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Introduction

According to the Official Statistics Act (2001:99) official statistics must be made available to the general public and committees of enquiry and for research purposes. The Swedish National Courts Administration has been responsible for official statistics relating to the work of the courts since 2002. During the period 1993-2001 such statistics were produced by the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (BRÅ). In the early years, the provision of this statistical information was the responsibility of Statistics Sweden (SCB).

Court statistics comprise statistics for cases and matters at the general courts and general administrative courts as well as matters dealt with at the rent and tenancy tribunals. Usually data for the last five years are presented. Since 2004, certain statistical information has also been published for individual courts.

Contents of this publication

These statistics are divided into three chapters, each of which begins with a summary of the work of each court category. The first chapter presents statistics from the general courts, i.e. the district courts, the courts of appeal and the Supreme Court, whilst statistics from the general administrative courts, i.e., the administrative courts, administrative courts of appeal and the Supreme Administrative Court, are presented in the second chapter. The third chapter contains information about the rent and tenancy tribunals.

Age percentage of pending cases and performance of the time targets at individual courts is presented in appendices at the end.

Further legal statistics

In addition to the court statistics in this publication, further legal statistics are available from the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention, the Prison and Probation Service and Statistics Sweden.

Explanation of symbols

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1. Cases and matters in the general courts

The work of the general courts

The general courts comprise the district court as the court of first instance, the court of appeal as the court of second instance and the Supreme Court as the court of third instance. At the beginning of the year there were forty-eight district courts and six courts of appeal.

The cases are counted as filed, determined and pending during each year. Pending cases are open cases that the court is working on.

The Government has set up operating targets for districts courts and courts of appeal while the Supreme Court, in consultation with the Swedish National Courts Administration, sets its own operational targets. These targets are measured as turnaround times for determined cases and are measured at the 75th percentile. This means that 75 percent of the cases should have the target turnaround time or less, and that 25 percent of the longest turnaround times are excluded.

In the case of criminal cases, the Government also requires reporting on the turnaround time for cases involving juveniles, where at least one prosecuted person is under 21 years. These turnaround times are measured both at the 75th percentile and at the median.

The District Courts

The principal task of the district courts is to adjudicate in *criminal* and *civil* cases.

Crime, in a legal sense, is an action that is punishable and the basic rules that apply to crimes are to be found in the Penal Code, which contains, for example, the rules applicable to crimes of violence and theft. Certain crimes, such as drug offences, tax crimes and traffic offences, are dealt with using special legislation. Many criminal cases contain an indictment, but in recent years the amount of cases without indictment has increased. These cases are less labour-intensive for the court and have often a positive impact on the turnover time.

The majority of disputes fall under either property law or family law. The former generally involve the inability of the parties to agree on the terms of a contract, e.g. in conjunction with a purchase where there is a dispute regarding the price agreed for a particular item, the lawful ownership of an object or liability for damages. A family law dispute could involve divorce proceedings, custody of children, child maintenance and paternity.

The district courts also consist of land and environment courts, which judge cases concerning *property*, cases relating to the *Planning and Building Act* and *environmental* cases. This means that the land and environment courts adjudicate in cases such as leasehold rights, environmentally hazardous activities, permits, compensation for expropriation, environmental damages, water operations etc. The Land and Environment Court of Appeal is located at the Svea Court of Appeal, to handle appealed cases from the land and environment courts.

The Swedish adjudication of intellectual property law, competition law and marketing law cases as well as matters are handled by the Patent and Market Court and the Patent and Market Court of Appeal. As a court of first instance, the Patent and Market Court is a division of Stockholm District Court. Judgments and decisions reached by the Patent and Market Court can be appealed to the Patent and Market Court of Appeal, which is a division of Svea Court of Appeal. They handle *criminal cases*, *civil cases* and *other cases* that are related to patent and market.

A number of matters are processed and determined by the district courts, such as *distrain cases*, which mainly consist of appeals against seizure orders, *debt management* and *bankruptcies*.

Determination of cases and matters in the district court

At a main hearing in a crime case, the general rule is that the court should consist of one legally trained judge and three lay judges.

Law clerks also serve in the district courts and after a certain period of service they are usually appointed to adjudicate regularly in less complicated cases such as traffic offences.

At a main hearing in a civil case, the general rule is that the court should consist of three legally trained judges, although there are several exceptions to this. In certain family law cases, the court consists of one legally trained judge and three lay judges. The court could even consist of a single legally trained judge in those instances where the hearing takes the form of a simplified procedure, if the parties have granted their consent or if the case is of a less complicated nature.

A case can be determined in different ways, such as through a judgement which is the court's decision on the issue in the case. It can also be determined through a decision, by which a court concludes its consideration of the case without a judgement. Examples of decisions are cancellations and rejections of cases. Both civil and criminal cases can in certain instances be determined on the basis of documentary evidence, whereby the court acquaints itself with the documents and written evidence presented.

Whilst many criminal cases are determined following a main hearing this is less common for the civil cases.

The district court also examines the question of compulsory powers in criminal cases, such as when a public prosecutor asks for a suspect to be remanded in custody. In a custody hearing the court decides whether the suspect will be detained or released.

As a rule, district court judgments can be appealed to a court of appeal.

The Courts of appeal

Cases filed at the courts of appeal are classified as *civil cases*, *criminal cases* or *other cases*. Other cases include appeals from the district courts, the rent and tenancy tribunal and the Patent and Market Court, as well as specific decisions taken before or during the hearing at the district court, e.g. remanding a defendant in custody or the replacement of a public defence counsel. Svea Hovrätt, the Land and Environment Court of Appeal, also handles appealed cases concerning *property*, cases relating to the *Planning and Building Act* and *environmental cases*.

Leave to appeal is required for a court of appeal to examine a judgment or decision of a district court. It is also required for such appeals in civil cases. As regards criminal cases, leave to appeal is required in any appeal where the defendant has only been fined or has been acquitted, when the maximum punishment applicable to the crime is six months' imprisonment or when the appeal relates only to the part of the judgment dealing with compensation.

Leave to appeal may be granted only when the court of appeal is in doubt regarding the correctness of the judgment in the district court, if it is necessary for the court of appeal to determine whether the district court judgment is correct, if an appeal to a higher court constitutes a precedent, or if there are pressing reasons.

Case determination at the courts of appeal

At the main hearing in a civil case, the general rule is that the court must comprise three legally trained judges. If the case to be examined has already been adjudicated by this number at the district court, the court must comprise at least four legally trained judges. In criminal cases the general rule is that the court must comprise three legally trained judges and two lay judges at the main hearing.

The majority of civil cases are determined in a court of appeal without a main hearing. The rules in the Code of Judicial Procedure state that a case can be determined without a main hearing if the matter can be examined satisfactorily and the parties have requested that it be determined in this way. The court of appeal can also adjudicate in a criminal case without a main hearing, although many criminal cases are determined after a main hearing.

The Supreme Court

The Supreme Court examines cases that come to it on appeal from one of the six courts of appeal. The majority of cases require leave to appeal. The general rule is that leave is only granted if the judgment or decision of the Supreme Court could be an important precedent. Only a few per cent of the cases referred to the Supreme Court are granted leave to appeal. The Parliamentary Ombudsman (JO) and the Chancellor of Justice (JK) have the right to refer a case that is the subject of public prosecution to the Supreme Court, without leave to appeal.

The cases are divided into three categories: *B-cases*, *T-cases* and *Ö-cases*, that is criminal cases, civil cases and other cases. Appealed cases from the Land and Environment Court of Appeal and the Patent and Market Court of Appeal are also included in these categories.

The majority of cases are decided on the basis of documentation following a presentation by the judge referee responsible for the processing, although oral hearings with the parties also take place.

The supreme court determines their own operational targets. These targets are measured as turnaround times for determined cases and are measured at the 90th percentile. This means that 90 percent of the cases should have the target turnaround time or less.

Case determination at the Supreme Court

Cases in the Supreme Court are decided by the Justices of the Supreme Court and when a case is to be examined, five or a maximum of seven justices are present. If the matter to be examined is of a less complicated nature only three justices take part. If the result conflicts with a previous ruling by this court then the matter must be referred to a plenum, which consists of all the justices. The matter of leave to appeal is decided by one or three justices.

The cases are often determined through a final order but can also be determined through a verdict.

Table 1.1 District courts development of cases and matters 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases and matters filed					
FT cases ¹	23 211	19 739	19 032	17 613	21 297
Joint petitions ²	22 461	22 763	19 977	19 577	18 871
Other family cases	18 868	18 268	17 259	15 684	15 880
Other civil cases	25 680	24 597	27 890	27 437	30 523
Criminal cases	104 286	119 921	122 399	122 013	126 161
Property cases	1 684	1 641	1 458	1 387	1 317
Environmental cases	2 909	2 987	3 052	3 249	3 448
Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	2 642	2 664	2 326	2 669	2 564
Company reconstruction matters	273	416	214	236	172
Bankruptcy matters	10 859	9 998	9 100	9 566	12 233
Debt clearance matters	2 032	2 281	2 955	2 962	2 733
Enforcement matters	7 318	7 977	8 448	8 334	9 051
Other court matters	42 210	43 721	43 825	44 417	47 395
Total cases and matters	264 433	276 973	277 935	275 144	291 645
Cases and matters determined					
FT cases ¹	21 391	21 390	19 952	17 080	20 441
Joint petitions ²	21 941	22 699	21 322	19 540	18 886
Other family cases	19 232	18 560	18 103	16 892	15 869
Other civil cases	25 476	24 475	27 912	27 813	29 183
Criminal cases	100 552	115 038	121 925	122 733	126 104
Property cases	1 850	1 825	1 438	1 387	1 425
Environmental cases	2 987	2 879	3 032	3 222	3 399
Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	2 536	2 636	2 399	2 607	2 613
Company reconstruction matters	262	392	252	277	133
Bankruptcy matters	10 448	11 042	9 424	9 597	10 208
Debt clearance matters	1 932	2 368	2 865	2 976	2 796
Enforcement matters	7 417	7 855	8 291	8 484	9 105
Other court matters	41 488	44 264	43 161	43 820	46 713
Total cases and matters	257 512	275 423	280 076	276 428	286 875
Cases and matters pending					
FT cases ¹	7 645	5 910	4 895	5 365	6 165
Joint petitions ²	9 220	9 142	7 687	7 638	7 545
Other family cases	10 950	10 772	10 022	8 893	8 981
Other civil cases	11 564	11 731	11 768	11 453	12 856
Criminal cases	42 330	47 065	47 420	46 623	46 491
Property cases	897	714	720	725	617
Environmental cases	1 603	1 712	1 731	1 771	1 821

Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	959	988	925	989	939
Company reconstruction matters	110	134	96	55	94
Bankruptcy matters	10 459	9 415	9 091	9 060	11 085
Debt clearance matters	380	293	383	369	306
Enforcement matters	1 103	1 225	1 382	1 232	1 178
Other court matters	11 040	10 497	11 161	11 758	12 440
Total cases and matters	108 260	109 598	107 281	105 931	110 518

¹Civil cases where the amount claimed does not exceed half a base amount and where the case is always determined by a single judge.

² For divorce, dissolution of civil partnership and custody of children.

