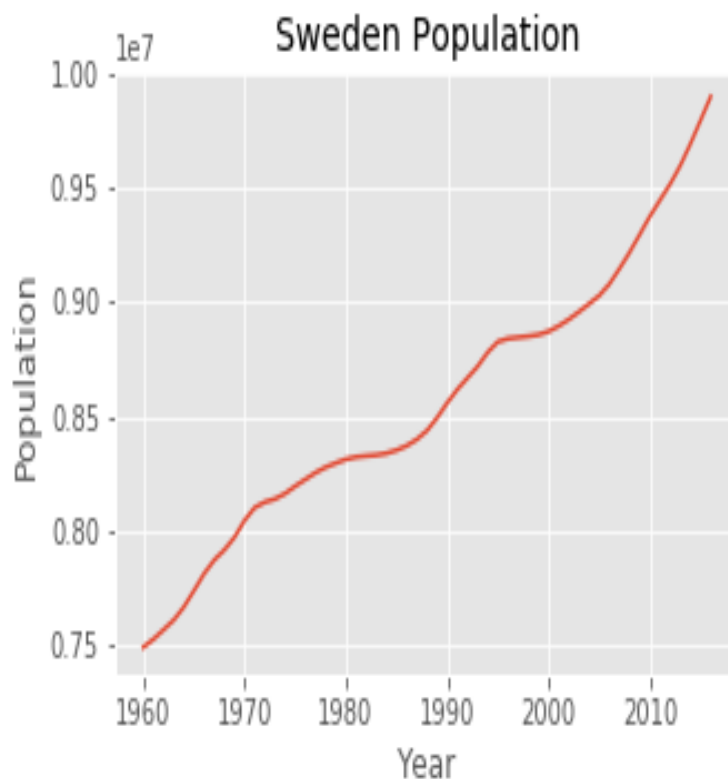


# Sweden



Coordinates: 63°N 16°E﻿ / ﻿63°N 16°E﻿ / 63; 16 – in Europe (green & dark grey) – in the European Union (green) – [Legend]Swedish[c] minority languages:[c] Finnish Meänkieli Sami RomaniSweden (/ˈswɪd̥n/ ( listen) SWEE-d̥n; Swedish: Sverige [ˈsværjɛ] ( listen)), officially the Kingdom of Sweden (Swedish: Konungariket Sverige (help·info)), is a Scandinavian country in Northern Europe. It borders Norway to the west and north and Finland to the east, and is connected to Denmark in the southwest by a bridge-tunnel across the Öresund. At 450,295 square kilometres (173,860 sq mi), Sweden is the third-largest country in the European Union by area. Sweden has a total population of 10.1 million of which 2.3 million has a foreign background. It has a low population density of 22 inhabitants per square kilometre (57/sq mi); the highest concentration is in the southern half of the country. Approximately 85% of the population lives in urban areas.