

NUTS 3 Region: Skåne (SE)

This series of fact sheets includes measures taken by the above-mentioned regional authorities during the first wave of the pandemic to strengthen public health security, adapt various aspects of city life to new reality, support vulnerable populations and support the local economy. The fact sheet has been prepared based on official sources and media reporting. However, given the variegated degrees of online communication efficiency from the part of various regional authorities, and the risks associated with collecting information from non-standardised online sources (including media), please note that the information in the table may not be comprehensive.

Contextual information

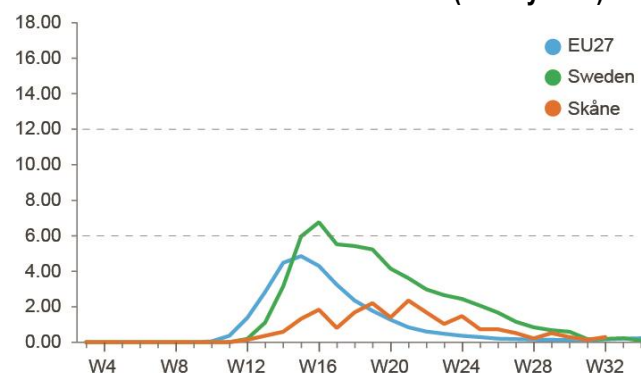
General information¹

Population (2019)	1 362 000
Density (inh/sqkm, 2018)	123
Type of territory (OECD typology)	Intermediate region
Level of COVID-19 deaths (1 st wave)	Low

Governance (responsibilities of NUTS3 regions)

Swedish NUTS3 regions, called regions (former *län*), are generally considered first-level administrative division. Main competencies of Swedish NUTS3 consist of managing public health, including healthcare and medical services, managing cultural institutions, delivering public transport services, and of various responsibilities for growth and development.

COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants (weekly data)



Policy answers at local level - Measures²

Health security	Date	Perspective ³
• Development by Region Skåne of a self-assessment online test to be used by population to test for cold symptoms	18 Mar*	MT
• Cancellation of fees in case of canceling the visit to the doctor	14 Mar*	ST
• Restraining orders applies to all hospitals in Skåne (relatives not allowed in hospitals)	14 Mar*	ST
• Hiring healthcare professionals and service workers	30 Mar*	MT / LT
• Testing healthcare professionals from critical activities (intensive care, infection and emergency services)	20 Apr*	ST / MT
• Sending self-test for gynecological cell test in the mailbox	06 May*	ST
• Follows up patients remotely - using new digital services (patient himself sends his values through a web application that is followed up by healthcare professionals)	15 May*	ST / MT
Daily way of life and work		
• Adapting transport offer and pricing to customer needs in time of pandemic (selling a 7-day ticket instead of a 30-days ticket)	12 Apr	ST / MT
• Closing buses' front door to passengers until further notice	17 Apr	ST
• Launch of an online feature that shows in real time how many free seats there are on buses	24 Apr	MT / LT
• Launched a live map showing the location of train/city bus/regional bus and how many seats are available on board	5 May	MT / LT
Support to vulnerable populations		
• Patients in psychiatry are offered to receive their visits via video or phone calls	12 Apr*	ST
• Collecting and sharing free online training opportunities for the unemployed	04 May*	ST / MT
• The county acts as facilitator between those who want to offer help and those who search for help	---	ST / MT
Support to economic actors & recovery		
• Weekly reports on economic situation of the region on main issues related by the pandemic (remote working, bankruptcies, mobility changes, unemployment, hotel and restaurant industry, effects on business community)	20 Mar	MT
• Contributing SEK 2 million to Almi Skåne (entity owned by state and Region Skåne) for	24 Mar	MT / LT

extra staff so that Almi can quickly increase its lending to companies (from 270 mil to 600 mil SEK).

- Regularly broadcasted webinars on the latest economic statistics related to COVID-19 Mar onwards MT
- Providing rapid information and advice to small and medium - sized companies on how to get credit, apply for deferment of paying taxes, short-term layoffs or notify staff Mar onwards MT
- Financial support for the purchase of external consultancy support for companies hit hard to adjust their operations and to ensure long-term survival (through digitalisation, export subsidies for new markets, and green transition) Jun MT / LT

**Date of media or official news*

Policy answers at local level - Overall strategy

	Mitigating	Compensating	Circumventing	Exploit	No Policy
Health security	✓	✓			
Daily way of life and work	✓	✓			
Support to vulnerable populations	✓		✓		
Support to economic actors & recovery	✓	✓	✓		

¹ Data source: EUROSTAT (*demo_r_pjangrp3* and *demo_r_d3dens*), OECD urban/rural typology, and ESPON COVID-19 database for mortality levels. Thresholds for COVID-19 mortality levels: low (0-6 deaths/100,000 inh.), moderate (6-12 deaths/100,000 inh.) and high (>12 deaths/100 000 inh).

² Main sources used: <https://www.skane.se/> <https://www.skanetrafiken.se/>, Regions's official Facebook pages (<https://www.facebook.com/regionskane/> and <https://www.facebook.com/skanetrafiken/>).

³ ST = short term, MT = medium term, LT = long term.