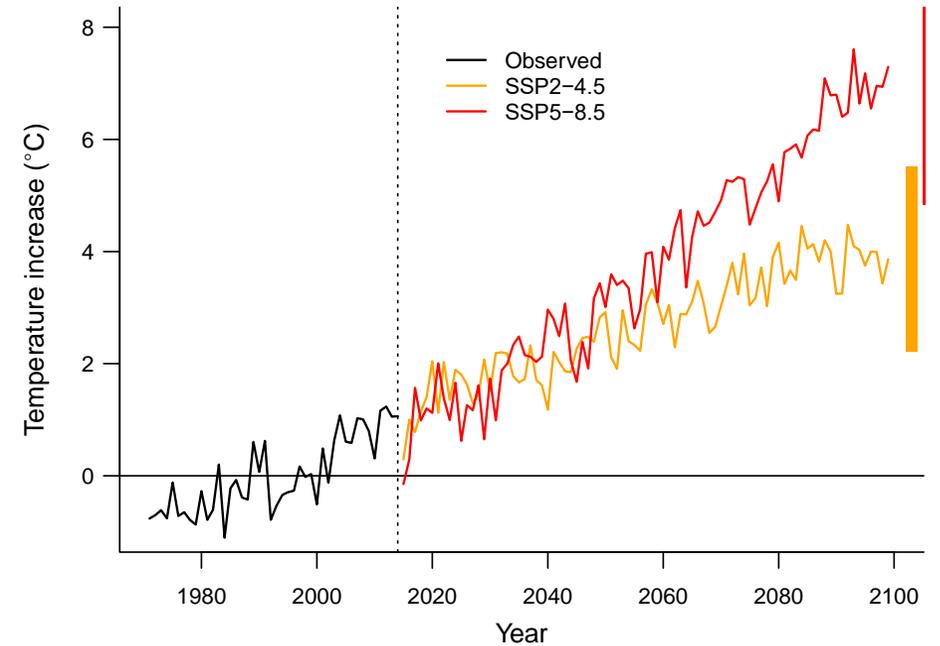
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- Lisa Haga
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- Kimmo Ruosteenoja
  - climate change scenarios
- Sanna Luhtala
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# Climate change scenarios – CHAMPS focuses on impacts of solar radiation and temperature



Changes in solar radiation - winter and summer  
(Ruosteenoja and Jylhä, 2021)



Changes in annual mean temperature

# Association between solar radiation and suicides

Suicide data from four hospital districts in southern Finland  
+  
Solar radiation data, including ultraviolet radiation (UVR)

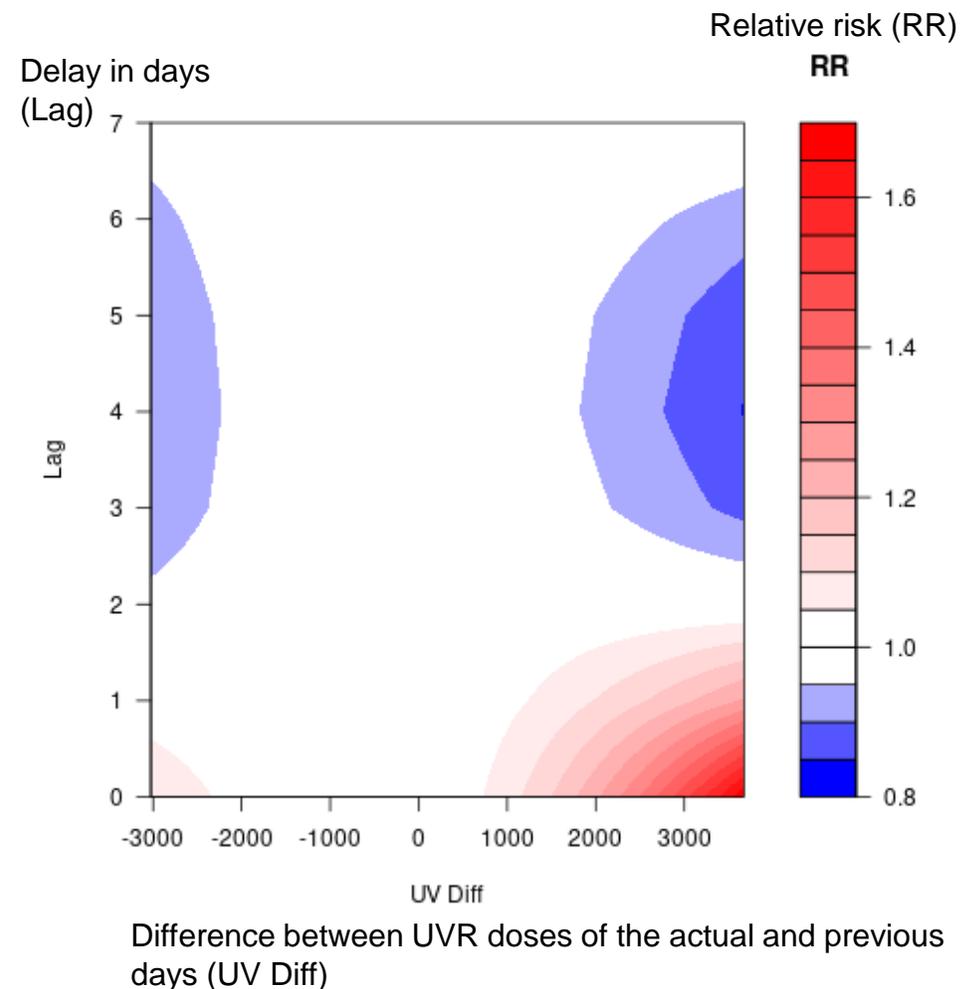
Time period: 1979-2019, March-June

→ an increased risk of suicide is associated with an increase in UVR doses on consecutive days (actual day's UVR dose > previous day's UVR dose)

→ the risk is increased also for the following day

Strong harvesting effect

→ Sudden positive change in solar radiation can trigger suicides even though it doesn't substantially increase the total number of suicides.

