



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 Stefan LOFVEN

Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital

Stockholm

Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Riksdag (349 seats)

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

small, open, competitive, and thriving economy that remains outside of the euro zone; has achieved an enviable standard of living, with its combination of free-market capitalism and extensive welfare benefits

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$524.8 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$50,700 (2020 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 \$240.1 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, packaged medicines, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, lumber (2019)

partners: Germany 10%, Norway 9%, US 8%, Denmark 7%, Finland 6%, UK 5%, Netherlands 5%, China 5% (2019)

Imports \$217.7 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, crude and refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, computers (2019)

partners: Germany 18%, Netherlands 9%, Denmark 7%, Norway 7%, China 6%, Finland 5%, Belgium 5%, Poland 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

10.3 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.74% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Swedish 80.3%, Syrian

1.9%, Iraqi 1.4%, Finnish 1.4%, other 15% (2020 est.)

Language

Swedish (official)

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

Religion

Church of Sweden (Lutheran) 57.6%, other (includes Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Baptist, Muslim, Jewish, and Buddhist) 8.9%, none or unspecified 33.5% (2019 est.)

