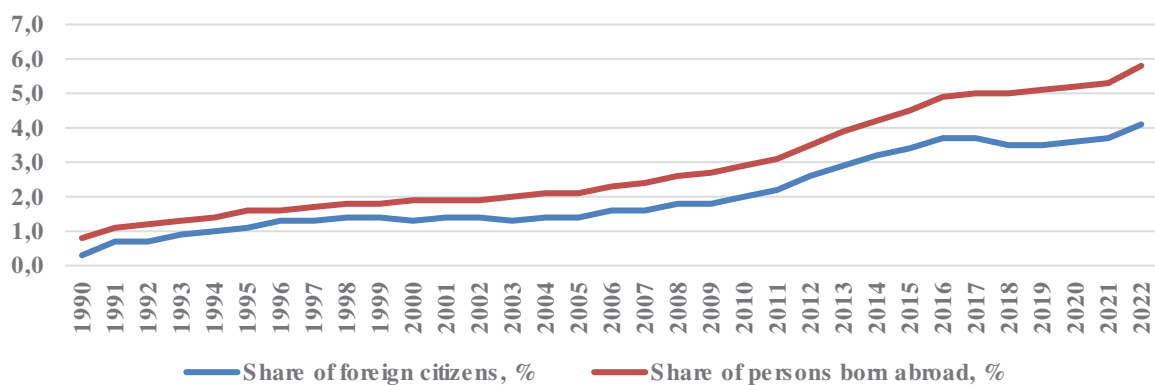


The number of residents who were born abroad was 6% of the population, and 2% come from other EU countries (2022). Most foreign-born citizens came from Estonia, the former Soviet Union, Iraq, and Poland. The relative share of immigrants in Hämeenlinna's population is below to the national average. However, the city's new residents are increasingly of foreign origin. This will increase the proportion of foreign residents in the coming years.

There are around 600 refugee people in the city. The number of Ukrainian refugees has been rising since 2021. Over five hundred Ukrainians registered in the asylum system and living in Hämeenlinna (August 2023). Many of the persons who arrived in 2021 are already living in the city outside of the asylum system as municipal citizens. The previous substantial rise in non-national residents was in 2015, mostly people coming from Afghanistan and Iraq.

### Share of foreign citizens and people born abroad in Hämeenlinna, 1990-2022



Source: Tilastokeskus -Statistics Finland

Among the residents of Hämeenlinna there are also members of national minorities such as Roma and Sami people.

Hämeenlinna's economy is diverse, with industries such as manufacturing, services, and tourism playing significant roles. The city's strategic location and good transportation connections contribute to its economic development.

