

## Be part of describing households' housing costs

### Feel free to contact us

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### Prepare before submitting information

The questions in the survey mainly concern costs related to your home. Bear in mind that our questions concern the costs of everyone in the household. If you live in a rented or a tenant-owned home, we ask about your monthly rent or fee, and what it includes. If you live in a house, our questions concern expenditure for insurance, water and sewage, refuse collection, chimney-sweeping, road maintenance, community facilities and heating. We also ask about mortgages, repair, conversion, and extension of the home. If the household has an overnight-stay apartment or a holiday home, we also ask about their related costs. We also ask about expenditure for furniture, white goods, household equipment, TV, telephony, internet, alarm services, and more.

### Statistics Sweden describes Sweden

Statistical agency Statistics Sweden provides society with statistics for decision-making, debate and research. We do so on behalf of the Government, authorities, researchers, and industry. Our statistics contribute to fact-based public discourse and informed decisions.

Hello!

You have received this letter because Statistics Sweden wishes to invite your household to take part in a social research survey on households' housing costs.

Statistics Sweden has been tasked by the Riksdag and the Government with describing how much households in Sweden pay for their housing. The results of this survey are part of that analysis.

The survey is carried out to improve knowledge about how different types of households live and what costs they have for housing. On the following page, more information is provided about the survey. You can also read about the survey here (in Swedish only): [www.scb.se/BUT-info](http://www.scb.se/BUT-info)

### Your answers are important

Taking part in the Housing Cost Survey is voluntary, but we hope that you want to participate, since your answers are very important. You are one of 6 500 people over the age of 18 who have been randomly selected, and your participation cannot be replaced by someone else's.

### Here's what to do

Go to [www.scb.se/BUT-info](http://www.scb.se/BUT-info) to answer the questions. Your login details are:

User ID:	
Password:	

You will also find more information about the survey on this page. You can log on as many times as you like and save the information each time.

Please answer the questions as soon as possible. Would you rather answer the questions in a telephone interview? If we have not received your responses within approximately three weeks, an interviewer from Statistics Sweden will contact you to tell you about the survey and ask questions in a telephone interview.

To thank you for your participation, we will send you a gift card worth SEK 99.

Sincerely,

Joakim Stymne  
*Director General, Statistics Sweden*



### **Who uses the answers and how?**

The data is collected for statistical purposes. Statistics Sweden compiles the data into statistics on the expenditure of Swedish households. Statistics Sweden may release information to researchers or others who produce statistics. These types of research and statistical activities are also subject to confidentiality (see below).

In order to avoid asking unnecessary questions, we have supplemented your answers with information that is already available at Statistics Sweden. This includes information on income, taxes, fees paid to the Swedish Tax Agency, such as public service fees, ground lease agreements, information on properties and property ownership, education, population registration data, and information on employment. Corresponding information for any household members will also be collected from registers at Statistics Sweden. Your answers and the other information are saved at Statistics Sweden.

Statistics Sweden will add a special identifier to the data to make it possible to supplement it with current register data at a later date.

### **How are my answers protected?**

When the results are presented, it will not be possible to see any individual answers.

Information regarding individuals' personal and financial circumstances is held confidential and everybody working on the survey is bound by professional secrecy. Confidentiality applies under Chapter 24, Section 8 of the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (2009:400).

### **How is personal data processed?**

Statistics Sweden is the personal data controller for the processing of personal data conducted by Statistics Sweden.

Regulations on the processing of personal data are contained in the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Official Statistics Act (2001:99) and the Official Statistics Ordinance (2001:100). In addition, there are rules in the Act on supplementary provisions to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (2018:218) and in regulations issued in association with the Act.

Further information about how Statistics Sweden processes personal data is available at [www.scb.se/personuppgifter](http://www.scb.se/personuppgifter)

If you choose to take part in a telephone interview, it will be recorded and, in some cases, a colleague listens in on the interview, but only subject to your approval. We use listening-in as a way to help improve our questionnaires and interview methods.

All interview recordings are deleted within four weeks. The recordings are protected under the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (see also the section, "How are my answers protected?").

You have the right to receive a copy, free of charge, in the form of a register extract, of the personal data that is processed by Statistics Sweden in its capacity of personal data controller. More information is available at [www.scb.se/registerutdrag](http://www.scb.se/registerutdrag)

Should you find that Statistics Sweden has processed your personal data in a way that is in breach of the EU General Data Protection Regulation, you have the right, under certain circumstances, to have your data erased.

The number above the first heading of the letter is for Statistics Sweden to use during data collection in order to know who has answered. You will need this number when you contact Statistics Sweden.

### **Do you have questions regarding personal data?**

Please contact Statistics Sweden's Data Protection Officer:  
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### **Where will the results be published?**

The survey results will be published in 2021 on Statistics Sweden's website page [www.scb.se/BUT](http://www.scb.se/BUT)