

Novus Coronastatus 0519:

1 160 000 now think they have Covid-19, and people in Stockholm are better at social distancing.

Summary

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860 000

Swedes are sick now, mainly in cold-/coronalike symptoms



320 000

Have previously been sick but are well now



1 160 000 (16%)

Adult swedes think they have been infected with Corona (sick now and previously sick)



ca 250 000 (27%)

Adults in Stockholm think they have been infected with Corona

860,000 Swedes are now sick, mainly due to symptoms associated with a cold or Corona. Sniffer, headache, sore throat, body pain, etc. 320 000 have been sick recently but are now well. In total 1 160 000 Swedes now think they have been infected with the Coronavirus. In stockholm 27 % of all adults think they have been infected.

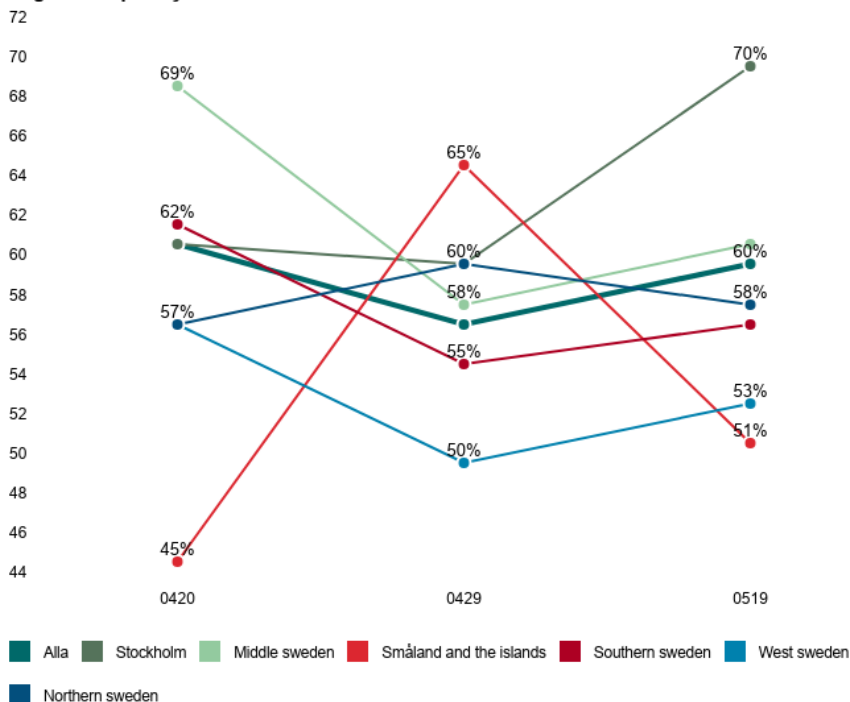
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I keep a distance of at least one meter to other people when I am outside because of the Coronavirus



