

# Help us study crime and fear of crime

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## **Do you have any questions?**

### **Contact Statistics Sweden**

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### **Statistics Sweden**

Statistics Sweden provides society with statistics for decision-making, debate and research. We have been tasked with this role by the Government, authorities, researchers and the business community. Our statistics contribute to fact-based social debate and well-substantiated decisions.

### **Brå – knowledge centre for crime and the criminal justice system**

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) works to reduce crime and fear of crime in society. We do this by obtaining facts and disseminating knowledge about crime, crime prevention work, and judicial response to crime.

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) and Statistics Sweden would like to invite you to participate in the Swedish Crime Survey, a survey about crime and fear of crime in Sweden. You are one of 200,000 people aged 15–84 who have been randomly selected from Statistics Sweden's population register to answer our questions in the form of a questionnaire. Taking part in the survey is completely voluntary, but your participation is very important, so we would be very grateful if you could take the time to respond.

### **What are the questions about?**

Amongst other things, we are interested in

- how safe or unsafe you feel in the area where you live
- whether or not you have been exposed to crime
- how much confidence you have in the police and the courts.

You are free to skip any questions that you do not feel comfortable about answering.

### **Your answers make a difference**

Whether or not you feel safe or unsafe where you live, or you have been exposed to crime; your answers are important to us so that we can create as realistic a picture as possible. Information about your experiences is needed when the Parliament and Government make decisions about what should be done to make citizens feel safer, to reduce crime and improve the work of the police and the courts, and more.

### **You are welcome to take the survey via [www.insamling.scb.se](http://www.insamling.scb.se)**

Your username and password can be found in the letter sent to your home address. On the web, you can choose whether you want to respond in Swedish or in English. You do not have to answer all of the questions at once – you can log in multiple times. If you would prefer to respond on paper, you should contact Statistics Sweden for a paper copy of the questionnaire in English, Arabic or Persian.

Please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible!

### **We really appreciate your participation!**

Kind regards,

Joakim Stymne  
 Director-General, Statistics Sweden

Kristina Svartz  
 Director-General, Brå

### **Who is conducting the survey?**

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) is conducting the survey with the help of Statistics Sweden. Both are government authorities responsible for describing Sweden through statistics. The survey is being conducted on assignment from the Government.

### **How will the answers be used?**

The results from the questionnaires will be used to produce statistics. Statistics Sweden processes and anonymises the information and then submits it to Brå for continued processing and analysis.

Brå may submit the survey materials to other authorities or researchers for statistical or research purposes. Such research and statistical activities are also covered by statistical confidentiality (see below).

Brå is restrictive in handing out materials and do so only after special review.

### **Who will use the compiled statistics?**

The statistics will be used, for example, when the Parliament and Government make decisions about Sweden's future, or when newspapers and TV report on crime and fear of crime.

Other users include the police and other authorities within the criminal justice system, political parties, municipalities, newspapers, TV and radio, researchers and students, and the public.

### **Why should I answer the questionnaire?**

By answering, you help to describe a realistic picture of the Swedish society.

### **Do you retrieve any information about me beforehand?**

Yes, Statistics Sweden retrieves information about gender, age, home municipality, residential area, type of housing, marital status, year of immigration (where relevant), country of birth (own and parents'), educational level (own and parents'), occupation, income, financial assistance (own and parents') and introduction benefit (own and parents') from Statistics Sweden's register (if the information is available).

### **I am a victim of crime. Where can I get support?**

If you are a victim of crime and need someone to talk to about your experiences, please contact

- Victim Support Sweden (Brottsofferjouren) at phone number 0200-21 20 19
- Children's rights in Society (Barnens rätt i samhället), BRIS (up to 18 years) at phone number 116 111
- Sweden's National Women's Helpline (Kvinnofridslinjen) at phone number 020-50 50 50
- Akillesjouren (for men who have experienced threats or violence in an intimate relationship) at phone number 072-331 63 99

### **How will my responses be protected?**

When the results of the survey are published, your individual answers will not be shown.

Information about personal and financial circumstances that you provide in the questionnaire will be protected by confidentiality, and everyone working with the survey has a duty to maintain confidentiality. Confidentiality applies in accordance with Chapter 24, Section 8 of the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (2009:400). The same confidentiality protection applies at Brå.

Statistics Sweden saves your personal identity number to ensure you are not asked to participate in the survey again next year. The personal identity number is not linked to any answers you provide.

### **How will my personal data be processed?**

Statistics Sweden is the personal data controller for the processing of personal data which Statistics Sweden performs as part of this survey. Brå is the personal data controller for the processing of personal data which Brå performs.

Requirements related to the processing of personal data are found in the EU General Data Protection Regulation as well as in the Act (2001:99) and Ordinance (2001:100) regarding Official Statistics. There are also requirements laid out in the Act (2018:218) with Supplementary Provisions to the EU General Data Protection Regulation, as well as the regulations issued in connection with the Act. More information about how Statistics Sweden processes your personal data can be found at [www.scb.se/personuppgifter](http://www.scb.se/personuppgifter).

You have the right to receive a free copy of the personal data processed by Statistics Sweden in its role as personal data controller in the form of a register extract. More information can be found at [www.scb.se/registerutdrag](http://www.scb.se/registerutdrag).

If you believe that Statistics Sweden has processed your personal data in a manner that violates the EU General Data Protection Regulation, you have the right to have the data deleted under certain circumstances.

You have the same rights in relation to Brå.

### **Do you have any questions about personal data processing?**

Contact the Data Protection Officer:  
Statistics Sweden: 010-479 40 00, [dataskyddsbud@scb.se](mailto:dataskyddsbud@scb.se), 701 89 Örebro

Brå: [dataskyddsbud@bra.se](mailto:dataskyddsbud@bra.se), Box 1386, 111 93 Stockholm

### **Where will the statistics be published?**

The statistics are presented annually on Brå's website, [www.bra.se](http://www.bra.se). The results are also commonly presented in the mass media, reports and various international comparisons.