

# RĪGA



RIGA  
FACTS &  
FIGURES  
2017

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Stockholm  
550 km

Riga is the capital city of the Republic of Latvia. Geographically it is located in the centre of the Baltic State region, and it is the largest city in the Baltics and the third largest city (after St. Petersburg and Stockholm) in the entire Baltic Sea region.

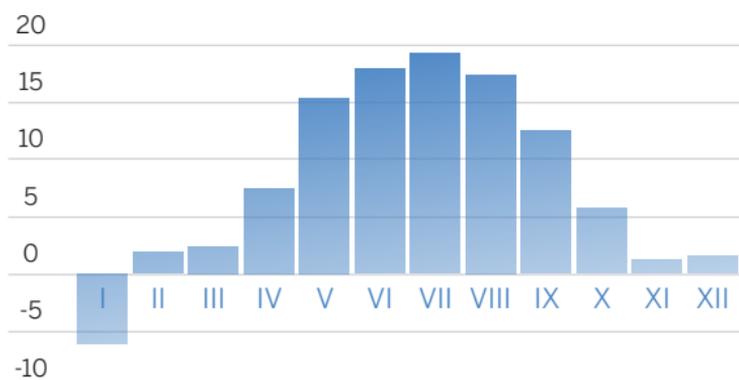


## GENERAL INFORMATION

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Area:   | 304 km <sup>2</sup>   |
| Time zone:  | GMT+2   |
| Accessibility:  | By plane – from more than 80 cities all over the world<br>By train – from Russia, Belorussia and Estonia<br>By ferry – from Sweden<br>By bus – from more than 100 European cities |
| Population (2016):  | 639.6 thousand  |
| Share of economically active population (2016):                               | 71.2 %  |
| The average monthly gross wages and salaries (2016):                          | 949 EUR   |
| Unemployment rate (2016):   | 4.8 %   |
| National currency:  | Euro (EUR)  |
| Number of enterprises (2015):   | 71 465  |
| Number of newly established enterprises (2016):                               | 6 305   |
| The largest sectors of the economy based on the number of enterprises (2015): | Services (32 064)<br>Trade (15 016)<br>Construction (4 783)<br>Manufacturing (3 994)  |
| Non-financial investments (2015):   | 2 534.3 million EUR   |
| Accumulated foreign direct investment in share capital of companies (2015):   | 5 789.7 billion EUR   |
| World Bank Doing Business 2017 rating of Latvia:                              | 14th place among world countries<br>6th place among the member state of the European Union  |
| Standard & Poor's credit rating of Riga (2016):                               | BBB+/A-2  |
| Climate:  | Average temperature in summer months does not exceed 20 °C<br>Average temperature in winter months is not lower than 0 °C   |
| Information about Riga:   | <a href="http://www.riga.lv">www.riga.lv</a><br><a href="http://www.investeriga.lv">www.investeriga.lv</a>  |

## CLIMATE

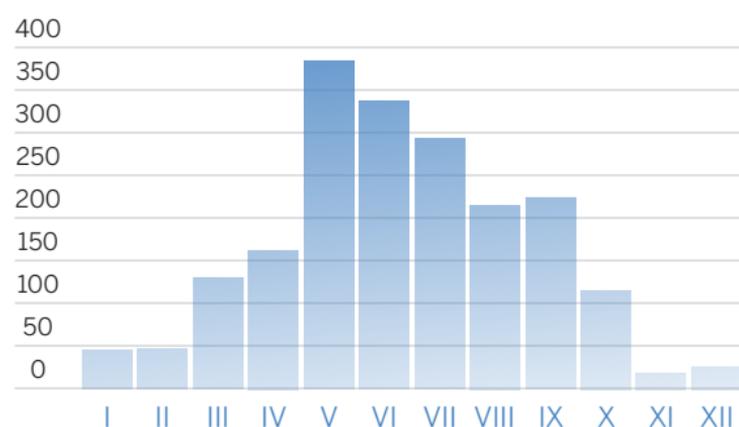
The average air temperature in Riga, 2016<sup>1</sup>



The number of days with precipitations in Riga, 2016<sup>2</sup>



Sunshine hours in Riga in 2016<sup>3</sup>



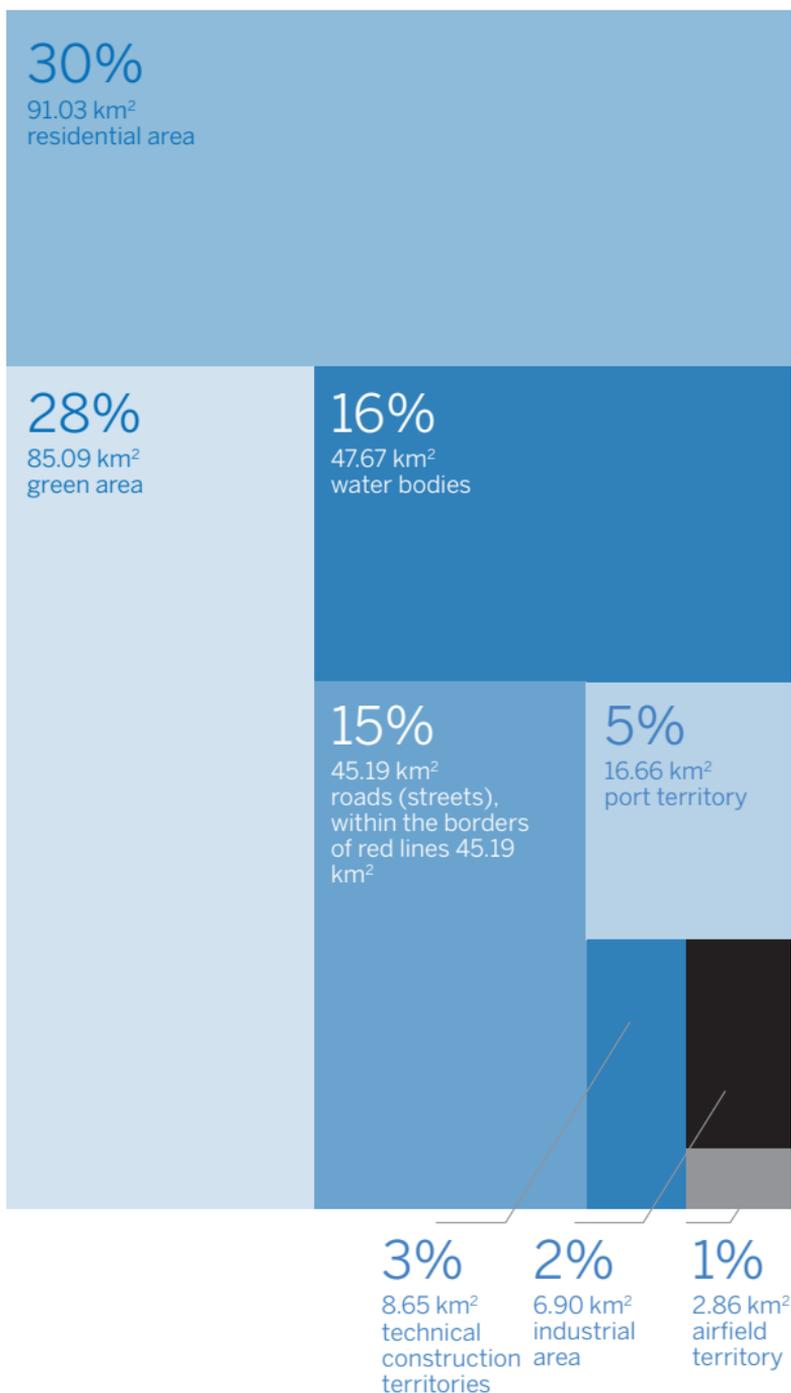
<sup>1</sup> Central Statistical Bureau. Available: [www.csb.gov.lv](http://www.csb.gov.lv)