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Table 1.2a Development of cases and matters per district court in 2023

District courts	Case category ¹⁻³	Filed cases and matters	Determined cases and matters	Pending cases and matters
Alingsås	Total	2 479	2 562	960
	FT cases	163	152	41
	Joint petitions	258	270	108
	Other family cases	162	172	105
	Other civil cases	240	234	100
	Criminal cases	1 090	1 169	396
	Bankruptcy matters	100	103	74
	Debt clearance matters	25	19	10
	Other court matters	441	443	126
Attunda	Total	14 319	13 280	6 777
	FT cases	2 992	2 614	1 021
	Joint petitions	1 000	962	520
	Other family cases	731	731	540
	Other civil cases	1 896	1 791	980
	Criminal cases	5 119	4 816	2 414
	Company reconstruction matters	8	8	5
	Bankruptcy matters	613	489	616
	Debt clearance matters	116	119	13
	Enforcement matters	7	7	0
Other court matters	1 837	1 743	668	
Blekinge	Total	3 928	3 672	1 604
	FT cases	262	227	86
	Joint petitions	246	242	98
	Other family cases	194	206	116
	Other civil cases	643	324	436
	Criminal cases	1 660	1 773	567
	Company reconstruction matters	1	2	0

	Bankruptcy matters	130	92	119
	Debt clearance matters	38	43	8
	Enforcement matters	112	118	24
	Other court matters	642	645	150
Borås	Total	4 772	4 892	1 561
	FT cases	289	315	53
	Joint petitions	381	386	163
	Other family cases	300	343	154
	Other civil cases	543	569	192
	Criminal cases	2 188	2 200	611
	Company reconstruction matters	4	3	1
	Bankruptcy matters	208	162	202
	Debt clearance matters	56	54	9
	Other court matters	803	860	176
Eksjö	Total	2 501	2 430	725
	FT cases	191	155	56
	Joint petitions	197	189	84
	Other family cases	158	149	80
	Other civil cases	190	169	60
	Criminal cases	1 206	1 240	293
	Bankruptcy matters	56	50	49
	Debt clearance matters	37	39	0
	Enforcement matters	5	5	0
	Other court matters	461	434	103
Eskilstuna	Total	4 866	4 653	2 096
	FT cases	265	259	55
	Joint petitions	328	325	130
	Other family cases	289	293	175
	Other civil cases	606	545	241
	Criminal cases	2 165	2 200	926
	Company reconstruction matters	1	0	1
	Bankruptcy matters	177	118	152
	Debt clearance matters	45	48	1
	Enforcement matters	180	186	32
	Other court matters	810	679	383
Falu	Total	5 039	5 082	2 390
	FT cases	274	282	62
	Joint petitions	376	357	162
	Other family cases	270	276	189
	Other civil cases	436	434	204
	Criminal cases	2 341	2 487	1 318
	Company reconstruction matters	6	6	1
	Bankruptcy matters	181	156	150
	Debt clearance matters	54	60	2
	Enforcement matters	184	182	24
	Other court matters	917	842	278

Gotland	Total	1 631	1 508	574
	FT cases	63	55	20
	Joint petitions	94	84	41
	Other family cases	78	55	51
	Other civil cases	97	89	43
	Criminal cases	870	832	270
	Company reconstruction matters	1	1	0
	Bankruptcy matters	48	33	46
	Debt clearance matters	11	8	4
	Enforcement matters	47	45	14
	Other court matters	322	306	85
Gällivare	Total	927	961	359
	FT cases	49	55	13
	Joint petitions	56	68	20
	Other family cases	66	57	37
	Other civil cases	89	84	41
	Criminal cases	414	419	138
	Bankruptcy matters	30	40	35
	Debt clearance matters	12	16	0
	Other court matters	211	222	75
Gävle	Total	4 586	4 138	1 894
	FT cases	266	241	94
	Joint petitions	295	305	129
	Other family cases	233	210	148
	Other civil cases	396	339	194
	Criminal cases	2 137	1 941	859
	Bankruptcy matters	190	119	173
	Debt clearance matters	50	43	12
	Enforcement matters	201	185	42
	Other court matters	818	755	243
Gothenburg	Total	22 971	22 624	8 991
	FT cases	2 340	2 198	853
	Joint petitions	1 380	1 361	568
	Other family cases	1 168	1 224	694
	Other civil cases	2 519	2 395	1 213
	Criminal cases	10 570	10 689	3 884
	Company reconstruction matters	25	13	14
	Bankruptcy matters	956	786	913
	Debt clearance matters	222	216	32
	Enforcement matters	786	840	80
	Other court matters	3 005	2 902	740
Halmstad	Total	3 766	3 623	1 310
	FT cases	232	198	79
	Joint petitions	289	264	117
	Other family cases	220	211	120
	Other civil cases	438	415	187

	Criminal cases	1 595	1 596	547
	Company reconstruction matters	1	0	1
	Bankruptcy matters	148	140	106
	Debt clearance matters	30	29	3
	Enforcement matters	219	197	41
	Other court matters	594	573	109
Haparanda	Total	974	940	355
	FT cases	45	42	9
	Joint petitions	57	57	22
	Other family cases	37	35	31
	Other civil cases	83	75	24
	Criminal cases	446	439	166
	Bankruptcy matters	25	26	35
	Debt clearance matters	12	12	1
	Other court matters	269	254	67
Helsingborg	Total	9 086	9 065	2 780
	FT cases	529	596	102
	Joint petitions	594	568	246
	Other family cases	519	499	284
	Other civil cases	1 101	1 059	348
	Criminal cases	4 016	4 123	1 047
	Company reconstruction matters	6	3	3
	Bankruptcy matters	386	331	285
	Debt clearance matters	123	127	14
	Other court matters	1 812	1 759	451
Hälsingland	Total	3 251	3 273	1 245
	FT cases	208	216	52
	Joint petitions	208	237	66
	Other family cases	166	180	92
	Other civil cases	216	194	125
	Criminal cases	1 651	1 626	626
	Company reconstruction matters	0	1	0
	Bankruptcy matters	95	94	55
	Debt clearance matters	34	35	5
	Enforcement matters	2	4	0
	Other court matters	671	686	224
Hässleholm	Total	1 659	1 603	712
	FT cases	125	122	36
	Joint petitions	125	117	46
	Other family cases	102	107	63
	Other civil cases	170	163	70
	Criminal cases	670	649	294
	Bankruptcy matters	49	50	36
	Debt clearance matters	29	14	16
	Other court matters	389	381	151
Jönköping	Total	5 716	5 576	1 853

	FT cases	383	334	112
	Joint petitions	393	403	152
	Other family cases	338	306	197
	Other civil cases	542	503	244
	Criminal cases	2 534	2 578	681
	Company reconstruction matters	1	1	0
	Bankruptcy matters	224	208	198
	Debt clearance matters	70	70	6
	Enforcement matters	239	246	29
	Other court matters	992	927	234
Kalmar	Total	5 615	5 535	2 395
	FT cases	353	319	150
	Joint petitions	388	381	161
	Other family cases	328	308	184
	Other civil cases	490	453	255
	Criminal cases	2 568	2 580	1 356
	Company reconstruction matters	1	1	0
	Bankruptcy matters	212	178	170
	Debt clearance matters	63	62	6
	Enforcement matters	221	242	22
	Other court matters	991	1 011	91
Kristianstad	Total	3 398	3 458	1 021
	FT cases	224	240	53
	Joint petitions	211	196	82
	Other family cases	179	170	94
	Other civil cases	288	277	121
	Criminal cases	1 367	1 450	437
	Bankruptcy matters	103	90	72
	Debt clearance matters	45	44	6
	Enforcement matters	320	327	34
	Other court matters	661	664	122
Linköping	Total	6 017	5 901	2 344
	FT cases	362	325	112
	Joint petitions	370	396	145
	Other family cases	357	333	211
	Other civil cases	509	507	215
	Criminal cases	2 782	2 695	1 183
	Company reconstruction matters	4	3	1
	Bankruptcy matters	163	163	189
	Debt clearance matters	51	58	1
	Enforcement matters	323	334	25
	Other court matters	1 096	1 087	262
Luleå	Total	3 940	4 015	1 346
	FT cases	237	236	53
	Joint petitions	299	308	121
	Other family cases	185	207	104

	Other civil cases	282	310	116
	Criminal cases	1 920	1 943	573
	Company reconstruction matters	1	1	1
	Bankruptcy matters	101	88	127
	Debt clearance matters	28	31	5
	Enforcement matters	197	191	32
	Other court matters	690	700	214
Lund	Total	7 311	7 322	2 267
	FT cases	475	463	116
	Joint petitions	591	605	225
	Other family cases	416	412	242
	Other civil cases	760	774	255
	Criminal cases	3 135	3 191	829
	Company reconstruction matters	1	1	1
	Bankruptcy matters	271	210	249
	Debt clearance matters	74	75	10
	Other court matters	1 588	1 591	340
Lycksele	Total	789	765	216
	FT cases	34	30	7
	Joint petitions	43	39	17
	Other family cases	34	33	15
	Other civil cases	36	37	13
	Criminal cases	364	353	110
	Bankruptcy matters	22	24	23
	Debt clearance matters	8	7	1
	Other court matters	248	242	30
Malmö	Total	14 940	14 750	5 344
	FT cases	892	868	238
	Joint petitions	830	842	329
	Other family cases	825	770	503
	Other civil cases	1 382	1 357	542
	Criminal cases	7 000	6 907	2 588
	Company reconstruction matters	3	5	1
	Bankruptcy matters	672	552	560
	Debt clearance matters	102	103	5
	Enforcement matters	1 167	1 160	134
	Other court matters	2 067	2 186	444
Mora	Total	1 719	1 634	592
	FT cases	81	77	14
	Joint petitions	102	101	38
	Other family cases	70	81	31
	Other civil cases	151	120	57
	Criminal cases	784	811	272
	Company reconstruction matters	1	1	0
	Bankruptcy matters	64	40	81
	Debt clearance matters	11	11	2

	Other court matters	455	392	97
Nacka	Total	9 519	9 550	2 886
	FT cases	325	332	83
	Joint petitions	374	395	153
	Other family cases	243	288	136
	Other civil cases	671	611	303
	Criminal cases	1 508	1 527	488
	Property cases	537	551	179
	Environmental cases	1 140	1 180	449
	Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	970	971	314
	Company reconstruction matters	4	3	2
	Bankruptcy matters	215	202	174
	Debt clearance matters	32	27	5
	Enforcement matters	2 744	2 713	383
	Other court matters	756	750	217
Norrköping	Total	4 710	4 811	1 769
	FT cases	287	317	51
	Joint petitions	308	324	134
	Other family cases	287	318	164
	Other civil cases	510	533	184
	Criminal cases	2 164	2 132	845
	Company reconstruction matters	1	1	1
	Bankruptcy matters	202	151	198
	Debt clearance matters	45	56	6
	Other court matters	906	979	186
Norrtälje	Total	1 976	1 956	610
	FT cases	99	88	33
	Joint petitions	104	108	35
	Other family cases	106	98	63
	Other civil cases	174	177	73
	Criminal cases	941	954	223
	Bankruptcy matters	70	56	52
	Debt clearance matters	20	21	2
	Enforcement matters	1	1	0
	Other court matters	461	453	129
Nyköping	Total	4 489	4 577	1 068
	FT cases	472	485	72
	Joint petitions	292	302	119
	Other family cases	271	281	103
	Other civil cases	416	414	93
	Criminal cases	1 921	2 010	421
	Bankruptcy matters	166	116	161
	Debt clearance matters	51	55	1
	Enforcement matters	2	2	0
	Other court matters	898	912	98
Skaraborg	Total	5 312	5 265	2 011

	FT cases	248	258	56
	Joint petitions	432	455	161
	Other family cases	350	335	223
	Other civil cases	429	406	203
	Criminal cases	2 325	2 363	884
	Company reconstruction matters	0	3	0
	Bankruptcy matters	181	165	132
	Debt clearance matters	74	75	8
	Enforcement matters	163	175	25
	Other court matters	1 110	1 030	319
Skellefteå	Total	1 729	1 492	808
	FT cases	74	61	32
	Joint petitions	136	108	70
	Other family cases	101	91	63
	Other civil cases	94	71	60
	Criminal cases	907	793	363
	Company reconstruction matters	1	1	0
	Bankruptcy matters	68	40	72
	Debt clearance matters	6	8	1
	Other court matters	342	319	147
Solna	Total	11 936	11 630	4 889
	FT cases	1 125	1 048	385
	Joint petitions	779	770	318
	Other family cases	804	830	438
	Other civil cases	1 823	1 706	780
	Criminal cases	5 146	5 138	1 846
	Company reconstruction matters	15	6	11
	Bankruptcy matters	545	402	572
	Debt clearance matters	106	116	14
	Other court matters	1 593	1 614	525
Stockholm	Total	19 860	19 383	7 861
	FT cases	1 372	1 293	328
	Joint petitions	1 266	1 303	237
	Other family cases	970	982	305
	Other civil cases	3 065	2 967	1 275
	Criminal cases	8 893	8 823	2 943
	Company reconstruction matters	68	53	41
	Bankruptcy matters	2 155	1 769	1 932
	Debt clearance matters	98	117	10
	Enforcement matters	10	10	0
	Other court matters	1 963	2 066	790
Sundsvall	Total	3 359	3 264	1 485
	FT cases	172	167	50
	Joint petitions	227	236	87
	Other family cases	193	198	97
	Other civil cases	273	245	115

