

# Please help to influence the future of Sweden!

*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 25 minutes.
- If you have children aged 12–18, the interviewer will ask you if your child/children would like to take part in an interview that takes about 15 minutes.

## Interview groups

The selected survey participants will be divided into two groups and you are 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, you will be told which group you have been placed in.

## 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.

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.

## Do you have children between 12 and 18 years old?

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.

### Your child's answers are important

Statistics on living conditions of children and young people are frequently in demand. It is important to know about the everyday life of children and their situation. Previously, children were not given a say, but since 2001 we conduct a separate interview with children aged 12–18, in addition to the interview with the parent.

The interview with the child/young person gives them a chance to answer questions about their everyday lives. We ask about school, leisure time, health, friends and other relationships.

You can read about the survey here: [www.scb.se/barnulf](http://www.scb.se/barnulf).

### Your children's answers are confidential

When the results are presented it is not possible to see how your child has answered. See above for more information about Protection of submitted information.

The Living Conditions Survey of Children is a separate survey, but some of your answers and information from registers at Statistics Sweden will complement the answers of the child. When the information from the parents and the child are combined, all information about identity will be removed from the Living Conditions Survey of Children.

## Results

The results of the interviews are published every year in 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).

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

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