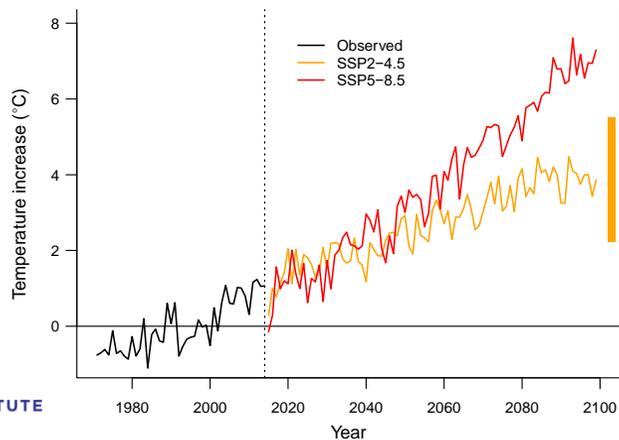


# Future projections of excess heat- and cold-related mortality in Finland

Future projections of excess heat-related mortality for all ages are expected to increase in 2090-2099 compared to 2010-2019 in SSP2-4.5 and SSP5-8.5 in majority of the Finnish wellbeing service counties.

Excess cold-related mortality will decrease in most of the Finnish wellbeing service counties.

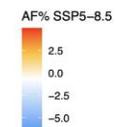
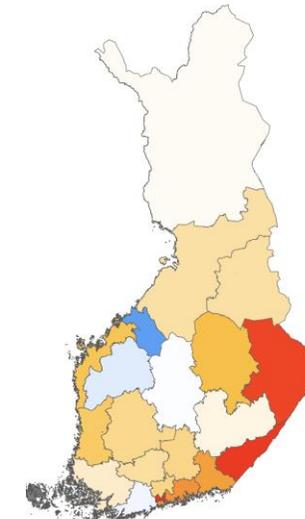
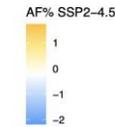
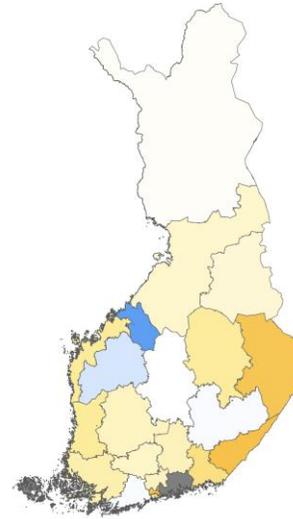
Annual mean temperatures changes in SSP2-4.5 and SSP5-8.5 scenarios for sub-set of CMIP6 model runs (plot below).



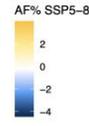
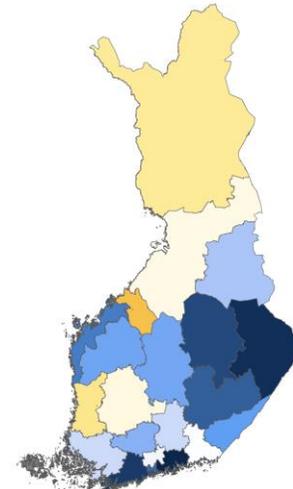
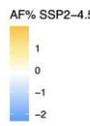
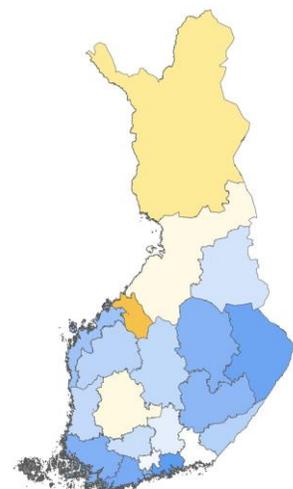
SSP2 - 4.5

SSP5 - 8.5

Heat



Cold



# CHAMPS Stakeholder engagement

- Series of workshops with **City of Helsinki, Climate unit and SoTePe** (Social Services, Health Care and Rescue Services Division)
  - May 2023 – health impacts of heat stress, urban heat island (UHI), social vulnerability
  - Oct, 2023 – climate change, UHI and urban growth, vulnerability, buildings, overheating
    - Crossdisciplinary workshop – also HKI units for urban planning and building engaged
    - Heatclim and Smartland contributions as well
  - Spring, 2024 (under planning) – mental health
- Contribution to the WHO-WMO Study Group on Climate Services for Health

# CHAMPS Communication

- Hiilikasasymposium – Uniarts, Helsinki, spring 2022
- Numerous media interviews - TV, radio, print media
  - UEF Media release 11 Dec, 2023
  - <https://www.uef.fi/fi/artikkeli/valoisuuden-muutokset-yhteydessa-mielenterveyteen-tulevaisuudessa-myos-ilmastonmuutos-voi-vaikuttaa>
- Podcast - Ikioma ilmastokriisimme – Jakso 7 – Tappohelteet ja ikuinen marraskuu – ilmasto lisää terveyshuolia.  
<https://areena.yle.fi/audio/1-50933811>
- Presentations in various forums
  - Including policy-makers and decision-makers
  - FMI climate change seminar for journalists
- Contribution to ClimaHealth.info –portal
  - Mental health –pages (under preparation)



## Valoisuuden muutokset yhteydessä mielenterveyteen – tulevaisuudessa myös ilmastonmuutos voi vaikuttaa

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Suomalaisten masennus-, ahdistus- ja unihäiriöihin liittyvät sairauspoissaolot kasvavat selvästi loka-marraskuussa, kun taas kesä-syyskuussa poissaoloja on odotettua vähemmän. Loppusyksyn sairauspoissaoloja on kesään verrattuna lähes kaksinkertainen määrä ja alkusyksyn verrattuna noin neljännes enemmän. Kaksisuuntaiseen mielialahäiriöön liittyviä maniajaksoja esiintyy puolestaan valoisaan aikaan keväällä ja kesällä odotettua enemmän ja pimeään aikaan odotettua vähemmän.

