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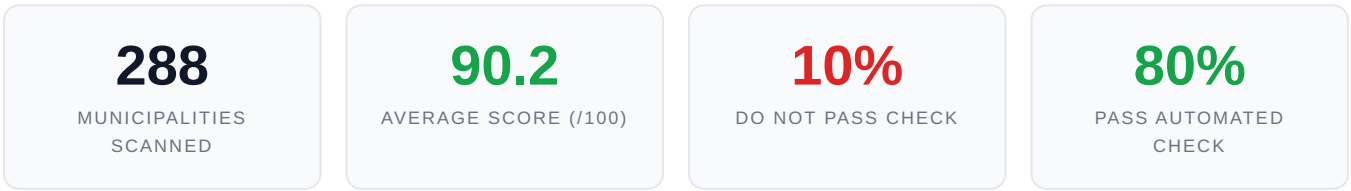
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Sweden

Municipality Web Accessibility

Automated WCAG 2.1 AA Compliance Scan — EU Directive 2016/2102

Sweden — Municipality Accessibility at a Glance



10% of Sweden municipality websites **do not pass** the automated WCAG accessibility check. Only **80%** of scanned sites pass.

The average compliance score across 288 scanned municipality homepages is **90.2/100**. A total of **293** individual accessibility violations were detected, averaging **1.0** issues per site.

Score Distribution

231				28	29	16
CATEGORY	COUNT	%	DEFINITION			
PASS	231	80%	Score ≥ 80 — passes automated check			
NEEDS WORK	28	10%	Score 50–79 — partially accessible			
FAIL	29	10%	Score < 50 — does not pass automated check			
NOT SCANNED	16	—	Website unavailable or scan failed			

Most Common Accessibility Violations

The table below lists the 10 most frequent axe-core rule violations found across Sweden municipality homepages.

#	RULE	IMPACT	DESCRIPTION	OCCURRENCES	SITES
1	color-contrast	SERIOUS	Ensure the contrast between foreground and background colors meets WCAG 2 AA minimum contrast ratio thresholds	128	27
2	image-alt	CRITICAL	Ensure elements have alternative text or a role of none or presentation	54	11
3	link-name	SERIOUS	Ensure links have discernible text	35	16
4	listitem	SERIOUS	Ensure elements are used semantically	27	5
5	aria-required-children	CRITICAL	Ensure elements with an ARIA role that require child roles contain them	7	4
6	list	SERIOUS	Ensure that lists are structured correctly	6	2
7	button-name	CRITICAL	Ensure buttons have discernible text	6	6
8	role-img-alt	SERIOUS	Ensure [role="img"] elements have alternative text	6	2
9	link-in-text-block	SERIOUS	Ensure links are distinguished from surrounding text in a way that does not rely on color	5	3
10	aria-allowed-attr	CRITICAL	Ensure an element's role supports its ARIA attributes	3	2

Municipality Ranking — Top & Bottom Performers

Top 15 Highest Scores

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
1	Överkalix	overkalix.se	100.0	0
2	Pajala	pajala.se	100.0	0
3	Ludvika	ludvika.se	100.0	0
4	Skellefteå	skelleftea.se	100.0	0
5	Essunga	essunga.se	100.0	0
6	Lunds	lund.se	100.0	0
7	Sollefteå	solleftea.se	100.0	0
8	Vårgårda	vargarda.se	100.0	0
9	Oskarshamns	oskarshamn.se	100.0	0
10	Sävsjö	savsjo.se	100.0	0
11	Sollentuna	sollentuna.se	100.0	0
12	Bodens	boden.se	100.0	0
13	Kinda	kinda.se	100.0	0
14	Ekerö	ekero.se	100.0	0
15	Göteborgs Stad	goteborg.se	100.0	0

Bottom 15 Lowest Scores

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
1	Motala	motala.se	4.6	20
2	Karlshamns	karlshamn.se	4.6	15
3	Hultsfreds	hultsfred.se	9.9	17
4	Sorsele	sorsele.se	9.9	6
5	Kungälv	kungalv.se	14.6	29
6	Karlsborgs	karlsborg.se	21.5	2
7	Skinnskattebergs	skinnskatteberg.se	21.5	6
8	Kristinehamns	kristinehamn.se	31.5	2
9	Piteå	pitea.se	31.5	2
10	Nyköpings	nykoping.se	31.5	18
11	Köpings	koping.se	31.5	2
12	Kalix	kalix.se	31.5	29
13	Mörbylånga	morbylanga.se	31.5	2

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
14	Nybro	nybro.se	31.5	2
15	Tibro	tibro.se	31.5	2

Methodology & Limitations

Testing Tool

[axe-core](#), the open-source accessibility testing engine maintained by Deque Systems. It is the most widely used automated accessibility testing library and powers the accessibility checks in Chrome DevTools and Lighthouse.

Standard

WCAG 2.1 Level AA — the standard referenced by EU Directive 2016/2102 (Web Accessibility Directive) and harmonised European standard EN 301 549.

Scope

- Homepage only (crawl depth = 1). Subpages are not scanned.
- One domain per municipality (primary official website).
- Scores range from 0 (worst) to 100 (best).

Important limitation: Automated tools detect approximately 30–50% of WCAG 2.1 criteria. A site that does not pass the automated check is certainly non-compliant. A site that passes may still have accessibility barriers detectable only through manual expert review. These scores represent a **floor**, not a ceiling, of real-world accessibility issues.

Data Collection

Municipality websites were collected from official national registers, Eurostat LAU codes, and Wikidata. Domains were validated via DNS resolution and HTTP checks. Scans were performed using headless Chromium via Playwright + axe-core.

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