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The Stockholm area is one of Europe's most successful regions. Entrepreneurship is strong; research, education and innovative ability are top class. One-third of Sweden's economic growth is created here. Stockholm County is the largest in the country in terms of population. More than two million people live here, a fifth of Sweden's population. Stockholm is Sweden's driving force.

The Stockholm Region at a Glance

The County of Stockholm comprises two percent of Sweden's area. Its more than two million inhabitants, who equal twenty percent of Sweden's population, make it the most densely populated county in Sweden. The average age is 39.

The region is growing with 30,000–35,000 new inhabitants per year.

There are people from 187 countries living in the county, and it is home to 32 percent of all Swedish citizens with a foreign background.

There are 26 municipalities in the county.

Environment

There are about 325 wild life reserves, two national parks and one national city park in the county. The archipelago, with 30,000 islands and 10,000 inhabitants, is famous for its beautiful nature.

There are about 850 lakes in the county. The biggest, Lake Mälaren, serves as a water reservoir for about two million people.

Half of the county consists of forest.

Three World Heritage sites on UNESCO'S list are located in the County of Stockholm: Drottningholm Palace, the Viking settlement of Birka and Skogskyrkogården woodland cemetery.

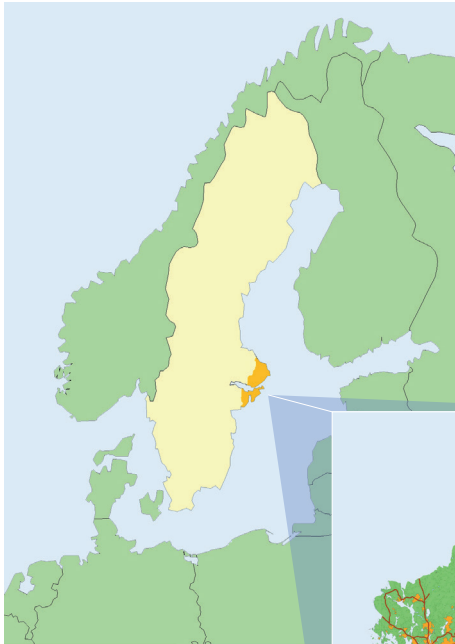
Business

The Stockholm county makes up 32 percent of Sweden's GNP. More than every third company in Sweden is located here. These approximately 240,000 companies, together with the rest of the labour market, employ roughly one million persons. 100,000 of the employees travel to work from surrounding regions.

In 2016, 24,800 new companies were started in the county. There are also 1,900 farms in the region.

In terms of economic performance (i.e. regional gross domestic product per capita) Stockholm is among the strongest regions in EU at place number ten.

A large proportion of the workforce are employed in the service sector. In international studies, Stockholm



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The region's competitive advantages

- ✓ Valuable environmental and natural resources
- ✓ Excellent conditions for knowledge-based companies
- ✓ Good climate for innovation
- ✓ International companies
- ✓ Centrally located in the expansive Baltic region

is among the leading regions in knowledge intensive services (as percentage of total employment).

The region is considered to be competitive, particularly in the following sectors:

- ICT
- Life Science
- Finance
- Clean Tech

Universities

Stockholm is one of the world's leading knowledge regions, with 17 universities and university colleges offering high quality degrees. Together they offer a broad variety of academic disciplines – ranging from art and design schools to world class medical education. Amongst the 100,000 students who study at the universities, more than 13,000 are international students and guest researchers.

The Karolinska Institute founded in 1810 is among the world's leading medical universities

Royal Institute of Technology is a university specialized in Engineering and Technology, it ranks highest in northern mainland Europe in its academic fields.

Stockholm University is one of the largest universities in Scandinavia. The university is regarded as one of the top 100 universities in the world by Academic Ranking of World Universities.

Regional GDP per capita

Top-10, PPS

1.	London (W)	167,500
2.	Luxemburg	76,200
3.	Hamburg	59,500
4.	Bryssel	59,200
5.	Bratislava	54,400
6.	Prag	51,400
7.	Oberbayern (München)	51,400
8.	Ile de France (Paris)	50,900
9.	London (E)	50,600
10.	Stockholm	50,300

Source: Eurostat 2016

Biggest companies

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Ericsson	10,500
Scania	9,500
SEB	6,600
NCC	5,100
Swedbank	4,300

Source: SCB 2016

About the County Administrative Board

The County Administrative Board of Stockholm is a public authority with a broad sphere of responsibility. We work with issues concerning the environment, nature, the business community, social development, animal protection, gender equality, integration, transport, infrastructure and housing. The County Administrative Board's task is to coordinate these and other areas of public responsibility to ensure a sustainable society in which economic development, the environment and social welfare are interlinked.

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