

# Swedish election study 1985

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## Alternative title

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## Description

The Swedish election study 1985 was carried out in connection with the general election on September 17. Many of the questions are replications of questions asked in previous election studies. The respondent were asked about newspaper reading habits, i.e. what newspaper the respondent reads, how many days a week, which political party the newspaper supports, and interest in articles about national, local and international politics. There were also questions about the newsprograms in radio and television. The respondent had to name the most important issues in influencing vote and what issues she/he considered as the most important in the nearest future. There were also a number of questions on the opinions of the parties regarding: employment, environment, wage-earners' investment fund, taxes, the Swedish economy, foreign affairs and security policy, social safety, and child care. Furthermore the respondent was asked to give marks from -5 to +5 to political parties, party leaders, and different formations of government during the last decade. Different issues to give own opinion on and parties' position on: nuclear power, wage-earners' investment fund, public sector, VAT on food, sickness benefit, and child care allowance.

## Purpose:

Explain why people vote as they do and why an election ends in a particular way. Track and follow trends in the Swedish electoral democracy and make comparisons with other countries.

**Data contains personal data**

No

**Language**

[English](#)

[Swedish](#)

**Unit of analysis**

[Individual](#)

**Population**

Individuals aged 18-80 years, residing in Sweden and eligible to vote in the parliamentary election 1985

**Time Method**

[Longitudinal: Panel](#)

**Sampling procedure**

[Probability: Simple random](#)

**Time period(s) investigated**

1985-08-19 - Ongoing

**Variables**

484

**Number of individuals/objects**

3873

**Weighting**

V5=viktvariabel. De personer i panelurvalet 1982-1985 som var bortfall 1982, drogs med halva urvalssannolikheten 1985. I datamängden har dessa personer därför dubblerats.

**Response rate/participation rate**

77.8%

**Data format / data structure**

[Numeric](#)

**Data collection 1**

- Mode of collection: Face-to-face interview
- Time period(s) for data collection: 1985-08-19 - 1985-09-16
- Data collector: Statistics Sweden
- Instrument: Questionnaire stage A (pre-election interview) (Structured questionnaire)
- Source of the data: Registers/Records/Accounts: Administrative, Registers/Records/Accounts: Voting results, Population group, Registers/Records/Accounts

## Data collection 2

- Mode of collection: Self-administered questionnaire: e-mail
- Time period(s) for data collection: 1985-09-17 – 1985-11-28
- Data collector: Statistics Sweden
- Instrument: Mail survey stage A (Structured questionnaire)
- Source of the data: Registers/Records/Accounts: Administrative, Registers/Records/Accounts: Voting results, Population group, Registers/Records/Accounts

## Data collection 3

- Mode of collection: Face-to-face interview
- Time period(s) for data collection: 1985-09-17 – 1985-11-28
- Data collector: Statistics Sweden
- Instrument: Questionnaire stage B (post-election interview) (Structured questionnaire)
- Source of the data: Registers/Records/Accounts: Administrative, Registers/Records/Accounts: Voting results, Population group, Registers/Records/Accounts

## Geographic spread

Geographic location: [Sweden](#)

## Responsible department/unit

Department of Political Science

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