LEVEL OF LIVING SURVEY
2000
Partner form

Your spouse/cohabitant is participating in the Level of Living Survey and is being interviewed about, among other things, his/her work and family situation. Perhaps a child in your household has already been interviewed? In order to get a better, overall picture of living conditions for families and cohabitant couples, we need your help and ask you, therefore, to please contribute by filling in this questionnaire. This questionnaire contains several of the questions we have already posed to your spouse/cohabitant, but in this case the questions are about you.

Naturally, your participation is voluntary, but your answers are important in creating a fair and reliable picture of Swedish households. If you have children, your participation is also important in helping us to shed light on their living conditions. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential, and the results will be presented such that individual participants can in no way be identified. Additional information can be found in the pamphlet your spouse/cohabitant has already received.

If you have any questions feel free to phone:

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When you have completed the questionnaire, please place it in the enclosed envelope, seal it and give it to the interviewer. Otherwise, please post it as soon as possible. Use preferably the enclosed, post-free response envelope. If it has been misplaced, phone one of the above persons to receive a new envelope. You can also use your own envelope and send the questionnaire to: Statistics Sweden, 701 89 ÖREBRO.

We thank you in advance for your participation!
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<td>2 [ ] Yes</td>
<td>How many? [ ] Number of siblings</td>
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<th>During your childhood and adolescence, i.e., up to your 16th birthday, what language was spoken most in your home?</th>
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<td>1 [ ] Swedish</td>
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<td>2 [ ] Other language, specify: ........................................................................</td>
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<td>3 [ ] Two or more languages equally often, specify: ........................................................................</td>
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<td>2 [ ] Another country/which?</td>
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<th>How old were you when you came to Sweden?</th>
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<th>Are your mother and father still living?</th>
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<td>1 [ ] Yes, both are living</td>
<td>This question concerns those persons whom you regard as your parents.</td>
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<td>2 [ ] Only my mother is living</td>
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<td>3 [ ] Only my father is living</td>
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<td>4 [ ] No, neither is living</td>
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Next we have some questions about your childhood and adolescence (age 0–16).

**Question 10 a** Did you live with both your natural (biological) parents during your whole childhood?

1. [ ] Yes
2. [ ] No → **Question 10 b** Why not?
   
   1. [ ] Divorce, judicial separation, separation
   2. [ ] Parents never lived together
   3. [ ] Both parents deceased
   4. [ ] Father deceased
   5. [ ] Mother deceased
   6. [ ] Lived with foster parents
   7. [ ] Lived with adoptive parents

**Question 11** What was your father’s (foster father’s) main profession/occupation during your childhood/adolescence?

Specify complete title, e.g., write upper secondary school teacher instead of just "teacher".

Occupation: .................................................................

**Question 12 a** What was your mother’s (foster mother’s) main profession/occupation during your childhood/adolescence?

Specify complete title, e.g., write upper secondary school teacher instead of just "teacher".

Occupation: .................................................................

*If you answered that your mother was a housewife:*

b) Was your mother gainfully employed at any time during your childhood/adolescence?

1. [ ] No
2. [ ] Yes, specify her main occupation .................................................................

**Question 13** Which of the following best describes your father’s and your mother’s highest levels of education?

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**Question 14** Was there any serious dissension in your family while you were growing up?

1. [ ] Yes
2. [ ] No
3. [ ] Uncertain
Question 15  How many years altogether have you been to school or studied full-time?  
*Include all education from elementary school on.*

Number of years

Question 16  Which of the following educational levels have you passed?

1  ☐  Elementary school (normally 6–8 years)
1  ☐  Compulsory, comprehensive school (9 år)
1  ☐  Vocational training at least one year beyond elementary school (trade, shop, rural domestic, domestic science school)
1  ☐  2- or 3-year vocational branch of upper secondary school (e.g., nursing, metal work, electrical, building and construction, distributive trades and office work, motor mechanics.)
1  ☐  Lower school certificate, girls’ school, general course at folk high-school
1  ☐  Vocational training at least one year beyond Junior secondary school (e.g., commercial school, elementary-school teachers’ training college, technical training)
1  ☐  Social, economic or technical course (2 year) at continuation or upper secondary school
1  ☐  General certificate-A level (even continuation) or terminated 3- to 4-year upper secondary course
1  ☐  Education at least one year beyond general certificate-A level or 3- to 4-year upper secondary (e.g., elementary-school teacher’s certificate, college or university studies without degree)
1  ☐  Degree from college/university, specify:  ..................................................................................................................
1  ☐  Other, specify:  .........................................................................................................................................................

