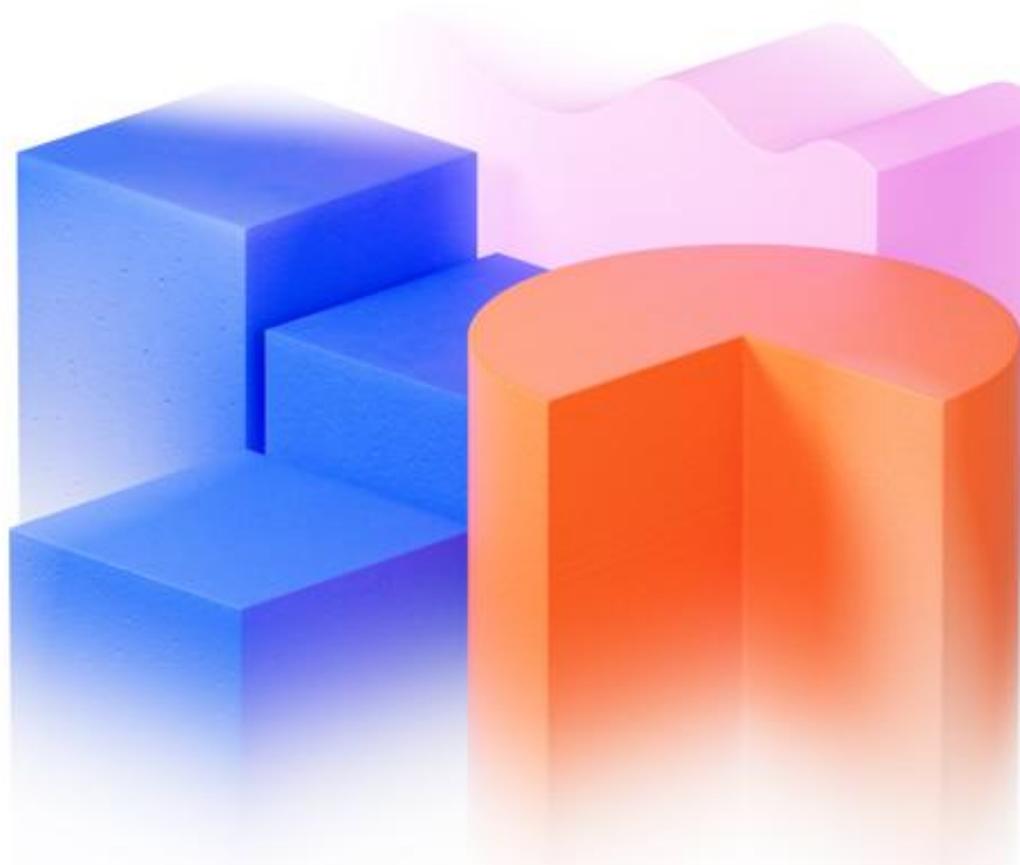




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A revision means that a previously disseminated statistical value is changed.

This revision policy applies to all statistics for which Statistics Sweden is responsible and aims to clarify for users how SCB works with — and communicates — revisions. Both planned and unplanned revisions must be continuously analysed for improvement purposes.

The revision policy is harmonised with the Guidelines and Procedures for Revisions of Statistical Values, which apply to all official statistics.

This revision policy sets out the level of ambition and the principles that apply to the three different categories of revisions. The specific procedures for routine revisions (Category A) may differ between statistical products and must be documented in an interpretive document at [scb.se](https://scb.se).

## Three categories of revisions of statistical values

### A. Routine revisions (planned and recurring)

Statistics Sweden disseminates *preliminary statistics* to meet needs for more timely statistics. The preliminary statistics are revised once or several times with more complete information. The last planned revision results in *final statistics*.

For each statistical product concerned, advance information is provided to users about the number of planned revisions and when they will occur. Statistics Sweden always specifies whether the statistics are preliminary or final. To help users, the quality report provides information on the size of previous routine revisions.

### B. Revisions due to changes in methods or definitions (planned, and of a one-off nature)

New methods for statistics with unchanged content, for instance due to a new data source or data collection method, may have a systematic impact on the statistical values. Concepts, definitions, or classifications may need to be changed for the content to better illuminate the subject matter. As needed, and if possible, previous final statistics are revised in order to attain coherent time series.

For each statistical product concerned, advance information is provided to users as early on as possible to explain why, how, and when a revision will be made. Statistics Sweden also specifies if, and when back calculations will be made. To help users, the quality report describes the revised statistics.

### **C. Corrections (non-scheduled revisions)**

On occasional instances, there is a need to correct statistical values in preliminary or final statistics as a result of errors or new information. The consequences for the use of the statistics determine if, and when a correction should be made — immediately or in connection with a regular dissemination. When errors or new information outside the established procedures are discovered, Statistics Sweden assesses, without delay, the need for a correction based on the importance of the statistics and the significance of the error for users. Corrections must be presented in a clear and easily accessible manner, and the reason for the corrections are communicated, taking statistical confidentiality into account.