

A watercolor illustration of a baby lying in the center of a large pink flower. The baby is wearing a purple and yellow striped shirt and purple pants. The flower has many layers of pink petals. The stem is green with two leaves. A small yellow butterfly is flying near the stem. The background is a light yellow gradient. At the bottom, there is a green hill with many small pink flowers.

Information for the mother

permanently resident in Finland



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**Our warmest congratulations
upon the birth of your child!**





The maternity hospital informs the registration authorities of the birth of a child

The basic information of a child born in Finland is registered in the population information system on the basis of a notification submitted by the health care authorities. The hospital will make the notification at the latest on the day after the birth, either electronically straight into the population information system or by submitting a form to the Local Register Office (maistraatti in Finnish) of the mother's municipality of residence. The authority will then register the information. If the mother's information has not been registered in the Finnish population information system, or if the mother has no municipality of residence in Finland, the information will be sent to the Local Register Office in the municipality where the child was born.

What information is registered about a child?

The child will receive a personal identity number when the birth information is registered in the population information system. At the same time, information on both parents is recorded for the child provided that the parents are married to each other at the time of the birth of the child. In other cases, only the information of the mother is recorded for the child at this point. The information on the father will be recorded later on after paternity has been confirmed (additional information on the confirmation of paternity is available from the child welfare supervisor). The mother's municipality of residence and the address of her place of residence are recorded for the child.

The Suomi.fi Web Service contains extensive information and services for families with children. The section "Having children" includes information on related services and service channels.

The basic information on the child will be sent to the parents' address

A form containing the basic information on the child (including his/her personal identity number) will be sent to the parents approximately two weeks after the child's birth. It is advisable to check that the information on the form is correct. The form is accompanied by instructions on how additional information on the child (names and mother tongue) should be notified to the population information system. The instructions also describe how to enter the child as a member of an Evangelical-Lutheran or Greek Orthodox congregation, or another religious community.

Additional information on matters concerning the registration of a child can be obtained from your Local Register Office, or Evangelical-Lutheran or Greek Orthodox congregation.



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