

The country experiences substantial nutritional challenges mainly related to overweight in adults, adolescents and children, but physical activity levels are among the highest in the EU; agriculture is characterised by low pressure on freshwater resources due to agriculture, and the highest carbon content of soil in the EU, but deforestation rates are high; food waste is quite high, but initiatives are in place to contrast the phenomenon, which include a food loss and waste reduction strategy.



VERY

HIGH



74.1









life expectancy



58% of adults are overweight

27% of children and adolescents are overweight



83% of the population reaches recommended physical activity levels



9% of calories from sugar



3.85 g of sodium per day



Food-based dietary guidelines are published on a national level









0.05% of renewable water used in agriculture



4.5% of fish stocks overexploited or collapsed

11% of average soil organic carbon (content in weight)



3,056,438 ha are deforested each year



2.5 ton CO2 eq. per ha are GHG emissions from agriculture



2.75% of GDP government expenditure on R&D



4% of youth (under 35) works in agriculture



52% of farmers are women









66 kg/yr per capita food waste



Strategies: 2014 Steps Towards Climate Friendly Food Plan

Legislation: set of guidelines that gives details on how companies can donate food, but donation is not obligatory and there are no voluntary agreements



Targets: Finland aims to halve food waste by 2030