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Sollentuna

- Suburb north of Stockholm- commuter distance to Stockholm city about 20 minutes
- More 73 000 inhabitants
- The Conservatives is the largest party (Moderaterna)
- The City Council is the City's highest political body.
- The Education Committee is responsible for the education in the municipality, We have 12000 children and pupils in municipal operations. The education administration in total is responsible for about 18,000 children and pupils in the municipality.

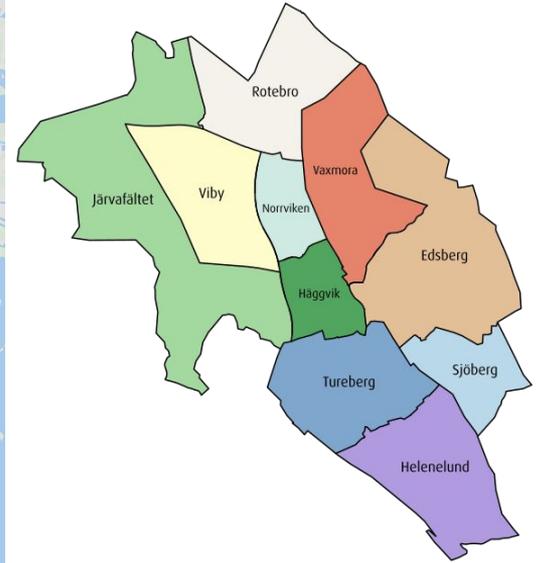
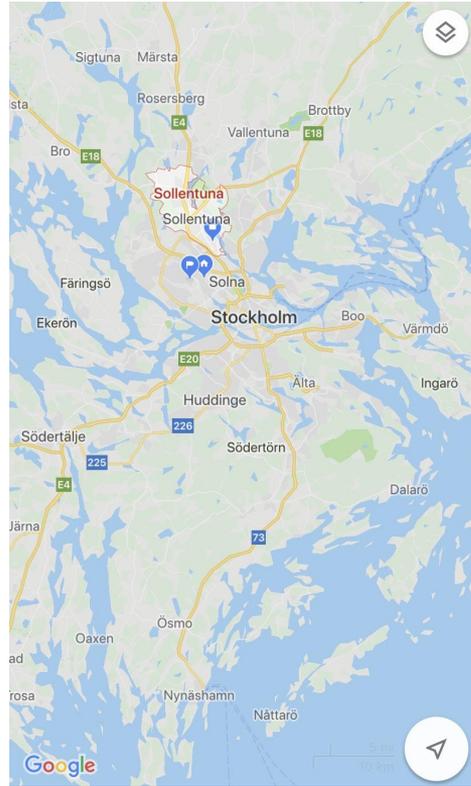


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National governance of preschool in sweden

- Preschools can look different, have different directions and different working methods in Sweden. But there are also laws, regulations and guidelines that all preschools in Sweden should adhere to and that will ensure that all children receive an equally good preschool, regardless of where they live.
- The School Act is decided by the parliament and contains basic provisions regarding school and preschool. It regulates the rights and obligations of children, pupils and their guardians. The School Act also describes the municipality's responsibility.
- The preschool, just like the school, has its own curriculum in Sweden. The preschool curriculum is set by the government and must be followed by all preschools, both independent and municipal. Through the curriculum you will know what expectations and requirements you can have at the preschool.



Curriculum for preschool

- The curriculum consists of two parts, one that describes the preschool's values and assignments, and one that contains goals and guidelines for education in the preschool.
- The curriculum does not contain goals for what individual children should have achieved at different times.
- The goals instead describe what the preschool should offer the children to stimulate their development and learning.
- The preschool's mission is that care, teaching, play and learning should form a whole. The preschool should be safe, fun and educational for all children.



Political view in Freedom to choose preschool

- The ability to choose preschool, school, leisure time centre, high school and adult education is a privilege in Sollentuna. The municipality will continue to work to protect and strengthen this choice.
- The elected politicians in Sollentuna are to set goals, then the profession, in partnership with children, pupils, students and parents determine how these objectives will be achieved.



Foreign background in Sollentuna

On December 31, 2018, the number of residents with foreign backgrounds (foreign-born persons and domestic-born with two foreign-born parents) amounted to 24,269, or 33.46% of the population

Newcomers with a residence permit are entitled to all other services available to all residents, such as child care, school, leisure activities and elderly care.

School placement for newly arrived children and students takes place via CIFS, the Center for Integration and Multilingualism.

In 2018, Sollentuna received 166 newly arrived refugees who have been granted a residence permit or have come to Sweden as a quota refugee, then directly from a refugee camp somewhere outside Europe.



System and set of rules in Sollentuna Municipality

Sollentuna Municipality has a set of rules for preschools, leisure homes and educational care. These rules apply to the municipal preschools and we recommend the independent to follow these rules.

The municipal authorities must have a 12-hour period open between 07-18, the independent preschools decide for themselves based on the needs of the guardians.

Sollentuna Municipality pays out checks/money to all preschools, both municipal and independent.

