

## **A majority of Sweden's local politicians want to abolish minute-by-minute scheduling in home care**

**According to a new survey, conducted by Demoskop on behalf of the care company Attendo, a clear majority of all of Sweden's local politicians, 77 percent, say they want to abolish minute-by-minute scheduling in home care. The survey also shows that there is a broad consensus and a cross party-majority, with a majority of representatives from all parties wanting to abolish minute-by-minute scheduling in home care.**

A minute schedule (also known as minute-by-minute scheduling) in home care means that the municipality decides in advance how long different tasks and services are allowed to take, often broken down by the minute. Over the past year, minute-by-minute scheduling has been criticized by authorities, trade unions, and national politicians for creating an unsustainable situation for both staff and the elderly.

The survey in brief:

- In the ten most populous municipalities, a clear majority of politicians want to see minute-by-minute scheduling in home care abolished.
- Support is equally clear when breaking down the results by political party. From the Green Party (91%) to the Moderate Party (60%), a clear majority wants to see the minute schedule abolished.
- In all of Sweden's 21 counties, a clear majority of politicians want to abolish minute-by-minute scheduling in home care.

The survey was conducted by Demoskop as part of the Politicians' Panel 2026, an annual survey conducted among local politicians throughout Sweden. 4,556 local politicians responded out of a total sample of 11,712 politicians from the municipalities, corresponding to a response rate of 39 percent.

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“The results of the survey are clear: Swedish local politicians want to abolish minute-by-minute scheduling, and we agree. If society is to deliver high-quality care to a growing number of people in the future, we need to use our shared resources in a better way. One important step is to abolish minute-by-minute scheduling in home care,” says Malin Fredgardh Huber, Managing Director, Attendo Scandinavia

“We have provided home care every day for over 40 years, and we have practical experience of what works and what doesn't – minute-by-minute scheduling doesn't work. It has created an unsustainable situation in which people – both our elderly and our staff – mostly seem to be in the way of the model,” says Malin Fredgardh Huber.

In all of the ten most populated municipalities, a clear majority of politicians want to see minute-by-minute scheduling in home care abolished.

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City	Share who want to abolish minute-by-minute scheduling
Jönköping	90%
Helsingborg	89%
Stockholm	87%
Västerås	87%
Göteborg	79%
Uppsala	77%
Linköping	74%
Norrköping	72%
Örebro	65%
Malmö	64%

Support is equally clear when breaking down the results by parliamentary party. From the Green Party (91%) to the Moderate Party (60%), a clear majority in every party wants to see the minute schedule abolished.

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Party	Share who want to abolish minute-by-minute scheduling
Green Party	91%
Left Party	90%
Social Democrats	87%
Sweden Democrats	77%
Liberals	74%
Christian Democrats	73%
Centre Party	73%
Moderate Party	60%

In all 21 of Sweden's counties, a clear majority of politicians want to abolish minute-by-minute scheduling in home care.

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County	Share who want to abolish minute-by-minute scheduling
Västmanland County	85%
Gävleborg County	82%
Jönköping County	82%
Södermanland County	82%
Norrbottn County	81%
Uppsala County	80%
Västerbotten County	80%
Gotland County	79%
Jämtland County	79%
Dalarna County	78%
Örebro County	78%
Värmland County	77%
Stockholm County	77%
Halland County	76%
Kronoberg County	75%
Västra Götaland County	75%
Kalmar County	75%
Västernorrland County	74%
Skåne County	74%
Blekinge County	73%
Östergötland County	70%

### About the survey

The survey was conducted by Demoskop on behalf of Attendo as part of the Politicians' Panel 2026 – an annual survey conducted among local politicians throughout Sweden since 2014. The sample comprises 11,712 municipal council politicians across Sweden, and the number of respondents was 4,556 local politicians, giving a response rate of 39 percent. Responses were collected between March 31 – May 3, 2026. The question asked was: "Should municipalities that have a minute schedule in home care abolish it?"

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For further information about the survey and access to the underlying data, please contact Hakim Belarbi, Head of Public Affairs or Linda Bengtsson, Head of press and External Communications.

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