



Vetenskap & Allmänhet

Questionnaire VA Barometer 2021

Sample: Representative sample of the Swedish population aged 16–74

Number of telephone interviews: 1,016

Telephone interviews carried out: 23 August – 3 October 2021

NB: The response option "don't know" should not be read aloud during the telephone interview but **respondents can always give that answer.**

Introduction to the survey

Hello, my name is

On behalf of the organisation Vetenskap & Allmänhet we are conducting a national survey to find out about the public's attitudes to research and science. I would like to ask you some questions. It will take about seven to eight minutes.

Theme: Interest, knowledge and confidence

Question 1

How interested are you in each of the following subjects?

You should answer on a scale of 1–5 where 1 = not at all interested, 2 = not particularly interested, 3 = partly interested, 4 = fairly interested and 5 = very interested. Let's start with...?

(rotate a-e)

- a) Politics
- b) Economics
- c) Culture
- d) Sport
- e) Research

Question 2

How much confidence do you have in the following people? You should say if you have very high, fairly high, fairly low or very low confidence? Let's start with...?

(rotate a-b)

- a) Researchers at universities
- b) Researchers at companies

Question 3

Generally speaking, how much confidence do you have in research? You should say if you have very high, fairly high, fairly low or very low confidence.

(Read out response options 1-5)

1. Very high
2. Fairly high
3. Neither high nor low
4. Fairly low
5. Very low
6. Don't know

Question 4

How interested are you in research in each of the following subjects?

You should answer on a scale of 1–5 where 1 = not at all interested, 2 = not particularly interested, 3 = partly interested, 4 = fairly interested and 5 = very interested. Let's start with...?

(rotate a-f)

- a) Medicine
- b) Natural Sciences
- c) Technology
- d) Education sciences
- e) Humanities
- f) Social Sciences

Question 5

What come to mind if I say...? (split between a and b)

(Open response)

- a) Researchers
- b) Research

Question 6

How often do you access news about research via the radio, TV, daily newspapers, social media or podcasts?

1. Every week
2. Every month
3. Every six months
4. More rarely
5. Never - if "never", go to question 8)

Question 7

Do you access news about research and science via... (answer yes or no for each alternative. Each channel includes web-based versions)

- a. Daily newspapers
- b. Specialist press and magazines
- c. Television
- d. Radio (excluding podcasts)
- e. Podcasts
- f. Social media, e.g. Facebook, Twitter or Instagram
- g. Blogs

- h. YouTube/video clips
- i. Email/newsletters

Question 8

(Only asked to those aged 16–65)

Would you want to work as a researcher in the future?

(Read out response options 1-3)

- 1. Yes
- 2. Maybe
- 3. No - if "no", go to question 10
- 4. Don't know – if "don't know", go to question 10

Question 9

(If "yes" or "maybe" in question 8)

What would you want to research?

(Open response)

SPLIT BALLOT between questions 10 & 11

Question 10

Overall, to what extent do you think that politicians have taken research into account when political decisions have been made regarding the handling of the corona pandemic in Sweden? Has research been taken into account too much, too little or to a reasonable extent?

- 1. Too much
- 2. To a reasonable extent
- 3. Too little
- 4. Different for different subjects
- 5. Don't know

Question 11

Overall, to what extent do you think that government authorities have taken research into account when decisions have been made regarding the handling of the corona pandemic in Sweden? Has research been taken into account too much, too little or to a reasonable extent?

- 1. Too much
- 2. To a reasonable extent
- 3. Too little
- 4. Different for different subjects
- 5. Don't know

Background questions

Question 12

Do you work in research?

1. *Yes*
2. *No*
3. *No, but work/have worked in a research-related job (research administration)*
4. *No, but have previously*
5. *Don't know*

Question 13

Does any member of your family, relatives or close friends work in research?

1. *Yes*
2. *No*
3. *No, but have previously*
4. *Don't know*

Question 14

What is your occupation?

1. *Employed*
2. *Self-employed*
3. *Student*
4. *Retired*
5. *Jobseeker*
6. *Other*
7. *Don't want to say*

Question 15

What type of education do you have?

(Read out options 1-5)

1. *Elementary school*
2. *Upper secondary school*
3. *Post upper secondary education, less than three years*
4. *Post upper secondary education, three years or more*
5. *Postgraduate education*
6. *Don't know*
7. *Don't want to say*

Question 16

Only asked to people aged 30 or older:

What is your gross monthly income?

(gross income = income before tax)

Question 17

Only asked to people aged 18 or older:

Which political party would you vote for if an election was to be held today?

1. *Centre Party*
2. *Christian Democrats*
3. *Liberal Party*
4. *Green Party*
5. *Moderate Party*
6. *Social Democrats*
7. *Sweden Democrats*
8. *Left Party*
9. *Another party*
10. *Would vote blank*
11. *Wouldn't vote*
12. *Don't know*
13. *Don't want to say*

Question 18

Were you born in Sweden?

1. *Yes*
2. *No*
3. *Don't want to say*

Question 19

Were one or both of your parents born in Sweden?

1. *Both*
2. *One of them*
3. *Neither of them*
4. *Don't want to say*

Question 20

Sex (*information on record, not to be asked in the interview*)

1. *Female*
2. *Male*

Question 21

Age (*information on record, not to be asked in the interview*)

1. *16–20 years*
2. *21–29 years*
3. *30–44 years*
4. *45–59 years*
5. *60–74 years*

Question 22

SKL's municipal classification (*information on record, not to be asked in the interview*)

Location types: city, other towns, rural area (SKL's municipal categories)