Now follow some questions about what jobs/occupations you have had.

Question 17  About how many years altogether have you spent in gainful employment?

Number of years

1  ☐  Have never been gainfully employed  ➔  Go to Question 20

Question 18  When did you begin the first job you had that lasted at least 6 months (specify year and month)?  
*Approximate month is sufficient.*

Year  |  Month  |  Began first job

1  ☐  Have never had a job lasting 6 months  ➔  Go to Question 20

Question 19  What was your occupation or position in this job?  
*Specify complete title, e.g., write upper secondary school teacher instead of just “teacher”.*

Occupation/position..................................................................................................................................................
Question 20 What was your occupation when you moved in with your present spouse/cohabitant?

1  Employed, full-time
2  Employed, part-time
3  Self-employed
4  Unemployed
5  Studying
6  Working in the home
7  Pensioner
8  Other

In what line/profession?

1  Same as my first
   (that specified in Question 19)

What line/profession did you regard as yours when you began cohabiting?

1  Had no line/profession

Question 21 a Can you specify approximately when you began the line/profession you had when you began cohabiting?

Approximate month is sufficient.

Year  Month

Began in line/profession

Question 21 b Can you specify approximately when you left the line/profession you had when you began cohabiting?

Approximate month is sufficient.

Year  Month

Left the line/profession

1  Have not quit line/profession

Go to Question 24

Question 22 a) What profession (or other occupation) did you change to then?

Line/profession

b) Have you changed lines/professions since then?

1  No, haven't changed lines
2  Yes, have changed lines

Go to Question 24

Question 23 a) What is your present line/profession?

Line/profession

1  Have no profession

Go to Question 24

b) When did you begin this profession?

Year  Month

Began present profession

Question 24 What is your main occupation at present?

1  Employed, full-time (even if you are currently on leave of absence, parental leave or sick leave)
2  Employed, part-time (even if you are currently on leave of absence, parental leave or sick leave)
3  Self-employed (even if you are currently on leave of absence, parental leave or sick leave)
4  Unemployed
5  Studying
6  Working at home
7  Pensioner
8  Other

When did you last engage in gainful employment lasting at least 6 months?

Year  Month

1  Have never had a job lasting for 6 months.
Below are several questions about your present work. Please answer even if you are currently on leave of absence, parental leave or sick leave.

If you do not have a job at present: Go to Question 39
If you are self-employed (principally): Go to Question 33

**Question 25** Are you permanently or temporarily employed?

1. [ ] Permanently
2. [ ] Temporarily

**Question 26** What are your normal working hours or what shift do you work?

1. [ ] Daytime, weekdays
2. [ ] Evening, night, morning or Saturday/Sunday
3. [ ] 2- or 3-shifts
4. [ ] Irregular passes per 24 hours or week

**Question 27** How many hours do you usually work per week?

[ ] Hours per week

**Question 28** Is your normal working time what suits you best or would you prefer shorter or longer working hours?

Take into account that your wages would diminish or increase accordingly.

1. [ ] Present working hours best
2. [ ] Shorter hours better
3. [ ] Longer hours better

**Question 29** How often do you work overtime in your present job?

1. [ ] By and large never
2. [ ] A few times a year ➤ About how many hours overtime altogether in a year? [ ] Hrs/year
3. [ ] A few times a month ➤ About how many hours overtime altogether in a month? [ ] Hrs/month
4. [ ] A couple times a week ➤ About how many hours overtime altogether in a week? [ ] Hrs/week
5. [ ] Several times a week ➤ About how many hours overtime altogether in a week? [ ] Hrs/week

**Question 30** Have you in the last 12 months had any kind of education on paid worktime?

1. [ ] Yes ➤ How many working days altogether was this education? (one whole day is 8 hours) [ ] Days
2. [ ] No

