Sweden Fact Sheet

Basic data

Capital Stockholm
Total area 450,000 km²
Population 8.5 million
Currency Swedish krona

Language Swedish
National holiday June 6

Political data

Type of state Kingdom

Type of government Constitutional monarchy

Head of state King Carl XVI Gustaf (since 1973)
Head of government Ingvar Carlsson (SDAP, since 1986)
Minister of foreign affairs Sten Andersson (SDAP, since 1985)

Main political parties Social Democratic Labour Party (SDAP), Moderate

Party (MS), People's Party (FP), Centre Party (CP),

Left Party (VpK), Green Ecology Party (MpG), Christian Democratic Party (KdS)

Riksdag (parliament) 349 members elected for three years, proportional

representation. Seats following ballot of 1988: SDAP=156; MS=66; FP=44; CP=42; VpK=21;

MpG = 20; KdS = 0

Next elections September 1991

Economic data*

Minister of foreign trade Anita Gradin (SDAP, since 1986) Minister of finance Alan Larsson (SDAP, since 1990)

GDP \$239 billion (1989)

GDP per capita \$28,117 (1989)

GDP growth rate 0.9% Unemployment rate 1.6% Inflation rate 10.2%

Exchange rate \$1 = 5.165 SKr

Total national debt \$101 billion or 42.2% of GDP (1989)
Budget deficit None; surplus of \$9.6 billion (1989)

Imports \$65 billion, \$304 million of this was from Canada
Exports \$68 billion, nearly \$900 million of this was to Canada

Canadian direct investment in Sweden \$3 million (1989) Swedish direct investment in Canada \$1 billion (1989)

Canadian Representation

Stockholm Ambassador Dennis Browne

^{* 1990} figures unless otherwise specified.