

# How do we live in Sweden?

## **If you want to book a time for an interview**

You are welcome to call SCB on 010-479 62 00 if you want to book a time for an interview.

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

## **If you have questions about participation in ULF/SILC**

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## **If you have questions about the purpose or content of ULF/SILC**

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## **Results & information**

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

You have been chosen to take part in the Living Conditions Survey (ULF/SILC) that will provide a picture of our daily lives. The questions deal with your leisure time, employment, health and housing.

The survey has been conducted every year since the middle of the 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 we can compare Swedish conditions with those of other countries.

The results are an important source of knowledge for decision-makers, researchers, journalists and the general public. You can read about the survey here: [www.scb.se/ulf](http://www.scb.se/ulf).

## **Your answers are important**

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

Your participation is voluntary, but your cooperation is important. With your help, the results will be more accurate. Your answers cannot be replaced by anyone else's answers. Your answers are confidential.

## **How the survey works**

- You will receive a phone call from one of our interviewers at Statistics Sweden, who will make an appointment for a telephone interview. The interview usually takes about 20 minutes.
- If you have children who live with you and who will reach the ages of 12 to 18 years during the year, we would like to interview them also. At the end of the interview with you, the interviewer will ask if your child/children would like to take part and answer some questions. If so, the interviewer will make an appointment for the interview. The interview with your child will take about 15 minutes, and the child will receive a cinema check (biocheck) after participating.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



Alexandra Kopf Axelman  
Head of Unit

### **How the submitted information will be used**

In order to avoid unnecessary questions, we have supplemented your answers with information that is already available at Statistics Sweden. This information regards personal identification number, address, civil status, level of education, income, statement of earnings from your workplace, information on the municipality you live in, country of birth, citizenship and information about migration, if any. The corresponding information for any household members is also collected from registers at Statistics Sweden. Your answers and other information are saved at SCB.

When we compile the results and make analyses, we use an anonymised data file. This means that it is not possible to see who the data is referring to, i.e. name, address and personal identification number have been removed.

The survey is analysed by Statistics Sweden, and also by organisations for research and investigative activities. However, analysis is only made by access to the information in tables or other formats that do not include identifying information. These types of research and statistics operations are also covered by statistical confidentiality.

The results of the survey are only presented as statistics, that is, in the form of tables and graphs in reports and articles, for example.

### **Protection of submitted information**

When the results are presented, it is not possible to see your own answers.

The information you submit is protected according to Chapter 24, Section 8 of the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (2009:400). Those who work with the survey at Statistics Sweden are required to follow the regulations concerning confidentiality. The same regulations for confidentiality apply to other government agencies, universities and institutes of higher education that handle data material that is anonymised.

Rules on handling personal data are contained in the EU's General Data Protection Regulation, 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's General Data Protection Regulation (2018:218) and in regulations issued in association with the Act.

You will find more information on [www.scb.se/personuppgifter](http://www.scb.se/personuppgifter)

### **Information about personal data**

Statistics Sweden is responsible for the handling of personal data in connection with this survey.

Everyone has the right to obtain one copy free of charge, in the form of a register extract, of the personal data processed by Statistics Sweden in its capacity as the party responsible for personal data. If you make your request electronically, you also have the right to obtain the register extract by electronic means. If someone believes that Statistics Sweden has handled your personal data in a manner that infringes the EU's General Data Protection Regulation, you have the right, under certain conditions, to have your personal data erased.

### **Results**

The results of the interviews are published every year in April or May on the survey's websites [www.se/ulf](http://www.se/ulf) and [www.scb.se/barnulf](http://www.scb.se/barnulf). More in-depth information is published in reports that are also published on the website of the survey. We also write articles in Statistics Sweden's periodical "Välfärd" (Welfare) at [www.scb.se/valfard](http://www.scb.se/valfard).