

# Working? Sick? Looking for work? Retired?

**Whatever your situation is - we need you to help us describe the labour market in Sweden**

## You don't have to wait

You are welcome to call Evry at +46 200 11 20 11 or e-mail at [support.scb@evry.com](mailto:support.scb@evry.com) to book an interview.

## Book your interview in another language or in sign language

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## Questions about the LFS

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## Results and information

[www.scb.se/aku](http://www.scb.se/aku)

Dear reader,

Statistics Sweden would like to invite you to take part in the Labour Force Surveys, LFS. Statistics Sweden is responsible for the LFS and for publishing the results, but we use the services of EVRY to collect the data for the survey through interviews.

In about two weeks, an interviewer from EVRY will call you to ask you about your situation on the labour market to hear whether you work, are looking for work, are retired, study or do something else. The interview normally takes 5 to 10 minutes. You are also welcome to book a suitable time yourself via telephone or e-mail.

## You cannot be replaced by anyone else

You have been chosen at random. Taking part is voluntary, of course, but we hope that you want to take part, as the LFS is an important survey. It provides information on things like unemployment and working hours, and is a basis for political decisions that affect you and everyone living in Sweden.

## Any questions?

Do you have any questions about the survey, or what it means to take part? Contact us and we will assist you.

We thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Head of Labour Force Surveys  
Statistics Sweden



Elisabet Andersson  
Deputy Head  
Statistics Sweden

## Statistics Sweden describes Sweden

Statistics Sweden provides society with statistics for decision-making, debate and research, on behalf of the Government, agencies, researchers and industry. Our statistics contribute to a fact-based public debate and informed decisions.

### **Who is behind the survey?**

Statistics Sweden carries out the LFS based on a decision by the Riksdag and the Government. The LFS is included in Sweden's official statistics and is not carried out for commercial purposes. Some interviews needed for surveys are carried out by the data collection company EVRY on behalf of Statistics Sweden.

### **Who uses the answers and what are they used for?**

Once we have collected the answers, we compile them to statistics in the form of tables and figures. The statistics are used by the Riksdag and the Government, the political parties, newspapers, television and radio, companies, labour unions, researchers and students, and the general public. It will not be possible to identify your, or anyone else's, answers in the statistics.

Statistics Sweden may, in some cases, pass on data and other survey information to researchers or other statistics producers. Research and statistical activities in which Statistics Sweden's material is used are covered by statistical confidentiality, regardless of whether it takes place at Statistics Sweden or at another location. Statistics Sweden is very restrictive in handing out material.

### **Do you collect any of my details in advance?**

Yes. So that you do not have to provide information that is already available in Statistics Sweden's registers, we collect details of your address, country of birth, year of immigration (where applicable), education, name of your workplace, its address and line of business, and your income (if details are available).

### **Where are the results published?**

The statistics are published every month on Statistics Sweden's website at [www.scb.se/aku](http://www.scb.se/aku). The results are also usually presented in mass media, in reports and in various international comparisons. The official unemployment figure that is often quoted in television, newspapers and radio comes from this survey.

### **Why should I take part?**

By participating, you are helping to describe the true situation on the Swedish labour market. Every month, we call 29 500 people. Each person who is interviewed represents about 300 people in the population, so your answers matter.

### **I don't work – should I take part anyway?**

Yes, the situation of every person, regardless of whether or not you work, is important to be able to describe the labour market as accurately as possible. If we only interviewed people who have a job, this would give a very unbalanced picture of the labour market.

### **I am not a Swedish citizen**

#### **– should I take part anyway?**

Yes, the statistics should reflect the situation of everyone living in Sweden, regardless of citizenship.

### **Do I have to answer all of the questions?**

No, it is all right to skip questions that you do not want to answer. Some of the questions – like the one about whether or not you work – must be answered for the interview to be counted, but the interviewer will keep track of this.

### **Are my answers really protected?**

Yes. The answers that you submit in the interview are kept confidential, and everyone working on this survey is bound by professional secrecy. Secrecy applies in accordance with Chapter 24, Section 8 of the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (2009:400). Regulations on the processing of personal data are contained in the EU General Data Protection Regulation, as well as the Official Statistics Act (2001:99) and the Official Statistics Ordinance (2001:100). In addition, there are rules in the Act regarding supplementary provisions to the EU General Data Protection Act (2018:000) and regulations issued pursuant to that law.

Through an agreement, Statistics Sweden has bound the people at EVRY who work on the survey to equivalent secrecy. The number above the first heading of the letter allows you to identify yourself in your contact with Statistics Sweden or EVRY.

You are entitled to receive a copy free of charge in the form of what is known as a register abstract of the personal data that is processed by Statistics Sweden in its capacity as data controller. If your request is made in electronic form, you are entitled to receive the register abstract in electronic form. If you feel that Statistics Sweden has processed your personal data in a manner that violates the EU General Data Regulation, in certain case you may be entitled to ask that your data be deleted. Remember to include your civic registration number when you request a register abstract.

### **When will you call me?**

We will call you about two weeks after you receive this letter. An important part of the statistics is to see changes in the labour market, such as how often people change jobs and how long they are unemployed. This is why we interview everyone more than once. You will normally be interviewed eight times in total, once every three months. In some of the interviews, additional questions related to the labour market may be asked, such as questions about the work environment.

### **More questions and answers are available on:**

[www.scb.se/aku-info](http://www.scb.se/aku-info)

The introduction letter is also available there in different languages.