Information Guide

Sweden

A guide to information sources on the Kingdom of Sweden.

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Information sources in the ESO database

- **Sweden – External / Internal / Regions**

**General information**

- Sweden: Government portal: [Sweden](#)
  - Factsheet
  - Government homepage (Sveriges regering och regeringskansliet)
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Utrikes-departementet)
- European Union: European Countries: [Sweden](#)
- United Nations: Data: Country Profile: [Sweden](#)
- Nordic council: Facts about [Sweden](#)
- Wikipedia: [Sweden](#)
- United Kingdom: FCO: Country profile: [Sweden](#)
- United States: State Department: Background Note: [Sweden](#)
- Australia: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: [Country brief](#)
- BBC News: Country Profile: [Sweden](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: [Sweden](#)
- Google: Find websites on [Sweden](#)
- The Economist: Country briefings: [Sweden](#)
- Search Engines of the World: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Sweden](#)
- Nation Master: Home: Country Info: Profiles: [Sweden](#)

**Agricultural information**

- Sweden: Ministry of Rural Affairs (Landsbygdsdepartementet)
- Sweden: Government: Rural Affairs, Animals and Food
- Sweden: National Food Administration (Livsmedelsverket)
- Sweden: Swedish Board of Fisheries (Havs- och vattenmyndigheten)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development (ENRD): Country Information: [Sweden](#)
- FAO: Country profile and Mapping information system: [Sweden](#)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [Sweden](#)
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in Europe: [Sweden](#)

**Competition policy information**

- Sweden: [Competition Authority (Konkurrensverket)](#)
- Sweden: Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation
  - Competition policy
- OECD Documentation on Sweden: Competition
  - Country reviews of competition policy and frameworks [Sweden](#)
- CUTS International: Competition Regimes in the World: [Sweden](#)
Culture and language information

- Sweden: Ministry of Culture (Kulturdepartementet)
- Sweden: Government: Culture, the media, leisure activities
- Sweden: Official Gateway: Factsheets: Arts and Culture
- Sweden: Culture Network (Kulturnätet)
- Sweden: The Swedish Institute (Svenska Institutet)
- European Commission:
  - Languages: Information: Regional and Minority Language Products
  - Programmes: Creative Europe: Tools: Creative Europe Desk: Sweden
  - DG Education and Culture: Europe and Culture: National cultural sites: Sweden [includes a short introduction to cultural policy in Sweden]
  - Multilingualism: Euromosaic study: Sewdish
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies in Sweden
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: Sweden
- SIL international: Ethnologue: Languages of the World: Sweden
- University of the Highlands and Islands: European Minority Languages: Sweden

Defence and security information

- Sweden: Ministry of Defence (Försvarsdepartementet)
- Sweden: Swedish Armed Forces (Försvarsmakten)
- Sweden: Swedish Defence Materiel Administration (Försvaret:s materielverk)
- NATO: Relations with Sweden

Economic information

- ESO: Sweden: Economic situation
- Sweden: Ministry of Employment (Arbetsmarknadsdepartementet)
- Sweden: Ministry of Finance (Finansdepartementet)
- Sweden: Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation (Näringsdepartementet)
- Sweden: Government:
  - National economy and budget
  - Regional growth
- Sweden: Swedish Trade Council (Svenska Exportrådet)
- Sweden: Stockholm Stock Exchange (Stockholmsbörsen)
- Sweden: Swedish National Bank (Sveriges Riksbank)
- European Commission: Europe 2020: Europe 2020 in Sweden
  - Stability and Convergence Programmes
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxation and customs duties in Sweden
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxes in Europe Database
- International Monetary Fund: Sweden and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: Sweden
  - Economic Survey 2015
  - Overview
  - Country Statistical profile:
    - 2015
Education information

