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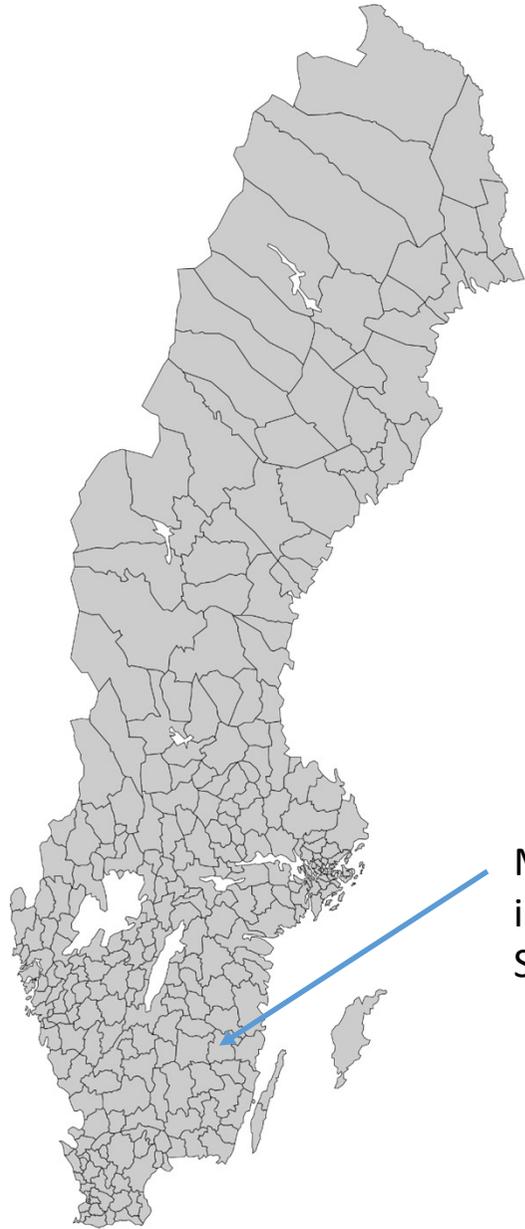


