

# The municipal and county council survey (KOLFU) 2008

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## Description

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The results from KOLFU 2008 are presented in the book "Politik på hemmaplan. Tiotusen fullmäktigeledamöter tycker om politik och demokrati" (Gilljam, et al., 2010a), among others.

Purpose:

The municipal and county council survey (KOLFU) 2008 aims to study Swedish local and regional political representatives' attitudes on democracy and politics.

## Language

[Swedish](#)

## Unit of analysis

[Individual](#)

## Population

Members of the Swedish municipal and county councils

**Time Method**

[Cross-section](#)

**Sampling procedure**

[Total universe/Complete enumeration](#)

**Time period(s) investigated**

2008 – 2009

**Variables**

260

**Number of individuals/objects**

9890

**Response rate/participation rate**

69%

**Data format / data structure**

[Numeric](#)

**Data collection 1**

- Mode of collection: Interview
- Description of the mode of collection:  
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- Time period(s) for data collection: 2008 – 2009
- Data collector: Detector Corp.
- Sample size: 13500
- Number of responses: 9890
- Source of the data: Population group

**Geographic spread**

Geographic location: [Sweden](#)

Geographic description: Swedish municipalities and counties

**Lowest geographic unit**

Country

**Highest geographic unit**

Country

## Funding

- Funding agency: Swedish Research Council
- Funding agency's reference number: 421-2005-1350

## Research area

[Politics](#) (CESSDA Topic Classification)

[Political behaviour and attitudes](#) (CESSDA Topic Classification)

[Social sciences](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

[Political science](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

## Keywords

[Local government policy](#), [Political behaviour](#), [Democracy](#), [Internal politics](#), [Political representation](#), [Political parties](#), [Regional policy](#), [Politicians](#), [Representative democracy](#)

## Accessibility level

Access to data through SND

Access to data is restricted

## Use of data

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