Examples of compensation for preschools:

1-2 years full time SEK 141 300

3-5 years full time SEK 115 400

1-5 years part time SEK 100 400

3-5 years part time SEK 55 700



Priority arrangement when allocating preschool places

In Sweden there is a free choice of preschool places. In Sollentuna we have a queuing system where guardians can apply for 5 different preschool places. Both the municipal and the independent use this system. All this is done digitally. If you are unable to apply or don't know how, the contact center can help, (also interpreter). An analogue application can only be made by people who have protected personal data. Guardians receive an offer from the preschools digitally. All the Sollentuna websites can be used with google translate.

1. Children who, for physical, mental or other reasons, need special support in their development in the form of preschool.
2. Siblings: children who have siblings who are already placed in the preschool.
3. Other children are offered a place as close to home as possible. On the basis that it should be as distant as possible for all children in Sollentuna. If possible, the wishes of the custodian are taken into account.

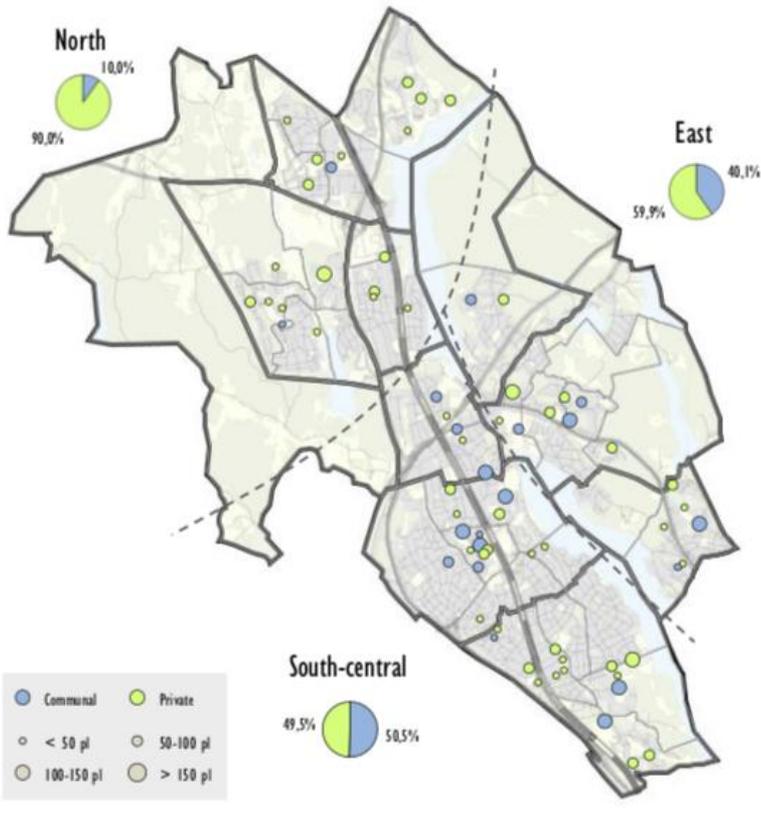
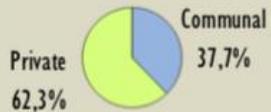
If you live in a women's shelter, the child gets priority. This means that the child goes before all children in the queue and can have a preschool placement within two weeks.



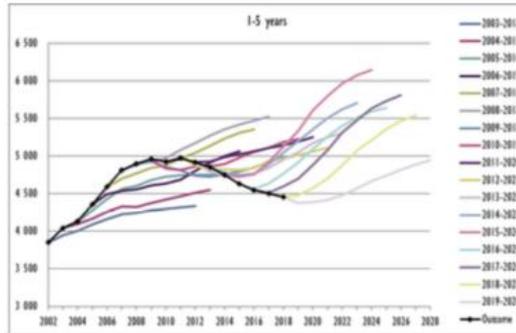
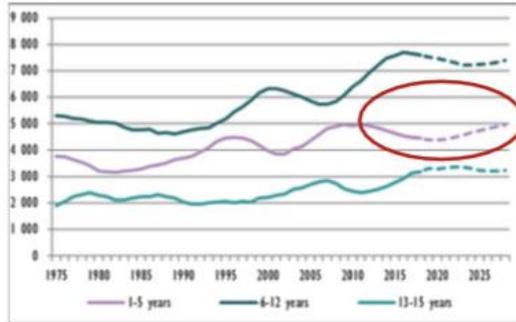
Preschools in Sollentuna

Number of preschools: 72
(20 communal, 52 private)

Total capacity: 4353
(1642 communal, 2711 private)



Planning



The number of children 1-5 years has declined during the last 7 years.

