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Statistics Sweden's strategy for operations

Statistics Sweden's strategy includes a vision, five overarching goals, and associated effects. The goals are detailed in the operational plan's intermediate targets, which form the day-to-day governance of the departments.

Vision

We provide society with useful and trusted statistics.

Overarching goals and associated effects

A. Useful statistics and data

We understand citizens' needs and continuously develop our statistics and data to ensure that they are relevant and timely. Our statistics are characterised by coherence and comparability. Our statistics and data describe Sweden so that citizens can also identify at the local and regional level. A subject focus steers the content of the statistics.

Our statistics are easy to find, use and retrieve for further processing. We increase the usefulness of our statistics and data by describing, detailing and explaining. We are available to help guide citizens and processors. We are visible and contribute to the public debate. We understand our clients' needs and we are always reliable, expedient and easy to deal with. We make microdata accessible in a coherent and secure way.

Effects

A1: Our statistics and data provide a timely, relevant and reliable picture of society.

A2: Our users of statistics consider us to be reliable, swift and easy to deal with.

A3: Our users easily find and use statistics via user-friendly tools.

A4: We apply the principle of open data and contribute to its application throughout the system for official statistics.

B. Smart data capture and processing

Together with data owners, we have established a national overarching architecture with common standards and processes for efficient and quality-assured data access for the production of statistics. Primarily, we use data that is already available within the national architecture; if data is not available there, we use data available in respondents' ERP systems. Direct collection from individuals, households, businesses and organisations is used as a last resort, and is done digitally whenever possible.

Our business architecture underpins flexible and quality-assured data processing of all types of data sources. Terms and definitions are coordinated and all data has been classified with metadata. Our routines ensure that data maintains a high level of quality already at the source. Respondents have confidence in Statistics Sweden and gladly submit data when we need to contact them directly.

Effects

B.1: Our access to data for statistical production is efficient and quality-assured.

B.2: Our data processing is flexible and quality-assured.

B.3: Respondents have confidence in Statistics Sweden and find it easy to submit information.

B.4: The respondent burden has been halved.

C. Innovative, efficient and secure statistical production

Statistics production is cost-effective, has clear handover points and, with a holistic approach, everyone is accountable for their own part. Increased automation makes our processes efficient and secure; the processes are progressively developed with the support of machine learning. We maintain stable operation and sound IT and information security. Our development efforts are advanced and proactive, and are based on the ability to bring about change in collaboration with various experts and partners.

In order to respond to external changes and future challenges, we are at the forefront of advancing new or adapted statistical methods.

Effects

C1: Our statistics production is secure, traceable, transparent and replicable.

C2: We are cost-effective and our administration and development support the regular production.

C3: We develop our statistical design in line with changing conditions.

D. Employees advance operations as well as themselves

Our employees are in a good position to lead a sustainable working life. Our culture features courage, trust, responsibility and action. We manage our human resources strategically to ensure that we have the appropriate capacities today and in the future. We are a “learning organisation” that works methodically on continuous improvements, thus constantly creating value for citizens and processors.

Effects

D1: Responsibility within processes and roles is clearly defined.

D2: We make continuous improvements.

D3: Operational needs have been secured for the right skills today and in the future.

D4: Our culture features courage, trust, responsibility and action.

E. Working together

We pursue cooperation within the system for official statistics by sharing our methods, tools and processes to ensure high quality and cost efficiency in produced official statistics. We carry out joint analyses on how to improve the system for official statistics.

We benefit from and contribute to international statistics cooperation on the basis of our goals and needs.

We contribute to international statistics development cooperation in accordance with development policy goals, and draw on experiences and expertise to advance our activities.

Effects

E1: We are working to reach the objective for the official statistics.

E2: We have set our priorities in our international commitments and are present where the benefit is the greatest.