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## TERRITORY

The planned usage of territory of Riga<sup>4</sup>



<sup>4</sup> The Spatial Plan of Riga for 2006 – 2018 with amendments. Explanatory memorandum

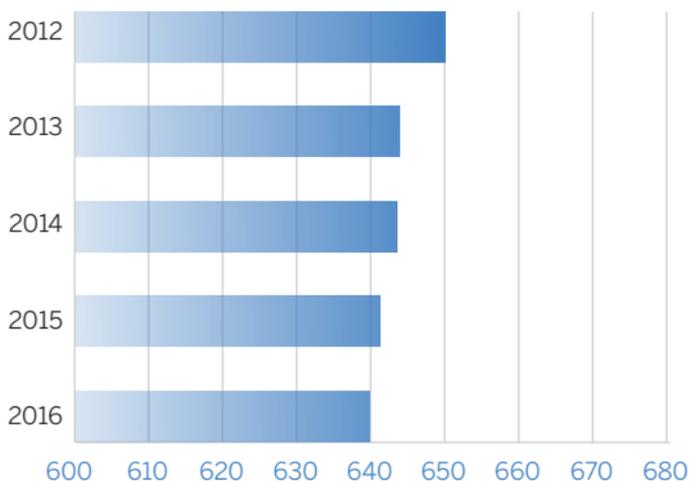


The total area of the city is 304 km<sup>2</sup>; and it is divided into six districts that, in turn, are sub-divided into 58 neighbourhoods

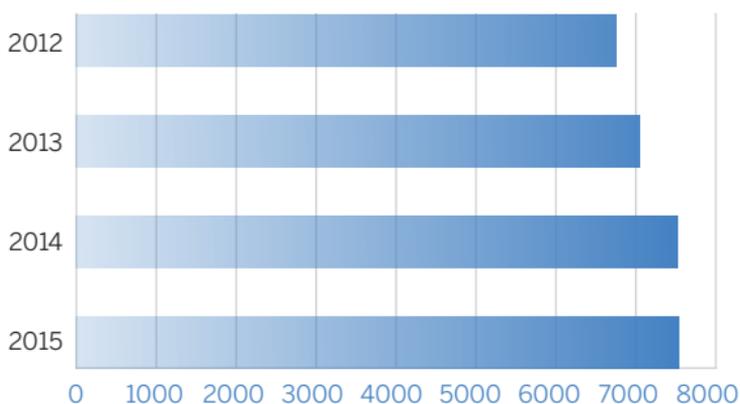
The terrain of Riga is mostly flat and gently sloping, and its relative height is 1-11 m above the sea level. Judging by the size of the green area, Riga can be considered as one of the greenest capital cities in Europe. There are large variety of green areas in Riga – parks, forest areas and forest parks, squares, courtyards, boulevards, etc. The green area of the city consists of 29 parks, 10 large forest areas and parks, 24 cemeteries and 66 squares. Daugava – the largest river of Latvia runs through the city, as well as several smaller rivers. 9 lakes and ponds are located in the territory of Riga.