	Criminal cases	1 716	1 609	826
	Company reconstruction matters	2	1	1
	Bankruptcy matters	134	164	112
	Debt clearance matters	32	36	2
	Other court matters	610	608	195
Södertälje	Total	3 827	3 827	1 032
	FT cases	290	298	50
	Joint petitions	233	240	73
	Other family cases	278	299	112
	Other civil cases	587	575	161
	Criminal cases	1 601	1 587	447
	Bankruptcy matters	156	138	107
	Debt clearance matters	42	41	4
	Other court matters	640	649	78
Södertörn	Total	20 222	19 618	6 860
	FT cases	1 495	1 465	345
	Joint petitions	1 302	1 326	504
	Other family cases	1 194	1 191	652
	Other civil cases	2 797	2 680	860
	Criminal cases	9 199	8 966	2 749
	Company reconstruction matters	5	6	2
	Bankruptcy matters	802	653	850
	Debt clearance matters	223	213	26
	Other court matters	3 205	3 118	872
Uddevalla	Total	3 858	3 815	2 228
	FT cases	272	260	103
	Joint petitions	306	301	133
	Other family cases	272	272	153
	Other civil cases	396	377	289
	Criminal cases	1 630	1 629	1 203
	Company reconstruction matters	1	2	1
	Bankruptcy matters	159	131	133
	Debt clearance matters	42	45	7
	Enforcement matters	3	3	0
	Other court matters	777	795	206
Umeå	Total	3 799	3 608	1 485
	FT cases	168	129	65
	Joint petitions	241	228	107
	Other family cases	196	168	96
	Other civil cases	186	195	57
	Criminal cases	1 648	1 547	603
	Property cases	96	119	41
	Environmental cases	235	246	182
	Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	87	92	31
	Company reconstruction matters	3	0	3
	Bankruptcy matters	99	75	100

	Debt clearance matters	27	24	8
	Enforcement matters	133	127	28
	Other court matters	680	658	164
Uppsala	Total	10 415	10 954	3 793
	FT cases	571	592	159
	Joint petitions	685	694	298
	Other family cases	589	607	314
	Other civil cases	1 046	1 103	343
	Criminal cases	5 008	5 470	1 852
	Company reconstruction matters	3	3	1
	Bankruptcy matters	406	348	344
	Debt clearance matters	108	114	8
	Enforcement matters	271	296	22
	Other court matters	1 728	1 727	452
Varberg	Total	3 503	3 371	1 323
	FT cases	210	214	44
	Joint petitions	307	294	131
	Other family cases	203	206	111
	Other civil cases	387	369	194
	Criminal cases	1 576	1 520	568
	Company reconstruction matters	1	1	0
	Bankruptcy matters	143	111	100
	Debt clearance matters	26	24	6
	Other court matters	650	632	169
Vänersborg	Total	5 776	5 790	2 737
	FT cases	200	233	74
	Joint petitions	251	228	120
	Other family cases	252	222	198
	Other civil cases	316	356	213
	Criminal cases	1 708	1 757	805
	Property cases	271	286	184
	Environmental cases	804	752	489
	Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	762	754	305
	Bankruptcy matters	112	109	99
	Debt clearance matters	42	43	2
	Enforcement matters	307	322	13
	Other court matters	751	728	235
Värmland	Total	6 597	6 492	3 103
	FT cases	355	338	134
	Joint petitions	476	458	208
	Other family cases	353	350	242
	Other civil cases	453	447	237
	Criminal cases	3 113	3 133	1 629
	Bankruptcy matters	263	243	218
	Debt clearance matters	72	81	8
	Enforcement matters	202	192	38

	Other court matters	1 310	1 250	389
Västmanland	Total	7 886	7 486	3 275
	FT cases	448	458	122
	Joint petitions	515	507	227
	Other family cases	491	465	290
	Other civil cases	752	713	308
	Criminal cases	3 723	3 488	1 598
	Company reconstruction matters	1	1	0
	Bankruptcy matters	305	254	256
	Debt clearance matters	101	102	1
	Enforcement matters	218	214	29
	Other court matters	1 332	1 284	444
Växjö	Total	6 703	6 656	2 454
	FT cases	300	321	56
	Joint petitions	308	328	126
	Other family cases	284	281	162
	Other civil cases	402	407	120
	Criminal cases	2 265	2 137	703
	Property cases	282	348	151
	Environmental cases	959	878	528
	Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	617	669	252
	Company reconstruction matters	2	1	1
	Bankruptcy matters	165	148	142
	Debt clearance matters	44	49	4
	Enforcement matters	194	191	28
	Other court matters	881	898	181
Ystad	Total	4 087	4 116	1 656
	FT cases	535	570	188
	Joint petitions	291	302	121
	Other family cases	226	206	162
	Other civil cases	359	344	209
	Criminal cases	1 626	1 654	634
	Bankruptcy matters	133	122	139
	Debt clearance matters	61	60	2
	Other court matters	856	858	201
Ångermanland	Total	3 489	3 491	1 078
	FT cases	171	153	54
	Joint petitions	202	205	78
	Other family cases	178	165	102
	Other civil cases	234	213	109
	Criminal cases	1 526	1 627	474
	Bankruptcy matters	85	107	61
	Debt clearance matters	31	30	2
	Enforcement matters	199	202	21
	Other court matters	863	789	177
Örebro	Total	8 266	8 249	2 814

	FT cases	611	566	166
	Joint petitions	542	520	238
	Other family cases	461	483	256
	Other civil cases	787	791	285
	Criminal cases	3 724	3 787	1 336
	Company reconstruction matters	0	1	0
	Bankruptcy matters	320	271	291
	Debt clearance matters	62	67	5
	Enforcement matters	271	263	37
	Other court matters	1 488	1 500	200
Östersund	Total	4 127	4 212	1 582
	FT cases	163	176	28
	Joint petitions	183	191	77
	Other family cases	153	165	79
	Other civil cases	263	266	109
	Criminal cases	1 701	1 746	666
	Property cases	131	121	62
	Environmental cases	310	343	173
	Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	128	127	37
	Bankruptcy matters	125	91	125
	Debt clearance matters	42	49	2
	Enforcement matters	123	125	21
	Other court matters	805	812	203

¹Civil cases where the amount claimed does not exceed half a base amount and where the case is always determined by a single judge.

²Joint petitions are petitions for divorce, dissolution of civil partnership and custody of children.

Table 1.2b Development of cases and matters at Land and environment courts 2020-2023

District courts ¹	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases filed				
Environmental cases	2 987	3 053	3 249	3 448
- of which first instance cases	734	739	798	812
- of which appealed cases	1 989	2 061	2 223	2 345
- of which electricity cases	28	21	32	37
- of which water services cases	194	185	140	196
- of which environmental matters	42	47	56	58
Property cases	1 627	1 464	1 387	1 317
- of which first instance cases	255	420	301	269
- of which appealed cases	1 372	1 044	1 086	1 048
Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	2 675	2 328	2 669	2 564
- of which first instance cases	174	130	98	133
- of which appealed cases	2 501	2 198	2 571	2 431
Total	7 289	6 845	7 305	7 329
Cases determined				
Environmental cases	2 881	3 022	3 222	3 399
- of which first instance cases	706	768	787	776
- of which appealed cases	1 947	1 940	2 194	2 379
- of which electricity cases	27	22	32	27
- of which water services cases	168	242	158	158
- of which environmental matters	33	50	51	59
Property cases	1 819	1 439	1 387	1 425
- of which first instance cases	231	340	358	314
- of which appealed cases	1 588	1 099	1 029	1 111
Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	2 643	2 399	2 607	2 613
- of which first instance cases	162	142	121	109
- of which appealed cases	2 481	2 257	2 486	2 504
Total	7 343	6 860	7 216	7 437
Cases pending				
Environmental cases	1 713	1 744	1 771	1 821
- of which first instance cases	826	797	808	845
- of which appealed cases	714	835	864	830
- of which electricity cases	9	8	8	18
- of which water services cases	147	90	72	110
- of which environmental matters	17	14	19	18
Property cases	700	725	725	617
- of which first instance cases	226	306	249	203
- of which appealed cases	474	419	476	414

Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	998	927	989	939
- of which first instance cases	76	64	41	64
- of which appealed cases	922	863	948	875
Total	3 411	3 396	3 485	3 377

¹ Cases at the Land and environment courts are included in table 1.1 and 1.2a but due to a new extract of data in 2023 to get this more detailed division of the cases, there is a minor discrepancy compared to previous years presented in table 1.2a.

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Table 1.2c Development of cases and matters at The Patent and Market Court 2018-2023

Stockholm District Court ¹	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Filed cases and matters	358	376	394	387	254	184	175
Determined cases and matters	370	434	426	402	281	213	181
Pending cases and matters	285	227	193	187	157	128	122

¹ The Patent and Market Court's cases and matters are included in the tables for districts courts. As a court of first instance, the Patent and Market Court is a division of Stockholm District Court.

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Table 1.3 District courts bankruptcy matters 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Bankruptcy matters¹					
Filed	10 857	9 995	9 090	9 557	12 227
Concluded ²	7 617	8 552	7 244	7 516	7 607
Pending ³	9 230	8 567	8 321	8 222	10 109

¹Bankruptcy matters are excluding matters regarding requests for oath.

²Bankruptcies concluded due to dismissal or rescission of a bankruptcy judgment or a decision that results in a composition arrangement.

³Pending bankruptcies: a decision to declare bankruptcy has been made but the bankruptcy is not concluded yet, therefore pending bankruptcies can not be compared to the number of filed bankruptcy applications.

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Table 1.4 District courts determined cases following a main hearing 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Percentage of cases determined following a main hearing	25%	24%	26%	26%	27%
Number of cases determined following a main hearing	48 915	50 373	55 418	54 954	59 093

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Table 1.5a District courts determined civil cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Percentage of cases determined following a hearing	27%	26%	28%	27%	24%
Percentage of cases determined by three judges	1,1%	0,6%	0,9%	0,8%	0,6%
Percentage of cases determined by judges and lay judges	2,7%	2,7%	2,7%	2,9%	2,4%
Percentage of cases where the hearing time exceeds six hours ²	10,9%	10,7%	10,6%	11,6%	11,8%
Percentage of cases where the hearing time exceeds twelve hours ²	2,8%	2,8%	2,5%	2,7%	2,9%
Average hearing time in cases determined after a hearing (hours per case)	2,70	2,61	2,58	2,66	2,66

¹ Excluding joint petitions for divorce, dissolution of civil partnership and custody of children.

² The numbers are since 2019 corrected due to a previous miscalculation.

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Table 1.5b District courts determined civil cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Percentage of cases determined through a judgment	30%	30%	30%	27%	27%
Percentage of cases determined by a default judgment ²	33%	32%	36%	41%	42%
Percentage of cases determined through a final decision	37%	39%	34%	32%	31%
Percentage of cases determined in a different manner	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%

¹ Excluding litigious family cases and joint petitions for divorce, dissolution of civil partnership and custody of children.

² A default judgment is delivered despite the absence of a called litigant during a hearing or the absence of a written reply to a charge.

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Table 1.6 District courts determined civil cases according to family law
2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Joint petitions for divorce	21 686	22 486	21 098	19 344	18 682
- of which determined through a judgment ¹	18 262	18 509	16 809	15 331	15 246
Divorce petitions	9 743	9 460	9 131	8 474	8 420
- of which determined through a judgment ¹	6 952	6 663	6 353	5 794	5 743
Paternity and maternity cases ²	1 553	1 490	1 198	1 158	1 099
- of which determined through a judgment ¹	1 304	1 248	980	954	892
Petitions for custody of children ³	6 306	5 988	6 066	6 115	5 987
- of which determined through a judgment ¹	5 060	4 802	4 927	4 635	4 740

¹"of which determined through a judgment" is a new measure since 2023, therefore new data for previous years was extracted in 2024.