Tulokset selviävät Suomen Akatemian rahoittamasta *Climate Change and Health* -tutkimusohjelmassa tehdystä tutkimuksesta. Tavoitteena oli tutkia, miten valoisuuden muutokset ovat yhteydessä mielenterveyteen. Ilmastonmuutoksen myötä talviaikojen ennustetaan muuttuvan Suomessa pimeämmiksi ja kesäaikojen valoisaammiksi.

Mielenterveys

## Unihäiriöt ja masennusoireet yleistyvät Suomessa, ennustavat tutkijat – tästä se johtuu

Alustavien tutkimustulosten mukaan vaikuttaa siltä, että masennusoireilu voi yleistyä, kun tulevaisuudessa talvet ovat synkempiä. Myös unihäiriöt saattavat lisääntyä.

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# SYKE progress report & key results

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# Scenarios for Climate Change & Health Analysis in Finland

## CLIHE Virtual Workshop on Scenario Co-ordination, 16 December 2020

- ~30 participants from CLIHE projects & AKA
- Aims: To exchange information on scenarios, to explore opportunities for collaboration & exchange of scenarios & to discuss use of common scenarios in CLIHE
- Scenario needs were surveyed among seven projects
- Report at: <https://www.syke.fi/projects/champs>

## SSP-based socioeconomic narratives for Finland

- Work led by Anna Lipsanen, SYKE (PhD research)
- Based on Workshop held in May 2019 (SA PLUMES project)
- Presentation at Scenarios Forum, IIASA, Austria, Jul 2022
- Poster presentation at Adaptation Futures, Montreal, Oct 2023



**Extending global SSP socioeconomic narratives to support climate change adaptation planning for health and social welfare in Finland**

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Table 1. Overview of the main objectives and suggested scenario needs of seven CLIHE consortium projects based on workshop presentations (see hyperlinks)

Consortium	Main objectives	Suggested scenario needs
ALL-IMPRESS <sup>1</sup>	To evaluate how the allergen burden (focusing on grasses) will change over the next decades and what are the potential public health interventions and adaptation measures	Climate projections: Variables affecting e.g. growth seasons, growing belts, spread of invasive plants and pollination → Temperature, CO <sub>2</sub> ; Other potentially interesting projections: Socioeconomic scenarios (land use, biodiversity, health care)
CHAMPS <sup>2</sup>	To analyse: effects of darker winters on mental illnesses, sick leaves and suicides, effects of social factors on heat and cold stress-related health risks now and in the future, and how to reduce negative health impacts of climate change	RCP-based climate variables: (e.g. global radiation, cloud, air pressure, snow depth, wind speed, max, min, mean & "effective" temperature, humidity, precipitation); SSP-based narratives, exposure & vulnerability indicators (e.g. of health, demographic, social, economic & technological factors); adaptation pathways; Reference: 1991-2020; 2020; Time horizon: 2060s+; spatial (site to regional council) & temporal (sub-daily to daily) resolution
Diseases-on-Wings <sup>3</sup>	To undertake species distribution surveillance and modelling of birds and bats that carry diseases and to relate this to microbiome characterisations of bird intestine and bat feces samples using citizen science methods	Projections of key climate variables based on RCP trajectories for RCP2.6, 4.5 and 8.5
ECOCIDE <sup>4</sup>	To examine how building design impacts indoor microbiota and to "future-proof" building design to meet challenges posed by climate change	Future changes in Finland of: climate, building materials and design policy & drivers; Projections for Finland (2030, 2050, 2080)
HEATCLIM <sup>5</sup>	To produce new knowledge on the current and future health effects of heat in different population groups and to provide cost-effective and socially acceptable adaptation solutions	Climate: e.g. daily mean temperature (=min/max), heatwaves, relative humidity; Demographic: e.g. population, age and sex distribution, chronic diseases, employment, single-person households; Technical: e.g. mechanical cooling, passive cooling, all households (by type of housing), social and health care facilities; Economic: national & regional economy, public finance; 18 regions, three future time-points (2070-2079), likely value (=min/max)
HERCULES <sup>6</sup>	To examine past and possible future changes in pattern and intensity of climate-related health risks in six cities: Helsinki, Espoo, Tampere, Vantaa, Turku & Oulu, to develop a dynamic pathways model of different policy outcomes, and to catalyse changes for improved evidence-based decision making	RCP-based climate projections: EURO-CORDEX regional climate model (RCM) with RCP4.5 at 12.5 km grid resolution and 6 models; current focus temperature; and other variables also available; HARMONIE-Climate (HCLIM) RCM data for RCP8.5 at 3 km & 12 km grid resolutions & 1-3 h time resolution downscaled from 2 global models for studying heatwaves and urban heat island (publicly available 2021); Focus on period 2040-2060
VECLIMIT <sup>7</sup>	To quantify, analyse and model climate change-dependent factors affecting the spatio-temporal dynamics of vector-borne diseases (VBDs) in Finland in order to predict and mitigate their effects on human health	Observed climate: FMI: tempo (min, max, mean), precipitation (month/season), humidity, snow, growing season - 1 km resolution; WorldClim & CHELSA: Climate projections: WorldClim & CHELSA (CMIP5)- 0.30 seconds gridded GIS-ready format (GeoTIFF); four global models; RCPs 4.5 & 8.5; WorldClim-CMIP6)- 2.5 minutes bio-climatological dataset for 2041-2060, 2061-2080 & 2081-2100; IPSL-CM6A-LR for SSPs 1-26, 2-45, 3-70 & 5-85 Which future model-based projections are best suited for Finland? How does species distribution model performance differ when using alternative sources of climate projections?