According to the prognosis there's an expected increase of the same category

There has been a major deviation between outcome and prognosis since 2002

Causes; higher or lower outcome of household production, child birth. Misjudgement of target groups in new districts

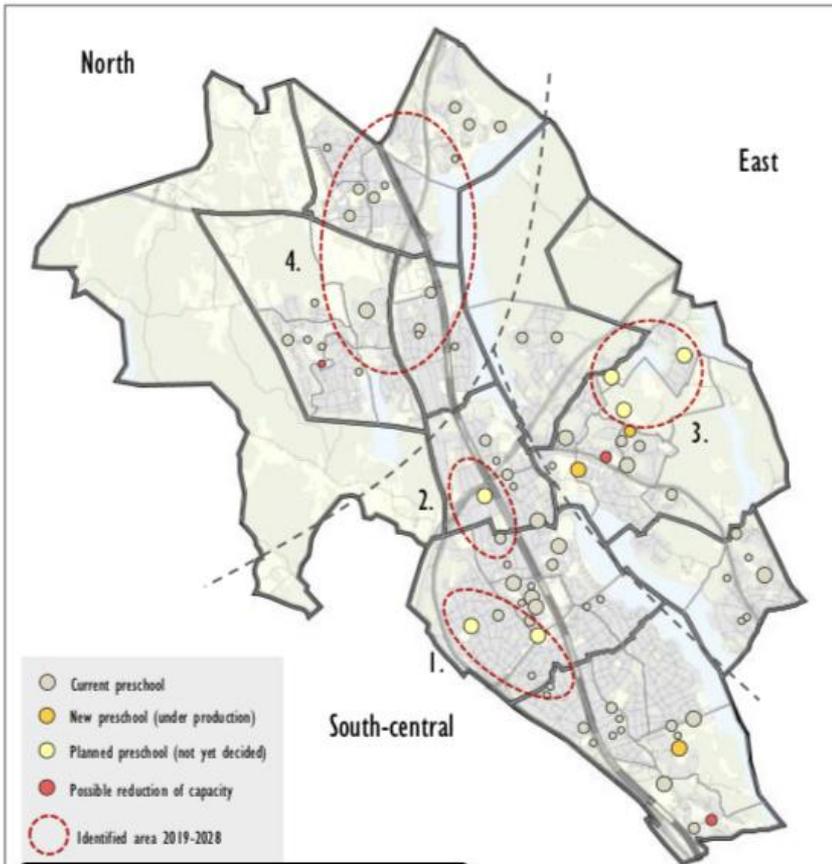


Identified needs of new preschools

An identified need of four new preschools until 2028

New private preschools included in the total capacity

However, the municipality only build new preschools for communal purpose



Admission, how to apply and dismiss place in preschool?

- You can choose full time and part time in Sollentuna municipality. If the guardians study, are actively seeking work, are seeking asylum or are receiving sickness benefits, you are entitled to the full-time position at the preschool.
- If you are a parent with a newborn child you are entitled to 15 hours per week. The children who have a place when the sibling is born are offered full time for one month from the birth of the child. Part time is 15 hours per week. These 15 hours per week can be converted to 25 hours per week if you only attend preschool during school days/school breaks and that you have a summer vacation for 7 weeks.
- All preschools have two months notice to dismiss a place. The guardian makes the notice digitally in our queuing system. Thereafter, the preschool must approve the termination, even this is done in the system.



FAQ Preschools in Sweden

When does the child have the right to go to preschool?

When a parent, work, look for a job, study, asylum seeker and are a parent and live (as a registered person) in Sollentuna.

From when are the parent entitled to a preschool place?

According to the school law, the child is entitled to a preschool place no later than four months after the registration. This means that you will have a place on your warranty date somewhere in Sollentuna municipality. The child has the right from one year of age.

Preschool at evening and nights?

If you need care in the evenings and nights, you can apply for this. The children can then come to a municipal preschool in Sollentuna. If the child has his or her regular childcare at another preschool the guardians need to transport the child.

How much does a preschool place cost?

You pay a fee to have your child in preschool. There's a maximum tax to pay in Sweden per child it depends on what income the family has.

What is Public preschool?

All children have the right to attend public preschool from the fall term in the year the child turns 3. This also applies to children with parents who do not have employment. The child goes to the preschool 15 hours per week free of charge.



The size of fee in Swedish preschools

The fee for preschool and educational care is calculated on the total monthly income in the household where the child is registered, the number of children registered in the same household, the time your child is at preschool (residence time).

The fee is calculated as a percentage of the monthly income before tax.

Full Time fees apply to children who are between one and two years of age and who spend more than 15 hours a week in preschool or educational care. In August of the year the child turns three, the amount changes to part-time fee, regardless of the number of hours, “public preschool”.

Child 1 (youngest child): 3% of income, maximum SEK 1,425 / month

Children 2: 2% of income, maximum SEK 950 / month

Children 3: 1% of income, maximum SEK 475 / month

Children 4 and up: no fee



Supervision and permission to run preschools in the municipality

With regard to the municipal preschools, the school inspector has the supervisory responsibility and also the granting of the permit. Every independent preschool receives an inspection visit every two years.

From January 1, 2019, an ownership and management control is also performed at the supervision. In order for the Board of Education to determine whether the principal still has experience or insight into the regulations that apply to the business. Not everyone on the board needs to have knowledge in all areas, but overall the board must have sufficient knowledge / experience in these areas: school regulations, work environment legislation, labor law and the Annual Accounts Act.



Thanks for listening!

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