## POPULATION

The number of permanent residents in Riga<sup>5</sup>



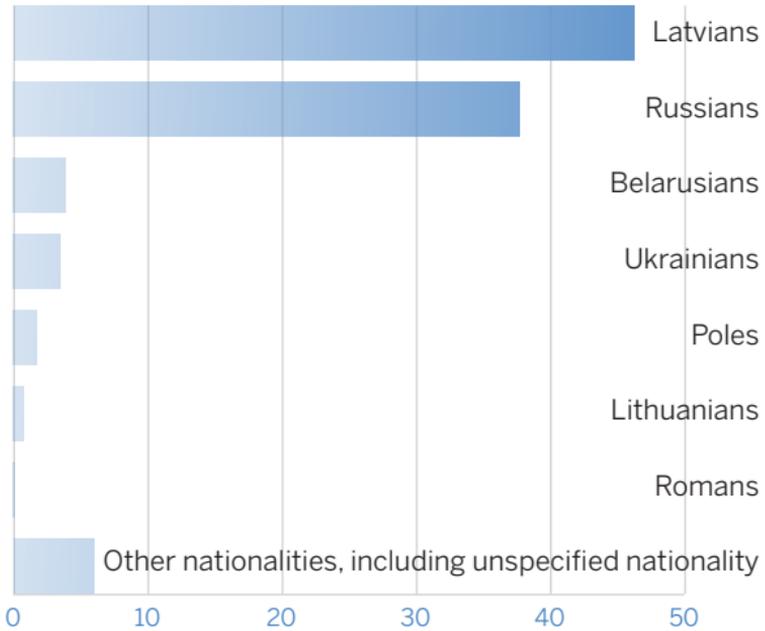
Number of new-borns in Riga<sup>6</sup>



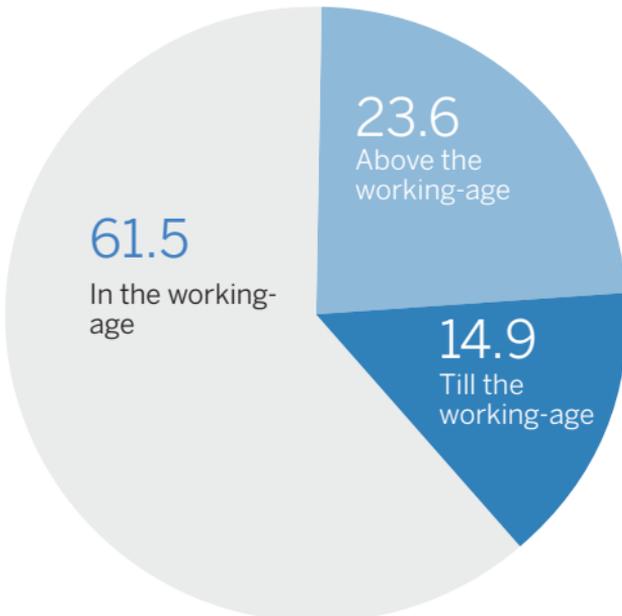
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## The proportion of nationalities in Riga, 2016<sup>7</sup>



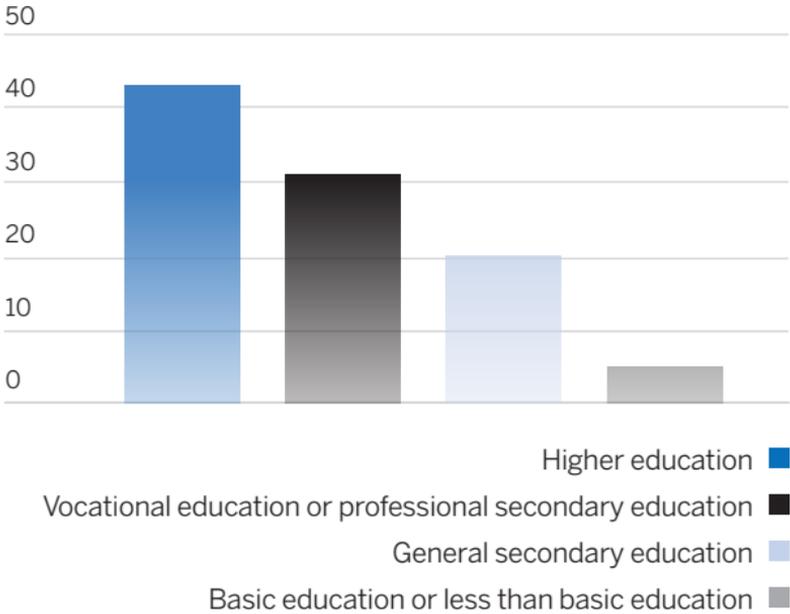
## The proportion of population till the working-age, in the working-age and above the working-age groups in Riga, 2016<sup>8</sup>



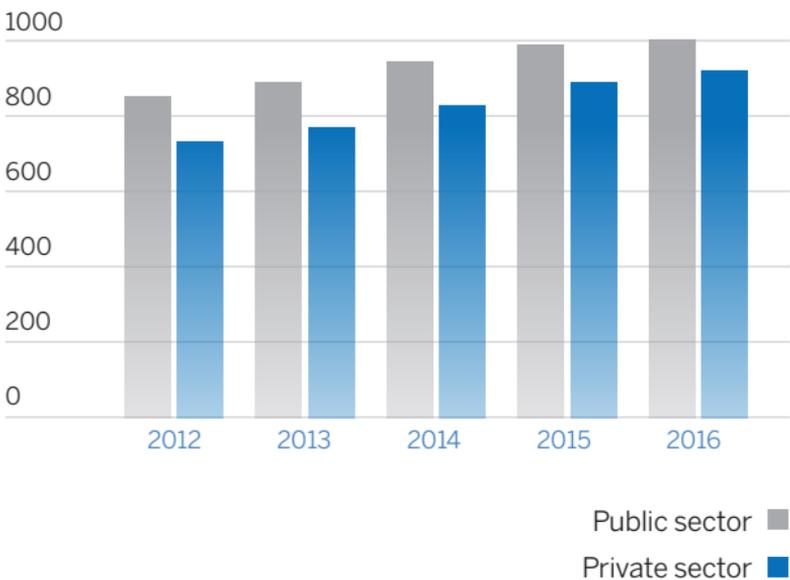
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## Level of education of economically active population of Riga in 2016, share %<sup>9</sup>