<sup>1</sup> Aeroallergens and immunological preparedness for future climate scenarios: implications for public health promotion (UEF, FMI, UTU); <sup>2</sup> Climate change and health: adapting to mental, physical and societal challenges (THL, FMI, SYKE, UH, UEF); <sup>3</sup> Diseases-on-Wings (UH, UTU); <sup>4</sup> Effect of climate change on building design and indoor health (UH, UEF, UOJ); <sup>5</sup> Heat and health in the changing climate (UEF, Aalto, THL, FMI); <sup>6</sup> Health, risk and climate change: understanding links between exposure, hazards and vulnerability (UTU, FMI, UH); <sup>7</sup> Vector-borne diseases and climate change in Finland: mapping, modelling, mitigation (UH, FMI, Luke, FFA, UT, THL, AVIA GIS, BNI)

The aim of this study is to co-develop, together with stakeholders, national SSP narrative extensions of the global shared socioeconomic pathways (SSPs) for the Finnish health and social welfare sector up to the 2050s. By identifying the societal drivers of change thought to be most relevant and important for the sector, the narratives provide interpretations of how alternative future directions of the drivers may influence the evolution of the sector.



### FOUR NARRATIVES FOR FUTURE HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE IN FINLAND

The method of narrative co-production involved seven analytical steps (Figure 1), based on a variant of the Factor-Analytic approach (Fink et al., 2005). The material for the narratives was gathered from a stakeholder workshop in which discussions were organised around five key themes for each of four SSPs (SSP-oriented) society and lifestyle, health care system, research and technology, education and information, and environment. These themes were discussed from three contrasting perspectives: citizens, service providers and decision-makers.

Fig. 1. Steps in co-production of SSP scenarios for the Finnish health and social welfare sector with an indication of when inputs from researchers and stakeholders were required (arrows). The final SSP narrative extensions were created from the workshop outputs using all of the steps shown in Figure 1, three of which also involved stakeholders. The full narrative extensions for the four SSPs are available in both English and Finnish. Some key features are summarised in Figure 2.

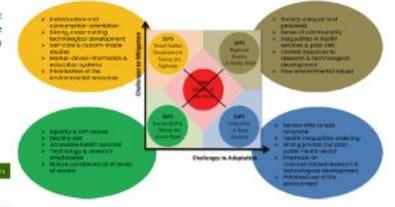


Fig. 2. Brief summaries from the four SSP narrative extensions for the Finnish health and welfare sector.

### CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

We have presented a stakeholder-assisted method for interpreting the global SSP narratives for the Finnish healthcare and social welfare sector. We have derived four narrative descriptions of developments for the sector that are available for application in further climate change analysis for Finland. The narratives can, for example, characterise how resilient the Finnish health and welfare system is. This can be done by describing how alternative socioeconomic development pathways may condition the exposure and vulnerability of society to changes in climate (e.g. by interpreting trends through key drivers and indicators), and may therefore influence the society's ability to respond through adaptation and mitigation.

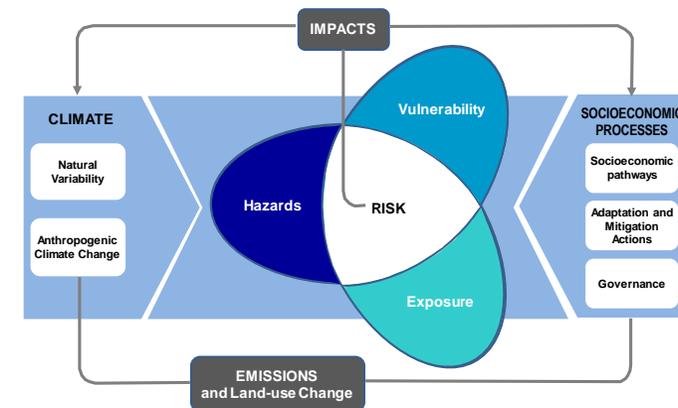
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### IPCC Risk Framework



