

Research!Sweden Opinion poll 2023





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About the opinion poll

Subject

- Medical research

Target group

- The Swedish population, ages 18 and up

Method

- Online interviews with the public from ages 18 and up, conducted by Kantar Sifo.
- Field study: 1001 interviews conducted May 12-21, 2023.

Summary

Examples from the results of Research!Sweden's opinion poll 2023:



86 percent of the public think it is important that Sweden is a leading nation in medical research for health. The main reasons: to develop new diagnostics and treatments, improve the healthcare system, create better health and increase economic growth.



For every SEK spent on healthcare today, less than 2 percent goes to medical research for health. 79 percent of the public think it is a good suggestion to increase the public investments in medical research to correspond to 4 percent per SEK.



65 percent of the public think that our government should make decisions to invest in, and actively work for, introduction of precision health within healthcare. Only 7 percent answered no.

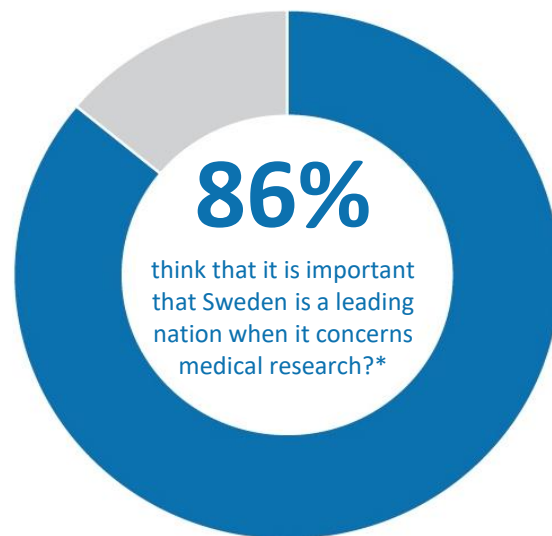


Almost 90 percent of the public is positive to sharing their healthcare data for the purpose of improving research and health, if there is an opportunity to do so in a way that protects privacy.

Value of medical research

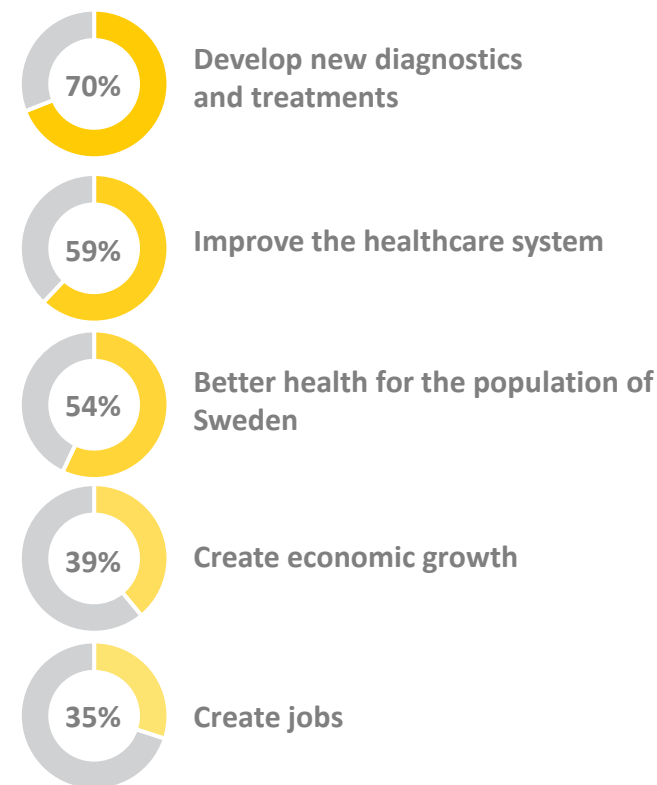
The public considers it important that Sweden is a leading nation when it comes to medical research

How important is it that Sweden is a leading nation when it concerns medical research?



Options: Very important, fairly important, not very important, not important at all, uncertain, do not know. *Total of "very important" and "fairly important".

Why is it important that Sweden is a leading nation when it concerns medical research? Maximum of three choices.



The answers are collected from those who answered "very important" and "fairly important" to the previous question: How important is it that Sweden is a leading nation when it concerns medical research.

Investments in medical research and development

For every SEK spent on health care, less than 2 percent is invested in medical research for health. 79 percent of the public think it's a good suggestion to increase the investment to 4 percent.

