

Levels of local democracy in Sweden



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Welcome to Sweden

Sweden

- **Population:** 9,5 million inhabitants
- **Form of government:** Constitutional monarchy, parliamentary democracy.
- **Three levels of governance:** state, region/county and municipalities
- **Local self governance:** municipalities levy taxes.
- **Municipal role:** local democracy, welfare production, employment.



Västerbotten



- **1/8 of the area of Sweden**
- **But only 2,8% of the population**
- **Lowest temperature (since 1901) is minus 48,9.**
- **Highest temperature (since 1901) is plus 33,2.**
- **Average municipal tax rate is 33,11 %.**
- **60% of Västerbotten is covered with forests**