

Sweden 2024 Digital Decade Country Report

Sweden's performance towards the Digital Decade targets and objectives.

In 2023, Sweden made **notable progress** in 5G coverage, including in the 3.4-3.8 GHz bands. **Challenges persist** in the area of e-Health and the country needs to continue the work on e-ID. However, in the last year Sweden has increased its number of unicorns.



Two main strengths or areas of progress

Connectivity infrastructure

A substantial share of Swedish households already has access to gigabit (88.5% of households have Fixed Very High-Capacity Network (VHCN) coverage) and 5G networks (90.3% of households), although the most remote households will be the costliest to cover. In 2023, 5G in the 3.4-3.8 GHz band, essential to enable advanced applications, covered 64.5% of Swedish households, above the EU average (50.6%).

Unicorns

Sweden has a business environment conducive to innovation, with good access to finance, as evidenced by the high number of unicorn companies.



Two main weaknesses or areas to improve

e-Health

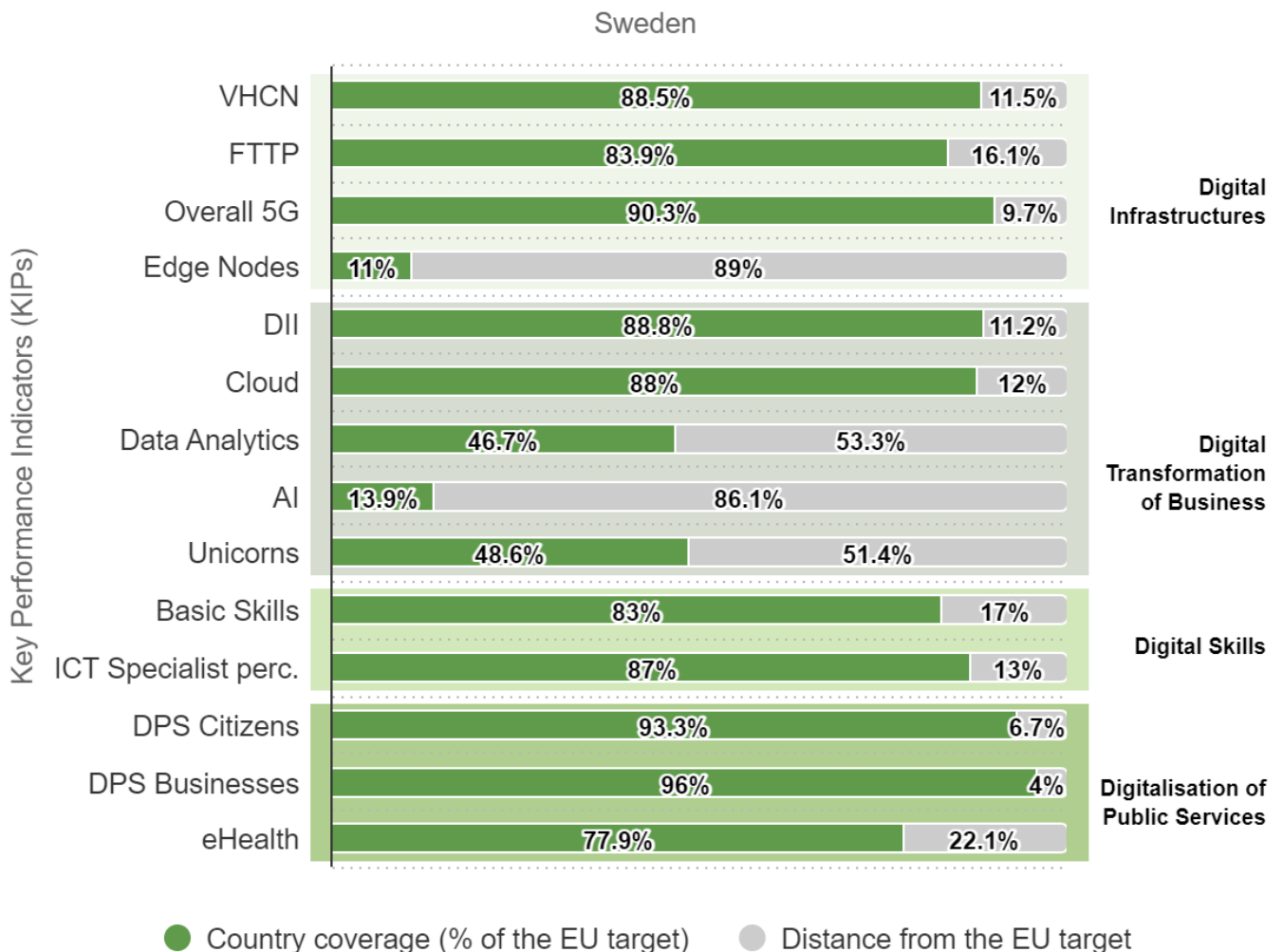
Sweden, with a score of 77.9, lags behind the EU average of 79.1 in online access to electronic health journals; this gap is forecasted to continue to widen.

e-ID

Sweden has initiated several measures to increase the accessibility of e-ID schemes, as not all have access to one.

Sweden's Key Performance Indicators

Observed and forecasted Key Performance Indicators as percentage of the EU target



* 2023: last observed data (DESI 2024, SDDR24); 2024-2030: forecast as per Member States' trajectories

A fully interactive graph is available on the web page.

Sweden's Digital Decade strategic roadmap

Sweden's roadmap demonstrates that the country plans a **significant effort** to achieve the Digital Decade objectives and targets. It set targets for 13 out of the 14 key performance indicators (KPIs), although some, such as the KPI on access to e-Health records, are below the EU targets for 2030. To achieve its digital transformation, Sweden plans to allocate a total budget (excluding private investments) estimated at **EUR 2.8 billion (0.5% GDP)**.



Digital rights and principles

The Special Eurobarometer 'Digital Decade 2024' reveals that, despite a 5-point decline from last year, 50% of Swedes still believe the EU effectively protects their digital rights, which is above the EU average (45%). 80% of Swedish respondents trust in the freedom of assembly online and 65% appreciate the level of digital skills in the country. However, 74% of Sweden respondents cited growing concerns about children's online safety (+21-point increase compared to 2023, and the highest in the EU). Additionally, 59% are concerned about control over their digital legacy. These findings underscore **the need to reinforce digital rights at national level.**



Country-Specific Recommendations

Sweden must improve its performance towards the Digital Decade targets and objectives, to foster competitiveness, resilience, sovereignty, and promote European values and climate action.

e-Health

Increase efforts to ensure that everyone can access their health records online by 2030, in line with the requirements under the upcoming European Health Data Space regulation.

e-ID

Continue efforts to ensure that everyone has access to an e-ID.

Adoption of AI and data analytics by enterprises

Maintain attention to encourage the use of AI and big data analytics by enterprises.

For more information and the full list of recommendations, please consult the [report](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/digital-decade-2024-country-reports) (<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/digital-decade-2024-country-reports>).

Basic digital skills

Continue efforts to ensure that the population can improve basic skills, particularly in rural areas.

ICT specialists

Finalise the discussions on a national strategy focussing on STEM and take action to ensure that more ICT specialists are women.

More on the Digital Decade Report 2024



Digital Decade 2024 report: Country fact pages
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