

Ordering the data:

The data is ordered in two steps. First the data order needs to pass the ethics review. These are submitted through one of the regional ethics board. Detailed instructions on the process itself is provided here:

<http://www.epn.se/en/start/>

In the next step the data request is submitted to Statistics Sweden that will do both a judicial clearance of the order and provide the price of the order. Statistics Sweden does not provide information about this process in English. However, the democracy unit of statistics Sweden can be contact via valstatistik@scb.se, and will guide you through the process.

Finally, once the data has been processed it can be accessed via Statistics Sweden's access servers. These are only accessible from Sweden, but with special permission from statistics Sweden it can also be accessed from other EU countries.

The data used in this paper contains data from the following sources:

Electoral statistics:

With the following data: List number, ballot rank, party, preference votes, municipality, electoral district, information on being elected or not, and municipality. Due to a recent digitization effort this data goes back to 1982

Appointments:

Appointment data is provide from a survey. This contains information on all political appointments in 2006 and 2010

Register data:

All register information used for this study comes from LISA, Statistics Sweden's "Longitudinal integration database for health insurance and labour market studies". Information on the available data can be found here.

http://www.scb.se/en/_/Services/Guidance-for-researchers-and-universities/SCB-Data/Longitudinal-integration-database-for-health-insurance-and-labour-market-studies-LISA-by-Swedish-acronym/