-Agree completely

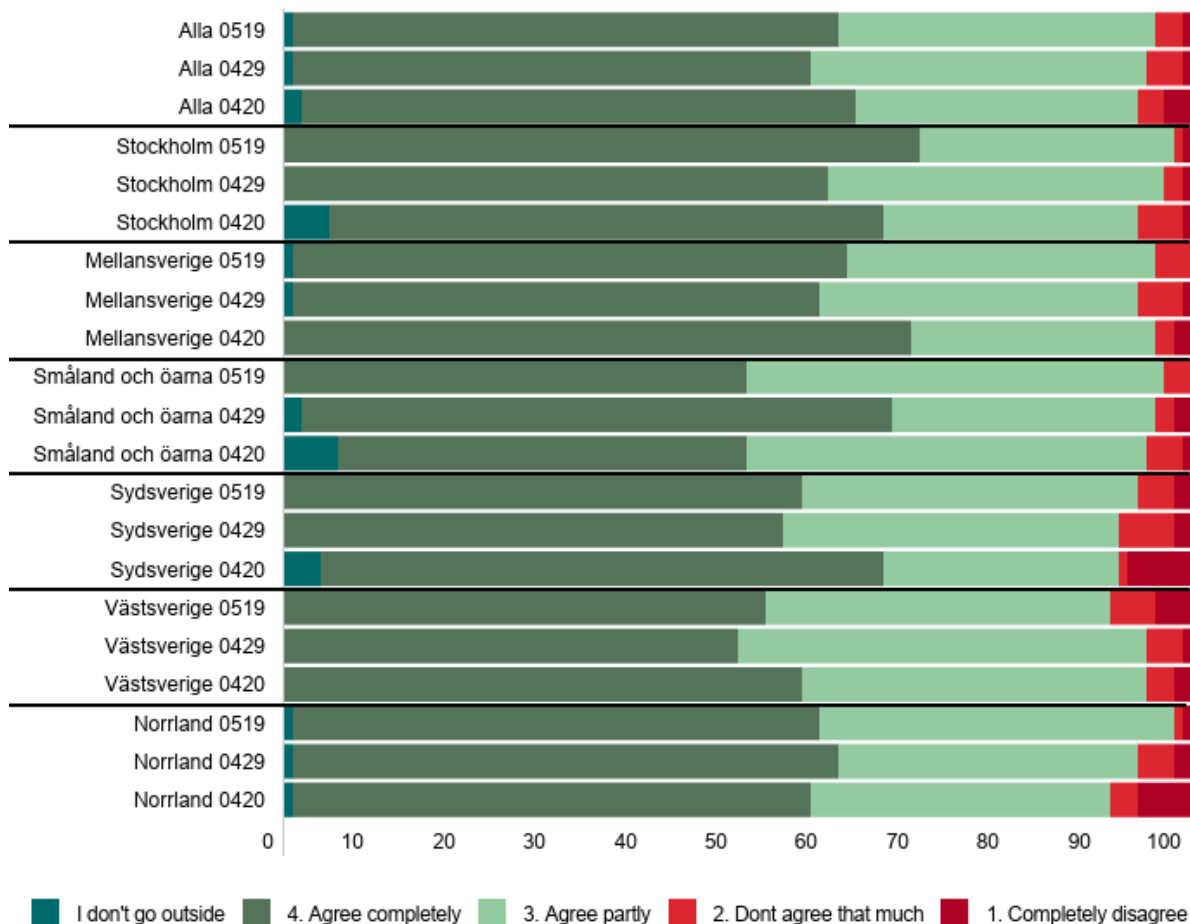


Swedes continue to keep their distance, 60% fully agree that they are at least 1 meter away. we have deliberately set a lower limit, because there are many times when it is physically impossible to keep 2 meters away. In shops it is easy to almost collide with someone in the corridors of goods.

Residents in Stockholm are by far the best at this now, 70% say that they fully agree with keeping distances.

At the bottom we now find accommodation in Småland and the islands. Only one in two there fully agrees that they keep their distance. They were good at the end of April, when they said to the highest extent that they keep their distance. Now they have plummeted again to the bottom where they were on April 20.

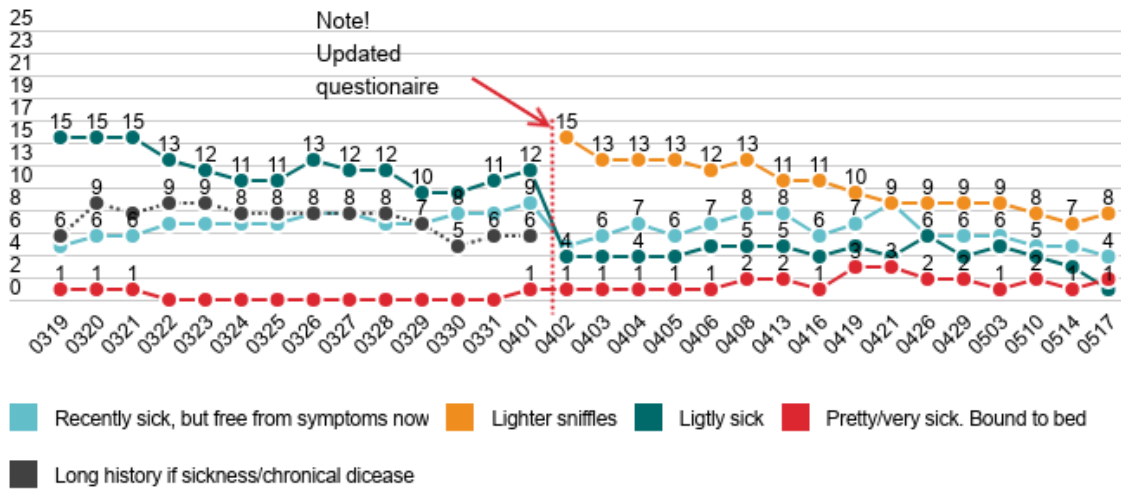
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Stockholmers are the only ones who have become significantly better at keeping their distance now compared to April 20. Their improvement is also based on the fact that they were third best region then. All other regions appear to be relaxing, which should be a warning sign. It is still important to keep your distance, wash your hands and be at home if you are sick.

