

## **Göran Persson**

### **Prime Minister of Sweden**

Göran Persson was born on January 20, 1949, in Vingåker. He completed a senior secondary school engineering course and carried out several years of university study.

Mr. Persson has held various roles with the Social Democratic Youth League and the Workers' Association and has worked in education administration.

During the 1970s, Mr. Persson completed military service, was the secretary of the Workers' Education Association in Sörmland, was vice-chairman of the Board at the Oppunda Savings Bank, and chaired the Co-operative Consumers' Association in Sörmland.

Mr. Persson was elected as a member of parliament in 1979 and was first named to the cabinet in 1989. He has chaired several parliamentary committees and sat on a number of national boards. Mr. Persson joined the Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Party in 1993 and became its chairman in 1996. He was Finance Minister from 1994 until becoming Prime Minister in 1996.

Mr. Persson is married and has two children.