SWEDEN

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
King Carl SVI Gustaf

Head of Government
Prime Minister Stefan LOFVEN

Government Type
parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital
Stockholm

Legislature
unicameral Parliament or Riksdag (349 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court of Sweden (consists of 16 justices including the court chairman); Supreme Administrative Court (consists of 18 justices including the court president)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Karin Ulrika OLOFSDOTTER

US Ambassador
Ambassador (vacant); Charge d’Affaires David E. LINDWALL

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

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
10.0 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth
0.81% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity
indigenous population: Swedes with Finnish and Sami minorities; most common countries of origin among immigrants: Syria, Finland, Iraq, Poland, Iran

Language
Swedish (official)
note: Finnish, Sami, Romani, Yiddish, and Meankieli are official minority languages

Religion
Church of Sweden (Lutheran) 63%, other (includes Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Baptist, Muslim, Jewish, and Buddhist) 17% (2016 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 87.4% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 1.05% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
Sweden’s small, open, and competitive economy, which remains outside of the euro zone, has been thriving, and Sweden has achieved an enviable standard of living, with its combination of free-market capitalism and extensive welfare benefits

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$521.7 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$51,300 (2017 est.)

Exports
$169.7 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Germany 11%, Norway 10.2%, Finland 6.9%, US 6.9%, Denmark 6.9%, UK 6.2%, Netherlands 5.5%, China 4.5%, Belgium 4.4%, France 4.2% (2017)

Imports
$154.8 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Germany 18.7%, Netherlands 8.9%, Norway 7.7%, Denmark 7.2%, China 5.5%, UK 5.1%, Finland 4.7%, Belgium 4.7% (2017)

as of July 2018