

# Wellbeing Services County of South Ostrobothnia

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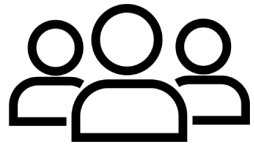
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Started its operations on 1 January 2023. The wellbeing services county is responsible for organising social services, healthcare and rescue services in the South Ostrobothnia region.



# Key figures of the wellbeing services county

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**190 000**  
residents



**18**  
municipalities



**8**  
health and social  
services centres

# The wellbeing services county on the map

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- **Primary locations of the health and social services centres:**  
Kauhajoki, Kurikka, Ilmajoki, Seinäjoki, Lapua, Kauhava, Alajärvi and Alavus
- **Extensive emergency care services provided at the Seinäjoki central hospital**



# Careers

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The Wellbeing Services County of South Ostrobothnia employs **more than 10,000 professionals**

- 80% full-time employees
- 20% part-time employees
- more than 400 professional titles



# Major personnel groups

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- Nurses and other employees with a Bachelor's degree in healthcare or similar: **3,000**
- Practical nurses and other employees with a vocational qualification in healthcare and social services: **2,900**
- Social work personnel: **1,000**
- Maintenance and support service personnel: **950**
- Rescue personnel: **900**
- Physicians: **550**
- Care support and research personnel: **500**
- Administration and management personnel: **500**

# Strategy

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**Our service promise** is Top-Quality Service – By Your Side.

**We provide services** that are produced by us, purchased from public and private producers and organisations and arranged with the service voucher system.

**Our priorities** are availability and accessibility, personnel, prevention, management, digitalisation and representation.

**The main objectives of the wellbeing services county strategy are targeted** at the population and clients, the organisation, management and finances.

**Our values** are customer-orientation, open equality, effectiveness in line with finances, the ability to reform and a positive outlook on development.

# Financial figures

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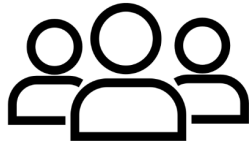
- The calculated funding of the South Ostrobothnia Wellbeing Services County in 2024 is EUR 909 million.
- State funding EUR 4,767/resident in 2024.
- Deficit EUR 45 million in 2023.
- Predicted deficit EUR 53 million in 2024.
- In accordance with the current legislation, the accumulated deficit has to be covered by the end of 2026.

(Situation 9/2024)



# Decision-making

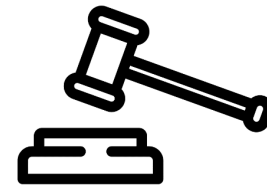
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## County Council

**59** councillors

Chair **Paula Risikko**, National Coalition Party



## County Executive

**13** members

Chair **Lasse Hautala**, Centre Party

**The next county and municipal elections** will be held in April 2025. These elections will decide the next County Councils, who have the highest power of decision in the wellbeing services counties. The terms of new County Councils will begin on 1 June 2025 and last until the end of May 2029.

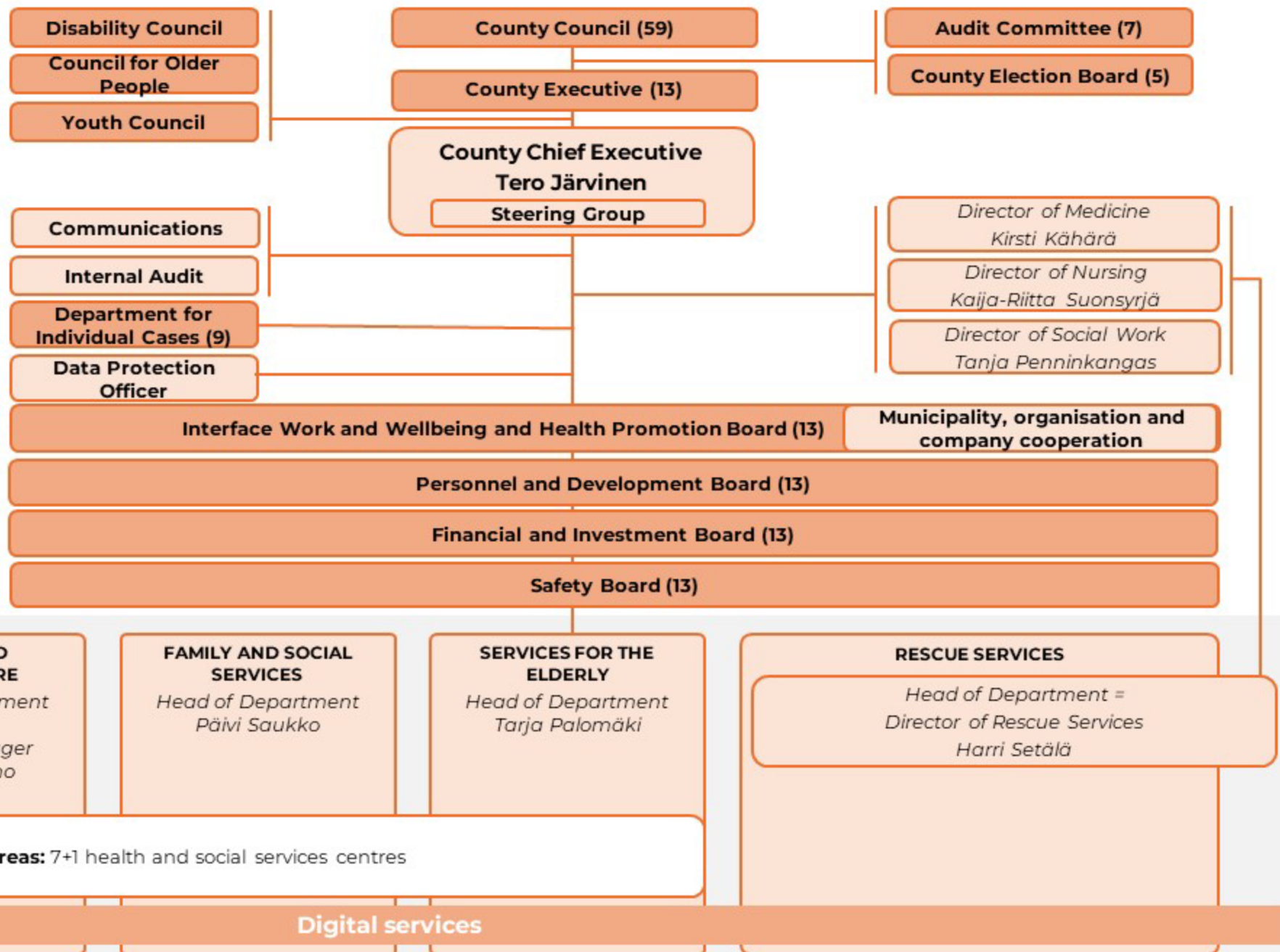


# Authorities

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- County Election Board
- Personnel and Development Board
- Financial and Investment Board
- Audit Committee
- Safety Board
- Interface Work and Wellbeing and Health Promotion Board
- Department for Individual Cases
- Youth Council
- Disability Council
- Council for Older People

# South Ostrobothnia Wellbeing Services County organisational chart



**Thank you!**



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