

# Strategic objective

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The strategic objective of the official statistics includes an overarching definition, “We describe Sweden”, and covers four areas. Each area has between four and six targets. There are activities linked to the targets in the form of a rolling action plan<sup>1</sup>. The objective detailed below and the action plan provide a basis for Statistics Sweden’s efforts within the scope of coordinating the official statistics. The objective has been developed and will be implemented jointly with a number of government agencies responsible for statistics. The Council for Official Statistics endorsed the strategic objective and action plan at its meeting on 10 October 2019.

## We describe Sweden

### Timely and useful statistics

- Official statistics describe aspects of Sweden and contribute to the development of society by being objective and relevant, to the benefit of the citizens.
- The statistics are comprehensible and trustworthy, allow comparison over time and between groups, and reflect regional conditions.
- The statistics are up-to-date and available on time.
- The statistics can be used as a basis for highlighting issues such as equity, gender equality and sustainability.
- We are in dialogue with users of the official statistics to ensure that the statistical content offers a good opportunity to follow social development.
- We place the statistics in a context, provide support for understanding the statistics and work towards ensuring coherence.

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<sup>1</sup>The action plan is updated yearly and is available at [www.scb.se/SAM-Forum](http://www.scb.se/SAM-Forum).

## **Finding what you seek is easy**

- Official statistics are easy to find, use and retrieve.
- Publishing as much as possible of the official statistics as open data makes it easy to process further.
- We enhance the benefit of official statistics by visualising, detailing and explaining the statistics to both experienced users and novices.
- We have a well-functioning service for statistics and microdata, if the official statistics are insufficient.
- Subject to approval examination, microdata is released efficiently and securely for research and statistical purposes.

## **Smart and secure data capture**

- Together with public and private data owners, we have established a national, overarching architecture for secure, efficient and quality-assured data access to official statistics.
- It means we only need to request each item of information once from companies and organisations.
- We are gradually developing the architecture to comprise more data sources.
- We can share data efficiently, free of charge and securely between government agencies responsible for statistics.
- Direct collection is a last resort.
- We use methods that can capture data in new ways and from multiple sources.

## **Doing it better together**

- The Swedish statistical system is strengthened and developed in cooperation with all government agencies responsible for statistics.
- We share our methods, tools and processes to ensure cost-effective high quality official statistics.
- We draw on national and international progress to jointly improve the system of the official statistics.
- We regularly carry out analyses on ways to improve the system for the official statistics and submit proposals to the Government as needed.