- Sweden: Ministry of Education and Research (Utbildningsdepartementet)
- Sweden: Government: Education and Research
- Sweden: Official Gateway: Education
- Council of Europe: Charter for Regional or Minority Language
- Council of Europe: Cultural cooperation: Education for Democratic Citizenship: Sweden
- Council of Europe/European Union: Youth Partnership: Knowledge/ EKCYP: Background information on Youth Policy: Sweden
- European Commission: Education & training: Study in Europe: Higher Education in Sweden
- European Commission: Programmes: Erasmus+: National-agencies [select country]
- European Commission: Eurydice: Eurybase Database on Educational Systems in Sweden
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: Youth Policy in Sweden
- Council of Europe/UNESCO: ENIC: Country profiles: Sweden [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Education [select topic then country]
- Sweden: Ministry of Employment
  - Social and labour market policies in Sweden
- Sweden: Government: Organisations of Ministry of Employment, [information about Political leadership, Divisions and secretariats, Working life, Labour market policy, etc]
- Sweden: Official Gateway: Working in Sweden
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: National Employment Reports [choose year and country]
- European Commission: Europe 2020: Europe 2020 in Sweden
- European Commission: EURES: Living and Working in Sweden
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations in Sweden
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe
- OECD: Documentation on Sweden: Employment
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: Sweden
Energy information

- Sweden: Energy Markets Inspectorate (Energiemarknadsinspektionen)
- Sweden: Swedish Energy Agency (Energimyndigheten)
  - EU ETS - Implementation in Sweden
- Sweden: National Electrical Safety Board
- European Commission: DG Energy:
  - Statistics by country
  - Energy Statistical Pocketbook [select year and country]
  - National Renewable Energy Action Plans [select country]
- European Commission: ManagEnergy: Sweden
- International Energy Agency:
  - Country information [Country-related statistics, publications and links to national websites]
  - Statistics and Balances: Sweden

Environmental information

- Sweden: Ministry of Environment (Miljödepartementet)
- Sweden: Government:
  - Organisation of Ministry of Environment [Energy Division, Natural Environment Division, Environmental Objectives Division, etc]
- Sweden: Environmental legislation
- Sweden: Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Naturvårdsverket)
- Sweden: The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE Programme: Sweden
- European Environment Agency:
  - European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET): Country Information sources
  - State of the Environment Reporting Information System (SERIS): Country information [Find national and other reports]
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: Sweden
- FAO: Specialised Country Profiles and Information Systems [choose a thematic database]
  - FAO: Forestry Department: Sweden
  - FAO: Water and Food Security: Country Profiles: Sweden
- OECD: Documentation on Sweden:
  - Environment
  - Green Growth and Sustainable Development
- Friends of the Earth International: Sweden
- Greenpeace International: Sweden [in Swedish]

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Sweden: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Sweden: Swedish National Bank (Sveriges Riksbank)
  - Monetary Policy
  - SEPA: Single Euro Payments Area
  - Financial Stability
  - European System of Central Banks
  - EU Co-operation in Brussels
- European Union: Countries: Sweden
- European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: Sweden
- European Commission: Representation in Sweden [in Swedish]
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network Sweden
  - Stability and Convergence Programmes
  - Sweden and the euro
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Sweden
- European Parliament: Information Office: Sweden
- European Investment Bank: Finance contracts: Sweden
- Council of Europe: Member States: Sweden
- OECD: Countries: Sweden
  - Permanent Delegation of Sweden in the OECD
- OSCE: Delegations: Sweden
  - Permanent Delegation of Sweden in the OSCE

Geographic information and maps
- Sweden: Official Gateway: Sweden in brief
- European Union: DG Press and Communication: Europe maps [click on country]
- FAO: Country profiles and mapping information system: Country maps
- Lonely Planet: Map of Sweden
- Maps of World.com: Sweden maps
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: Sweden Maps
- Nordic Council: Maps of Nordic Region

Health information
- Sweden: Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (Socialdepartementet)
- Sweden: Government: Information about Organisation of the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
- Sweden: Swedish national Institute for Health (Statens folkhälsoinstitut)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  - Country overview: Sweden
  - European Legal Database on Drugs: Sweden
  - National reports on drug situation [2010]
  - Drug Treatment Profiles: Sweden
  - National strategies [Find documents and country profiles]
  - Legal text search [Find national drugs legislation]
- OECD: Documentation on Sweden: Health
- World Health Organisation: Country Information
- World Health Organisation: Regional Office for Europe: Country Information