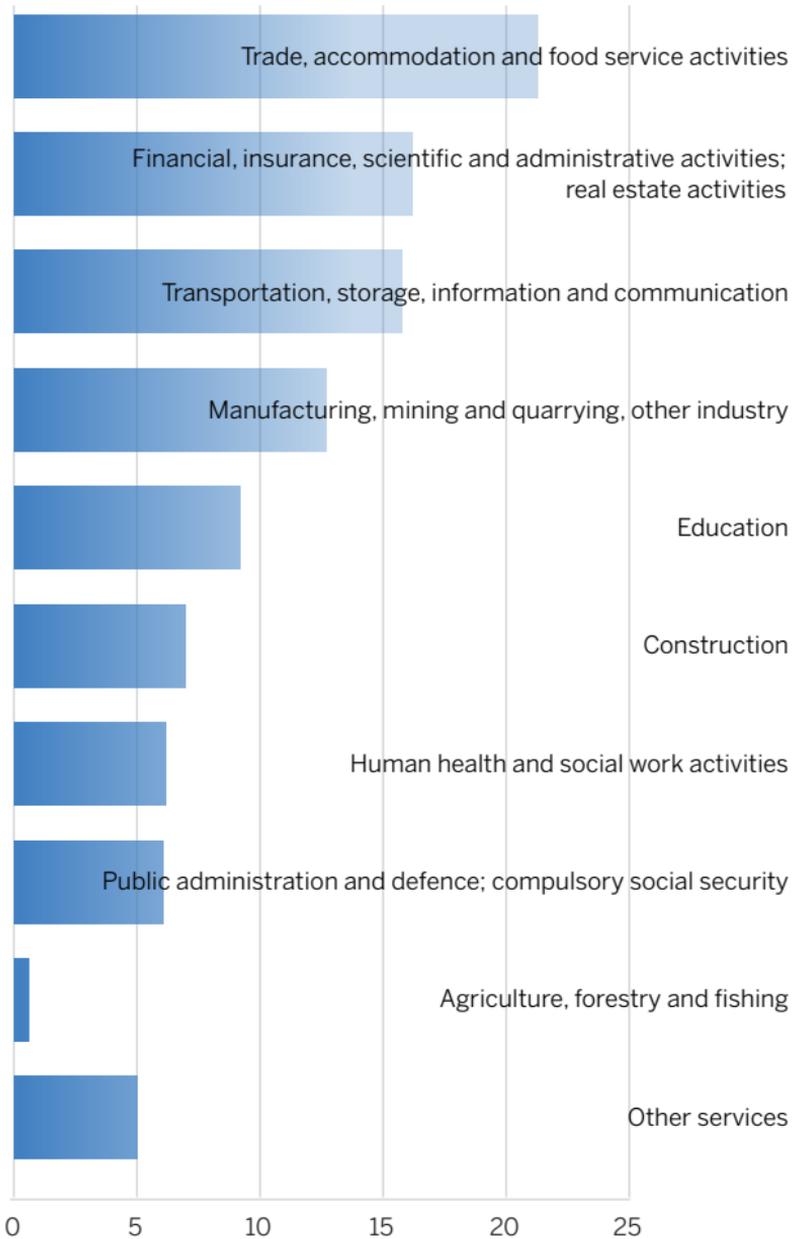
## Average monthly wages and salaries, EUR<sup>10</sup>



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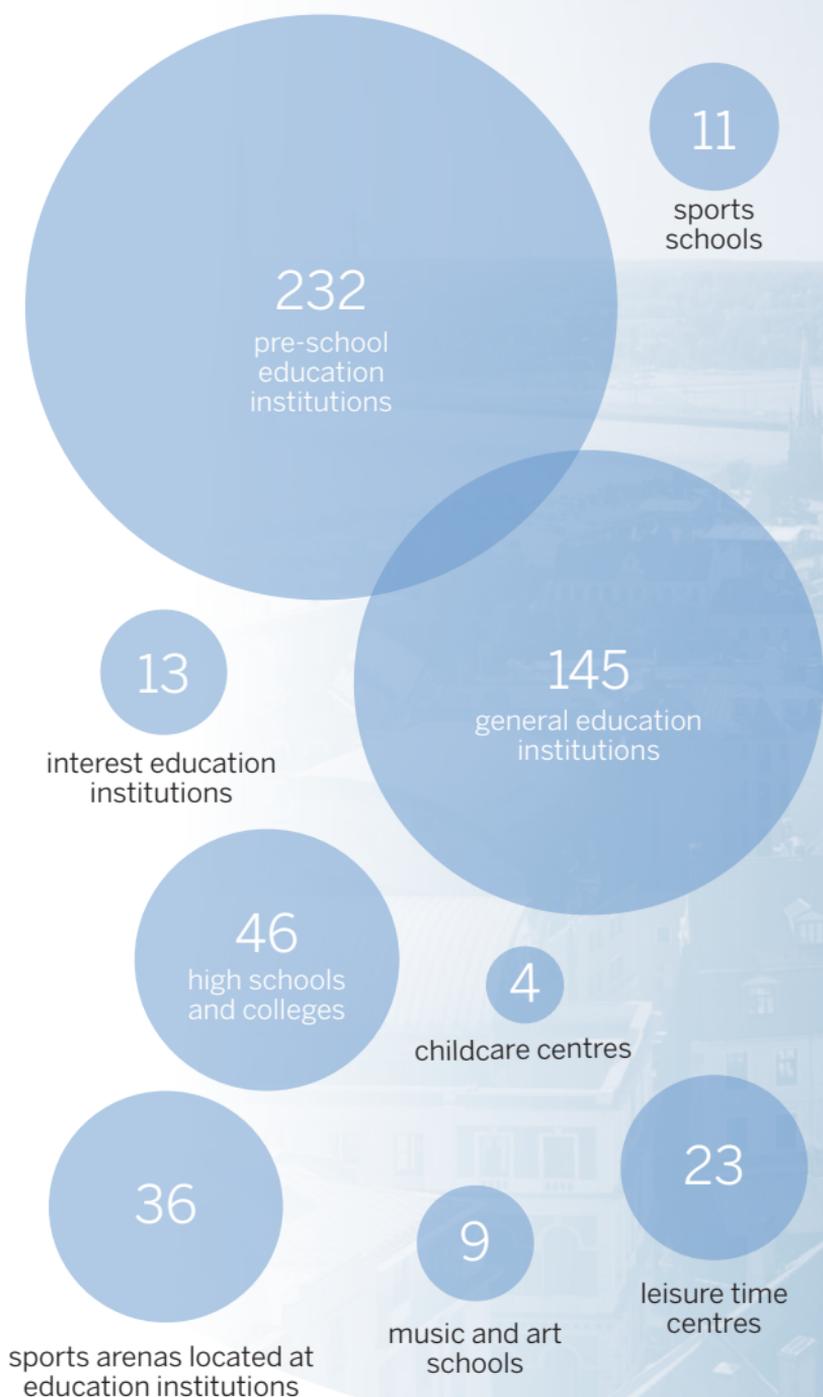
Employed by economic activity (NACE Rev. 2.),  
on average per year (time period – 2010-2016),  
share %<sup>11</sup>



<sup>11</sup> Central Statistical Bureau. Available: [www.csb.gov.lv](http://www.csb.gov.lv)

# EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Education possibilities in Riga<sup>12</sup>



<sup>12</sup> The Education, Culture and Sports Department of the Riga City Council. Available: <http://dati.e-skola.lv/lv/izglitiba-iestades/skolas>

## The largest culture events in Riga in 2017<sup>13</sup>

08.-14.05.

