

The Stockholm Capital Region operates from a position of global strength. The region's focus on core economic assets — an educated and advanced workforce, highly innovative multinational companies and universities, and modern infrastructure — has positioned it as one of the world's most productive metropolitan economies.



Home to 1/4 of Sweden's population and 23 of 2000 leading companies*

The Capital Region houses 2.5 million residents and generates over 30% of national economic output.

*Forbes' list of leading companies

Patenting activity concentrating in technology intensive clusters

Three-quarters of inventions between 2008 and 2012 concentrated in just three industries: information technology, life sciences, and advanced manufacturing. Within sectors, digital communication, telecommunications, medical technology, and computer technology, accounted for almost half of all patenting activity.

The Capital Region is among the

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largest export economies worldwide.

Outperforming metropolitan peers

The region's innovation ecosystem — the collection of technical talent, firms, universities, research institutes, and industry intermediaries outperforms metropolitan peers in both commercial inventions and university-industry scientific collaborations.

Excellent technical skills

Stockholm's labour pool has excellent technical skills, which are a critical input to maintain the region's innovation. According to the OECD, about one-third of employees with tertiary education in Stockholm County are trained in a science and technology field.

One of the most successful entrepreneurial environments in Europe,

receiving \$2.5 billion in venture capital investments since 2005.

World-class connections

The Capital Region's global infrastructure connections — including freight, aviation, and broadband systems — are world-class with some of the best external infrastructure connectivity in the world. Broadband speeds are among the world's fastest thanks to efficient freight and logistics systems that offer cost-effective trade routes for local firms.

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A unicorn factory

Stockholm have produced the highest number of so-called *unicorns* per capita, after Silicon Valley, with brands like Skype, Spotify, Minecraft (Mojang) and Candy Crush Saga (King).

Computer programmer

is the single most common profession in Stockholm.



One out of ten (approx. 700 million people) has played a computer game created in Stockholm.

Well-educated labour pool

Of the population aged 15 and over, 42 percent have obtained at least a post-secondary education, the second highest among peer metro areas.

Attracting investments

The Stockholm fin tech hub is attracting the most capital in Europe, after London. Fin tech companies in Stockholm employ 5800 people and the overall turnover is 14 billion SEK. The total investments have been 658.5 million USD in the last five years.



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