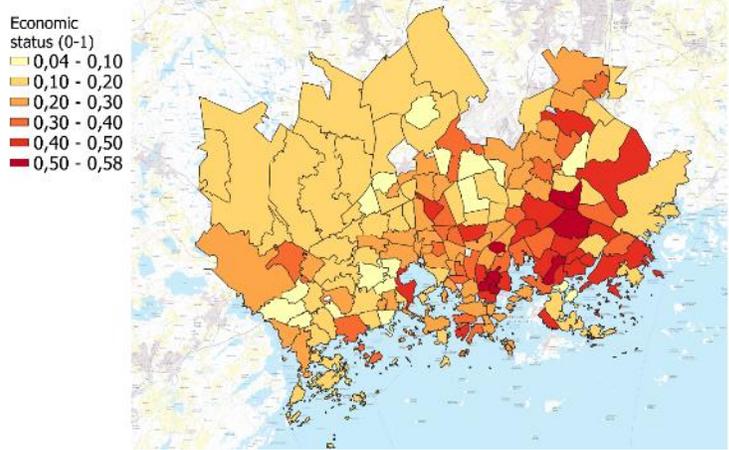
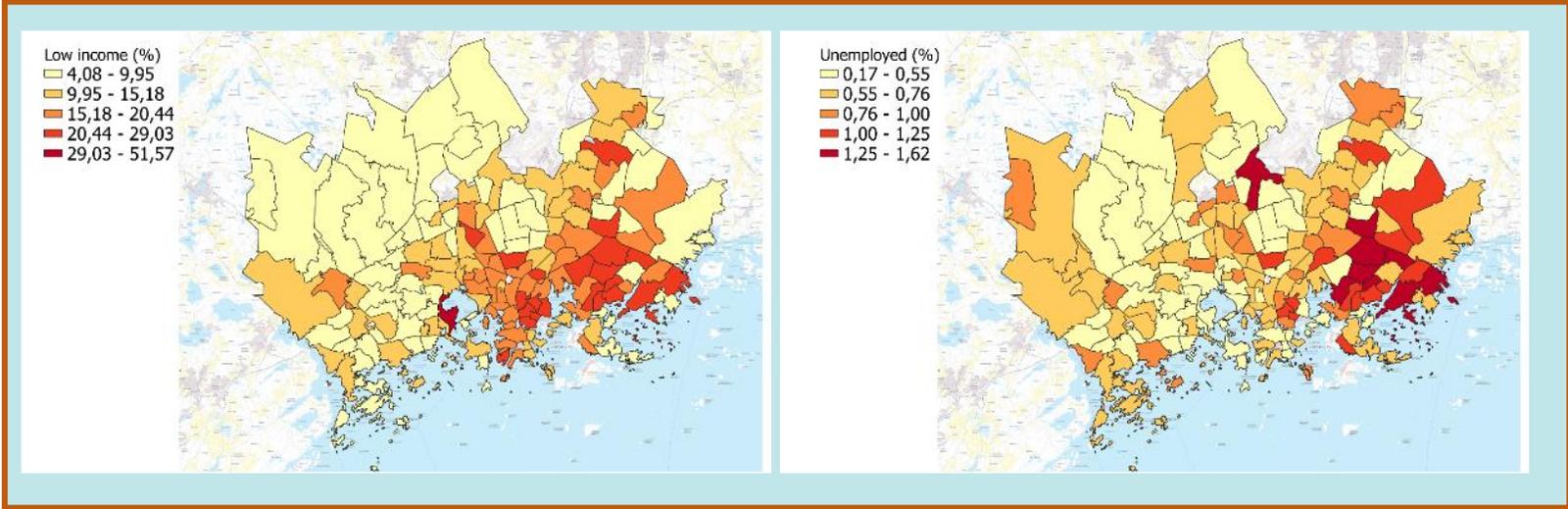
Source: IPCC, 2014



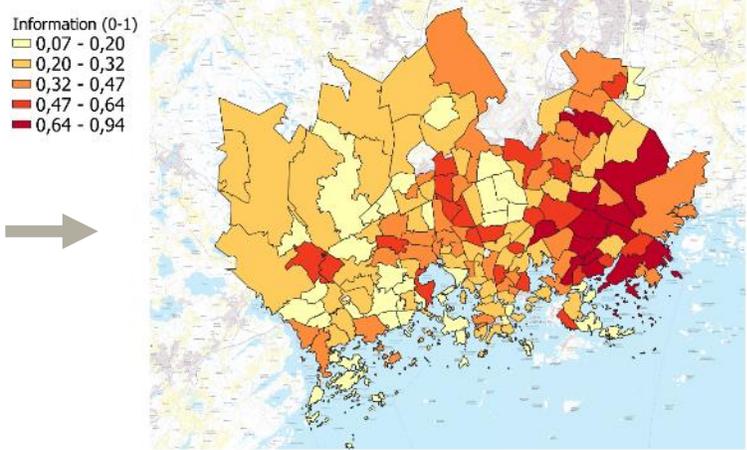
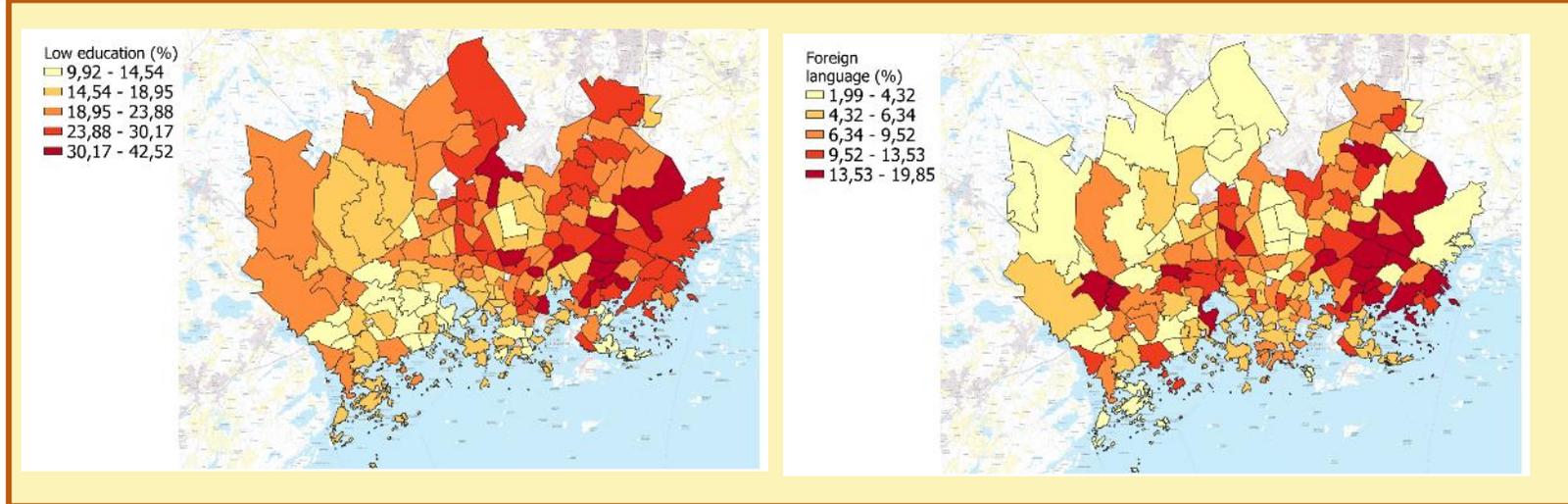
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# Heat risk in Helsinki Metropolitan area