Riga Restaurant Week in spring

13.-14.05.

Lattelecom marathon

20.05.

Museum Night

08.06.-18.06.

Riga Opera Festival

22.06.

Midsummer Fair in Dome Square in the Old Town

23.06.-24.06.

Midsummer Night celebration in 11th November Embankment and in Dzeguzkalns

16.07.-23.07.

European Chorus Games

28.06.-02.07.

Jazz music festival Rigas Ritmi

18.08.-20.08.

Riga City Festival

09.09.

Contemporary culture forum  
White Night 2017

09.-15.10.

Riga Restaurant Week in autumn

17.11.-19.11.

Staro Riga Light Festival

26.11.-06.01.

Christmas markets in Riga

09.12.-08.01.

Festival of environmental objects Path of Christmas Spruces

15.12.-29.12.

Arts students' exhibition Jarmarka

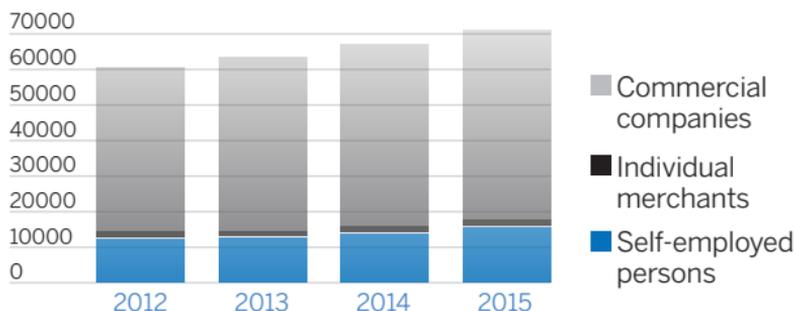
31.12.

Celebration of New Year Eve in Riga, in 11th November Embankment

<sup>13</sup> The Education, Culture and Sports Department of the Riga City Council. Available: [www.kultura.riga.lv/public/31285.html](http://www.kultura.riga.lv/public/31285.html) The Tourism Department of the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia. Available: [www.latvia.travel](http://www.latvia.travel)

## BUSINESS

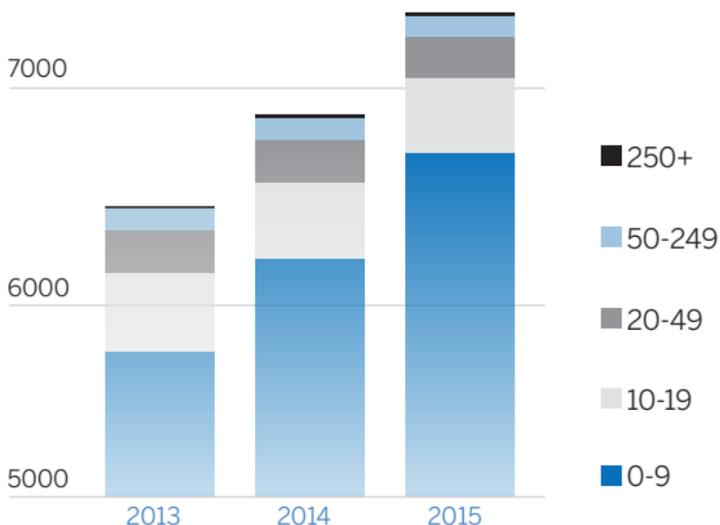
### Economically active statistical units in Riga<sup>14</sup>



### Number of newly established enterprises in Riga<sup>15</sup>



### Economically active enterprises in Riga by size group according to the number of employees<sup>16</sup>



<sup>14</sup> Central Statistical Bureau. Available: [www.csb.gov.lv](http://www.csb.gov.lv)

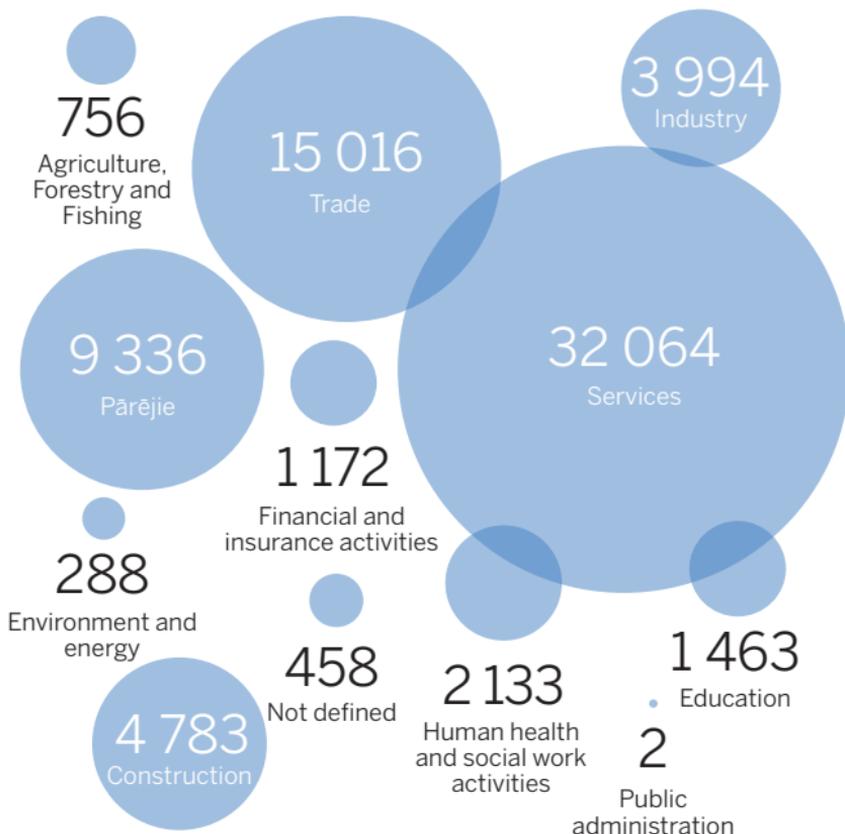
<sup>15</sup> Lursoft statistics. Available: [www.lursoft.lv](http://www.lursoft.lv)

