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)
ote: 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.)