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How would you estimate your current health situation? (3 days average)



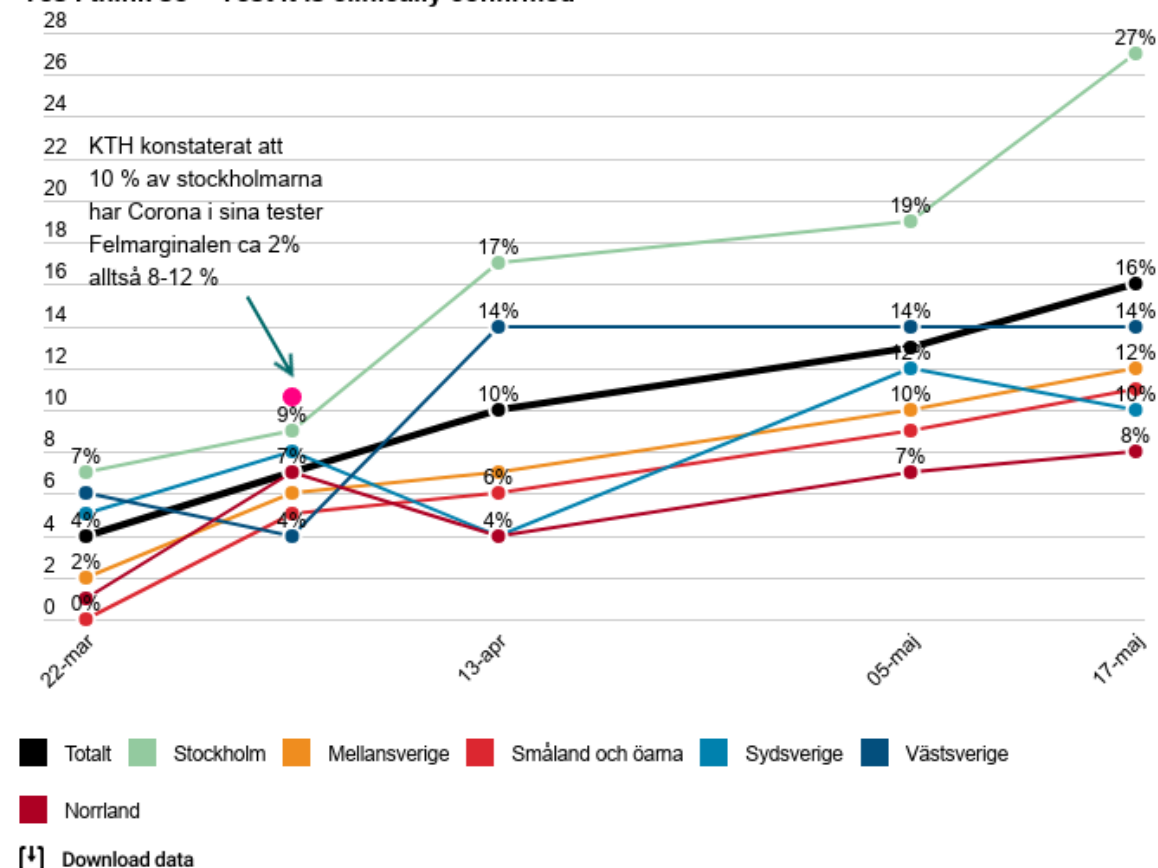
The proportion that is currently sick is still at a markedly lower level. Now the proportion with a mild cold is about half as many as when we started asking about it on 2 April, when 15% said they had it, now it is 8%.