<sup>16</sup> Central Statistical Bureau. Available: [www.csb.gov.lv](http://www.csb.gov.lv)

## List of the largest enterprises by turnover (million EUR) in Riga in 2015<sup>17</sup>

|    |                      |       |
|----|----------------------|-------|
| 1  | LLC URALCHEM Trading | 1 133 |
| 2  | LLC RIMI LATVIA      | 785   |
| 3  | JSC Latvenergo       | 521   |
| 4  | LLC ORLEN Latvija    | 460   |
| 5  | JSC Latvijas Gāze    | 445   |
| 6  | LLC NESTE LATVIJA    | 407   |
| 7  | JSC ELKO GRUPA       | 368   |
| 8  | LLC Circle K Latvia  | 358   |
| 9  | LLC LDZ CARGO        | 333   |
| 10 | LLC TransBaltic OIL  | 318   |

## Economically active enterprises in Riga by main kind of activity (NACE Rev. 2) in 2015<sup>18</sup>



<sup>17</sup> Lursoft statistics. Available: [www.lursoft.lv](http://www.lursoft.lv)

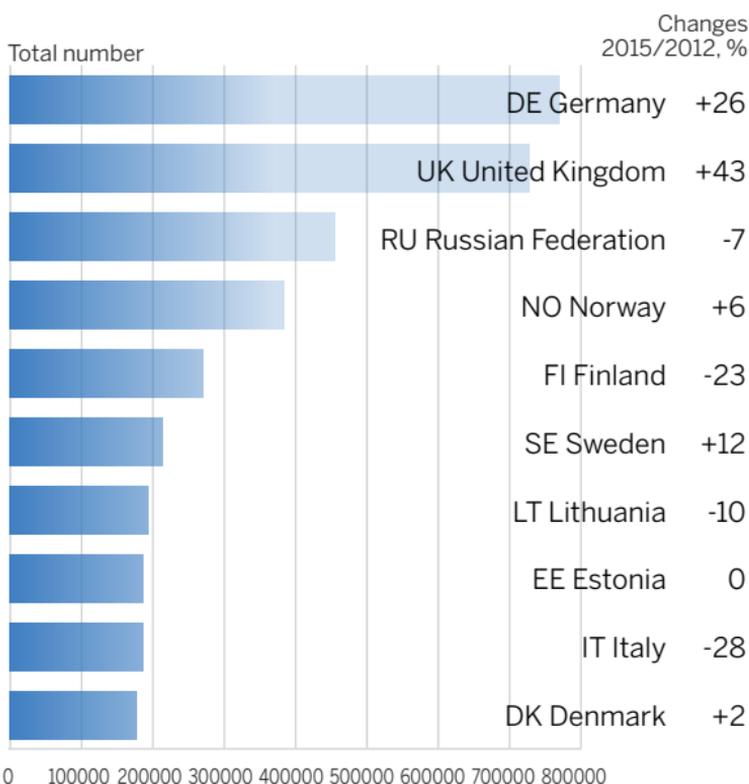
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## TRANSPORT

Cargo, flights and passengers at the Riga International Airport<sup>19</sup>

|                      | 2012   | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Cargo (tons)         | 32 953 | 53 540 | 32 984 | 18 863 | 19 759 |
| Flights              | 68 572 | 67 407 | 65 819 | 68 078 | 68 061 |
| Passengers (million) | 4.77   | 4.79   | 4.81   | 5.16   | 5.40   |

Passenger arrivals and departures at the airport Riga by country in year 2015 (top 10 destinations<sup>20</sup>)<sup>21</sup>



<sup>19</sup> Riga International Airport. Available: [www.riga-airport.com](http://www.riga-airport.com)

<sup>20</sup> Passenger departures - according to the first point of landing, passenger arrivals - according to the last point of departure

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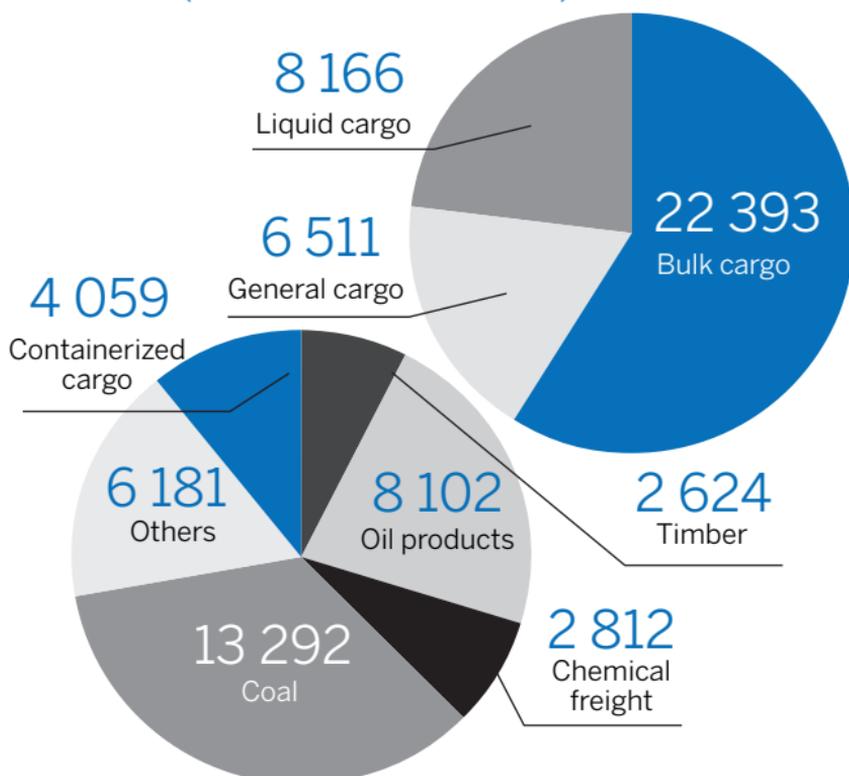
## Passengers served in the Port of Riga<sup>22</sup>

