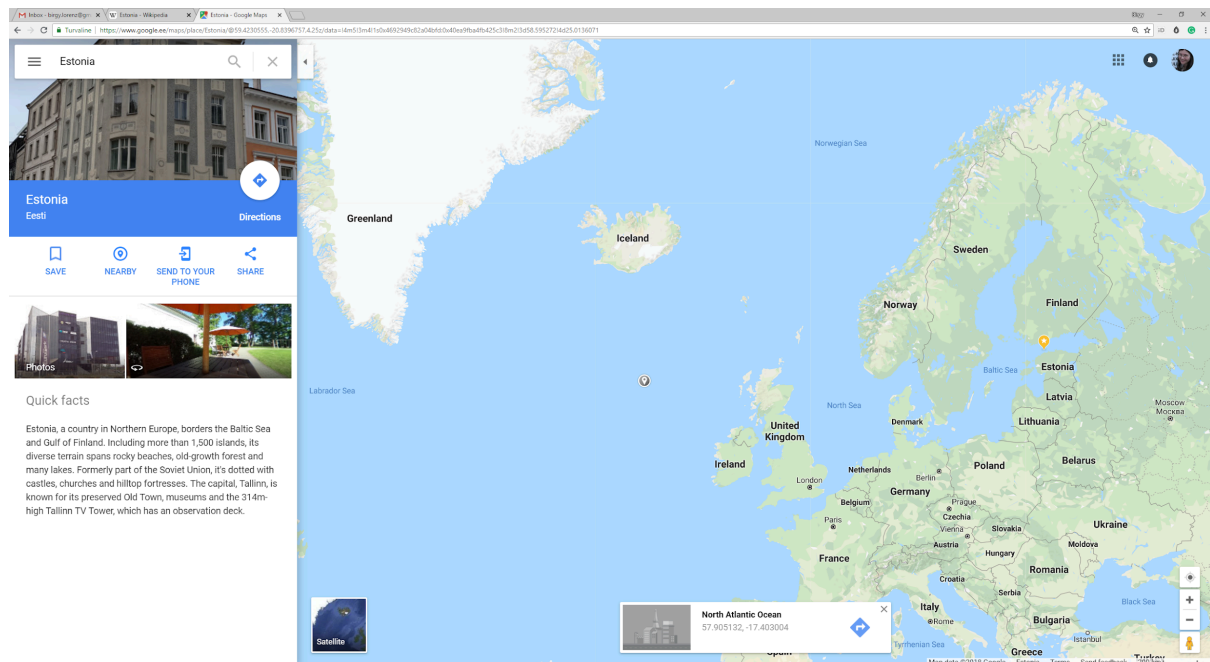


Country overview: ESTONIA



Estonia has 1,3 million people

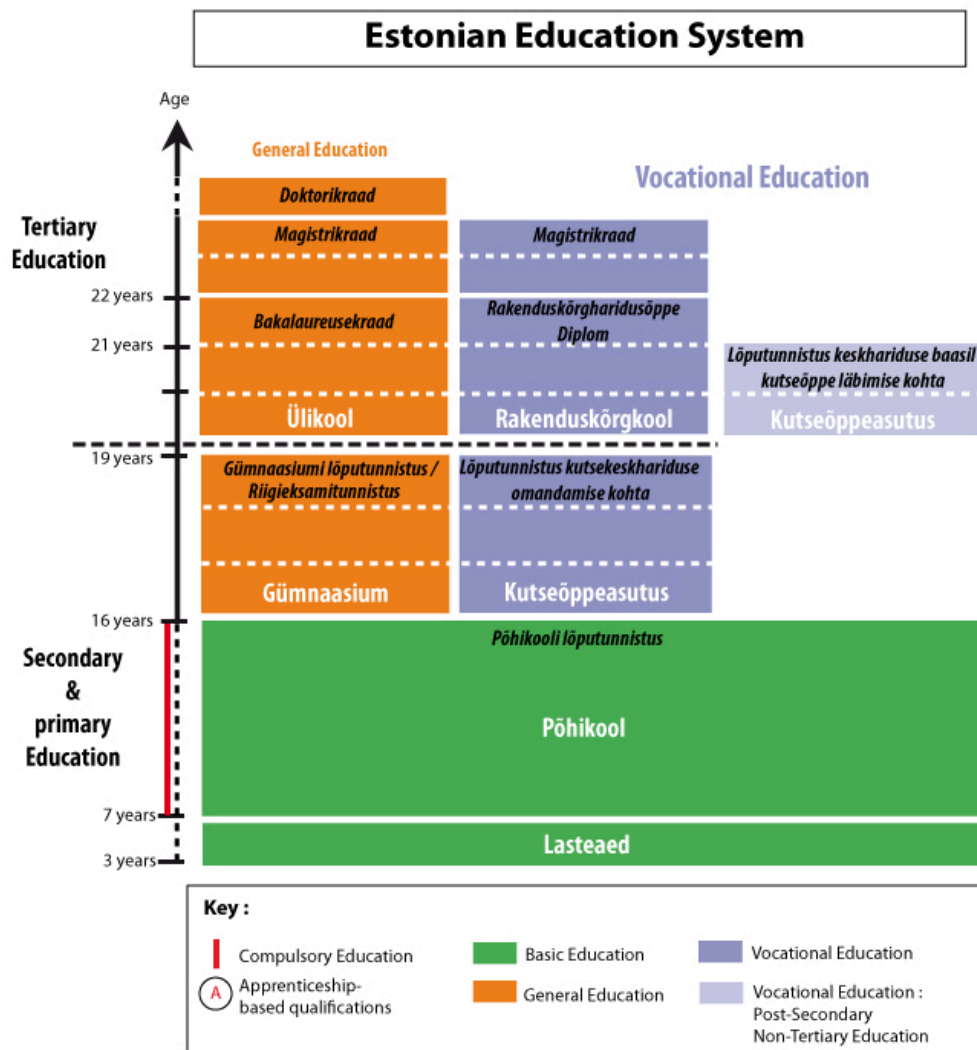
Language spoken: Estonian

Education system

- ~550 schools
- ~14 900 teachers
- ~147 000 students in basic to gymnasium level
- Schools divide: governmental schools (usually gymnasiums), local authority schools (basic schools and gymnasiums), and there are also some independent schools (basic schools and gymnasiums)
- Mandatory education up to 9th grade
- 70% of students choose after 9th grade to go to gymnasium and 30% vocational education
- Schools have great level of autonomy example to develop their own curriculum, hire teachers etc.
- School starts at 1.09 and ends around 12.06. Estonia has five school breaks (every semester last 6 weeks, summer holiday 2,5 months). Grading up to 6th grade can be descriptive (school decides). In the curriculum is stated the overall rules and regulations how to give education in Estonia.
- Estonia takes part in PISA and other testing like APIKS, PIAAC, TALIS, Eurydice, Refenet <https://www.hm.ee/en/activities/statistics-and-analysis/pisa>

Information of the education system statistics <https://www.haridussilm.ee/>

National curricula <https://www.hm.ee/en/national-curricula-2014>



Digitalization and ICT education

- Informatics and digital education is optional.
- ICT skills testing is piloted by the Examination Centre.
- Estonia has applied Digital Competencies Framework for students <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/digcomp/digital-competence-framework>
- and ISTE for educators <https://www.iste.org/>
- Cooperation with universities, NGOs and companies is allowed: Example ProgeTiger project (HITSA) <https://www.hitsa.ee/it-education/educational-programmes/progetiger> and other. Biggest robotic competition and fair Robotex (www.robotex.ee) is held in December.

For Schools Educational Ministry has been implementing project called Digital focus, that updates teachers skillset, school network and technology and teaching materials.

<https://www.hm.ee/en/activities/digital-focus>