

#	Name	Elected	Took Office	Left Office	Party	Birth and Death
1	Kaarlo Juho Ståhlberg	1919	25 July 1919	1 March 1925	National Progressive Party (ED)	b. 28 January 1865, Suomussalmi d. 22 September 1952, Helsinki
		Speaker of parliament in 1914–1917. Elected as president by the Parliament in 1919.				
2	Lauri Kristian Relander	1925	1 March 1925	1 March 1931	Agrarian League (ML)	b. 31 May 1883, Kurkijoki d. 9 February 1942, Helsinki
		Speaker of parliament in 1919–1920. Elected as president by electoral college in 1925.				
3	Pehr Evind Svinhufvud	1931	1 March 1931	1 March 1937	National Coalition Party (KOK)	b. 15 December 1861, Sääksmäki d. 29 February 1944, Luumäki
		Speaker of parliament in 1907–1912. Regent (interim head of state) of Finland 1918. Prime minister in 1917–1918 and 1930–1931. Elected as president by electoral college in 1931.				
4	Kyösti Kallio	1937	1 March 1937	19 December 1940 (died)	Agrarian League (ML)	b. 10 April 1873, Ylivieska d. 19 December 1940, Helsinki
		Speaker of parliament in 1920–1921, 1922, 1924–1925, 1929 and 1930–1936. Prime minister in 1922–1924, 1925–1926, 1929–1930 and 1936–1937. Elected as president by electoral college in 1937. Resigned in 1940 because of poor health, whereupon Risto Ryti became acting president. Died in office.				
5	Risto Ryti	1940 1943	(acting for Kallio from 27 Nov. 1940) 19 December 1940	1 August 1944 (resigned)	National Progressive Party (ED)	b. 3 February 1889, Huittinen d. 25 October 1956, Helsinki
		Prime minister in 1939–1940 and during his presidential term 1940–1941. Elected as president by electoral college in 1940, and re-elected in 1943. Resigned in 1944.				
6	Carl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim	1944	4 August 1944	4 March 1946 (resigned)	Non-Partisan Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces	b. 4 June 1867, Askainen d. 27 January 1951, Lausanne, Switzerland
		Regent (interim head of state) of Finland 1918–1919. The only Marshal of Finland. Elected as president in 1944 by the Parliament. Resigned in 1946.				
7	Juho Kusti Paasikivi	1946 1950	11 March 1946	1 March 1956	National Coalition Party (KOK)	b. 27 November 1870, Hämeenkoski d. 14 December 1956, Helsinki
		Prime minister in 1918 and 1944–1946. Elected as president by the Parliament in 1946 and re-elected by electoral college in 1950.				
8	Urho	1956 1962 1968 1978	1 March 1956	27 January 1982	Agrarian League (ML) /Centre Party (KESK)	b. 3 September 1900, Pielavesi d. 31 August 1986, Helsinki
		Speaker of parliament in 1948–1950. Prime minister in 1950–1953 and 1954–1956. Elected as				

	Kekkonen	president by electoral college in 1956 and re-elected in 1962, 1968 and 1978. In 1973, the term that started in 1968 was extended by four years by means of an emergency law. Resigned in 1981 owing to poor health, whereupon Prime Minister Mauno Koivisto became acting president. Served in Finnish civil war.				
9	Mauno Koivisto	1982 1988	(acting for Kekkonen from 11 Sep. 1981) 27 January 1982	1 March 1994	Social Democratic Party (SDP)	b. 25 November 1923, Turku
		Prime minister in 1968–1970 and 1979–1982. Elected as president by electoral college in 1982 and re-elected in 1988. The first president born in independent Finland. Served in the armed forces during World War II.				
10	Martti Ahtisaari	1994	1 March 1994	1 March 2000	Social Democratic Party (SDP)	b. 23 June 1937, Viipuri
		Elected as president in 1994. The first president elected by direct popular vote. The first president subject to term limits.				
11	Tarja Halonen	2000 2006	1 March 2000	1 March 2012	Social Democratic Party (SDP)	b. 24 December 1943, Helsinki
		Elected as president in 2000, and re-elected in 2006. Finland's first female president.				
12	Sauli Niinistö	2012	1 March 2012	Incumbent	National Coalition Party (KOK)	b. 24 August 1948, Salo
		Speaker of parliament in 2007–2011. Elected as president in 2012.				

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