² Includes since 2022 also maternity cases.

³ Includes visitation and accommodation. Can be a dispute between private individuals or where the Social Welfare Board is the plaintiff's party. These cases can not be distinguished.

Table 1.7a District courts determined criminal cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of determined priority cases (criminal cases involving a detained person or a defendant under 18 years of age) ¹	10 507	11 053	10 656	10 389	11 090
Percentage of priority cases (criminal cases involving a detained person or a defendant under 18 years of age) ¹	10%	10%	9%	8%	9%
Average time in cases decided following a hearing (hours per case)	2,15	2,15	2,12	2,07	2,00
Percentage of cases with a remand hearing	8%	7%	6%	6%	6%
Percentage of cases with a main hearing	43,9%	40,1%	41,5%	40,9%	43,4%
Number of cases determined following a main hearing	44 203	46 144	50 603	50 302	54 701
Main hearing time in number of hours in determined cases	91 432	95 994	103 404	100 174	105 035
Percentage of cancelled main hearings ²	18,9%	22,4%	20,0%	18,2%	15,4%
Percentage of cases determined by judges and lay judges	44,2%	39,3%	40,4%	40,5%	44,2%
Percentage of cases where the hearing time exceeds six hours ¹	7,6%	7,6%	7,4%	7,2%	6,9%
Percentage of cases where the hearing time exceeds twelve hours ¹	2,5%	2,5%	2,4%	2,2%	2,2%

¹ The definition of priority cases was altered in 2022, therefore the data for previous years 2018-2021 was updated in 2022.

² The definition of a cancelled main hearing was changed in 2023. Cancelled main hearings now only include main hearings that was cancelled due to inconvenient causes, therefore the data for previous years 2019-2022 was updated in 2023.

Table 1.7b District courts ways of decision in determined criminal cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Percentage of cases determined through a judgment	61,9%	59,9%	61,5%	63,0%	63,3%
- of which determined following a main hearing	70,1%	66,3%	66,9%	64,4%	68,1%
Percentage of cases determined through a final decision	37,2%	39,3%	37,9%	36,4%	36,2%
Percentage of cases determined in a different manner	0	0	0	0	0
Number of cases determined through a judgment	62 255	68 854	74 924	77 442	79 860
- of which determined following a main hearing	43 650	45 643	50 127	49 904	54 421
Number of cases determined through a final decision	37 428	45 241	46 156	44 742	45 656
Number of cases determined in a different manner	869	943	845	668	588

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Table 1.8 District courts turnaround times for criminal cases involving juveniles 2019–2023

		Year ⁴				
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	Number of criminal cases involving juveniles determined^{1,5}	11 290	12 498	12 099	12 044	12 800
	Median turnaround time (months)²	1,5	1,4	1,3	1,2	1,2
	75th percentile turnaround time (months)³	2,8	2,8	2,8	2,4	2,2
of which 15-17 years old	Number of criminal cases involving juveniles determined	4 206	4 540	4 606	4 427	4 935
	Median turnaround time (months)	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8
	75th percentile turnaround time (months)	1,4	1,4	1,6	1,5	1,4
of which 18-20 years old	Number of criminal cases involving juveniles determined	7 502	8 385	7 896	7 977	8 265
	Median turnaround time (months)	2,0	1,9	1,7	1,6	1,5
	75th percentile turnaround time (months)	3,5	3,5	3,5	3	2,8

¹Criminal cases involving juveniles are cases where at least one defendant is under 21 years of age.

² Median is the middle value after the numbers has been arranged in ascending order.

³ 75th percentile indicates how long it takes to determine 75 % of the incoming cases.

⁴ Since 2019 the date for electronic summons application indictment is used as a starting measure point for criminal cases in district courts, previously this date was collected somewhat manually. The numbers for previous years are corrected.

⁵ Since 2022 a case can count as both U18 and U21. Before then it was only counted as U18. Total amount of juvenile cases consists of unique cases. The definition of juvenile cases has been changed for defendants under the age of 18 as a requirement for an indictment has been added. The numbers for previous years are corrected.

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Table 1.9 Courts of appeal development of cases 2019–2023

	År				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases filed					
Criminal cases	10 087	10 767	12 053	13 266	14 581
Civil cases	2 891	2 935	3 153	3 136	3 095
Other cases	14 502	15 646	16 594	16 087	17 305
Environmental cases	1 016	948	936	1 076	1 055
Property cases	350	402	337	328	348
Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	1194	1 246	1 193	1 158	1 176
Total	30 040	31 944	34 266	35 051	37 560
Cases determined					
Criminal cases	9 641	9 953	11 137	12 960	14 084
Civil cases	2 757	2 824	3 174	3 211	3 074
Other cases	14 131	15 637	16 475	16 493	17 029
Environmental cases	857	1 017	955	1 000	1 000
Property cases	308	359	352	353	337
Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	1 061	1 253	1 188	1 128	1 135
Total	28 755	31 043	33 281	35 145	36 659
Cases pending					
Criminal cases	3 456	4 258	5 165	5 465	5 951
Civil cases	884	993	968	894	913
Other cases	1 649	1 667	1 795	1 400	1 689
Environmental cases	412	343	323	399	454
Property cases	125	170	155	129	140
Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	417	410	417	448	488
Total	6 943	7 841	8 823	8 735	9 635

Table 1.10a Development of cases per Court of appeal in 2023

Court of appeal		Criminal cases	Civil cases	Other cases	Environmental cases	Property cases	Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	Total
Göta Court of Appeal	Filed	2 075	450	2 638	-	-	-	5 163
	Determined	2 019	476	2 620	-	-	-	5 115
	Pending	694	81	153	-	-	-	928
Court of Appeal for Lower Norrland	Filed	908	141	1 082	-	-	-	2 131
	Determined	802	157	971	-	-	-	1 930
	Pending	773	39	338	-	-	-	1 150
Court of Appeal for Western Sweden	Filed	2 921	607	3 432	-	-	-	6 960
	Determined	2 706	591	3 373	-	-	-	6 670
	Pending	1 063	142	286	-	-	-	1 491
Court of Appeal for Upper Norrland	Filed	661	122	581	-	-	-	1 364
	Determined	684	119	581	-	-	-	1 384
	Pending	173	34	46	-	-	-	253
Court of Appeal for Skåne and Blekinge	Filed	2 335	405	2 430	-	-	-	5 170
	Determined	2 213	397	2 423	-	-	-	5 033
	Pending	565	58	106	-	-	-	729
Svea Court of Appeal	Filed	5 681	1 370	7 142	1 055	348	1 176	16 772
	Determined	5 660	1 334	7 061	1 000	337	1 135	16 527
	Pending	2 683	559	760	454	140	488	5 084

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Table 1.10b Development of cases and matters at The Patent and Market Court of Appeal 2020-2023

The Patent and Market Court of Appeal ¹	2020	2021	2022	2023
Filed cases and matters	86	73	57	59
Determined cases and matters	90	79	57	59
Pending cases and matters	47	44	44	44

¹ The Patent and Market Court of Appeal's cases and matters are included in other tables regarding Courts of appeal. The Patent and Market Court of Appeal is a division of Svea Court of Appeal. They handle criminal cases, civil cases and other cases that are related to patent and market.

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Table 1.11 Courts of appeal determined cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Criminal cases					
Percentage of priority cases (criminal cases involving a detained person or a defendant under 18 years of age)	28%	29,7%	27,5%	24,2%	24,7%
Percentage of cases determined by judges and lay judges	50,3%	44,7%	41,9%	40,3%	40,5%
Percentage of cases determined following a main hearing ¹	67,4%	72,9%	74,1%	73,0%	68,7%
Percentage of cases determined by judgment	71%	70,5%	70,3%	69,4%	69,3%
Average hearing time in cases determined following a hearing (hours per case)	4,36	4,20	4,27	3,97	3,88
Civil cases					
Percentage of cases determined by judges and lay judges	3,8%	3,8%	3,5%	3,6%	2,7%
Percentage of cases determined following a main hearing ¹	15,2%	15,5%	15,7%	17,3%	12,7%
Percentage of cases determined by judgment	19%	18,5%	18,9%	18,8%	17,0%
Average hearing time in cases determined following a hearing (hours per case)	8,77	6,14	6,69	6,05	6,61
Environmental cases					
Percentage of cases determined following a main hearing ¹	2,6%	1,5%	1,6%	1,1%	0,9%

¹A change was made in this calculation beginning from year 2023, numbers for previous years have therefore been corrected.

Table 1.12a Courts of appeal frequency of amendment in all cases in 2023

	Number of determined cases	of which amended	
		number	percentage
Criminal cases	14 084	4 813	34,2%
Property cases	337	46	13,6%
Environmental cases	1 000	126	12,6%
Cases relating to the Planning and Building Act	1 135	130	11,5%
Civil cases	3 074	555	18,1%
Other cases	17 029	2 299	13,5%
Total cases	36 659	7 969	21,7%

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Table 1.12b Courts of appeal frequency of amendment in criminal cases in 2023

Judgment in criminal cases appealed to the court of appeal by the	Number of determined cases	of which amended	
		number	percentage
Public prosecutor and defendant	1 304	694	53,2%
Public prosecutor	878	623	71,0%
Defendant	10 603	2 784	26,3%
Other ¹	1 299	712	54,8%
Total	14 084	4 813	34,2%

¹Other: injured party, public defence, counsel for an injured party or guardian.

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Table 1.13 Courts of appeal frequency of appeal from district courts 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Criminal cases	10%	9%	10%	11%	12%
Civil cases	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Total criminal and civil cases	8%	8%	8%	9%	9%
Total (all cases)	15%	15%	16%	17%	17%

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Table 1.14 Courts of appeal turnaround times for criminal cases involving juveniles 2019–2023

		Year				
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	Number of criminal cases involving juveniles determined¹	1 375	1 611	1 690	1 765	2 016
	Median turnaround time (months)²	1,7	1,6	1,7	1,7	1,7
	75th percentile turnaround time (months)³	3,7	3,4	3,6	3,6	3,1
of which 15-17 years old	Number of criminal cases involving juveniles determined	600	752	791	829	933
	Median turnaround time (months)	1,4	1,3	1,4	1,4	1,4
	75th percentile turnaround time (months)	1,8	1,7	1,8	1,7	1,8
of which 18-20 years old	Number of criminal cases involving juveniles determined	775	859	899	936	1 083
	Median turnaround time (months)	2,7	2,5	2,9	2,9	2,3
	75th percentile turnaround time (months)	5,4	5,3	5,6	6,5	5,6

¹Criminal cases involving juveniles are cases where at least one defendant is under 21 years of age.

² Median is the middle value after the numbers has been arranged in ascending order.

³75th percentile indicates how long it takes to determine 75 % of the incoming cases.

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Tabell 1.15 The Supreme Court development of cases 2019–2023

		Year				
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases filed						
	Criminal cases	2 045	2 236	2 650	3 185	4 295
	Civil cases	277	215	257	256	285
	Other cases	4 465	4 531	5 206	5 036	4 563
	Total	6 787	6 982	8 113	8 477	9 143
Cases determined						
	Criminal cases	2 000	2 156	2 591	3 066	3 764
	Civil cases	298	219	245	259	261
	Other cases	4 290	4 406	4 971	4 868	4 451
	Total	6 588	6 781	7 807	8 193	8 476
Cases pending						
	Criminal cases	189	268	327	444	974
	Civil cases	78	74	89	87	112
	Other cases	576	699	930	1 100	1 210
	Total	843	1 041	1 346	1 631	2 296

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Table 1.16 The Supreme Court leave to appeal in determined cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases in which leave to appeal is granted	119	135	140	141	121
Cases in which leave to appeal is not granted	5 575	5 934	6 855	7 280	7 544
Cases not requiring leave to appeal	894	712	812	772	811
Total cases determined	6 588	6 781	7 807	8 193	8 476

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Table 1.17 The Supreme Court leave to appeal in determined cases per case category, 2023

	Criminal cases	Civil Cases	Other cases	Total
Cases in which leave to appeal is granted	44	18	59	121
Cases in which leave to appeal is not granted	3 682	241	3 621	7 544
Cases not requiring leave to appeal	38	2	771	811
Total determined cases	3 764	261	4 451	8 476

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Table 1.18 The Supreme Court frequency of appeal from courts of appeal 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Criminal cases	21%	22%	24%	25%	30%
Civil cases	10%	8%	8%	8%	9%
Criminal and civil cases	19%	19%	20%	21%	27%
Total (all cases)	19%	22%	24%	24%	25%

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2. Cases at the general administrative courts

The work of the general administrative courts

The administrative courts handle cases relating to disputes between individuals and public authorities and are arranged under a three-tier system. The first court tier is the administrative court, the second is the administrative court of appeal, and the third and highest is the Supreme Administrative Court. There are twelve administrative courts and four administrative courts of appeal. At the administrative courts in Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmö and Luleå, there are migration courts that hear alien and citizenship cases as the court of first instance, whilst the Migration Court of Appeal is attached to the Administrative Court of Appeal in Stockholm and is the highest instance for such cases.

