

Please help to influence the future of Sweden!

Your daughter/son has been chosen to take part in the Living Conditions Survey (ULF/SILC) that will provide a picture of our daily lives and our living conditions. The questions deal with leisure time, studies and health, among other things.

We are sending this letter to you because your daughter/son is under age 18. As legal guardian of your child, you have the right to be informed about the survey, and it is you who gives consent for your child to take part in the survey by passing the information on to your child. We hope that you as legal guardian think the survey is important and that you approve of your child's participation.

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 more about the survey here: www.scb.se/ulf.

Your child's answers are important

Your daughter/son is one of about 20 000 persons aged 16 or older who have been randomly selected from the Population Register. Perhaps she/he is only age 15 today, but has been selected because she/he will be age 16 during the year.

Participation is voluntary, but the cooperation of your daughter/son is important. With your daughter's/son's help, the results will be more accurate. Your child's answers cannot be replaced by anyone else's answers.

Your daughter's/son's answers are protected. For more information, see the next page.

How the survey works

Your daughter/son 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.

Interview groups

The selected survey participants will be divided into two groups and your daughter/son will be placed into one of these groups. One group has been selected to be interviewed one time. The other group will be interviewed once a year over a four-year period, as a part of the European survey. When the interviewer phones, your daughter/son will be told which group she/he has been placed in.

How the submitted information will be used

In order to avoid asking unnecessary questions, we have supplemented your daughter's/son's 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 workplace, information on the municipality she/he lives 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 daughter's/son's answers and other information are saved at SCB.

When we compile the results and make analyses, we use an anonymized 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 made only 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 (see below).

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 daughter's/ son's 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, which handle data material that is anonymised.

Regulations on the handling of personal data are found in the Personal Data Act (1998:204), the Official Statistics Act (2001:99) and the Official Statistics Ordinance (2001:100).

Information about personal data

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

You have the right to receive information free of charge once per calendar year about the information about yourself that is handled by Statistics Sweden. To obtain this information, you must make a written request which is to be signed by the person that the information deals with. If you believe that Statistics Sweden has treated your personal information in a way that is not in line with the Personal Data Act, you have the right to request that your personal information is corrected, blocked or erased.

Results

The results of the interviews are published every year in May on the survey's website www.se/ulf. 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.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

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