

The Cohort of Swedish Men (COSM) - The Cohort of Swedish Men, COSM 2008 health

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Description

The Cohort of Swedish Men is a large population-based cohort of over 45,000 men in the counties of Västmanland and Örebro. All men born 1918-1952 who were residing in Västmanland and Örebro County in 1997 received an invitation to participate in this research study and a questionnaire to answer and return. Approximately 48,000 men responded. Follow-ups were done during 2008/2009 and 2019. The study examine associations of environmental/modifiable risk factors with several cancer sites (e.g., prostate, colorectal and renal cell cancer), myocardial infarction, stroke, cataracts, as well as death causes. The study has a longitudinal design, and to complement the update on exposure data record linkages to the nationwide Cancer Register, the In-Patient Register, and the Cause of Death Register and Population Register are also done.

The questionnaires used in the Cohort of Swedish men are the same as the ones that have been used in the Swedish Mammography Cohort (SMC). For updated information on questionnaires and variable lists please visit <https://www.simpler4health.se/researchers/>.

Purpose:

The general aim of the Cohort of Swedish Men (COSM) is to assess relationships between a number of modifiable factors (diet, vitamin supplement use, physical activity, smoking, alcohol, body weight, other anthropometric measures etc.) and the occurrence of several major chronic diseases.

For more detailed information please visit the SIMPLER website, <https://www.simpler4health.se/researchers/cohorts/>.

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In 2008, a second questionnaire was sent to all members of the Cohort of Swedish Men who were still alive, 37,861 men. The 2008 Health questionnaire collected information on general health status, disease diagnoses, current weight, height, waist and hip circumferences, dental health, medication use, sleep habits, urine and bowel habits, family history of selected diseases, stress, and social support. The questionnaire can be found at <https://www.simpler4health.se/researchers/questionnaires/>.

Data contains personal data

Yes

Sensitive personal data

Yes

Type of personal data

health data

Code key exists

Yes

Language

[English](#)

Population

Men born 1918-1952 in Örebro and Västmanland counties.

Study design

Observational study

Cohort study

Description of study design

Longitudinal cohort study

Sampling procedure

[Total universe/Complete enumeration](#)

In 1997 all men who lived in Västmanland or Örebro County and were born 1918-1952 received an invitation by mail to participate in this research study together with a questionnaire to be answered and returned. Follow-ups have been performed approximately every tenth year starting in 2008. At the follow-up 2008/2009 the questionnaire was extended and separated into two questionnaires. An additional follow-up was done during 2019.

Time period(s) investigated

1997 – Ongoing

Biobank is connected to the study

The study has collected samples/material which are stored in a scientific collection or biobank

Scientific collection or biobank name: Uppsala biobank/SIMPLER

Type(s) of sample: DNA

Response rate/participation rate

78%

37 861 participants received a questionnaire, 29 503 participants remained after exclusions (wrong or non-given personal number).

Data format / data structure

[Numeric](#)

Data collection 1

- Mode of collection: Self-administered questionnaire
- Time period(s) for data collection: 2008 – 2008-12-31
- Source of the data: Population group

Geographic spread

Geographic location: [Sweden](#)

Geographic description: Örebro och Västmanland counties, Sweden.

Lowest geographic unit

Municipality

Highest geographic unit

Country

Responsible department/unit

Department of Surgical Science

Ethics Review

Uppsala - Ref. 2018/262 och 2018/263

Research area

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Publications

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