The Government has set up operating targets for administrative courts and administrative courts of appeal while the Supreme Administrative Court, in consultation with the Swedish National Courts Administration, sets its own operational targets. These targets are measured as turnaround times for determined cases. The 75th percentile and the 90th percentile indicate how long it takes to determine 75 % as well as 90 % of the cases.

The cases are counted as filed, determined and pending during each year. Pending cases are open cases that the court is working on.

For the operating targets at the administrative courts and administrative courts of appeal priority cases are excluded. These are cases relating to compulsory psychiatric care (*LPT*) and forensic psychiatric care (*LRV*), cases under the Care of Young Persons Act (*LVU*) as well as cases covered by Compulsory Care for Substance Abusers Act (*LVM*).

A case can be determined in different ways, such as through a verdict which is the court's decision on the issue in the case or matter. It can also be determined through a final order, by which a court concludes its consideration of the case without a verdict. Examples of final orders are cancellations and rejections of cases.

The administrative courts

The administrative courts hear appeals against decisions by an administrative authority or decisions submitted to it by such an authority. They are staffed by judges, law clerks, officials who present the cases and administrative staff. At these courts, lay judges often take part in the judicial process.

Tax cases are among the case categories handled by administrative courts following referral when a decision by the tax authorities is appealed. The decisions in question could refer to income assessment or value-added tax.

Certain decisions by a municipal social welfare committee, such as decisions regarding income support, can be appealed to an administrative court. These are shown under the heading '*Cases involving the Social Services Act*'.

Social insurance cases involve appeals against decisions by the Social Insurance Agency on matters such as the right to compensation for occupational injuries, sickness benefit, parental payments or car subsidies for the disabled.

Quantitative cases concern property taxations, national registration, correctional treatment, driving licenses and study grants.

In cases that fall under the Care of Young Persons Act (*LJU*), the court examines whether children or young people up to eighteen years of age, in certain cases twenty, can be made subject to a compulsory care and protection order outside their parental home.

In cases covered by Compulsory Care for Substance Abusers Act (*LVM*), the court must decide, following an application from the social welfare committee, whether such individuals should receive medical treatment for their abuse even if they withhold consent.

The administrative courts also examine issues relating to compulsory psychiatric care and in other *psychiatric care cases*. The court must decide whether a person is in need of such care, whether a term of compulsory psychiatric care should be extended or whether forensic psychiatric care should be terminated. In such cases the senior consultant involved makes an application to the administrative court, which can also examine various issues following an appeal by the patient. This could, for example, involve deciding whether compulsory care should be stopped or whether a patient should be allowed a period of leave outside the treatment unit.

Administrative courts also handle cases relating to public procurement (*LOU*) and the Utilities Procurement Act (*LUF*). *LUF* regulates procurement for entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors.

Migration cases involve appeals against decisions mainly made by the Migration Board and could relate to asylum, e.g. a residence permit for a refugee, or Swedish citizenship.

Other cases at the administrative court may relate to the *Animal Welfare Act*, *licences to serve alcoholic beverages* and *testing the legality of the Local Government Act*. Since Sweden joined the EU, cases involving *EU legislation* also arise. Mention can be made, for example, of cases relating to certain agricultural subsidies.

Case determination at the administrative courts

In accordance with the general rule at an administrative court, a legally trained judge and three lay judges adjudicate. In certain matters falling under the Local Government Act two special members participate whilst in property assessment cases a member who has valuation skills may take part. A large number of cases are also determined by a single judge. Law clerks also serve in the administrative courts and after a certain period of service they are usually appointed to adjudicate regularly in less complicated cases concerning for example driving licenses.

As a rule, proceedings are in writing although they may include an oral hearing if it can be assumed to be of benefit to the enquiry or could expedite a decision in the case. If an individual party who is presenting the case requests an oral hearing, this should be granted unless it is deemed unnecessary. In certain cases, e.g., the provision of care for young people or substance abusers, an oral hearing takes place unless it is clearly unnecessary. If, in such cases, an individual party requests such a hearing it should always be granted. Instead of an oral hearing, the cases can be determined after a presentation.

If the plaintiffs are dissatisfied they can lodge an appeal with an administrative court of appeal.

The Administrative courts of appeal

The administrative courts of appeal examine cases appealed from the administrative courts. They have the same structure of case categories as the administrative courts.

Many cases require the administrative court of appeal to grant leave to appeal for the appeal to be heard. It may be granted only if it is of importance in guiding the application of the law

(precedent) or if there are pressing reasons to hear an appeal (extraordinary leave). Regarding alien and citizenship cases certain rules are applied, not every kind of case can be appealed.

The administrative court of appeal is the first instance for what are termed *secrecy cases*, which relate to the right to view the contents of a public document.

Case determination at the administrative courts of appeal

In accordance with the general rule three legally trained judges adjudicate at the administrative court of appeal. In certain cases they are joined by two lay judges or special members. The question of leave to appeal is decided by two legally trained judges if their decision is unanimous, or by three if it is not.

As a rule, proceedings are in writing and the case is determined after a presentation by a lawyer at the Court of Appeal. At the presentation, the lawyer presents the facts of the case and the investigation that has been made. The lawyer also provides an account of current regulations in the area. An oral hearing may be included in the proceedings if it can be assumed to be of benefit to the inquiry or if it could expedite the hearing of the case. If an individual party to the case requests an oral hearing, this should be granted unless it is deemed unnecessary. In certain cases, e.g. the provision of care for young people or substance abusers, an oral hearing is held unless it is clearly unnecessary. If, in such cases, an individual party requests such a hearing it should always be granted.

The Supreme Administrative Court

This is the highest general administrative court and examines cases appealed from one of the four administrative courts of appeal. It also examines appeals from the Council for Advance Tax Rulings and the Patent Appeals Board. It has the same structure of case categories as the lower instances. The majority of appeals at this level require leave to appeal, which is granted only if it could be of importance as a precedent, i.e. provides guidance on how other similar cases are to be determined, or if there are pressing reasons to do so. Only a small percentage of the cases referred to the Supreme Administrative Court of Appeal are granted leave to appeal. The Chancellor of Justice (JK) and the Parliamentary Ombudsman (JO) do not require this in cases of a disciplinary offence or revocation or restriction of the right to work as a doctor or other medical professional within the healthcare system. Nor does the Chancellor of Justice require leave to appeal in cases concerning the law of collection of debts.

The members of this court are called justices and when the facts of a case are to be examined five justices usually take part. The case may also be determined by the court in a full plenary session. Questions regarding leave to appeal are generally decided by one up to three justices.

Proceedings are as a rule in writing and an oral hearing may be included if it can be assumed to be of benefit to the inquiry or if it could expedite the hearing of the case. Often the judge referee presents the case verbally to the justice of the supreme court, which then deliberates. Sometimes they directly reach a decision, but it is more common for one or more additional deliberations to take place in order to make a decision.

Table 2.1 Administrative courts development of cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases filed					
Tax cases	9 062	7 697	7 141	7 794	7 602
Congestion charge cases	566	328	239	208	214
Social insurance cases	18 242	17 489	14 601	10 187	10 650
Cases relating to the Social Services Act	30 434	33 517	27 381	24 006	23 633
Psychiatric care cases	14 511	14 633	14 842	15 068	15 290
LVU cases ¹	5 280	5 401	5 387	5 545	5 685
LVM cases ²	1 285	1 253	1 181	1 155	1 168
LOU cases ³	3 111	3 594	2 509	2 632	2 956
Quantitative cases ⁴	10 273	10 618	9 626	9 307	9 806
Migration cases	57 645	70 110	59 970	48 968	56 818
Other cases	26 351	27 119	35 059	27 479	25 660
Total	176 760	191 759	177 936	152 349	159 482
Cases determined					
Tax cases	9 386	8 032	7 749	7 508	8 544
Congestion charge cases	625	352	240	226	229
Social insurance cases	16 165	18 356	17 825	12 841	12 812
Cases relating to the Social Services Act	29 710	34 117	27 961	25 214	24 894
Psychiatric care cases	14 561	14 594	14 840	15 088	15 261
LVU cases ¹	5 212	5 368	5 327	5 511	5 690
LVM cases ²	1 280	1 252	1 183	1 179	1 164
LOU cases ³	3 024	3 616	2 756	2 726	2 878
Quantitative cases ⁴	9 908	10 990	9 931	9 083	10 244
Migration cases	64 543	70 623	62 733	49 265	57 352
Other cases	25 641	28 886	33 463	29 010	28 701
Total	180 055	196 186	184 008	157 651	167 769
Cases pending					
Tax cases	5 622	5 309	4 761	5 079	4 181
Congestion charge cases	70	46	45	28	13
Social insurance cases	14 711	13 907	10 700	8 045	5 884
Cases relating to the Social Services Act	9 389	8 819	8 231	7 031	5 777
Psychiatric care cases	283	316	317	297	327
LVU cases ¹	756	792	857	893	890
LVM cases ²	57	58	56	32	36
LOU cases ³	858	854	610	517	596
Quantitative cases ⁴	2 519	2 188	1 883	2 109	1 669
Migration cases	14 128	13 652	10 910	10 645	10 147

Other cases	12 941	11 334	12 950	11 443	8 421
Total	47 206	57 275	51 320	46 119	37 941

¹ Cases under the Care of Young Persons Act (LVU)

² Cases under the Compulsory Care for Substance Abusers Act (LVM)

³ Cases relating to public procurement (LOU)

⁴ Quantitative cases: real estate assessment, national registration, correctional treatment, driving licence and study allowances.

