

Case study for Road Map on Statistics for SDGs 2.0
Sweden: Local indicator sets

Description	Many of the national statistics in Sweden can provide disaggregation on gender and age, and on many of the categories in register-based statistics, like income and geography. However, not all indicators used to monitor the implementation of the global goals at a national level can be disaggregated to subnational level. Sweden has developed a separate and supplementary set of indicators for municipalities and counties. This indicator set – a subset of the much larger database for regional analyses – is partly based on national statistics and partly on local indicators that are collected from local services ¹ . This way it assures relevance for activities that are the responsibility of the regional actors. The indicator set was developed at the request of the government by a semi-official organization for regional analyses. Statistics Sweden was a member of the project’s advisory group, which was further made up of members with knowledge about both data sources and user perspectives. Sweden has developed a separate and supplementary set of indicators for municipalities and counties.
Advantages	The indicator set is widely spread and used among municipalities and counties for baseline analysis and goal setting.
Challenges	The major challenge for regions and municipalities is to integrate the implementation and follow up of the 2030 Agenda into their regular operations and not be a separate track. It is also sometimes perceived as a challenge that the indicator set is not fully harmonised with the national indicator list. However, this should not be a major difficulty as the set of local indicators is designed specifically for the sub-national level to make it possible to follow-up on aspects of the agenda that are of particular relevance for that level of government.
Future steps	The selection of indicators gets updated once a year, to ensure it is as relevant and up-to-date as possible.
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¹ https://www.kolada.se/?p=jamforelse&unit_id=16551