Only 1% say they are relieved sick now, at the beginning of April 4% said it was. Although a large proportion of Swedes are sick for a strange time, 350,000 Swedes are sick now and have been there for over 10 weeks as presented in last Corona status, we still see that the majority are healthy and the proportion of sick decreases in Sweden.

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Do you think you have been infected with the Coronaviruset, covid-19?

"Yes I think so + Yest it is clinically confirmed"



The percentage who think they have contracted corona continues upward.

16% of Swedes believe they have been infected; an increase compared to two weeks ago by three percentage points.

The proportion in Stockholm who think they were infected has skyrocketed, two weeks ago 19% thought they were infected, now 27% believe it.

That there were so many infected during that period I do not know, there may also be more who realize that it is probably Corona they have or had. More people go to work with early disease symptoms go to work to a greater extent than those who have been sick a little longer.

If it is true that Covid-19 can start as a mild cold, that behavior increases the risk of infecting others then. It also means realizing that it was perhaps Corona first further into the course of the disease and not, for example, the risk of the disease. just a common cold.

We also see in the open responses that many say that Corona feels different, "doesn't feel like a common disease."

But it takes some time before that kind of conclusions can be drawn. As with antibody tests, it may take a while for the individual to begin to suspect that it is Corona you have been infected with.

The broad spectrum of how sick you get also makes it tricky. Not everyone even gets a fever.

But based on Novus' investigations, I conclude that everyone probably knows that they are sick, especially if we compare with the KTH tests. So dark that rather based on contact with health care. Not that you as an individual do not know if you are sick or not.

The survey is based on Novus Coronastatus last data is from 2363 interviews during the period 12-17 May 2020 in the age group 18-79 years. As always, the survey takes place in Novus' Swedish panel, which is randomly recruited from the Swedish people. The survey gives an opinion-oriented picture of the Swedish people on the issues being investigated.

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Background

Novus always presents the latest report or survey on Corona here <https://novus.se/novus-coronastatus/>:

Novus has since 19 March regularly up to daily investigated swedes' views of the Corona virus, their health status, symptoms, when one became, how long one has been sick and thoughts about the disease and authorities.

On May 4, KTH released clinical tests on antibodies, and finally we got a data point to go on that allows us to look a little closer at how well self-rated disease matches clinical tests.

KTH's studies show that 10% of Stockholmers contracted the coronavirus at the end of March. If we assume that the loss was random and that the accuracy of the tests is good in their studies, it would mean a margin of error of just under 2%, there are several assumptions here, but it gives us a starting point that is a different test and something we can compare with Novus studies.

Around the end of March, 9% of Stockholmers in novus survey said they believe they were infected with Corona or have found that they have Corona. The margin of error in Novus' surveys is also a couple of percent. But this provides a level that is very consistent with the clinical tests. When the results are so close together, one can conclude that the Swedes' self-assessment of whether one is infected fits quite well with clinical tests. The difference was within the margin of error, we can look at developments over time but also developments throughout Sweden.

I will start from Novus data in this, we have not recalculated anything based on KTH's clinical tests, but the results are so close to each other that it would not give anything.

Novus has during the period 19 March to 5 May conducted over 20,000 interviews in Novus Sverigepanel, with at least two surveys a week, but for long periods also daily conducted surveys. Novus Sverige panel is a probability-based panel of Swedish adults age from 18 and up, majority of the studies included here is in the age span of 18-79 although a couple of research is made up to 89 years. The surveys give a good picture of the Swedish people's view of what the Swedish people think during the period under investigation. Participation rates have averaged 70% per day. Record results, which strengthens the reliability of the survey.