|                                      | 2012    | 2013    | 2014    | 2015    | 2016   |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Number of ships entering the port    | 92      | 65      | 57      | 64      | 62     |
| Number of passengers of cruise ships | 83 091  | 66 968  | 59 520  | 69 164  | 68 500 |
| Number of passengers of ferries      | 731 935 | 770 697 | 677 025 | 457 079 | -      |

## Cargo handled in the Port of Riga<sup>23</sup>

|                                   | 2012   | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of ships served            | 3 956  | 3 850  | 3 797  | 3 587  |
| Turnover of ships (thousand tons) | 36 051 | 35 466 | 41 080 | 40 055 |

## Structure of cargo handled at the Port of Riga in 2016 (thousand tons; share %)<sup>24</sup>



<sup>22</sup> Freeport of Riga. Available: [www.rop.lv](http://www.rop.lv)

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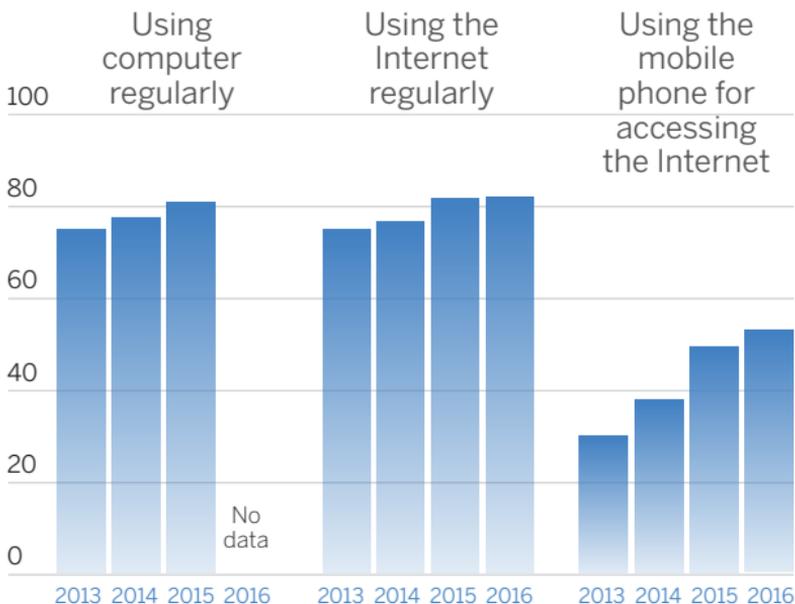
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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

According to the assessments carried out by the company Akamai in 2016, Latvia has 7th fastest Internet in the world (5th place among European countries and 1st place among Baltic States) – the average Internet speed in Latvia was 17.5 Mbps, while the world average speed is only 6.1 Mbps.<sup>25</sup>

In 2014 Riga became the capital city of free wireless Internet in Europe (taking into account the number of free Wi-Fi points on one km<sup>2</sup> and the number of citizens) and also maintained this status in 2015, overcoming all other 27 EU capital cities. On average, in Riga one Lattelecom free Wi-Fi connection point is available for 750 people and three Wi-Fi points on one square kilometre.<sup>26</sup>

### Usage of computers and the Internet among citizens of Riga<sup>27</sup>



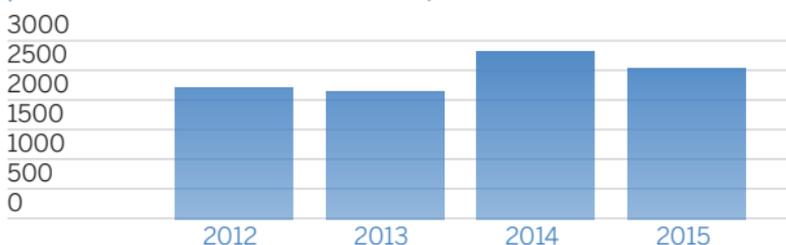
<sup>25</sup> Akamai`s [state of the internet]. Q2 2016 Report. Available: [www.akamai.com/us/en/multimedia/documents/state-of-the-internet/akamai-state-of-the-internet-connectivity-report-q2-2016.pdf](http://www.akamai.com/us/en/multimedia/documents/state-of-the-internet/akamai-state-of-the-internet-connectivity-report-q2-2016.pdf)

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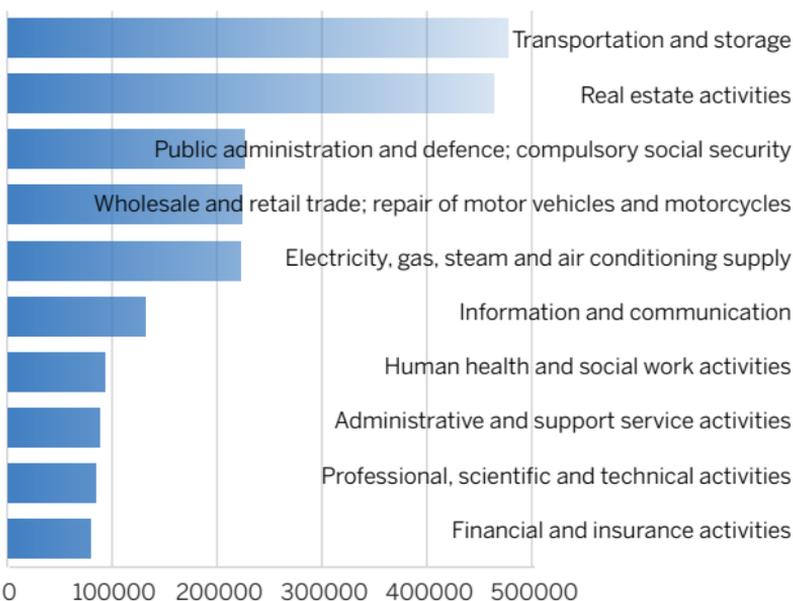
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## INVESTMENTS