**Question 31** How great are the opportunities for advancement in a job like yours?

1. [ ] Very great
2. [ ] Fairly good
3. [ ] Fairly poor
4. [ ] Very poor
Question 32  a) Do you have any kind of flexible working hours?  
                     1  Yes  2  No

       b) Can you yourself determine your pace of work?  
                     1  Yes  2  No

       c) Is your work mentally taxing?  
                     1  Yes  2  No

       d) Is your work stressful?  
                     1  Yes  2  No

       e) Is your work monotonous?  
                     1  Yes  2  No

Question 33  How long does it usually take you to commute to and from work on a normal workday?  

Count travel time round-trip and waiting time – but not time taken to shop or to drop off/pick up children.

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<th>Daily commute time in minutes, round-trip</th>
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<td>1 Yes No commute/live at workplace (e.g. child-minding)</td>
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<td>1 Have no permanent workplace/unable to specify</td>
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Question 34  Do you ever stay overnight away from home because of your work, e.g., on a business trip?  

1 Yes  About how many nights are you away altogether during one year’s time?  
2 No

Question 35  Is any schooling or vocational training above elementary schooling necessary for your job?  

1 Yes  About how many years of education above elementary school are necessary  
2 No

Question 36  Do you have any supervisory tasks?  

1 Yes  How many persons do you supervise?  
2 No

Question 37  What is your usual monthly salary from your regular employment?  

Specify gross salary or net salary. If you are self-employed specify approximate income.

Kronor per month, gross salary (before tax)

Kronor per month, net salary (after tax)

Question 38  a) Are you physically exhausted after work?  

1 Yes, always  2 Yes, most of the time  3 Yes, sometimes  4 No, seldom  5 No, never

b) Are you mentally exhausted after work?  

1 Yes, always  2 Yes, most of the time  3 Yes, sometimes  4 No, seldom  5 No, never

Question 39  Were you gainfully employed during calendar year 1999?  

1 Yes  How many weeks during 1999?  
2 No  Number of hours/week on average?

Number of weeks

Hours/week
Below are several questions about your family circumstances.

**Question 40** Have you previously been married or cohabiting for at least 6 months?

1. [ ] No
2. [ ] Yes → How many times previously? [ ] Number of times

*If Yes:* When did your most recent marriage/cohabitation (of at least 6 months) end, i.e., when did you separate?

[Year] [Month] Separated

**Question 41** Do you have children with a previous partner – children who do not live with you now?

*Count possible adoptive or step-children, but not children you have with your present partner.*

1. [ ] No, I do not have any → Go to Question 44
2. [ ] Yes, I have [ ](number) children who do not live with me → Specify year of birth of these children below.

[Year of birth] [Year of birth] [Year of birth] [Year of birth] [Year of birth]

**Question 42** About how often do you see this child/any of these children?

1. [ ] Several times a week
2. [ ] About once a week
3. [ ] 1–3 times a month
4. [ ] Less often
5. [ ] Never

**Question 43** Do you pay maintenance for this child/any of these children?

1. [ ] Yes → How much do you pay altogether per month? [ ] Kr/month
2. [ ] No
3. [ ] Not applicable

**Question 44** Do you receive any maintenance for children in your household – children you have with a previous partner?

1. [ ] Yes → How much do you receive altogether per month? [ ] Kr/month
2. [ ] No
3. [ ] Not applicable

**Question 45** Do you normally help a family member or relative outside your household with personal care and housework?

1. [ ] Yes → On average, about how many hours per week altogether do you spend doing this? [ ] Hours/week
2. [ ] No
**Question 46**: About how many hours per week (on average) are spent doing the following chores in your household? Can you indicate about how many hours, respectively, are spent by you, your spouse/cohabitant and possible children?

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<th>I, myself</th>
<th>My spouse/cohabitant</th>
<th>Possible children in the household</th>
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<td>a) Buying groceries, cooking, washing dishes</td>
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<td>b) Laundry, ironing and other care of clothing</td>
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<td>c) Cleaning</td>
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<td>d) Repair and maintenance of your residence, motor vehicle and other property belonging to your household</td>
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**State approx. number of hours per week.**

**Question 47**: Does someone living outside your household do housework in your home?

1. No
2. Yes

**What person or persons do so?**

For the following categories of people, can you say approximately how many hours per week on average are involved?

