

# Easier and cheaper

# New household and dwelling statistics

The Swedish parliament has decided that all dwellings in Sweden will be entered in an dwelling register and that the population register will include dwelling numbers.

It will then be easier and cheaper to obtain information on households and dwellings. The traditional population and housing census will no longer be needed.

New information about how we live is needed to provide a good basis for decisions at local, regional and national levels.



## Wise decisions need facts behind them

### New household and dwelling statistics

Information about how we live is needed to provide a good basis for decisions and research. To give Statistics Sweden (SCB) the ability to produce new statistics on households and dwellings, the Swedish mapping, cadastral and land registration authority (Lantmäteriet) has compiled a new dwelling register. The next step is for the Tax Agency to supplement the population register with dwelling numbers.



***There are many complex questions faced by society. Decision makers need good factual bases for making decisions and allocating resources.***

### How should this be made possible?

#### All dwellings have been entered in an dwelling register.

With the help of municipalities and landlords, the Swedish mapping, cadastral and land registration authority has compiled an dwelling register containing for example information on the living area of every dwelling. When several dwellings share the same address, each dwelling has also been given a dwelling number in accordance with a special norm.

#### Population register supplemented with dwelling numbers

At the moment, everybody is entered in the population register at the building where they live. This will be changed to the dwelling where they live. For most people who live in one dwelling there will be no change in practice, but for those living in dwelling blocks the population register will be supplemented with dwelling numbers.

## **What must I do?**

Your help is important and is only needed on one occasion. Some time between September 2010 and March 2011 the Tax Agency will send a letter to people who live in dwelling which have been given an apartment number. The letter contains a question asking for the number of the dwelling in which you live. If a family lives in the department, the letter will be sent to the eldest member of the family.

## **Where can I find the dwelling number?**

The dwelling number consists of four digits and must have been displayed in a clearly visible place in the building. The landlord must also have given you information of your dwelling number.

Contact your landlord if you have not received information on your dwelling number.

Remember that the dwelling number may be completely different from the number used on rent slips and so on. You should not answer with that number to the Tax Agency.

## **How do I reply?**

You can reply on the Tax Agency website ([www.skatteverket.se](http://www.skatteverket.se)) or by using a key telephone and a PIN code. The telephone number and PIN code will be in the letter from the Tax Agency. You can also send the reply form by post.

## **If you move**

If you move after that the dwelling numbers have been introduced, you must always state the dwelling number in your moving notification form.

## **Statistics Sweden compile statistics**

When the Tax Agency's updating of the population register has been completed, Statistics Sweden will compile statistics from registers.

These statistics are needed for the whole country as well as municipalities and parts of municipalities.

## **Sweden is missing up-to-date information on households and dwellings**

At the moment we do not know how many households and dwellings there are in our country. Sweden is missing important information that is needed to produce statistics on households and dwellings. The last census was taken in 1990 – which now is 20 years ago.

## Comparisons with other countries

Finland, Denmark and Norway already produces household and dwelling statistics from registers. The EU has decided that all member states must take part in a European collection of information on households and dwellings. The statistics will be used by the EU for comparisons, between the member states.

## Read more on our websites

If you want to know more about

- statistics on population households and dwellings from registers, refer to [www.scb.se/hob](http://www.scb.se/hob)
- population registration by dwellings, refer to [www.skatteverket.se](http://www.skatteverket.se)
- the dwelling register, refer to [www.lagenhetsregistret.se](http://www.lagenhetsregistret.se)
- updating of the dwelling register, refer to your municipality's website.