## Vulnerability indicators



Before combining, values of all indicators are normalized to range from 0 to 1



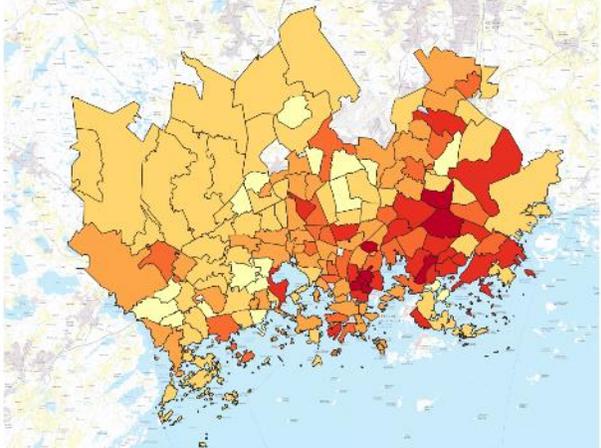
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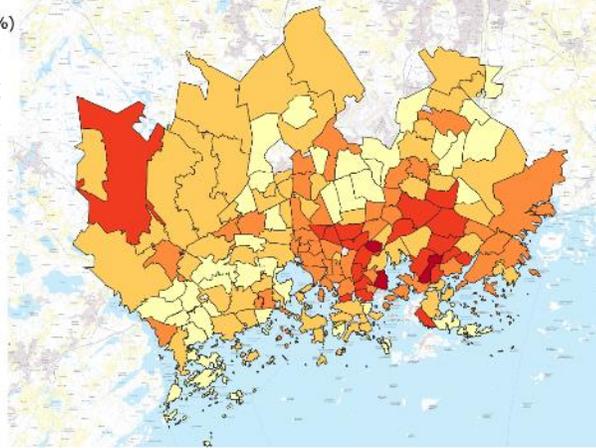
Economic status (0-1)

- 0,04 - 0,10
- 0,10 - 0,20
- 0,20 - 0,30
- 0,30 - 0,40
- 0,40 - 0,50
- 0,50 - 0,58



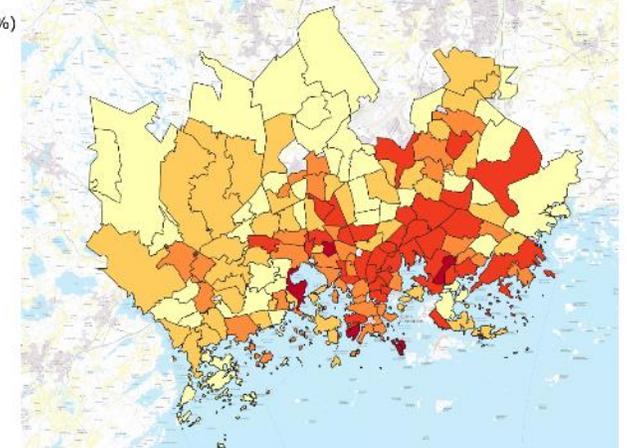
All diagnoses (%)

- 0,86 - 1,42
- 1,42 - 1,91
- 1,91 - 2,44
- 2,44 - 3,47
- 3,47 - 5,14



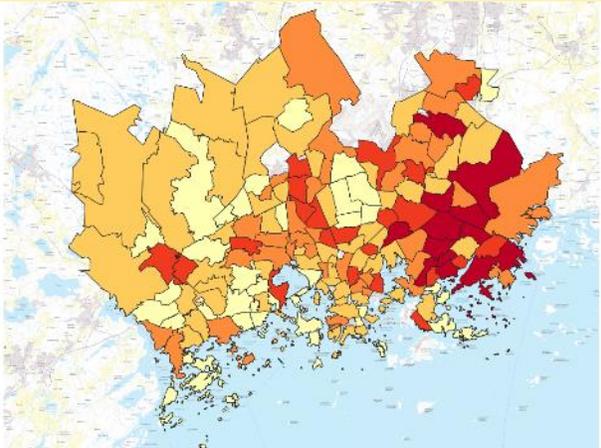
Rental housing (%)

- 4 - 20
- 20 - 35
- 35 - 48
- 48 - 65
- 65 - 90



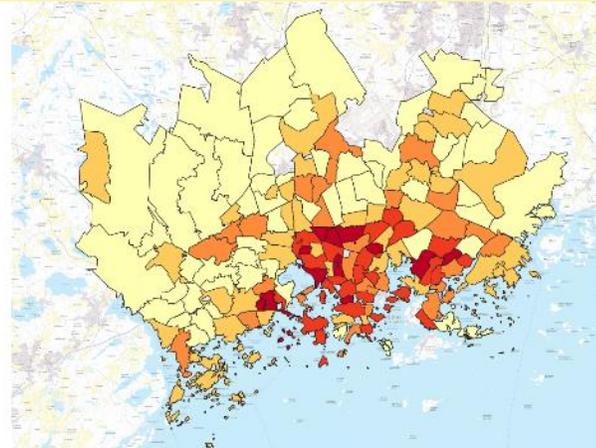
Information (0-1)