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Table 2.2 Development of cases per administrative court in 2023

Administrative courts	Case category ¹⁻⁴	Filed cases	Determined cases	Pending cases
Falun	Total	5 395	5 765	1 940
	LOU cases	224	212	46
	LVM cases	82	82	3
	LVU cases	436	450	64
	Quantitative cases	431	456	108
	Psychiatric care cases	760	757	10
	Tax cases	387	422	444
	Social insurance cases	471	668	309
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	1 379	1 415	400
	Congestion charge cases	3	4	0
	Other cases	1 222	1 299	556
Gothenburg	Total	30 562	33 586	4 813
	LOU cases	729	730	33
	LVM cases	157	161	4
	LVU cases	846	859	121
	Quantitative cases	1 362	1 429	165
	Psychiatric care cases	2 584	2 569	74
	Tax cases	870	1 242	488
	Social insurance cases	1 493	2 226	552
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	3 473	3 629	471
	Congestion charge cases	21	22	1
	Migration cases	15 758	16 891	2 232
Other cases	3 269	3 828	672	
Härnösand	Total	4 615	4 422	1 347
	LOU cases	84	83	9
	LVM cases	53	53	0
	LVU cases	178	178	21
	Quantitative cases	545	505	127
	Psychiatric care cases	934	930	12
	Tax cases	167	158	92
	Social insurance cases	574	480	277

	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	475	425	169
	Congestion charge cases	1	0	1
	Other cases	1 604	1 610	639
Jönköping	Total	5 969	5 795	2 202
	LOU cases	101	100	20
	LVM cases	86	89	0
	LVU cases	469	441	98
	Quantitative cases	713	646	210
	Psychiatric care cases	989	998	16
	Tax cases	249	256	153
	Social insurance cases	775	730	564
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	1 341	1 323	499
	Congestion charge cases	6	5	1
	Other cases	1 240	1 207	641
Karlstad	Total	5 870	5 844	2 065
	LOU cases	149	157	38
	LVM cases	129	123	8
	LVU cases	473	476	95
	Quantitative cases	827	891	198
	Psychiatric care cases	505	511	15
	Tax cases	371	297	285
	Social insurance cases	483	490	337
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	1 512	1 355	546
	Congestion charge cases	4	5	0
	Other cases	1 417	1 539	543
Linköping	Total	9 619	9 787	1 849
	LOU cases	220	214	36
	LVM cases	108	108	2
	LVU cases	498	508	71
	Quantitative cases	892	905	98
	Psychiatric care cases	1 496	1 500	25
	Tax cases	1 274	1 243	358
	Social insurance cases	816	784	340
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	2 251	2 528	343
	Congestion charge cases	4	3	1
	Other cases	2 060	1 994	575
Luleå	Total	6 457	6 286	949
	LOU cases	76	71	7
	LVM cases	49	48	1
	LVU cases	110	107	20
	Quantitative cases	166	180	29
	Psychiatric care cases	485	484	2
	Tax cases	51	68	14
	Social insurance cases	204	189	68
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	253	233	58
	Migration cases	4 453	4 364	573

	Other cases	610	542	177
Malmö	Total	33 668	34 760	11 416
	LOU cases	390	364	201
	LVM cases	126	131	0
	LVU cases	709	700	108
	Quantitative cases	1 294	1 466	290
	Psychiatric care cases	1 606	1 602	26
	Tax cases	1 119	1 569	694
	Social insurance cases	1 664	2 000	1 532
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	4 490	4 635	1 507
	Congestion charge cases	14	19	1
	Migration cases	19 302	18 816	5 422
	Other cases	2 954	3 458	1 635
Stockholm	Total	42 223	43 973	7 853
	LOU cases	524	511	115
	LVM cases	159	157	7
	LVU cases	963	958	131
	Quantitative cases	1 905	1 965	191
	Psychiatric care cases	2 928	2 919	74
	Tax cases	2 455	2 134	1 403
	Social insurance cases	2 555	2 797	1 163
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	5 097	5 259	945
	Congestion charge cases	156	163	7
	Migration cases	17 305	17 281	1 920
	Other cases	8 176	9 829	1 897
Umeå	Total	2 203	2 178	359
	LOU cases	67	47	22
	LVM cases	50	49	1
	LVU cases	153	149	18
	Quantitative cases	217	219	30
	Psychiatric care cases	535	530	15
	Tax cases	52	60	11
	Social insurance cases	314	325	97
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	395	381	76
	Other cases	420	418	89
Uppsala	Total	8 204	10 345	1 842
	LOU cases	195	187	27
	LVM cases	99	95	6
	LVU cases	480	490	78
	Quantitative cases	981	1 090	157
	Psychiatric care cases	1 547	1 538	41
	Tax cases	356	679	127
	Social insurance cases	663	1 441	193
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	2 172	2 856	577
	Congestion charge cases	2	5	0
	Other cases	1 709	1 964	636

Växjö	Total	4 697	5 028	1 306
	LOU cases	197	202	42
	LVM cases	70	68	4
	LVU cases	370	374	65
	Quantitative cases	473	492	66
	Psychiatric care cases	921	923	17
	Tax cases	251	416	112
	Social insurance cases	638	682	452
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	795	855	186
	Congestion charge cases	3	3	1
	Other cases	979	1 013	361

¹ Cases relating to public procurement (LOU) .

² Cases under the Compulsory Care for Substance Abusers Act (LVM).

¹ Cases under the Care of Young Persons Act (LVU).

⁴ Quantitative cases: real estate assessment, national registration, correctional treatment, driving licence and study allowances.



Table 2.3 Administrative courts, migration case development 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases filed					
Removal cases asylum	10 879	11 444	7 033	5 462	7 539
- of which unaccompanied minors	152	140	54	65	95
- of which after new adjudication according to chapter 12 §19	854	968	717	720	721
- of which other removal cases asylum	9 873	10 336	6 262	4 677	6 723
Immediate enforcement	870	815	766	779	671
Residence permit, Removal cases not asylum, Status declarations	13 087	13 562	11 918	12 704	14 560
- of which residence permits	9 188	9 300	8 471	9 429	10 556
- of which removal cases, not asylum	2 573	3 202	2 551	2 431	2 939
- of which status declarations	1 326	1 060	896	844	1 065
Enforcement cases	2 738	2 640	1 876	1 496	1 503
Citizenship cases	1 847	2 570	3 036	3 768	3 466
Entry visa cases	9 188	1 864	1 431	8 123	8 078
Other migration cases	19 036	37 215	33 910	16 636	21 001
Total migration cases	57 645	70 110	59 970	48 968	56 818
Cases determined					
Removal cases asylum	17 143	12 043	9 236	6 611	7 590
- of which unaccompanied minors	154	142	69	46	108

- of which after new adjudication according to chapter 12 §19	776	835	828	655	826
- of which other removal cases asylum	16 213	11 066	8 339	5 910	6 656
Immediate enforcement	863	824	766	771	693
Residence permit, Removal cases not asylum, Status declarations	14 339	12 871	12 720	11 996	14 652
- of which residence permits	10 171	8 646	9 081	9 017	10 696
- of which removal cases, not asylum	2 644	2 948	2 719	2 107	2 971
- of which status declarations	1 524	1 277	920	872	985
Enforcement cases	2 779	2 652	1 895	1 478	1 525
Citizenship cases	1 684	2 515	2 410	3 860	3 750
Entry visa cases	9 244	2 214	1 448	8 045	8 095
Other migration cases	18 491	37 504	34 258	16 504	21 047
Total migration cases	64 543	70 623	62 733	49 265	57 352
Cases pending					
Removal cases asylum	6 911	6 344	4 158	3 025	2 987
- of which unaccompanied minors	26	23	7	26	12
- of which after new adjudication according to chapter 12 §19	257	392	290	358	258
- of which other removal cases asylum	6 628	5 929	3 861	2 641	2 717
Immediate enforcement	26	22	23	32	11
Residence permit, Removal cases not asylum, Status declarations	5 001	5 702	4 918	5 640	5 565
- of which residence permits	3 136	3 802	3 199	3 618	3 496
- of which removal cases, not asylum	1 211	1 463	1 301	1 631	1 598
- of which status declarations	654	437	418	391	471
Enforcement cases	70	57	39	57	36
Citizenship cases	481	536	1 161	1 070	784
Entry visa cases	407	57	40	118	101
Other migration cases	1 232	934	571	703	663
Total migration cases	14 128	13 652	10 910	10 645	10 147

Table 2.4 Administrative courts determined cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Percentage of priority cases ¹	18%	17%	18%	20%	20%
Percentage of cases determined with oral proceeding	14%	11%	12%	14%	13%
Percentage of migration cases determined with oral proceeding	9%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Percentage of cases excluding migration cases determined following an oral hearing	16%	15,1%	16,0%	18,1%	17,9%
Average time in decided migration cases following a hearing (hours per case)	2,36	2,33	2,39	2,19	1,91
Average time in decided cases excluding migration following a hearing (hours per case)	0,69	0,67	0,67	0,64	0,61
Percentage of cases determined by a single judge	68,9%	72,0%	72,7%	71,2%	71,2%
Percentage of cases determined by a judge and lay judges	31,0%	27,9%	27,2%	28,7%	28,8%
Percentage of cases determined with a different composition	0,1%	0,1%	0,1%	0,1%	0,1%
Percentage of cases determined through a judgment ²	85,9%	87,9%	88,5%	85,3%	86,5%
Percentage of cases determined following a decision ³	14,1%	12,1%	11,5%	14,7%	13,5%

¹Priority cases: cases relating to compulsory psychiatric care (LPT) and forensic psychiatric care (LRV), cases under the Care of Young Persons Act (LVU) as well as cases covered by Compulsory Care for Substance Abusers Act (LVM).

²Judgement: the verdict which is the court's decision on the issue in the case or matter.

³Decision: the final order by which a court concludes its consideration of the case without a judgment.

Table 2.5 Administrative courts of appeal development of cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases filed					
Tax cases	2 828	2 521	2 317	2 463	2 509
Congestion charge cases	101	42	33	22	28
Social insurance cases	5 618	4 904	4 948	3 222	2 847
Cases relating to the Social Services Act	2 126	2 353	2 140	1 820	1 927
Psychiatric care cases	1 889	2 116	2 280	2 432	2 243
LVU cases ¹	2 463	2 718	2 750	2 837	3 000
LVM cases ²	370	368	383	382	367
LOU cases ³	513	778	486	557	742
Quantitative cases ⁴	1 418	1 616	1 327	1 135	1 402
Migration cases	20 191	16 352	13 060	12 149	13 122
Other cases	7 024	7 269	9 048	6 949	7 838
Total	44 541	41 037	38 772	33 968	36 025
Cases determined					
Tax cases	2 893	2 863	2 536	1 975	2 848
Congestion charge cases	116	44	30	24	29
Social insurance cases	3 914	8 863	4 401	4 712	2 905
Cases relating to the Social Services Act	2 248	2 262	2 203	1 855	1 901
Psychiatric care cases	1 858	2 081	2 287	2 430	2 256
LVU cases ¹	2 426	2 598	2 850	2 830	2 935
LVM cases ²	370	370	388	380	366
LOU cases ³	536	742	493	575	775
Quantitative cases ⁴	1 446	1 442	1 426	1 215	1 354
Migration cases	20 576	16 622	13 235	12 213	12 996
Other cases	6 780	7 213	7 822	7 763	8 029
Total	43 163	45 100	37 671	35 972	36 394
Cases pending					
Tax cases	1 955	1 616	1 392	1 879	1 548
Congestion charge cases	3	1	4	2	1
Social insurance cases	6 009	2 050	2 598	1 109	1 052
Cases relating to the Social Services Act	392	483	422	388	414
Psychiatric care cases	152	188	182	184	171
LVU cases ¹	354	476	375	382	447
LVM cases ²	39	38	33	35	36
LOU cases ³	76	112	105	87	54
Quantitative cases ⁴	204	380	281	200	248
Migration cases	1 476	1 208	1 032	965	1 089
Other cases	1 826	1 886	3 114	2 311	2 122
Total	12 486	8 438	9 538	7 542	7 182

¹ Cases under the Care of Young Persons Act (LVU)

² Cases under the Compulsory Care for Substance Abusers Act (LVM)

³ Cases relating to public procurement (LOU)

⁴ Quantitative cases: real estate assessment, national registration, correctional treatment, driving licence and study allowances.

Table 2.6 Case development per Administrative court of appeal in 2023

Administrative court of appeal	Case category	Filed cases	Determined cases	Pending cases
Gothenburg	Total	8 099	7 589	1 786
	LOU cases ¹	446	456	22
	LVM cases ²	120	122	8
	LVU cases ³	1 125	1 111	137
	Quantitative cases ⁴	486	459	75
	Psychiatric care cases	730	725	60
	Tax cases	1 076	942	447
	Social insurance cases	1082	1026	283
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	696	657	172
	Congestion charge cases	3	3	0
Other cases	2 335	2 088	582	
Jönköping	Total	4 161	4 007	1 590
	LOU cases ¹	92	98	9
	LVM cases ²	101	96	15
	LVU cases ³	661	629	145
	Quantitative cases ⁴	312	293	71
	Psychiatric care cases	404	411	43
	Tax cases	317	236	420
	Social insurance cases	521	526	305
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	403	405	73
	Congestion charge cases	2	2	0
Other cases	1 348	1 311	509	
Stockholm	Total	21 038	21 614	2 967
	LOU cases ¹	129	140	15
	LVM cases ²	83	84	7
	LVU cases ³	788	763	92
	Quantitative cases ⁴	395	379	70
	Psychiatric care cases	769	784	21
	Tax cases	868	1276	508
	Social insurance cases	922	882	335
	Cases relating to the Social Services Act	653	655	135
	Congestion charge cases	22	23	1
Migration cases	13 122	12 996	1 089	
Other cases	3 287	3 632	694	
Sundsvall	Total	2 727	3 184	839
	LOU cases ¹	75	81	8
	LVM cases ²	63	64	6
	LVU cases ³	426	432	73
	Quantitative cases ⁴	209	223	32
Psychiatric care cases	340	336	47	

Tax cases	248	394	173
Social insurance cases	322	471	129
Cases relating to the Social Services Act	175	184	34
Congestion charge cases	1	1	0
Other cases	868	998	337

¹ Cases relating to public procurement (LOU)

² Cases under the Compulsory Care for Substance Abusers Act (LVM)

³ Cases under the Care of Young Persons Act (LVU)

⁴ Quantitative cases: real estate assessment, national registration, correctional treatment, driving licence and study allowances.



