

Opinion poll: The Swedish general public's attitudes towards the use of surveillance cameras (CCTV) in public spaces

What do you think of surveillance cameras in public spaces? Are you ...

Very positive	45%	
Quite positive	43%	88%
Quite negative	8%	
Very negative	3%	11%
Unsure, don't know	1%	
100%		

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?
The use of surveillance cameras at **designated national border-crossings** violates my privacy

Fully agree	6%	
Partially agree	12%	18%
Partially reject	23%	
Strong reject	59%	82%
Unsure, don't know	1%	
101% (Rounding-off effect)		

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?
The use of surveillance cameras in **streets and city centers** violates my privacy

Fully agree	8%	
Partially agree	13%	21%
Partially reject	25%	
Strong reject	52%	77%
Unsure, don't know	1%	
99% (Rounding-off effect)		

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?
The use of surveillance cameras in **parks and green spaces** violates my privacy

Fully agree	9%	
Partially agree	17%	26%
Partially reject	23%	
Strong reject	51%	74%
Unsure, don't know	1%	
101% (Rounding-off effect)		

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?
The use of surveillance cameras at **health care units - for example emergency rooms** - violates my privacy

Fully agree	11%	
Partially agree	19%	30%
Partially reject	23%	
Strong reject	45%	68%
Unsure, don't know	2%	
100%		

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?
The use of surveillance cameras at **large public events - for example sport events and festivals** - violates my privacy

Fully agree	8%	
Partially agree	11%	19%
Partially reject	22%	
Strong reject	58%	80%
Unsure, don't know	1%	
100%		

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?
The use of surveillance cameras in **my residential area** violates my privacy

Fully agree	12%	
Partially agree	19%	31%
Partially reject	25%	
Strong reject	42%	67%
Unsure, don't know	2%	
100%		

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To what extent do you believe automatic facial recognition is used in surveillance cameras in Sweden?

Quite a lot	9%
Not much	55%
Not at all	21%
Don't know	15%
	100%

In which of the following cases do you believe the risk of privacy-breaches is the greatest?

Commercially motivated documentation of you as an individual, for example data collection of your online consumer behavior and activity on the internet/social media	55%
Other members of the general public's documentation of yourself, for example being photographed or audio recorded outside your home	20%
The public sector's documentation of you as an individual, for example data collection motivated by law enforcement, transit systems and health care	11%
Unsure, don't know	15%
	101%

To what public authority do you turn to direct complaints on public camera surveillance privacy breaches?

(The listed option were not read aloud to the participants. The provided answer were checked against the below pre-specified list of options)

Swedish Data Protection Authority (Datainspektionen)	6%
Swedish National Police	35%
Municipality	8%
County Administrative Board	4%
Other	8%
Do not know	39%
	100%

About the study

The opinion poll was commissioned by the LUSAX security research team at Lund University, School of Economics and Management (LUSEM) as an outreach-activity. The data was collected by opinion poll institute KANTAR SIFO, 2-5 December, 2019. A representative sample (both in terms of age and demographic variation) of 1 000 participants were interviewed by phone. The participants were 15 years of age and older. No upper limit in terms of age.

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