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SOCIAL TRENDS
ASSESSING SWEDISH ECONOMY
Swedish economy compared to twelve months ago

Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Gotten much better; Gotten somewhat better; Stayed about the same; Gotten somewhat worse; Gotten much worse" All respondents are included in the calculations.

Question: "According to your view, during the last twelve months, has the Swedish economy gotten better, remained the same, or gotten worse?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016
ASSESSING PERSONAL FINANCIAL SITUATION
Personal financial situation compared to twelve months ago

**Question:** According to your view, during the last twelve months, has your personal financial situation gotten better, remained the same, or gotten worse?

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1986-2016

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CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS

Police & Courts

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Question: "How much confidence do you have in the way the following institutions/groups do their job?"

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Daily press & Radio/Television

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Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016
CONFIDENCE IN SOME PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very much; Fairly much; Neither much, nor little; Fairly little; Very little, No opinion". The results are percent indicating very or fairly much confidence. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item, including those who marked "No opinion".

Question: "How much confidence do you have in the way the following professional groups do their job?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2002-2016

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CONFIDENCE IN RESEARCH IN DIFFERENT RESEARCH AREAS

Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very much; Fairly much; Neither much, nor little; Fairly little; Very little; No opinion". The results show percent answering "Very" or "Fairly much" confidence. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item.

Question: "How much confidence do you have in the following research areas?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2002-2016

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SATISFACTION WITH SOCIAL INSURANCE SYSTEMS

Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very satisfied; Fairly satisfied; Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; Not very satisfied; Very dissatisfied". The results show percent answering "Very" or "fairly" satisfied. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item.

Question: "How satisfied are you with how the social security system works?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2004-2016

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Comment: The cinema and theatre figures indicate attendance/activity at least once every six months, while restaurant figures indicate attendance at least once a month. The results show percent answering "Very" or "fairly" satisfied. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each question.

Question: "How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1988-2016
LEISURE ACTIVITIES
Sports, Outdoor life & Exercise

Comment: The figures indicate attendance/activity at least once a week. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each question.

Question: "How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1998-2016

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Comment: Attended church service figures indicate attendance at least once a month, while 'prayed to God' figures indicate activity at least once a month. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each question.

Question: "How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1988-2016
Comment: The figures indicate activity at least once a week. Percentages are based on respondents answering at least one item of a multi-item question on lifestyle and leisure activities.

Question: "How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?"

TRUST IN PEOPLE

Comment: The scale runs between 0 and 10 with 0 labeled "It is not possible to trust people in general" and 10 labeled "It is possible to trust people in general". Percentages are based on all respondents in the survey including non-opinion (varies between 2 and 6 percent).

Question: "According to your view, to what extent is it possible to trust people in general? Please answer using this scale."

Source: The National SOM survey 1996-2016

Percent

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58 High (7-10)

27 Medium (4-6)

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11 Low (0-3)
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**Comment:** Five response alternatives to the question asked: “Very important; Fairly important; Neither important, nor unimportant; Not very important; Not at all important”. The results show percent respondents answering “Very important”. Percentages are based on those answering at least one item.

**Question:** “How important do you consider the following things to be to yourself?”

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1988-2014
Comment: Four response alternatives to the question: "Very satisfied; Fairly satisfied; Not very satisfied; Not at all satisfied". Percentages are calculated among respondents who have answered the question. The two negative response alternatives are combined into "Not satisfied" in the figure.

Question: "On the whole, how satisfied are you with the life you lead?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1996-2016

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WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT
Unemployment & Economic crises

Comment: Four response alternatives to the question asked: “Very worrying; Somewhat worrying; Not particularly worrying; Not at all worrying”. The results show percent answering “Very worrying” among persons who answered at least part of the question.

Question: “Looking at today’s situation, what worries you most?”

WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT
Changes in global climate & Environmental deterioration

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Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016

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WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT
Terrorism, Organized crime & The situation in Russia

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Question: "Looking at today's situation, what worries you most?"

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WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT

Increased racism/xenophobia, Increased number of refugees & Increased social inequality

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Question: “Looking at today's situation, what worries you most?”

Source: The National SOM survey 1993-2016

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POLITICAL TRENDS
POLITICAL INTEREST AND PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Comment: Four response alternatives to the question asked: "Very interested; Fairly interested; Not especially interested; Not at all interested". The results show percent "Very much" or "Fairly interested" in politics and percent party members among all respondents. 'Discussed politics' show the percentage who discuss politics at least once a week.

Question: "In general, how interested are you in politics?", "Are you a member of a political party?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016

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**Comment:** The results are unweighted and calculated among eligible voters (18 years or older and Swedish citizens).

**Question:** "Which party do you like best at the present time?"

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1986-2016

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Comment: The question is given to respondents stating a party preference. Response alternatives to the question asked: "Yes, very convinced", "Yes, somewhat convinced", "No". The results show percent very convinced or somewhat convinced party supporters among all respondents.