- 0,07 - 0,20
- 0,20 - 0,32
- 0,32 - 0,47
- 0,47 - 0,64
- 0,64 - 0,94



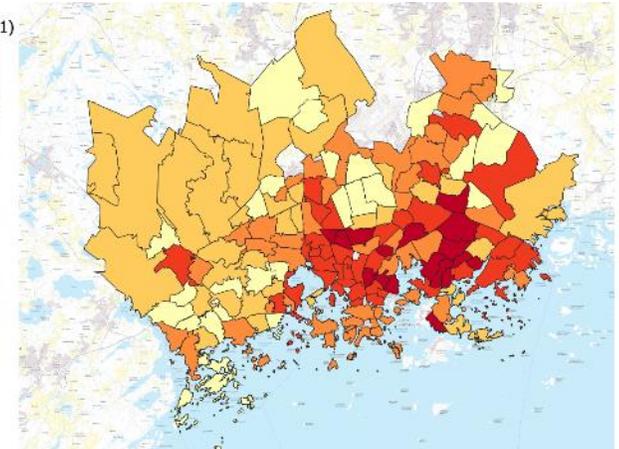
>74 years, living alone (%)

- 0,26 - 1,49
- 1,49 - 2,58
- 2,58 - 3,89
- 3,89 - 5,44
- 5,44 - 8,25



Vulnerability (0-1)

- 0,05 - 0,14
- 0,14 - 0,24
- 0,24 - 0,35
- 0,35 - 0,47
- 0,47 - 0,72



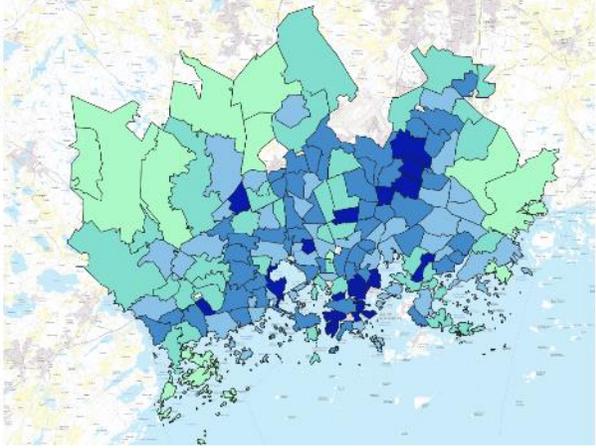
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## Vulnerability



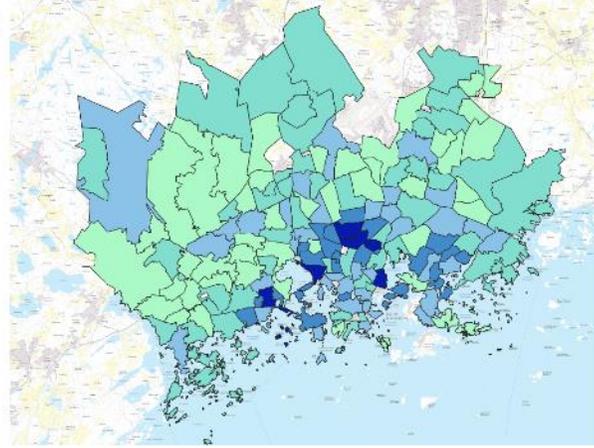
Green area (%)

- 0,01 - 0,15
- 0,15 - 0,28
- 0,28 - 0,39
- 0,39 - 0,54
- 0,54 - 0,75



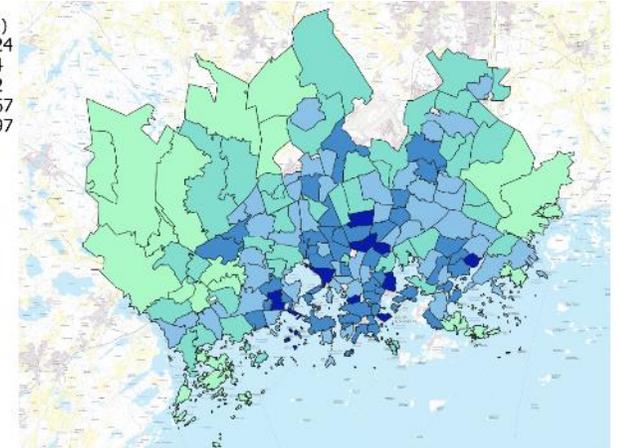
>74 years (%)

- 1 - 3,3
- 3,3 - 5,6
- 5,6 - 8,1
- 8,1 - 12
- 12 - 16,1



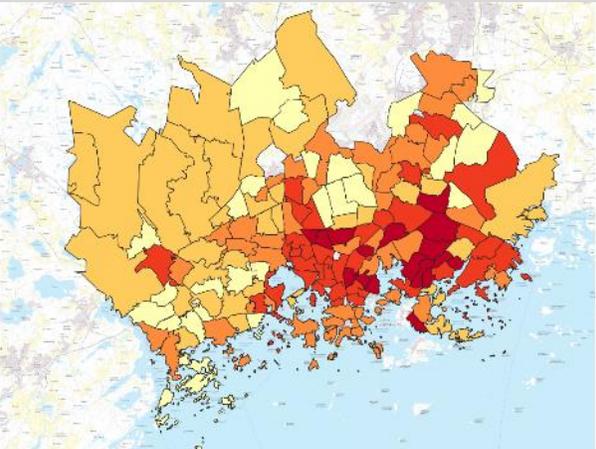
Exposure (0-1)

- 0,13 - 0,24
- 0,24 - 0,4
- 0,4 - 0,52
- 0,52 - 0,67
- 0,67 - 0,97



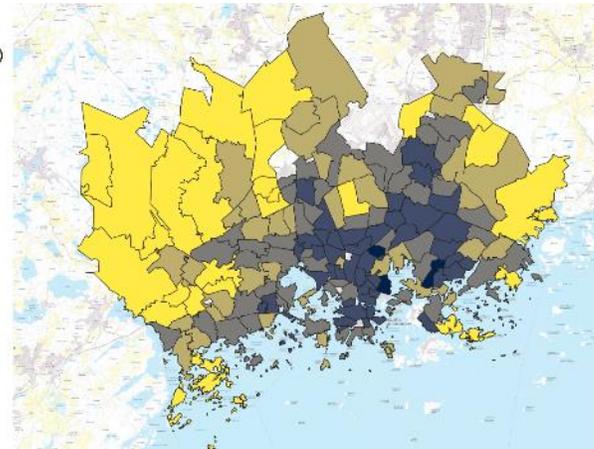
Vulnerability (0-1)

