



SWEDEN



INTRODUCTION

A military power during the 17th century, Sweden has not participated in any war for two centuries. An armed neutrality was preserved in both World Wars. Since then, Sweden has pursued a successful economic formula consisting of a capitalist system intermixed with substantial welfare elements.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King CARL XVI GUSTAF

Head of Government

Prime Minister Ulf KRISTERSSON

Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital

Stockholm

Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Riksdag (349 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Urban AHLIN

US Ambassador

Ambassador Erik D. RAMANATHAN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 450,295 sq km

Land: 410,335 sq km

Water: 39,960 sq km

Climate

temperate in south with cold, cloudy winters and cool, partly cloudy summers; subarctic in north

Natural Resources

iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver, tungsten, uranium, arsenic, feldspar, timber, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, knowledge-based economy; EU member but non-euro user (refuses to peg krona to euro); large welfare state that complements its free-market capitalism; high living standards, environmental protections, income and gender equality; rebounding well from COVID-19 disruptions

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$580.1 billion (2022 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$55,300 (2022 est.)

Industries - iron and steel, precision equipment, wood pulp and paper products, processed foods, motor vehicles

Agricultural products - wheat, milk, sugar beets, barley, potatoes, oats, rapeseed, pork, rye, triticale

Exports \$312.1 billion (2022 est.)

cars and vehicle parts, refined petroleum, packaged medicines, lumber, iron, broadcasting equipment (2021)

partners: Germany 10%, Norway 9%, US 8%, Denmark 8%, Finland 6% (2021)

Imports \$294.8 billion (2022 est.)

cars and vehicle parts, crude petroleum, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, computers (2021)

partners: Germany 18%, Netherlands 9%, Norway 8%, China 7%, Denmark 7% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

10.5 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

0.51% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Swedish 79.6%, Syrian 1.9%, Iraqi 1.4%, Finnish 1.3%, other 15.8% (2022 est.)

Language

Swedish (official)

note: Finnish, Sami, Romani, Yiddish, and Meankieli are official minority languages

Religion

Church of Sweden (Lutheran) 53.9%, other (includes Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Baptist, Muslim, Jewish, and Buddhist) 8.9%, none or unspecified 37.2% (2021 est.)