# WarVictimSampo 1914–1922

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A semantic portal about war events related to Finland from 1914 to 1922.



#### War Victims

Information about war victims in Finland in 1914–1922.



#### Battles

Battles of the civil war.









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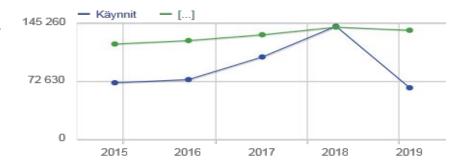
# Background

- Prime Minister's office started the project War Victims in Finland 1914-1922 in 1998
- Database provides information about people perished in war-related circumstances between year 1914-1922
- Consists of little bit less than 40 000 people
  - Majority of them died during the Finnish Civil War
- Last update in 2004



# Background

- Important for citizens and researchers
  - More than 1,36 million visitors since the launch of the website (2002)
  - Average 70 000 unique users per year
  - Year of Remembrance doubled the amount of users
- National Archives of Finland receive feedback and corrections every month







# Goals of the project

- New project started in the autumn of 2018
- Update the database according to the corrections and feedback sent to the National Archives of Finland
- Add new victims found by researchers
- Modernize the User Interface
- Display all of the data collected by the first research project

# **Technical Aspects**



### Making the Data Accessible

- The main goal of WarVictimSampo is to make War Victims of Finland 1914-1922 data more accessible
- Show more data about the victims in the application
- More options for searching the data
- Tools to easily and quickly visualize the data
- API to allow the researchers to easily download the data
- The biggest challenge was how detailed the data often is





### **Accessible data**



## **Web Application**

- Different tools to search, analyze and visualize the data:
  - Simple text pages for each victim
  - line charts, pie charts and maps.
  - Button to download (part of) the data as CSV-file
- Many potential user groups: researchers, students, general public
- The aim is to both make the research easier, and to educate the public





# **Updating and Linking the Data**



## **Updating the data**

- The data had not been updated for a long time
- Needs easy tools for updating
- We added more than 1500 new victims in 2019, but the update system is still a work in progress
- Challenge is making updating easy for history researchers while at the same time making sure that nothing breaks in the data





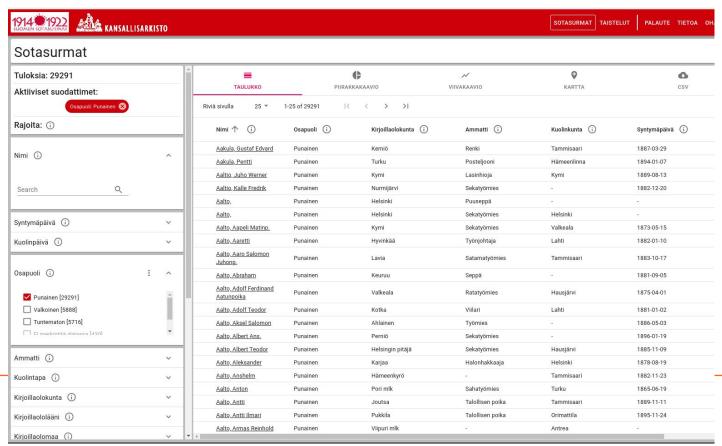
## **Linked Open Data**

- Data is open and all things have unique identifiers
- This allows linking things easily to and from outside sources
- In the current application you can see linking in that the coordinates for municipalities in the map come from outside sources and you can see wikipedia links for some victims





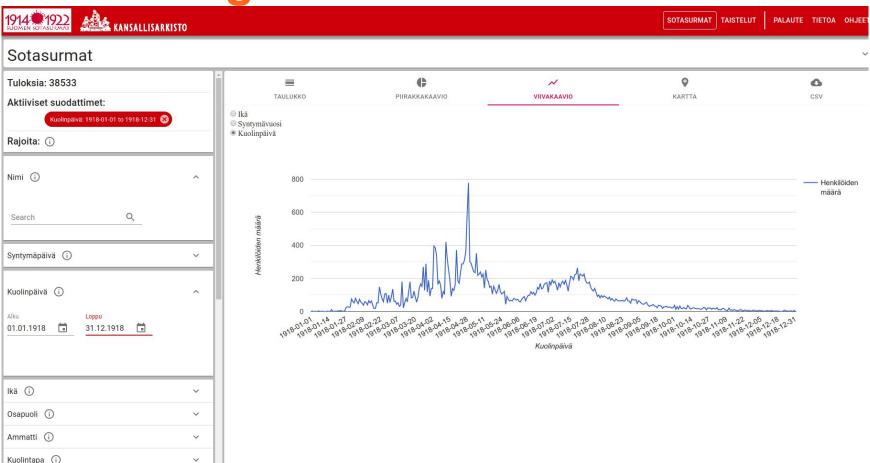
# Searching



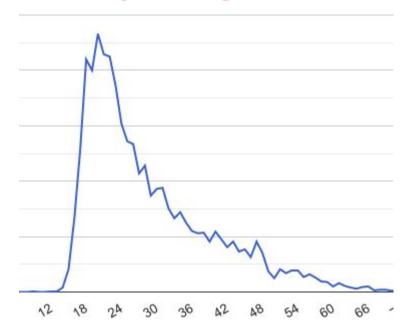




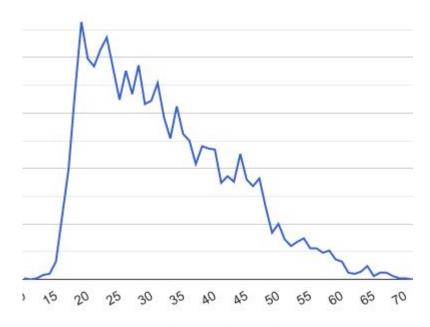
## **Visualizing**



# **Analyzing**



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