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العربية

فارسی

bosanski, hrvatski, srpski

español

français

polski

türkçe

### Book your interview yourself

Please call Statistics Sweden on 010-479 62 00 to book a telephone interview at a time that suits you.

You may also send a text message to 010-479 62 00.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us**

### For queries related to survey participation

Service for respondents  
010-479 62 00  
[ulf@scb.se](mailto:ulf@scb.se)

Telephone hours, Service for respondents  
Monday–Thursday: 8:00–21:00  
Friday: 8:00–17:00  
Sunday: 16:00–21:00

### Questions about the purpose and aim of the survey

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### Results and information

[www.scb.se/ulf](http://www.scb.se/ulf)

### 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 business and industry. Our statistics contribute to fact-based social debate and well-founded decisions.

# Be part of shaping Sweden's future!

Hello! You have been selected to take part in the Living Conditions Survey, ULF. The interview questions concern aspects such as employment, health, finances, how you spend your leisure time, and your living conditions.

### What is the purpose of ULF?

Statistics Sweden conducts ULF following a decision by the Riksdag. The results form part of the official statistics of Sweden. They contribute to following up on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, to calculating the amount of regional support Sweden is to be granted by the EU, and to reporting on living conditions among different population groups, such as the younger and older generations, women and men, and people with disabilities compared with the rest of the population.

The survey has been conducted every year since the mid-1970s, and has been a part of a European survey for a few years now. Your answers will help us see the changes that have occurred over time, and enable comparisons between Swedish conditions and those of other countries.

### Your answers are important

You are one of about 20 000 people aged 16 or older who have been randomly selected from the Population Register.

Participation is voluntary, and you do not need to respond to all questions. Your participation is very important – your answers cannot be replaced by anyone else's. On the next page we provide more information about ULF, including about how we protect the answers we receive from you.

### This is the procedure

- An interviewer from Statistics Sweden calls you and books a time for a telephone interview. The interview usually takes about 25 minutes. You can also book a time yourself.
- Over the next five years, we will contact you once a year and ask to interview you again. On each occasion, you choose whether or not you wish to participate.

### Many thanks in advance for taking part.

Sincerely,

Joakim Stymne  
*Director-General, Statistics Sweden*

Alexandra Kopf Axelman  
*Unit Head*



### **Why should I participate?**

You and the other people who have been randomly selected to take part in the survey provide a miniature picture of Sweden. You represent a group of people who are for instance the same age as yourself and live in the same region. Every interviewee is of great importance, because everybody's answers, regardless of their situation in life, are needed to give a fair portrayal of how we live in Sweden today.

### **Do I have to respond to all questions?**

You may skip questions that you do not wish to answer. If we ask questions that you yourself cannot answer, but which a family member can, that family member may assist you.

### **Do you need an interpreter or a sign-language interpreter?**

Please inform us if you need an interpreter or sign-language interpreter. You will find our contact details on the first page.

### **Who uses the answers and what are they used for?**

When we have collected the responses, we compile them into statistics in the form of tables and charts. We then use an anonymised data file. This means that it is not possible to see to whom the information refers – names, addresses and personal identification numbers have been removed.

Statistics Sweden may, in some cases, pass on data and other survey information to researchers or other statistics producers. Research and statistical activities in which Statistics Sweden's material is used are covered by statistical confidentiality, regardless of whether they take place at Statistics Sweden or another location. Statistics Sweden is very restrictive in handing out material.

### **Do you retrieve any advance information about me?**

So that you do not need to respond to information already available in Statistics Sweden's registers, we retrieve information regarding personal identification number, address, marital status, level of education, income, statement of earnings from workplace, information on the municipality you live in, country of birth, citizenship and any immigration information. The corresponding information for any household members is also retrieved from registers at Statistics Sweden. Your answers and other information are saved at Statistics Sweden.

### **How are my responses protected?**

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

Information regarding individuals' personal and financial circumstances is protected by confidentiality and everybody working with the survey must observe professional secrecy. Confidentiality applies pursuant to 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 found 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).

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 to have the data deleted in certain conditions.

The interviews are recorded and, in some cases, a colleague listens into the interview, but only subject to your consent. 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 by the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act and the EU General Data Protection Regulation.

### **For questions regarding personal data:**

Please contact Statistics Sweden's Data Protection Officer on 010-479 40 00, [dataskyddsbombud@scb.se](mailto:dataskyddsbombud@scb.se) or at SCB, 701 89 Örebro

### **Where are the results published?**

The results of the interviews are published each year in April on Statistics Sweden's website [www.scb.se/ulf](http://www.scb.se/ulf). More in-depth information is published in reports and articles that are also made available on the website.

### **Further information about how the results are used**

The results are important to the political debate, and to decisions regarding, and the planning of, healthcare, homes, employment, work environment, education, and so on.

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