- **Hours/week**
  - a) Own children (not living in my household)
  - b) Parents
  - c) Other family member/relative
  - d) Municipal home-help service
  - e) Privately paid home-help service
  - f) Other, who?

**Question 48**: How often do your opinions and those of your spouse/cohabitant differ with respect to....

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<td>a) Division of housework?</td>
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<td>c) Who you keep company with as a couple?</td>
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<td>d) Child raising?</td>
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<td>e) How much your spouse/cohabitant works?</td>
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<td>f) How much you work?</td>
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Question 49  If a situation suddenly arose where you had to come up with 12 000 kr, could you manage it?

1  No
2  Yes  How would you manage that? State only one of the alternatives.

1  Withdrawal from own bank account
2  Sale of stocks, fund shares or the like
3  Loan from family member
4  Loan from other relatives or friends
5  Bank loan or equivalent
6  Other way, what? 

Question 50  How do you judge your own general state of health?

1  Good
2  Bad
3  Something in-between

Question 51  Have you in the last 12 months had any of the following illnesses or ailments?

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<td>b) General tiredness</td>
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<td>c) Insomnia</td>
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<td>d) Poor vision/disease of the eyes not helped by eyeglasses</td>
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<td>e) Impaired hearing</td>
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<td>f) Aches in shoulders or shoulder blades</td>
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<td>g) Stomach pains</td>
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<td>h) Backache, pain in back or hips, sciatica</td>
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<td>i) Overexertion</td>
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<td>j) Aches/pain in hands, elbows, legs or knees</td>
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<td>k) Nervous trouble (anxiety, uneasiness, anguish)</td>
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<td>m) Depression, deep dejection</td>
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<td>n) Mental illness</td>
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Question 52  Do you at any time drink wine, strong beer or liquor?

1  Yes
2  No  Go to Question 55

Question 53  About how often in the last 12 months have you consumed wine, strong beer or liquor?

1  Daily or almost daily
2  2–4 times a week
3  Once a week
4  2–3 times per month
5  Once a month
6  6–11 times per year
7  Less often
8  Never  Go to Question 55

Question 54  On such occasions, how many glasses do you usually drink?

One glass can be 1 glass of wine, 1 bottle or can of beer or 1 schnapps or drink.

1  Number of glasses
**Question 55** Below are four proposals for the type of society some people feel that we in Sweden should concentrate on in the future. How do you evaluate these proposals?

*Mark one alternative per row (a – d).*

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<th>What do you think of the idea of...</th>
<th>Very good idea</th>
<th>Rather good idea</th>
<th>Neither good nor bad</th>
<th>Rather bad idea</th>
<th>Very bad idea</th>
<th>Don’t know</th>
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<td>a) ... going in for a society with more private alternatives within school, nursing and care?</td>
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<td>b) ... going in for a society where income differences are small?</td>
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<td>c) ... going in for a society where care for children and elderly occurs to a greater extent within the family?</td>
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<td>d) ... going in for a society where men take as much responsibility for children and the household as women do?</td>
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**Question 56** People sometimes refer to the different social groups or classes in society, e.g. working class, middle class and upper middle class. Do you feel any affinity to ...

*Mark one alternative per row (a – c).*

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<th>Do you feel any affinity to ...</th>
<th>Very great affinity</th>
<th>Quite a lot of affinity</th>
<th>Not much affinity</th>
<th>No affinity at all</th>
<th>Don’t feel that social classes exist</th>
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<td>b) .... the middle class?</td>
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<td>c) .... the upper middle class?</td>
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**Question 57** How do you yourself view your own living conditions? By and large what do you think about your situation?

1 | Very good
2 | Rather good
3 | Neither good nor bad
4 | Rather bad
5 | Very bad

**Question 58** State today’s date

Year | Month | Day

**Question 59** Do you have any views on the above questions or is there something else you would like to add?

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**Thank you for your participation!**