

# How are we feeling in Sweden? A public health survey

You are receiving this letter because you have been selected to take part in the Public Health Agency of Sweden's Hälsa på lika villkor (Health on Equal Terms) survey.

This survey helps us to track health trends in Sweden. Are we becoming healthier, or less so? Are some groups worse off than others? Your answers provide decision-makers in local and regional authorities, parliament and the government with a sound basis for their decisions on issues that affect our health.

This survey was produced by the Public Health Agency of Sweden in partnership with Sweden's 21 regions. Statistics Sweden (SCB) is sending out the survey and collecting the responses.

## Your responses are important – and protected

You are one of 500,000 people aged 16 or over who have been randomly selected from the Population Register. No one else can respond on your behalf.

Your participation in the survey is voluntary, and the responses you provide are very important. The more people who respond, the better the quality of the survey. The survey will help to improve decisions that can prevent ill health and promote health and well-being for you and others in Sweden.

Your responses are protected. When the results of the survey are presented, no one will be able to see what responses you gave.

## How to respond

Go to [insamling.scb.se/eleg](https://insamling.scb.se/eleg) and log in with your BankID or other e-ID in order to provide your responses to the questions. You can log in a number of times, your responses will be saved between sessions.

## Answer in English

You can answer in English on the web.

## More languages

Information about the survey is available in

- lätt svenska
- English
- Українська
- العربية
- Af soomaali
- ທ່າວຽກ
- Bosanski/Hrvatski/Srpski:

[scb.se/halsa](https://scb.se/halsa)

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## Do you have any questions? Feel free to contact us!

### Questions about taking part

Statistics Sweden's data collection service

010 479 69 30

[enkat@scb.se](mailto:enkat@scb.se)

SCB, D/INS/IH, 701 89 Örebro

[SCB:s uppgiftslämnarsida](https://scb.se/halsa)

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## More information about the survey

### Who will be using the responses, and how?

The findings of the survey will be used to produce statistics that are of significant public interest and in line with the remit of the Public Health Agency of Sweden and the regions, such as annual public health reporting and monitoring of health in various groups.

Your responses will be supplemented with data already available at Statistics Sweden, including information on gender, age, marital status, family status, number of children, own and parents' country of birth, year of immigration, migration background, area of residence, geographical information, education, occupation, labour sector, income, allowances and sickness and activity compensation. Any information on sick leave will be obtained from the Swedish Social Insurance Agency and any care, use of medicinal products and future causes of death from the National Board of Health and Welfare register.

Statistics Sweden will process the data and then submit it to the Public Health Agency of Sweden for further processing and analysis.

The processing of the data by the Public Health Agency of Sweden is subject to statistical confidentiality (see below). The data may also be

shared with researchers or others who produce statistics, particularly with regions participating in the survey with additional sample groups. Such research and statistical activities are also subject to confidentiality.

Statistics Sweden will create serial numbers linked to participants' civic registration numbers to make it possible to follow up the findings with register data and carry out a new survey. This link will be stored separately from survey responses and register data, and will be submitted to the Public Health Agency of Sweden after data processing at Statistics Sweden has been completed.

## **How will your responses be protected?**

When the survey results are published, it will not be possible to see what responses you gave. Information about individuals' personal and financial circumstances is protected by confidentiality, and all staff working on the survey are bound by professional secrecy.

Confidentiality is applicable under Chapter 24(8) of the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (2009:400). The same level of confidentiality is applicable at the Public Health Agency of Sweden.

## **How will personal data be processed?**

Statistics Sweden is the data controller for the processing of personal data carried out by Statistics Sweden. The Public Health Agency of Sweden and the regions are the data controllers for the processing of personal data that they carry out.

Your personal data will be processed in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation, the Official Statistics Act (2001:99), the Official Statistics Ordinance (2001:100) and other applicable legislation.

The legal basis for Statistics Sweden and the Public Health Agency of Sweden to process your personal data is that it is necessary to process the data in order to perform a task carried out in the public interest (production of statistics). More information on how Statistics Sweden and the Public Health Agency of Sweden process personal data can be found at [scb.se/personuppgifter](http://scb.se/personuppgifter) and [folkhalsomyndigheten.se/gdpr](http://folkhalsomyndigheten.se/gdpr).

You are entitled to receive a copy (a register extract) of the personal data that Statistics Sweden processes about you. Visit [www.scb.se/registerutdrag](http://www.scb.se/registerutdrag). In certain cases, you are also entitled to have your data erased. The same rights apply at the Public Health Agency of Sweden.

If you are not satisfied with how your personal data is being processed, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Swedish Authority for Privacy Protection.

## **Any questions about personal data?**

**Contact Statistics Sweden's data protection officer:**

010 479 40 00, [dataskyddsombud@scb.se](mailto:dataskyddsombud@scb.se),

Statistics Sweden, 701 89 Örebro

## **Contact the Public Health Agency of Sweden:**

Data protection officer:

[dataskyddsombud@folkhalsomyndigheten.se](mailto:dataskyddsombud@folkhalsomyndigheten.se)

Public Health Agency of Sweden:

Public Health Agency of Sweden, 171 82 Solna

[folkhalsomyndigheten.se](http://folkhalsomyndigheten.se)

## **Where will the results be published?**

The results will be published on the Public Health Agency of Sweden website: [folkhalsomyndigheten.se](http://folkhalsomyndigheten.se)