










Overall performance


Sweden is the most improved country in procurement processes, and its financial markets and funding capacity rank among the best in InfraCompass2020. Its strong credit rating, low government debt and high income per capita, place it in an excellent position to fund infrastructure investment. In addition, the quality of Sweden's regulatory frameworks, financial markets and permits promote competition among suppliers and encourage private investment. To improve the efficiency of infrastructure investment, Sweden could look to develop a national infrastructure plan and publish a pipeline of future projects.

Drivers	Rank (/16)	Rank change (2017-20)	Score (/100)	Emerging	Aspiring	Contender	Top performer	Global leader
 Governance	16	—	75	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
 Regulatory frameworks	10	—	75	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
 Permits	6	↓ 2	91	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
 Planning	69	↑ 5	31	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
 Procurement	18	↑ 48	88	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
 Activity	55	↑ 7	25	Teal	Teal	Grey	Grey	Grey
 Funding capacity	8	↓ 4	80	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange
 Financial markets	3	↑ 2	78	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow


Sweden at a glance




\$51,242
GDP per capita
(USD, 2019)




10.3 million
Population
(2019)




—
Infrastructure investment
(2019 estimate)



—
Infrastructure gap
(2019 estimate)



84
Infrastructure quality
(0-100, 100 is best, 2019)



\$274 million
Private infrastructure investment
(5-year average, USD, 2019)

Top performing metrics



100/100

Transparency in public procurement

Sweden's public procurement notices are made available online and tender documents transparently detail procurement procedures. The transparency of the process encourages more participation and competition, which can drive value for money.



99/100

Summary credit rating

Sweden's institutional strength and high income per capita have helped maintain a AAA credit rating from the major ratings agencies. Sweden's strong credit rating allows the government to borrow at a lower cost to fund investment in infrastructure.



99/100

Cost to start a business

According to the World Bank, the cost of starting a business in Sweden is 0.5% of income per capita, well below the High Income Countries' average of 4.7%, easing the entry of new firms.

Opportunities to grow

For guidance on how to improve these metrics, please see the [Sweden Country Page](#) on the InfraCompass website.



No

Published project pipeline

Sweden does not currently have an infrastructure pipeline of projects. The addition of an infrastructure pipeline could help provide infrastructure participants with a clear indication of prospective and confirmed infrastructure activity.



No

Infrastructure or PPP agency

Sweden does not have a national agency dedicated to Infrastructure or PPP. The addition of a national agency or PPP unit could help with the development of infrastructure frameworks to aid consistent design and implementation of infrastructure projects.



No

Market sounding and/or assessment

According to the World Bank, there is no formal requirement for a market sounding process in the Sweden. Adding one could allow the government to determine if there is an interest from investors and lenders to provide commercial financing for projects.



ECONOMY OVERVIEW

GDP (\$US billion, 2019)	528.9	Population (million, 2019)	10.3	Unemployment rate (2019)	6.8%
GDP per capita (\$US, 2019)	51,242	Urbanisation ratio (2018)	87.0%	Inflation rate (2019)	1.7%
GDP growth rate (annual, 2019)	0.9%	Gross Government Debt (% of GDP, 2019)	37.0%	Digital Adoption Index (0-1 best, 2016)	0.83
GDP per capita growth rate (annual, 2019)	-5.7%	Sovereign risk rating (2019)	99	Gini coefficient (0-100 worst, 2015)	29.2

METRIC SCORES

The below metrics are normalised so that they all range from 0 to 100. For original metrics and data sources, please see <https://infracompass.github.org/>

GOVERNANCE		REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS		PERMITS	
Post-completion reviews?	Yes -	Effect of taxation on incentives to invest	43.3 ↓	Cost to start a business	99 -
Infrastructure or PPP unit/agency?	No -	Prevalence of foreign ownership	74.4 ↑	Dealing with construction permits	62.9 -
Recovery rate	78.1 ↑	Product market regulation, network sectors	61.9 -	Quality of land administration	91.7 ↓
Rule of law	87.9 ↓	Regulatory (including competition) quality	86 ↓	Registering property	93.8 -
Shareholder governance	56.7 -	Strength of insolvency framework	75 -	Time required to start a business	83.4 ↓
Political stability and absence of violence	65.2 ↓	Investment promotion agency?	Yes -		

PLANNING		PROCUREMENT		ACTIVITY	
Published project pipeline?	No -	Average procurement duration – transaction RFP	52.3 [^] ↓	Infrastructure investment	40 [^] ↑
Published infrastructure plan?	Yes ↑	Degree of transparency in public procurement	100 -	Private infrastructure investment	5.1 ↑
Preparation of PPPs	32 ↓	Published procurement guidelines?	Yes ↑	Value of closed PPP infrastructure deals	33.2 [^] ↓
Economic analysis assessment?	No -	Procurement of PPPs	65 -	Value of closed infrastructure deals with foreign equity sponsorship	21.4 ↑
Market sounding and/or assessment?	No -	PPP contract management	34 -		
Environmental impact analysis?	Yes -				

FUNDING CAPACITY		FINANCIAL MARKETS	
GDP per capita	65.4 ↓	Domestic credit to private sector	63.4 ↑
Gross government debt	71.1 ↑	Financing through local equity market	73.8 ↑
Long term GDP growth trend	18.7 ↓	Stocks traded	87.2 [^] -
Summary credit rating	99 -	Financial depth	84.7 ↓
		Financial stability	94.2 ↓

Drawing on data from: International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Bank, World Economic Forum, IJ Global, CEPII, Oxford Economics, Trading Economics, and Deloitte.

Metric key:

↑ Increase from InfraCompass 2017 ↓ Decrease from InfraCompass 2017 - No change from InfraCompass 2017

Note:

'Top performing metrics' are the metrics with the highest score out of 100.

'Opportunities to grow' are generally the metrics with the lowest weighted score out of 100.

[^]Denotes interpolated metric data. See Technical Appendix for further explanation on the interpolation techniques.