Question: "Do you consider yourself a convinced supporter of your party?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016
VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS
The leader of the Left Party (V)

Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

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VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Center Party (C)

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The leader of the Liberal Party (L)

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VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Christian Democratic Party (KD)

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VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS
The leader of the Green Party (MP)

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**Source:** The National SOM survey 1993-2016
VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS
The leader of the Sweden Democratic Party (SD)

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Source: The National SOM survey 2007-2016
Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Clearly to the left; Somewhat to the left; Neither to the left, nor to the right; Somewhat to the right; Somewhat to the left". No-answers (3-5 percent on average every year) are excluded from the analysis.

Question: "It is sometimes said that political opinions can be placed on a scale from left to right. Where would you place yourself on such a left-right scale?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016
ASSESSING THE GOVERNMENT'S JOB PERFORMANCE

Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very well; Fairly well; Neither well, nor badly; Fairly badly; Very badly". The results show percent respondents answering "Very or "Fairly well/bad".

Question: "How well do you think the Government is doing its job?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016

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Comment: Four response alternatives to the question asked: “Very satisfied; fairly satisfied; Not very satisfied; Not at all satisfied”. The results show percentages responding “Very” or “Fairly satisfied” among people answering the questions.

Question: “On the whole, are you satisfied with the way democracy works?”

Source: The National SOM survey 1999-2016

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GENERAL TRUST IN SWEDISH POLITICIANS

Comment: Four response alternatives to the question asked: "Very much; Fairly much; Fairly little; Very little". The results show percent answering "Very much" or "Fairly much" among all respondents. No-answers vary between 1 to 4 percent, and are included in the percentage base.

Question: "In general, how much do you trust Swedish politicians?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1998-2016

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POLITICAL ISSUES
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**Comment:** The percentages are based on all respondents. The respondents were asked to provide a maximum of three issues/societal problems in an open-ended question.

**Question:** "Which issue(s) or societal problem(s) do you think is/are the most important in Sweden today?"

**Source:** The National SOM survey 1987-2016
Comment: All respondents are included in the percent calculations. Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Abolish nuclear power quickly; Abolish nuclear power, but not until our present reactors have done their job; Use nuclear power and renew the reactors when they are worn out; Use nuclear power and build additional reactors in the future; No definite opinion".

Question: "What is your view on the long term use of nuclear power as an energy source in Sweden?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016
INVEST IN DIFFERENT ENERGY SOURCES

Percentage answering "More than today"

Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "More than today; About the same as today; Less than today; Abolish/Give up the energy source completely; No opinion". All respondents who answered each question are included in the percentage base.

Question: "During the next 5-10 years, how much should we in Sweden invest in the following energy sources?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1999-2016

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ATTITUDES TOWARD THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Comment: All respondents who answered any item in the battery of questions are included in the percent calculations. Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal".

Question: "Reduce the size of the public sector?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016

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Comment: In all four cases response alternatives were: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results are percent in favour of a proposal minus percent opposed (opinion balance).

Source: The National SOM survey 1987-2016

Question: "Convert public utilities like Swedish Telecom into private enterprises; Increase the proportion of health care operated by private interests; Let private enterprises handle care for the elderly; Give more resources to independent schools."
ATTITUDES TOWARDS INTRODUCING SIX-HOUR WORK DAY

Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good idea; fairly good idea; Neither good, nor bad idea; Fairly bad idea; Very bad idea". The results show percent respondents answering "Very good" or "Fairly good" among women and men. The percentages are based on the number of respondents answering the question.

Question: "Introduce six-hour work day for all gainfully employed"


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ATTITUDES TOWARDS ACCEPTING FEWER REFUGEES

Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results show percent answering "Very good/bad" or "Fairly good/bad" among respondents who answered the question.

Question: "Accept fewer refugees into Sweden"

Source: The National SOM survey 1990-2016
Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results show percent answering "Very good/bad" or "Fairly good/bad" among respondents who answered the question.

Question: "Profit distribution shall not be allowed in tax-funded healthcare and education"

Source: The National SOM survey 2012-2016
Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal; No opinion". The results show percent answering "Very good" or "fairly good" proposal among persons who answered each item.

Question: "Here are a number of proposals. What is your view on them?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2001-2016

68% Support for Strengthen animal rights
50% Support for Strengthen the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in society
32% Support for Allow gay couples to adopt children
20% Support for Allow selling liquor in grocery stores
**SUPPORT FOR NEW AND OLD VALUE ISSUES**

Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal; No opinion". The results show percent answering "Very good" or "fairly good" proposal among persons who answered each item.

Question: "Here are a number of proposals. What is your view on them?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2001-2016

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MEDIA TRENDS
Comment: The results show percent of all respondents reading a morning paper in print or online at least five days a week, reading an evening tabloid in print or online at least three days a week, and watching the specified television and radio news programs at least five days a week.

Question: "How often do you usually watch or listen to the following programmes on radio or television? If you read a morning paper regularly - about how many times a week do you usually read? How often do you read an evening tabloid in print or online?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1990-2016

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Comment: The results show percent of all respondents subscribing to a morning paper in print; reading at least one morning paper (in print) at least five days a week.