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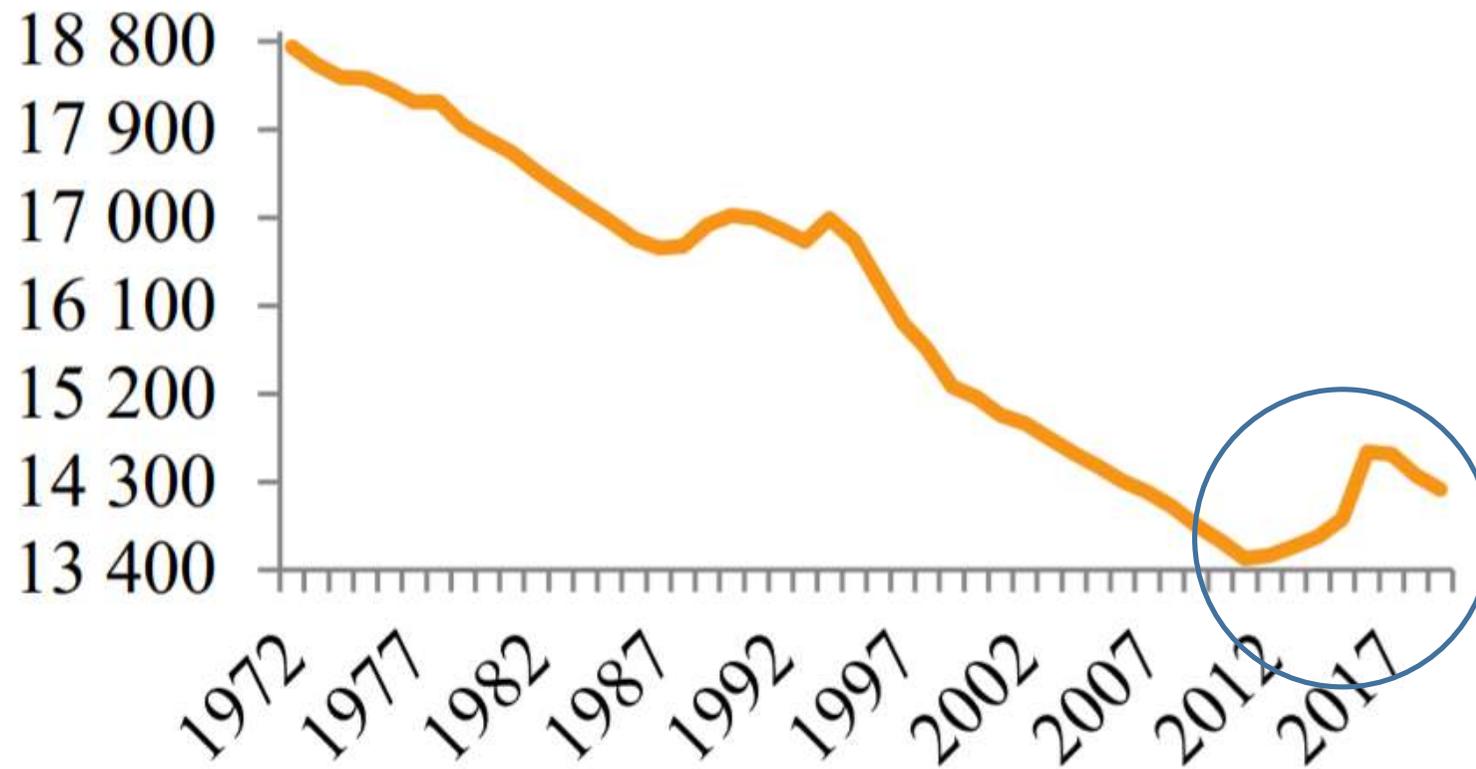
Municipality of  
Hultsfred in  
Kalmar County





Municipality of Hultsfred 14,300 inhabitants.  
Sweden 10,2 million.