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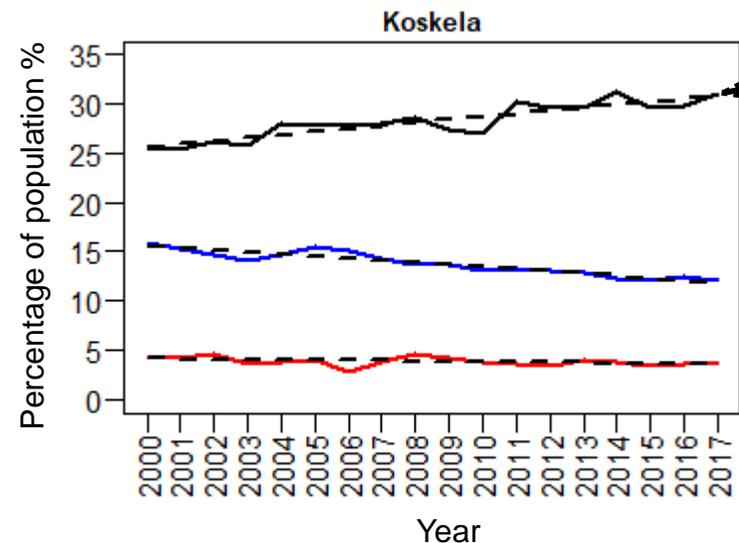
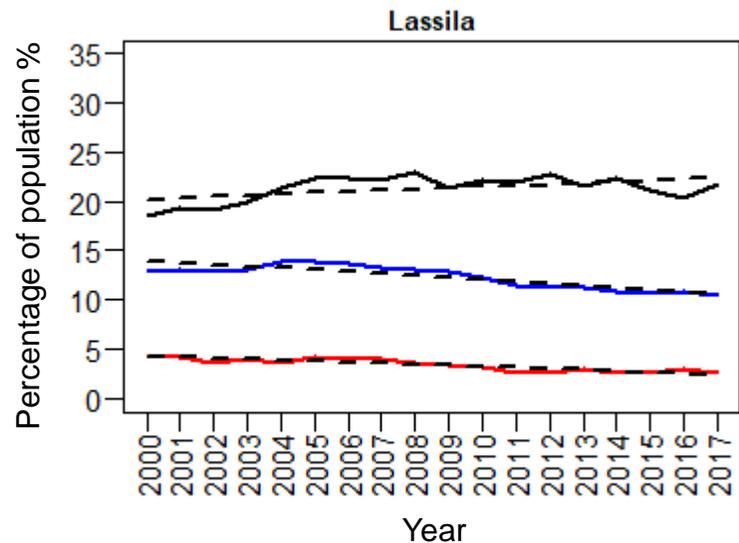
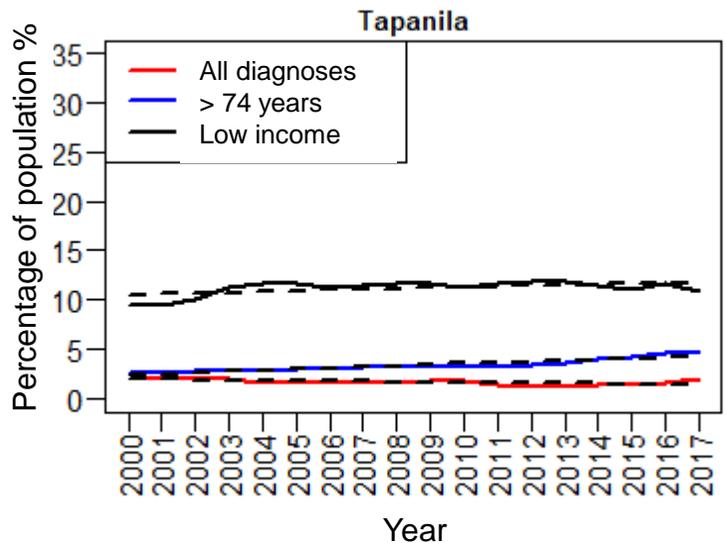
Hazard + Exposure + Vulnerability (0-1)

- 0,25 - 0,36
- 0,36 - 0,47
- 0,47 - 0,56
- 0,56 - 0,68
- 0,68 - 0,82



Sources: FOLK database: (R. Astone, THL, C. Hakulinen, HY) except for Green area: Corine 2018 (Syke) & Surface temperature: Landsat-8 (Syke)

# Temporal trends to inform future projections of heat risk



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## Stakeholder engagement

Series of workshops with **City of Helsinki, Climate unit and SoTePe** (Social Services, Health Care and Rescue Services Division)

- May 2023 – *Helteiden terveysvaikutukset ja niihin varautuminen muuttuvassa ilmastossa – Tietoisku ja tutkimuksesta*
  - health impacts of heat stress, urban heat island (UHI), social vulnerability
  - Cross-disciplinary workshop (City of Helsinki, Climate Unit; SoTePe personnel, researchers from Syke and FMI)
- Oct 2023 – *Miten luodaan hyvinvoivaa elinympäristöä kaupunkilaisille?*
  - Heat risks and links to urban planning and buildings from design and maintenance to adaptation
  - Cross-disciplinary workshop – also HKI units for urban planning and building engaged
- Spring 2024 (under planning) – mental health

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