Source: The National SOM survey 1990-2016

Question: "Do you read or look in a morning paper regularly? If yes, write down the name of the paper or papers and state how many days you usually read or look into it"; "Do you or anybody else in your household subscribe to a newspaper?"
LISTENING TO PUBLIC SERVICE VS. COMMERCIAL RADIO

- **Question**: How often do you listen to the following radio channels?
- **Source**: The National SOM survey 1994-2016

**Comment**: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Daily; 5-6 days a week; 3-4 days a week; 1-2 days a week; More seldom; Never".

- **Current listening percentages** (as of 2016):
  - Public service radio channels (P1, P2, P3, P4): 43%
  - Commercial radio channels: 15%

**Graph Details**:
- **X-axis**: Year (1994-2016)
- **Y-axis**: Percent
- **Legend**:
  - Black circle: Any public service radio channel (P1, P2, P3, P4)
  - Orange circle: Any commercial radio channel

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LISTENING TO PUBLIC SERVICE RADIO CHANNELS

Question: "How often do you listen to the following radio channels?"


Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Daily; 5-6 days a week; 3-4 days a week; 1-2 days a week; More seldom; Never". The results show percent of all respondents listening at least five days a week.

Percent

Year


42 29 18 6 0

100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0

P4 P3 P2 P1
WATCHING DIFFERENT TV-CHANNELS

Comment: Results show the percentage watching at least 5 days a week.

Question: "How often do you watch:"

Comment: The results show the percent among all respondents indicating access to the specified equipment in the household. Minor changes in the age composition of the sample over the years affect the level of penetration of media with a few percentage points.

Question: “Among the following, what kinds of equipment do you have access to in your household?”

Source: The National SOM survey 1987-2016
INTERNET USAGE

Comment: Seven response alternatives to the question asked: "Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once every month; About once every week; Several times a week". The results show percent among all respondents, using the Internet several times a week.

Question: "During the last twelve months, how often have you used the Internet?"


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AREAS OF USE ON THE INTERNET

Comment: Seven response alternatives to the question asked: "Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once a month; About once a week; Several times a week; Daily". The results show percent among all respondents, active in each area at least once a week.

Question: "During the last twelve months, how often have you done the following?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2005-2016

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DAILY USE OF MOBILE PHONE

Comment: Seven response alternatives to the question asked: "Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once a month; About once a week; Several times a week; Daily". The results show percent among all respondents, active in each area at least once a day.

Question: "During the last twelve months, how often have you used a mobile phone to do the following?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2007-2016

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READ A BOOK

Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once a month; About once a week; Several times a week". The percent reading a book on at least a weekly basis among men and women who answered at least parts of a multi-item question on leisure activities.

Question: "How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1988-2016

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SWEDEN AND THE WORLD
Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: “Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal”. The results show percent answering “Very/fairly good” or “Very/fairly bad” among respondents who answered the question.

Question: “Reduce foreign aid?”

Source: The National SOM survey 1987-2016
Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results show percent answering "Very/fairly good" or "Very/fairly bad" among respondents who answered the question.

Question: "Reduce defence spending?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016
SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Question: "What is your opinion on the Swedish membership in the European Union?"


Comment: Three response alternatives to the question asked: "On the whole in favour; On the whole against; No definite opinion". All respondents answering the question are included in the percentage base.
SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results show percent answering "Very/fairly good" or "Very/fairly bad" among respondents who answered the question.

Question: "Sweden should introduce the Euro as currency"


Year

Percent


Very good proposal

Fairly good proposal

Neither good, nor bad proposal

Fairly bad proposal

Very bad proposal

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Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results show percent answering "Very/fairly good" or "Very/fairly bad" among respondents who answered the question.

Question: "Sweden should apply for membership in NATO"

BACKGROUND
SUBJECTIVE FAMILY CLASS

Comment: Percentages are based on respondents answering the question.

Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016

Question: If you describe your home during your childhood, which of the categories below is most appropriate?
EMPLOYMENT

Comment: Based on self-classification. Unemployment includes people in relief work or training programs. The percent calculations are based upon respondents who have answered the questions.

Question: "Which of the following groups do you belong to?"

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PARTICIPATION IN CIVIL SOCIETY

Comment: All respondents are included in the percent calculations.

Source: The National SOM survey 1986-2016

Question: "List which associations you are a member of, and how active you are in those associations."

Union membership: 52% in 1986, 42% in 1997, 40% in 2008
Membership in sports or outdoor organisations: 35% in 1986, 30% in 1997, 25% in 2008
Membership in environmental organisations: 15% in 1986, 10% in 1997, 5% in 2008
Membership in cultural organisations: 14% in 1986, 10% in 1997, 6% in 2008
Membership in senior citizens' associations: 6% in 1986, 5% in 1997, 4% in 2008
Membership in environmental organisations: 6% in 1986, 5% in 1997, 4% in 2008