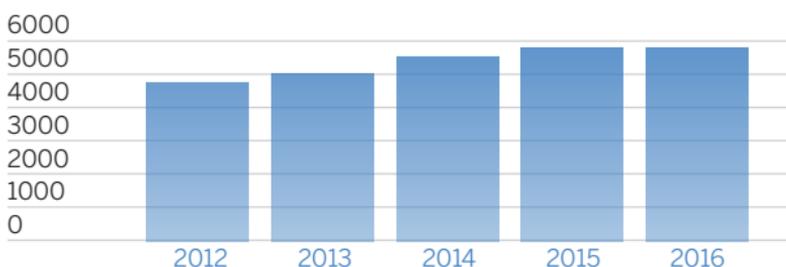
Non-financial investments in Riga (at constant prices of 2015, million EUR)<sup>28</sup>



Non-financial investments in Riga by main kind of activity (at current prices, thousand EUR)<sup>29</sup>



Accumulated foreign direct investments in share capital of companies registered in Riga (billion EUR)<sup>30</sup>

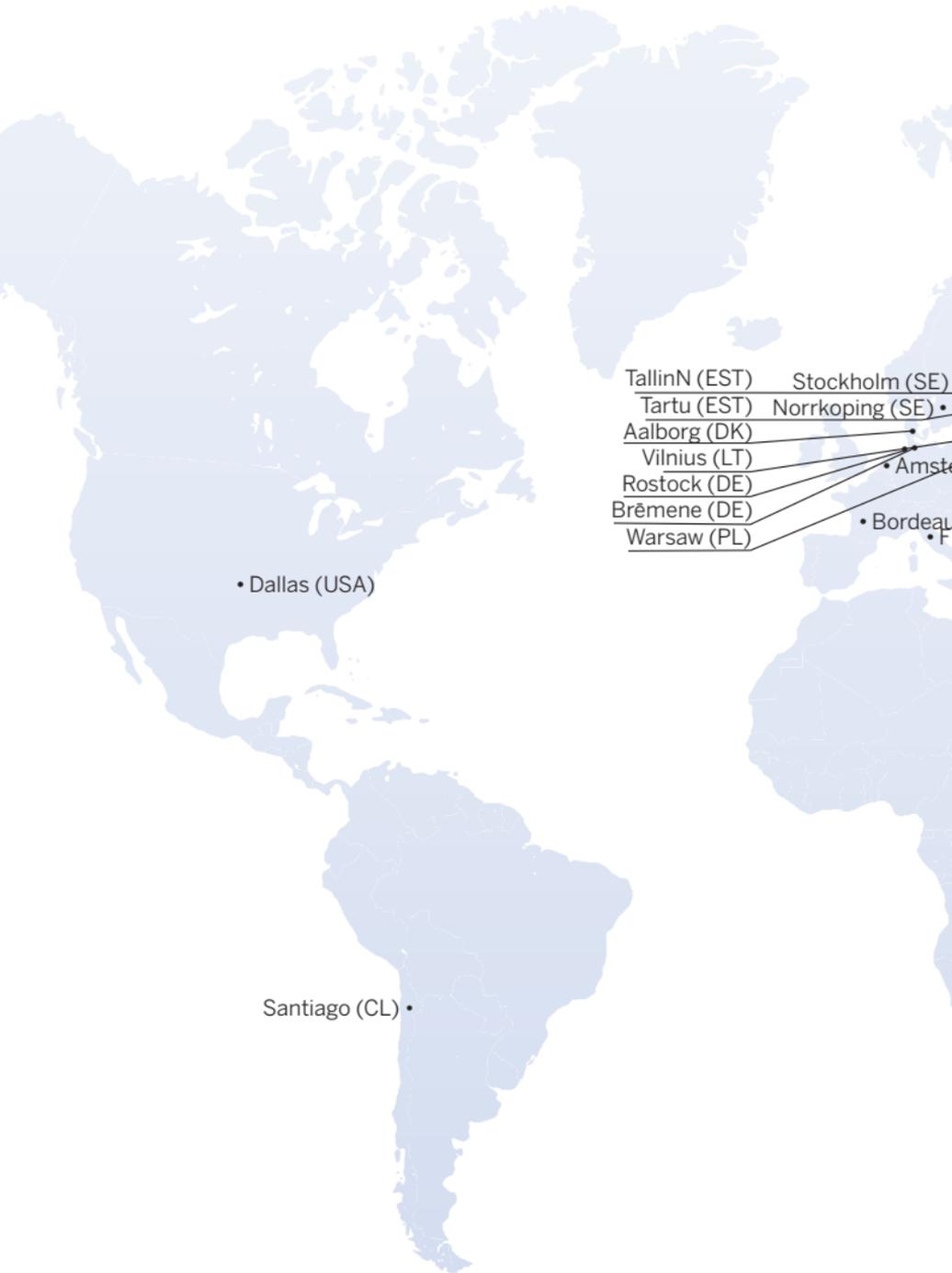


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<sup>29</sup> Central Statistical Bureau. Available: [www.csb.gov.lv](http://www.csb.gov.lv)

<sup>30</sup> Lursoft statistics in the Riga Strategy Monitoring System. Available: [www.sus.lv/lv/2-ekonomika-un-finanses/23-investicijas](http://www.sus.lv/lv/2-ekonomika-un-finanses/23-investicijas)

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