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of the public



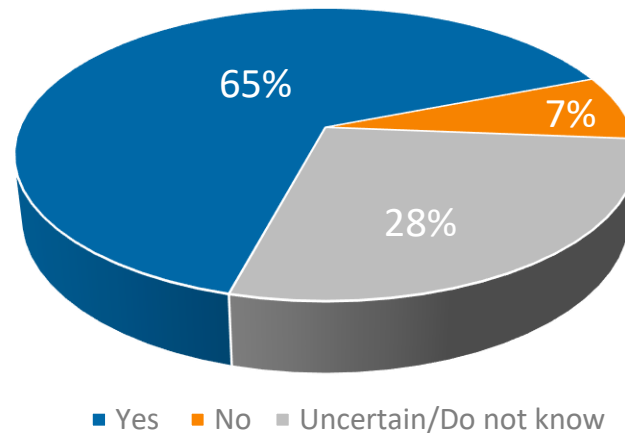
Options: Yes (79%), No (4%), Uncertain/do not know (17%)

For every SEK spent on healthcare in Sweden, the government invests less than 2 percent in medical research and development.

The foundation Research!Sweden suggests an increase of the investment to 4 percent to enable the development of better prevention, diagnostics and treatments. Do you think this is a good suggestion?

Precision health in healthcare

A majority of the public think that the government should make decisions to invest in and actively work for, introduction for precision health within healthcare.



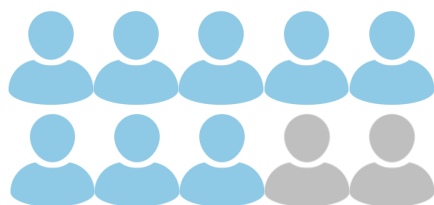
Precision health aims to improve health and make it more equal by using data about the individual's biology, lifestyle and environment to prevent, diagnose, and treat with precision.

Do you think that the government in Sweden should invest in, and work for, precision health to become part of the healthcare system?

Disease and the quality of healthcare

8 out of 10 respondents worry that they themselves or a close relative will suffer from an incurable disease.*

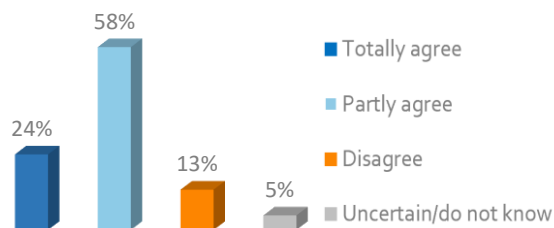
How strongly do you agree with the following statement? I am worried that I or a close relative will suffer from an incurable illness.



*The sum of *totally agree* and *partially agree* is 83 percent.

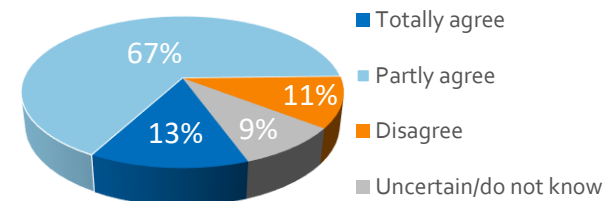
24 percent of the public completely agree that the Swedish healthcare system will take good care of them when they need it.

How strongly do you agree with the following statement? The Swedish healthcare system will take good care of me when I need it.



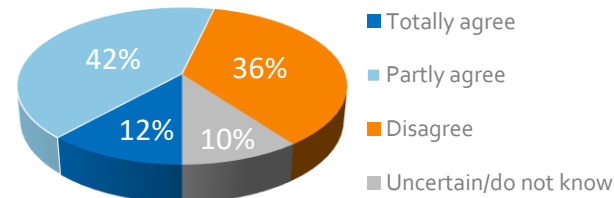
Only 13 percent of the public completely agree that patients in Swedish hospitals have access to the safest and most effective treatments.

How strongly do you agree with the following statement? Patients in Swedish hospitals have access to the safest and most effective treatments available.



Only 12 percent of the public completely agree that we have equal healthcare in Sweden.

How strongly do you agree with the following statement? I think that we have equal healthcare in Sweden. This means that patients who, for example, suffer from Alzheimer, get access to treatments in the same extent, regardless of where they live.



Willingness to share health data

The public is positive to share their health data for research and health purposes

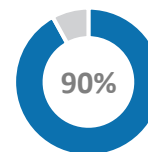
Would you agree to share your health data, such as the result of a blood test or the effect of a treatment, if there was an opportunity to do so in a way that protects privacy?



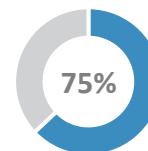
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wants to share their health data

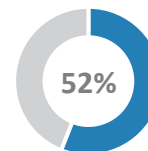
For what purpose(s) would you agree to share your health data? The question was asked to those who answered "yes" to the previous question.



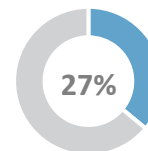
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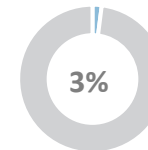
Improve patient care



Support the work of agencies in e.g., improving public health



Increase one's own involvement and in the long term gain more knowledge about one's own health



Uncertain/Don't know/Non of the above

Research!Sweden is a non-profit foundation with the mission to inform and raise awareness of the importance of medical research – for health and prosperity.

We act as an independent think-tank, contributing with factsheets, films, analyses, policy proposals and much more.

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