Human rights information
- Sweden: Government: Human Rights Page
- Sweden: Government:
  - Gender equality
- Council of Europe:
  - Commissioner for Human Rights: Memorandum to the Swedish Government [2007]


- Commissioner for Human Rights: European Commission against Racism and Intolerance: Sweden [country reports]
- European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on Sweden
- European Social Charter: National Reports: [Select Country]
- European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: Sweden

- European Court of Human Rights:
  - Country Profiles: Sweden
  - Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010 [select country]
  - Violation by Article and by State 1959-2014
  - Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010
- United Nations:
  - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in Sweden
  - UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information: Sweden
- United States: State Department:
  - Previous versions
  - Previous versions
- Amnesty International: Country index: Sweden
- Human Rights Watch: Sweden
- Reporters Without Borders: Freedom of Information in Sweden
- Swedish Mission Council: Freedom of religion or belief in Sweden

**Intellectual property information**

- Sweden: Swedish Patent and Registration Office [Patent och registreringsverket]

**Investment information**

- Sweden: Invest in Sweden Agency
- Sweden: Swedish Trade Council (Svenska Exportrådet)
- OECD: Investment: Sweden
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: Sweden
- World Bank: Countries and Regions: Sweden
- United Kingdom: UK Trade &Investment: Sweden
  - Country Commercial Guide

**Justice and Home affairs information**

- Sweden: Ministry of Justice (Jutitiedepartementet)
- Sweden: Government: Thematic pages
  - Government agencies in Justice
  - Migration
  - Judicial system
• Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation report][2013]
• OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Sweden]
• United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Sweden]
• University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: [Sweden]
• EUDO: Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: [Sweden]

Living and working information

• Sweden: [Official Gateway]
  o [Study in Sweden]
  o [Work in Sweden]
  o [Swedish lifestyle]
  o [Sports and leisure]
• Sweden: [Swedish Consumer Agency] (Konsumentverket)
• European Commission:
  o DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES: Living & Working: [Sweden]
  o DG Press and Communication: Your Europe [choose language and topic]
• Eurofound: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions: [Sweden]
• EurWORK: European Observatory of Working Life: [Sweden]
• United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: [Sweden]
• United States: State Department: Post Reports: [Sweden]
• JustLanded.com: [Sweden]

Media information

• Nordic Council: [Nordic media]
• EBU: [Broadcasting organisations] [Select Country]
• EJC: European Media Landscape: [Sweden]
• European Newspaper Publishers Association: ENPA Members: [Sweden]
• ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: [Sweden]
• Agorà: Political resources on the Net: Media in Sweden
• Newlink: European Newspapers: [Sweden]
• Online Newspapers: [Sweden]
• Radiomap: Radio Stations in Sweden
• Swedish press institutions with an English version
  o The Local
  o Stockholm news (Not being updated any longer)
  o Sverige Radio

Political information (including Elections)

• ESO: Sweden: [Political situation]
• ESO: Sweden: Political situation: [Elections]
• Sweden: Government portal: [Sweden]
  o How Sweden is governed
  o Constitution
  o Government and ministries
• Sweden: [Swedish Parliament (Riksdag)]
  o Members and Parties
Public management information

- Sweden: Organisation and the Office of Administrative Affairs ( Förvaltningsavdelningen)
- Sweden: Swedish Association of Local and Authorities and Regions ( Sveriges Kommuner och Landsting)
- Sweden: The Swedish System of Government
  - Communities: National Interoperability Framework Observatory (Nifo): eGovernment Factsheets
- European Public Sector Information Platform (ePSI): Country Reports 2007-2010
- OECD: Documentation on Sweden: Public governance and management

R&D information

- Sweden: Government: Central, regional and local government
- Sweden: Ministry of Enterprise and innovation (Näringsdepartementet)
- Sweden: Government: Education and Research
- Sweden: Official Gateway: Factsheets
  - Higher Education and Research
- European Commission:
  - DG Enterprise: CORDIS: Sweden
  - DG Research & Innovation: European Research Area 2014
  - Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2013 [click on map to select country]
  - Research and Innovation performance in the EU 2014
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): Members
- OECD: Documentation on Sweden: Innovation
- OECD: Documentation on Sweden: Science and technology
Regional and local information

