



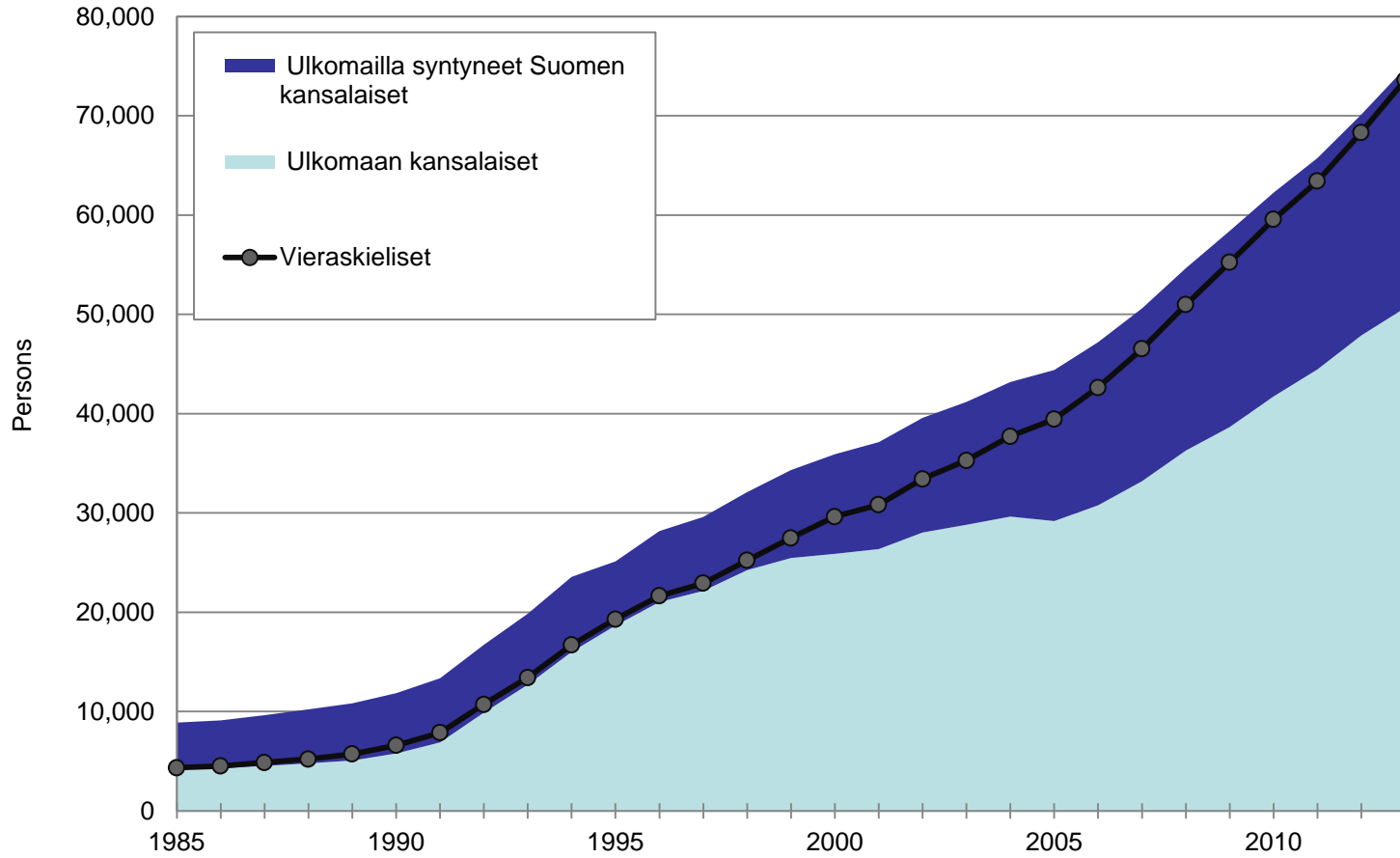
# Irregular immigrants – City responses of Helsinki

## BASIC FACTS AND BACKGROUND

- 620 000 inhabitants of which 75 500 persons born abroad and 78 500 speak foreign native language (other than Finnish or Swedish)
- 15 000 employees in Department of Social & Health
- Previous incidents – 1990 Somali refugees and Ingerian remigrants (by invitation of the president Koivisto) – ad hoc re-organizing emergency services -> 1992 permanent structure (Immigration Office) and National legislation (Foreigners' Act and Immigration Act)
- Since 1994/1995 full EU-membership – new members from Eastern Europe and Baltic countries



**Finnish citizens born abroad**  
**Foreign citizens**  
**Other native languages than Fi or Swe**





## Irregular immigrants – City responses of Helsinki

- 2007 Romanian and Bulgarian Roma people and street begging; Child Welfare Act – International Agreements for Childrens´ rights // Birth certificates and work permissions & EU Social Security Card / Consulates
- 24/7 social emergency services 2007 and Police social work (+ forensic social work for suspected minors)
- 24/7 Crisis´ support services 2010
- Food banks by the Lutheran Church since early 1990´s
- the Lord Mayor´s working group => Hirundo Day Center for beggars; Multi Authority co-operation & NGO:s
- Global Clinic (by voluntary physicians and Nurses) some hundred cases per Year
- National Health Services Act 1.5.2011
- Hietaniemi Center for Homeless persons



## Irregular immigrants – recent social and health services 2014 Since the City Board Directives (December 2013)

### Social services today

- Living allowance in emergent cases (24/7), crisis support, food and tickets to nearest consul
- Over night accomodation (Hietaniemi Center for homeless)
- Child welfare services: assessment and open care and taking into care (if needed)
- National services for victims of human trafficking (Migri)
- **NGO:s Victims Support, Deacon services, Refugee organizations, Save the children, Night Cafe, etc**

### Health services today

- Emergency health services for all patients in acute situations / Malmi and Haartman clinics and dental clinic
- Full health services for children (under 18 years)
- Full health services for pregnant females and new born families
- Prenatal/antenatal clinic services
- Vaccination and anti-epidemic Pandemic services
- **NGO:s Global Clinic, Doctors without Borders, Red Cross**



# Organization of the Department of Social Services and Health Care 2014