Table 2.7 Administrative Court of Appeal in Stockholm (migration case development) 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases filed					
Removal cases asylum	10 531	8 358	6 407	4 833	5 293
- of which unaccompanied minors	115	119	52	32	72
- of which after new adjudication according to chapter 12 §19	485	616	594	430	496
- of which other removal cases asylum	9 931	7 623	5 761	4 371	4 725
Immediate enforcement	40	60	60	59	63
Residence permit, Removal cases not asylum, Status declarations	4 770	4 081	3 499	3 218	3 575
- of which residence permits	2 781	2 527	2 227	2 230	2 222
- of which removal cases, not asylum	1 084	1 084	996	698	1 025
- of which status declarations	905	470	276	290	328
Enforcement cases	1 424	1 262	973	684	678
Citizenship cases	255	416	366	669	713
Entry visa cases	752	269	228	1 149	1 090
Other migration cases	2 234	1 763	1 405	1 434	1 575
Extraordinary remedies	185	143	122	103	135
Total migration cases	20 191	16 352	13 060	12 149	13 122
Cases determined					
Removal cases asylum	10 704	8 560	6 570	4 941	5 232
- of which unaccompanied minors	127	123	60	29	74

- of which after new adjudication according to chapter 12 §19	460	601	616	440	503
- of which other removal cases asylum	10 117	7 836	5 894	4 472	4 655
Immediate enforcement	41	57	64	55	66
Residence permit, Removal cases not asylum, Status declarations	5 004	4 067	3 537	3 257	3 474
- of which residence permits	2 976	2 491	2 242	2 261	2 183
- of which removal cases, not asylum	1 115	1 072	1 005	718	965
- of which status declarations	913	504	290	278	326
Enforcement cases	1 419	1 290	980	675	685
Citizenship cases	249	398	355	629	745
Entry visa cases	749	297	198	1 114	1 099
Other migration cases	2 224	1 810	1 410	1 435	1 566
Extraordinary remedies	186	143	121	107	129
Total migration cases	20 576	16 622	13 235	12 213	12 996
Cases pending					
Removal cases asylum	918	712	545	436	496
- of which unaccompanied minors	13	9	1	4	2
- of which after new adjudication according to chapter 12 §19	59	74	52	42	35
- of which other removal cases asylum	846	629	492	390	459
Immediate enforcement	2	5	1	6	3
Residence permit, Removal cases not asylum, Status declarations	332	348	311	269	369
- of which residence permits	189	224	210	178	216
- of which removal cases, not asylum	74	85	76	56	116
- of which status declarations	69	39	25	35	37
Enforcement cases	79	52	46	55	49
Citizenship cases	22	40	51	91	59
Entry visa cases	35	8	38	73	63
Other migration cases	77	31	27	26	35
Extraordinary remedies	11	12	13	9	15
Total migration cases	1 476	1 208	1 032	965	1 089

Table 2.8 Administrative Courts of Appeal determined cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Determined	22 587	28 478	24 436	23 759	23 398
Cases where leave to appeal is granted	2 035	2 972	2 306	3 088	2 412
Cases where leave to appeal is not granted	10 847	15 755	12 042	11 243	10 842
Cases not requiring leave to appeal	9 705	9 751	10 088	9 428	10 144
Percentage of cases determined with oral proceeding	9%	7%	8%	9%	10%
Percentage of priority cases ²	21%	18%	23%	24%	24%

¹ Excluding migration cases.

² Priority cases: cases relating to compulsory psychiatric care (LPT) and forensic psychiatric care (LRV), cases under the Care of Young Persons Act (LVU) as well as cases covered by Compulsory Care for Substance Abusers Act (LVM).

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Table 2.9 Administrative Courts of Appeal frequency of appeal and amendment 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Frequency of appeal excluding migration cases	21%	20%	21%	20%	21%
Frequency of amendment excluding migration cases	12%	12%	12%	15%	14%
Frequency of appeal in migration cases	31%	23%	21%	25%	23%
Frequency of appeal in removal cases, asylum (migration)	61%	69%	69%	73%	70%
Frequency of amendment in migration cases	0,6%	0,6%	0,4%	0,3%	0,3%
Frequency of amendment in removal cases, asylum (migration)	0,4%	0,4%	0,2%	0,3%	0,2%

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Table 2.10 The Supreme Administrative Court development of cases 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases filed					
Tax cases	1 242	1 060	1 019	848	1 296
Congestion charge cases	26	11	9	6	6
Social insurance cases	1 265	1 392	1 387	1 258	933
Cases relating to the Social Services Act	541	438	527	473	500
Psychiatric care cases	480	598	688	757	705
LVU cases ¹	808	941	1 068	1 057	1 087
LVM cases ²	71	66	88	78	82
LOU cases ³	169	257	163	170	244
Quantitative cases ⁴	282	330	329	469	363
Other cases	2 216	2 359	2 450	2 600	2 877
Total	7 100	7 452	7 728	7 716	8 093
Cases determined					
Tax cases	1 146	1 163	1 016	991	885
Congestion charge cases	27	13	9	6	5
Social insurance cases	1 442	1 234	1 308	1 374	1 094
Cases relating to the Social Services Act	530	456	515	484	520
Psychiatric care cases	461	554	747	713	714
LVU cases ¹	763	918	1 074	1 059	1 108
LVM cases ²	66	63	91	82	77
LOU cases ³	238	245	159	190	258
Quantitative cases ⁴	312	320	327	479	348
Other cases	2 189	2 238	2 286	2 448	3 099
Total	7 174	7 204	7 532	7 826	8 108
Cases pending					
Tax cases	475	372	373	232	643
Congestion charge cases	2	0	0	0	1
Social insurance cases	186	344	422	306	145
Cases relating to the Social Services Act	108	90	102	91	71
Psychiatric care cases	62	106	47	91	82
LVU cases ¹	133	156	150	148	127
LVM cases ²	9	12	9	5	10
LOU cases ³	29	41	45	25	11
Quantitative cases ⁴	54	64	66	56	66
Other cases	579	685	836	989	757
Total	1 637	1 870	2 050	1 943	1 913

¹ Cases under the Care of Young Persons Act (LVU)

² Cases under the Compulsory Care for Substance Abusers Act (LVM)

³ Cases relating to public procurement (LOU)

⁴ Quantitative cases: real estate assessment, national registration, correctional treatment, driving licence and study allowances.

Table 2.11 The Supreme Administrative Court leave to appeal 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases where leave to appeal is granted	185	92	95	69	97
Cases where leave to appeal is not granted	6 484	6 752	7 164	7 457	7 685
Cases not requiring leave to appeal	505	360	273	300	326
Total determined cases	7 174	7 204	7 532	7 826	8 108

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Table 2.12 The Supreme Administrative Court frequency of appeal 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Frequency of appeal	31%	26%	32%	32%	35%

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3. Matters dealt with at the Rent and Tenancy Tribunals

The work of the Rent and Tenancy Tribunals

Rent Tribunals can mediate in disputes between landlords and tenants or between tenant associations and tenants if the parties themselves cannot reach agreement. Rent tribunals also examine certain rent and tenant issues and pronounce a decision that is binding on the parties. Rent tribunals also deal with matters that involve special administration of residential properties. The purchaser of a rental property may in certain cases require the consent of the tribunal to validate the purchase.

A rent tribunal normally consists of three members during a procedure. The tribunal is chaired by a rent tribunal judge whilst the other members represent different interest groups, of whom one is well versed in property management and the other in the situation of the tenants.

A tenancy tribunal has similar duties to a rent tribunal when it comes to applying legislation relating to leases. Its composition is also similar to that of the rent tribunal except that the members represent the interests of landowners and tenants.

Matters at the Rent and Tenancy tribunals are divided into several categories, for example *housing waivers*, *commercial premises agency matters* and *premises waivers*, etc.

Most of the decisions of a rent tribunal can be appealed to Svea Court of Appeal whilst certain leasehold matters can be appealed to the court of appeal within whose jurisdiction the leased property is located. Some of the decisions cannot be appealed.

There are eight rent and tenancy tribunals. The government decide operational targets for them, and they also set their own operational targets in consultation with the Swedish National Courts Administration. These targets are measured as turnaround times for determined cases. The 75th percentile indicates how long it takes to determine 75 % of the cases.

Table 3.1 Rent and tenancy tribunals development of matters 2019–2023

	Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Filed					
Rent tribunal matters	8 014	7 634	6 412	6 504	8 923
- of which matters governed by the Land Code chapter 12	6 636	5 993	5 212	5 305	5 686
- of which matters governed by the Rent Negotiation Act	352	593	323	265	2 193
- of which other rent tribunal matters	1 026	1 048	877	934	1 044
Tenancy tribunal matters	1 866	1 859	1 248	1 519	1 487
- of which residential leases	1 354	1 127	697	897	586
- of which agricultural leases	93	85	90	72	62
- of which other tenancy tribunal matters	419	647	461	550	839
Housing and Premises Renunciation matters	28 076	26 589	26 513	26 184	24 227
Commercial premises agency matters	4 229	4 177	3 729	3 715	3 908
Summa totalt	42 185	40 259	37 902	37 922	38 545
Determined					
Rent tribunal matters	7 815	7 843	7 407	6 657	7 456
- of which matters governed by the Land Code chapter 12	6 333	6 258	6 045	5 468	5 574
- of which matters governed by the Rent Negotiation Act	420	518	436	313	820
- of which other rent tribunal matters	1 062	1 067	926	876	1 062
Tenancy tribunal matters	2 017	1 298	1 659	1 133	2 178
- of which residential leases	1 191	559	1 107	547	1 306
- of which agricultural leases	97	92	74	74	66
- of which other tenancy tribunal matters	729	647	478	512	806
Housing and Premises Renunciation matters	27 971	26 520	26 408	26 504	23 921
Commercial premises agency matters	4 546	4 200	4 070	3 605	3 839
Summa totalt	42 349	39 861	39 544	37 899	37 394
Pending					
Rent tribunal matters	3 608	3 411	2 408	2 266	3 734
- of which matters governed by the Land Code chapter 12	3 105	2 851	2 013	1 853	1 967
- of which matters governed by the Rent Negotiation Act	272	351	236	195	1 568
- of which other rent tribunal matters	231	209	159	218	199
Tenancy tribunal matters	691	1 264	851	1 233	544
- of which residential leases	552	1 132	721	1 066	349
- of which agricultural leases	27	20	35	33	25
- of which other tenancy tribunal matters	112	112	95	134	170
Housing and Premises Renunciation matters	1 010	1 002	958	490	778
Commercial premises agency matters	2 772	2 762	2 419	2 531	2 599
Summa totalt	8 081	8 439	6 636	6 520	7 655

Table 3.2 Rent and tenancy tribunals development of matters per tribunal 2019–2023