## Change in number of inhabitants year 1972 - 2019

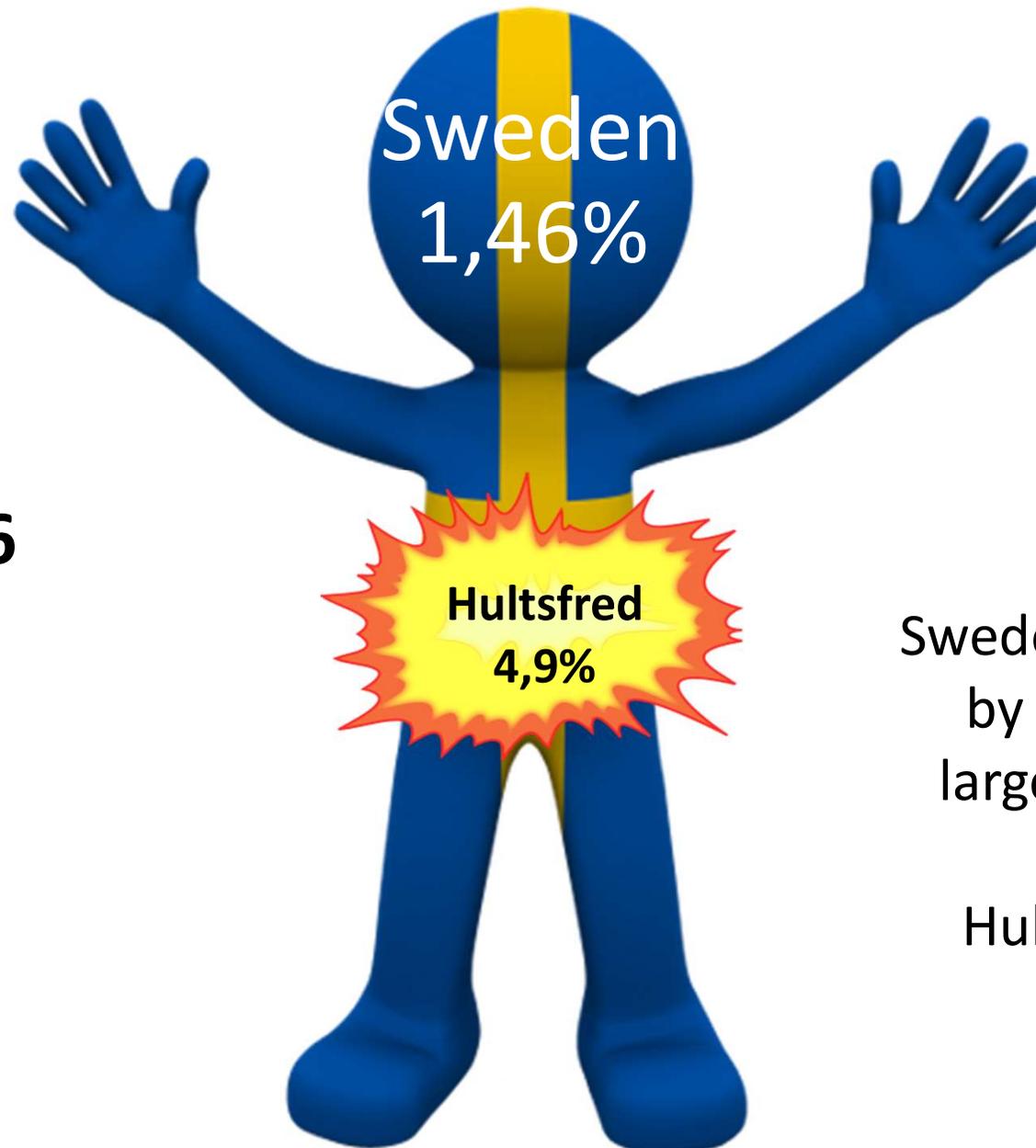


## The six Swedish municipalities February 2016

These are among those who have received the most per capita in all of Sweden. If the rest of Sweden were to take the same responsibility, Sweden would be able to solve the whole of Europe's problems in one go. More than **800,000 more** could get a roof over their heads in asylum accommodation, of which **49,000 children**. **180,000 more** could get a municipal placement. Sweden is divided!



**2016**



Sweden's population increased by 1.46% in 2016. This is the largest population increase in the country since 1861. Hultsfred increased by 4.9%. It was largely due to asylum crisis...

# Municipality of Hultsfred, housing challenge

- One of the largest places for asylum reception.
- One of the places where most asylum seekers who have received a residence permit have settled.
- One of the places in Sweden that most of the refugees moved **from** and in to the big cities.
- 2016, the "turnover rate", the number of people moving in and moving out, set new records. About 8.5% of the population was "replaced" in nine months.
- Hultsfred was like a large bus stop for a number of years.
- How do you plan for this?

## Municipality of Hultsfred, housing challenge

- People came to us because there were vacant flats, but no one told them that they could not get childcare, that they could not get an education in Swedish, and therefore could not enter the labor market quickly enough.
- Nor did they find out that all our schools were full even though we had built many new ones.
- Because the schools and preschools were full, they could not take a job either.
- I believe that this has delayed the opportunity to contribute to the Swedish social contract by several years due to this single focus - housing.

## Municipality of Hultsfred, housing challenge further on...

- Refugees who receive a residence permit usually end up in the same area where the refugee facilities are located. Where it is cheapest to live. When you then establish yourself and get a job, you apply to another residential area. Those who came from the former Yugoslavia are looking for villas in areas with higher status.
- We are now demolishing over 150 apartments. Apartments in very poor condition that otherwise risk falling into the hands of unscrupulous landlords.

To conclude...