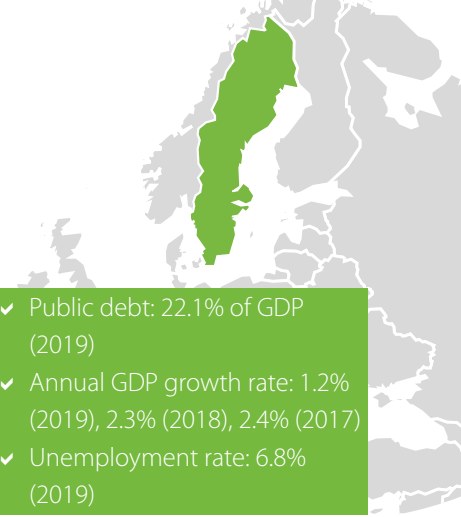


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## General situation in Sweden



**10,3**  
million

**Inhabitants**



**US \$ 54,608**

**Per capita GDP (2018, 11th in OECD 2019)**

- ✓ Public debt: 22.1% of GDP (2019)
- ✓ Annual GDP growth rate: 1.2% (2019), 2.3% (2018), 2.4% (2017)
- ✓ Unemployment rate: 6.8% (2019)

## The Life Science industry in Sweden

- ✓ 42,000 employees
- ✓ 3,000 companies
- ✓ Total turnover of € 15 billion
- ✓ Export € 8,2 billion

The Swedish government has a high focus on the industry, and has recently applied a National Strategy for Life Science as well as a Vision for eHealth. Sweden has five life science clusters: Malmö/Lund (part of Medicon Valley), Gothenburg, Stockholm/Uppsala and two smaller clusters in Umeå and Linköping. Stockholm/Uppsala is the largest and ranks as top 10 Life Science cluster in Europe.

## Research & Development



Sweden is one of the top countries to invest in research, based on GDP shares. The total investments of R&D covered for 3.3% of Sweden's GDP (2018). Sweden tops the EU list as Europe's most innovative country in 2019.

## Higher education and publications



Times Higher Education for 2020 places five Swedish universities among the 200 highest ranked in the world. The number of scientific publications per thousand inhabitants in Sweden ranks as one of the highest in the world. Sweden's share of highly cited publications is just over 11 percent.

## Medicon Valley Alliance



Medicon Valley is the most competitive and vital life science cluster in Northern Europe. It includes the island of Zealand in Denmark and the Skåne region in Sweden. With its 4 million inhabitants, it employs 40,000 people, in more than 300 private life science companies. The region's triple helix includes 12 universities, 32 hospitals (11 are university hospitals), regional governments, 7 science parks with 6 incubators. Almost 400 international companies have affiliates in Medicon Valley. Sweden and Denmark are the EU innovation leaders and Medicon Valley is ranked among the most innovative regions in the EU.

## Trends

- ✓ eHealth and Digitisation: "In 2025, Sweden will be best in the world at using the opportunities offered by digitisation and eHealth to make it easier for people to achieve good and equal health and welfare." (The Governments "Vision for eHealth 2025")
- ✓ Research funding: the Swedish Research Council supports research of the highest quality within all scientific fields (almost € 700 million yearly).
- ✓ Strengthening of research cooperation by triple helix.



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