Rent and Tenancy Tribunal		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gothenburg	Filed	6 646	7 319	6 787	6 960	7 084
	Determined	6 619	6 850	7 072	6 671	7 038
	Pending	1 148	1 578	1 284	1 564	1 601
Jönköping	Filed	1 735	1 633	1 640	1 670	1 734
	Determined	1 731	1 649	1 685	1 557	1 748
	Pending	300	262	216	330	316
Linköping	Filed	2 369	2 349	2 066	2 265	2 078
	Determined	2 348	2 309	2 045	2 279	2 006
	Pending	258	290	290	242	312
Malmö	Filed	5 369	4 183	3 592	3 767	3 707
	Determined	5 577	4 115	3 809	3 618	3 643
	Pending	679	741	524	664	718
Stockholm	Filed	18 168	16 865	16 492	16 254	16 859
	Determined	18 089	17 323	17 469	16 517	16 000
	Pending	4 571	4 170	3 090	2 788	3 649
Sundsvall	Filed	932	950	1 046	994	1 052
	Determined	954	931	1 058	986	1 020
	Pending	162	180	169	176	207
Umeå	Filed	1 828	1 974	1 988	1 766	2 126
	Determined	2 019	1 555	1 897	2 123	2 160
	Pending	188	604	669	265	233
Västerås	Filed	5 138	4 986	4 291	4 246	3 905
	Determined	5 012	5 129	4 509	4 148	3 779
	Pending	775	614	394	491	619

Appendix: Age percentage of pending cases

	End of month								
	2023-12-31			2022-12-31 ¹			2021-12-31 ¹		
	Percentage of pending cases older than 6 months	Percentage of pending cases older than 12 months	Percentage of pending cases older than 24 months	Percentage of pending cases older than 6 months	Percentage of pending cases older than 12 months	Percentage of pending cases older than 24 months	Percentage of pending cases older than 6 months	Percentage of pending cases older than 12 months	Percentage of pending cases older than 24 months
Total	32,3%	11,9%	2,7%	34,5%	12,8%	2,5%	34,9%	12,0%	2,2%
Administrative courts	28,8%	7,8%	0,3%	34,1%	10,5%	0,7%	35,3%	10,6%	0,7%
- of which migration cases	30,0%	9,7%	0,0%	30,2%	9,5%	0,6%	43,7%	19,3%	0,8%
- of which other cases	28,3%	7,1%	0,3%	35,3%	10,8%	0,7%	33,0%	8,3%	0,7%
Courts of appeal	34,0%	11,5%	1,2%	33,6%	12,4%	1,1%	32,6%	11,8%	1,1%
The Supreme court	9,1%	0,9%	0,0%	9,3%	0,9%	0,1%	10,4%	0,4%	0,1%
The Supreme administrative court	21,5%	3,8%	0,8%	25,1%	3,3%	0,1%	15,6%	1,7%	0,1%
Administrative courts of appeal	20,7%	8,3%	1,2%	32,3%	10,7%	0,4%	27,0%	4,6%	0,4%
- of which migration cases	0,1%	0,0%	0,0%	0,3%	0,0%	0,0%	0,2%	0,0%	0,0%
- of which other cases	24,4%	9,8%	1,4%	37,0%	12,3%	0,4%	30,2%	5,2%	0,5%
District courts	35,5%	14,5%	4,2%	35,7%	14,8%	3,9%	36,7%	14,1%	3,5%

¹New table since year 2023. Data was extracted in January 2024 for all years in this table.

Appendix: Performance of the time targets – results of individual courts

District courts

Performance of the time targets set by the government 2021-2023

Court	Criminal cases excluding priority cases 75th percentile, target is 5 months			Civil cases excluding joint petitions for divorce 75th percentile, target is 7 months		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Alingsås	5,7	6,4	4,8	8,7	8,2	7,5
Attunda	6,1	3,9	4,5	13,7	7,9	7,2
Blekinge	3,6	4,0	3,9	9,2	5,9	5,6
Borås	4,0	3,3	1,9	5,5	5,4	4,7
Eksjö	4,7	2,8	2,1	3,3	3,4	3,6
Eskilstuna	4,7	5,5	4,2	5,1	5,8	6,1
Falun	6,5	7,0	7,3	7,6	7,9	7,1
Gotland	3,6	2,2	2,7	8,4	6,8	6,0
Gällivare	5,1	3,6	3,1	4,3	7,8	6,2
Gävle	5,1	4,0	4,1	7,1	7,1	6,4
Göteborg	6,3	5,3	3,9	6,4	6,9	6,8
Halmstad	4,0	3,6	3,4	6,1	6,1	6,5
Haparanda	3,5	2,8	3,2	5,4	7,1	4,3
Helsingborg	4,1	4,5	3,1	4,9	5,1	4,9
Hudiksvall	3,4	3,8	3,1	6,6	6,8	7,9
Hässleholm	4,9	5,7	5,9	7,4	6,8	7,1
Jönköping	4,2	3,8	2,8	6,7	6,9	5,7
Kalmar	6,6	6,3	7,8	6,6	7,9	6,6
Kristianstad	4,6	5,2	4,5	6,7	6,0	5,0
Linköping	5,4	5,3	4,2	7,7	7,9	5,6
Luleå	3,9	4,2	3,2	6,8	7,0	6,9
Lund	2,9	3,3	2,7	5,7	6,2	5,1
Lycksele	2,0	3,6	2,5	3,7	5,6	5,0
Malmö	4,8	3,6	2,3	5,6	6,2	5,6
Mora	2,9	4,0	3,2	4,8	5,7	5,3
Nacka	4,5	3,1	2,1	7,3	7,3	5,8
Norrköping	3,8	2,6	3,3	5,4	6,1	6,3
Norrälje	2,5	2,3	2,3	6,0	7,9	5,8
Nyköping	2,2	2,7	2,3	4,1	4,6	3,6
Skaraborgs	4,8	4,0	4,1	8,1	8,4	6,8
Skellefteå	3,9	3,9	3,1	6,8	7,2	7,3
Solna	3,1	2,6	3,5	7,3	6,7	5,6
Stockholm	2,1	2,5	3,2	4,4	4,7	4,0
Sundsvall	6,6	3,3	3,9	5,9	6,9	6,1
Södertälje	2,4	2,2	2,0	4,9	4,0	3,5
Södertörn	2,6	2,4	2,1	4,7	4,7	4,0
Uddevalla	13,2	6,4	5,7	9,8	9,3	9,5
Umeå	2,8	2,7	2,1	5,8	5,1	4,9
Uppsala	5,5	5,5	4,5	6,2	6,4	6,0
Varberg	5,9	4,8	3,2	6,8	7,2	6,2
Vänersborg	6,2	6,0	5,2	8,0	10,7	8,7
Värmland	6,2	6,8	5,9	8,0	8,8	8,0
Västmanland	2,7	3,2	3,6	6,0	6,5	5,6
Växjö	2,2	2,1	1,9	4,9	4,7	4,3
Ystad	5,2	5,6	4,4	7,0	7,0	7,2
Ångermanland	6,6	6,0	4,0	7,0	6,2	5,8
Örebro	6,2	4,2	3,1	6,9	6,3	6,1
Östersund	5,0	6,0	4,7	5,8	7,9	5,6
Total	4,2	3,9	3,5	6,6	6,5	5,9

The processing time for criminal cases is measured from income date to the date case was decided, where income date is primarily the date on which the summons application was filed, if there is one in the case. The processing time for civil cases is measured from income date to the date case was decided.

Courts of appeal

Performance of the time targets set by the government 2021-2023

Courts	Criminal cases excluding priority cases 75th percentile, target is 5 months			Civil cases, time from filed case to decision delivered regarding leave to appeal 75th percentile, target is 2 months			Civil cases where leave to appeal has been granted 75th percentile, target is 10 months		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Göta Court of Appeal	7,6	9,0	7,0	1,7	1,6	1,9	9,5	12,2	11,7
Court of Appeal for Lower Norrland	10,2	14,5	16,4	3,3	3,1	3,3	20,4	15,3	14,4
Court of Appeal for Western Sweden	5,2	7,0	7,4	1,9	2,0	2,0	7,8	10,0	10,8
Court of Appeal for Upper Norrland	5,3	5,1	5,6	1,5	1,9	2,0	9,3	9,5	10,8
Court of Appeal for Skåne and Blekinge	5,0	4,5	4,6	2,0	1,5	1,3	8,9	9,9	6,8
Svea Court of Appeal	10,4	11,2	10,9	1,7	1,8	1,7	19,0	18,4	18,2
Total	6,9	8,3	8,1	1,9	1,8	1,8	14,6	15,9	14,3

The Supreme Court

Performance of the time targets set by the Supreme Court 2021-2023¹

	90th percentile (months)			
	Target	2021	2022	2023
Cases which have been given a decision about leave to appeal during given year	3,0	3,4	4,4	5,2
Cases determined which have been granted leave to appeal	18,0	15,3	14,1	16,6
Cases determined not requiring leave to appeal (extraordinary cases)	10,0	8,6	9,6	9,9

¹Excluding priority cases (criminal cases involving a detained person or a defendant under 18 years of age)

Administrative courts

Performance of the time targets set by the government 2021-2023

Court	Total excluding priority and migration cases 75th percentile (months) Target is 6 months		
	2021	2022	2023
Falun	9,1	9,9	9,8
Gothenburg	7,9	6,1	5,7
Härnösand	12,7	5,1	5,2
Jönköping	9,0	9,8	8,6
Karlstad	6,4	6,3	7,1
Linköping	9,9	6,3	4,7
Luleå	5,1	3,8	4,1
Malmö	8,4	10,1	11,1
Stockholm	6,2	6,6	6,0
Umeå	5,6	3,7	3,6
Uppsala	11,9	10,7	9,8
Växjö	11,8	12,1	8,3
Total	7,8	7,9	7,3

Administrative courts (migration cases)

Performance of the time targets set by the government, migration cases 2021-2023

Court	Removal cases, unaccompanied minors 90th percentile Target is 2 months			Other removal cases 90th percentile Target is 4 months			Enforcement cases 90th percentile Target is 1 month			Other migration cases 90th percentile Target is 5 months		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Gothenburg	4,2	7,6	4,6	31,2	26,1	18,2	1,2	1,2	1,1	16,3	10,9	6,5
Luleå	2,8	1,3	2,8	8,2	7,2	6,5	0,5	0,5	0,4	5,4	4,1	3,2
Malmö	4,0	6,1	2,8	17,6	15,8	17,4	0,7	0,8	0,6	3,2	9,4	10,3
Stockholm	5,2	4,5	2,1	7,7	7,8	4,4	0,7	0,8	0,8	2,8	1,7	3,8
Total	4,2	5,2	3,8	20,1	23,0	11,8	0,9	0,9	0,9	5,2	6,8	6,3

Administrative Courts of Appeal

Performance of the time targets set by the government 2021-2023

Administrative court of appeal	Total excluding priority and migration cases 75th percentile, Target is 6 months		
	2021	2022	2023
Gothenburg	5,2	5,8	3,7
Jönköping	8,0	8,7	5,3
Stockholm	4,9	7,6	6,7
Sundsvall	8,2	8,4	8,2
Total	5,8	7,0	5,1

Administrative Courts of Appeal (migration cases)

Performance of the time targets set by the government 2021-2023

90th percentile (months)	Target	2021	2022	2023
Total migration cases	2,0	1,6	1,5	1,6

The Supreme Administrative Court

Performance of the time targets set by the Supreme Administrative Court 2021-2023

	Target	2021	2022	2023
Time to make a decision about leave to appeal (90th percentile)	6,0	5,5	6,3	6,4
Cases decided in full court (75th percentile)	14,0	14,0	15,0	16,0

Rent and tenancy tribunals

Performance of the time targets set by the government 2021-2023

	Rent and tenancy tribunal matters* 75th percentile. Target is 4 months.		
Rent and tenancy tribunal	2021	2022	2023
Gothenburg	6,3	4,7	12,4
Jönköping	5,4	3,0	8,2
Linköping	3,4	3,3	3,5
Malmö	4,8	3,6	3,6
Stockholm	16,6	11,2	8,5
Sundsvall	3,0	3,1	2,7
Umeå	8,4	11,0	4,0
Västerås	4,0	4,1	4,2
Total	10,7	7,3	7,7

*Total matters excluding waiver of security of tenure for residence and premises, mediation of premises and lease, postponement of eviction for premises and building leases and dispensation of agricultural and building leases.