- Sweden: Office of Administrative Affairs (Förvaltningsavdelningen)
- Sweden: Official Gateway: National, regional and local government
- Sweden: Ministry of Enterprise and innovation (Näringsdepartementet)
- Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
  - Level of local democracy in Sweden [chose report from the list]
- Sweden: Sweden's County Administration (Länsstyrelserna) [regional Government representation] [in Swedish]
- OECD: Documentation on Sweden: Regional, rural and urban development
- Committee of the Regions: Sweden

North Sweden
  - EU office for Norrbotten and Västerbotten
  - Norrbotten: County council
  - Västerbotten: County council
    - EU och internationellt [in Swedish]

Central Sweden
  - EU office for Dalarna, Gävleborg and Örebro
  - Dalarna: County council
  - Gävleborg: County council
  - Örebro: County council
    - EU

West Sweden
  - Halland: County council
    - Halland and the EU [in Swedish]
  - Värmland: County council
  - Västra Götaland: County council
    - Västra Götaland and Europe

Mid Sweden
  - Jämtland: County council
    - International work [in Swedish]
  - Västernorrland: County council
    - International work and cooperation

East Sweden
  - EU office for Östergötland
  - Östergötland: County council [in Swedish]

Blekinge
  - County council

Gotland
  - County council
  - International cooperation

Jönköping:
  - County council [in Swedish]
  - International relations [in Swedish]

Kalmar:
  - County council

Kronoberg:
  - City Council [in Swedish]

Skåne:
  - County Council
  - Skåne and the EU [in Swedish]

Sörmland:
  - County council [in Swedish]
• Stockholm:
  o County council
• Uppsala:
  o County council
• Västmanland:
  o Visit Vastmanland [travel information]

Social information

• Sweden: Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (Socialdepartementet)
• Sweden: Government: social insurance
• Sweden: official Gateway: Health Care in Sweden
• European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your Social Security Rights in Sweden
• European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: Organisation of Social Protection
• European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: Social Protection of the Self-Employed [choose country]
• Council of Europe: Social Charter: Country Factsheet: Sweden
• OECD: Documentation on Sweden:
  o Insurance and Pensions
  o Social and welfare issues
• UNICEF: Information by Country: Statistics: Sweden
• United States: Social Security Administration
  o Research, Statistics and Policy Analysis: Sweden
  o Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [choose country]
• World Bank: Health [search by country and indicator]

Statistical information

• Sweden: National Bank
• Sweden: National Statistics Office
• Eurostat: Country Profiles: Sweden [select country]
• OECD: Country Statistical Profiles: Sweden
• UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: Sweden
• United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: Sweden
• World Bank: Key Facts and Statistics: Sweden
• NationMaster: Nations of the World: Statistics on Sweden
• The Nordic Council: Figures and Statistics

Tourism information

• Sweden: Official Gateway:
  o Swedish Travel and Tourism Council (Sveriges Rese- och Turistråd)
  o Tourism in Sweden
• Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited Travel: Sweden
• The Telegraph: Destinations: Sweden
• Lonely Planet: Sweden
• Rough Guides: Sweden
• TripAdvisor: Europe Tourism: Sweden
Transport information

- Sweden: Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications (Näringsdepartementet)
- Sweden: Swedish Nation Road and Transport Research Institute (Statens väg- och transportforskningsinstitut)
- Sweden: Swedish Transport Administration (Trafikverket)
- Sweden: Transport analysis (Trafikanalys)
- European Commission: DG Mobility and Transport: EU Transport in Figures: Statistical Pocketbook 2014
- Wikipedia: Transport in Sweden

Weather information

- Sweden: Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (Sveriges meteorologiska och hydrologiska institut)
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and five day weather forecast: Sweden
- Foreca: Sweden weather forecast

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Sweden is a land of incredible contrasts, from the dense pine forests and craggy mountains of the north, to the rolling hills and glossy golden beaches of the south. The cities include Gothenburg, Stockholm, and Åre. Places in Sweden. Cities. Gothenburg.