

Early Childhood Data in Health Sector

Swedish examples

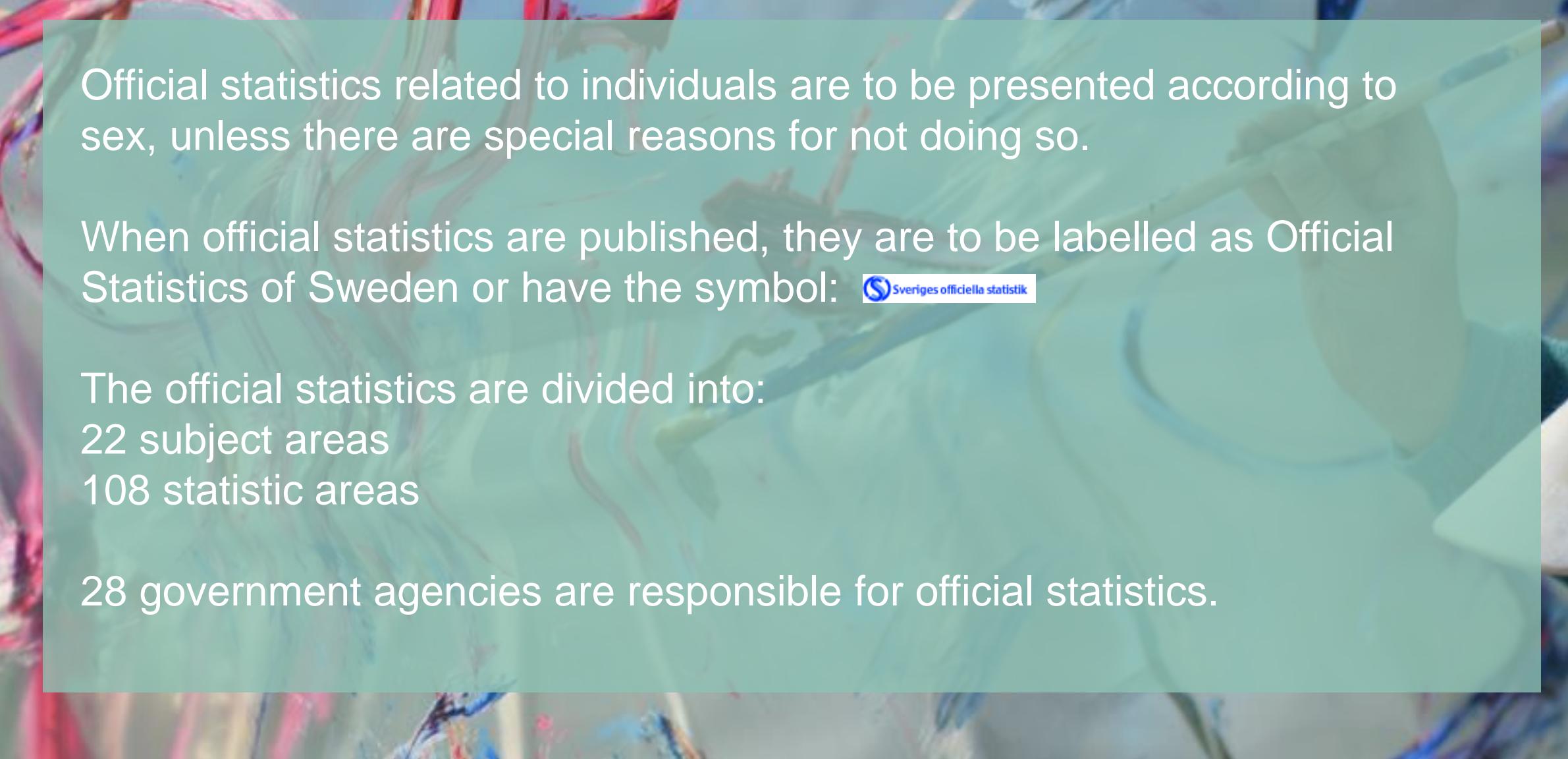
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The official statistics are regulated according to the Official Statistics Ordinance (2001:100).

Among other things, the law states that official statistics are to be available for the purposes of

- public information
- investigative activities and research

They are to be objective and made available to the public.



Official statistics related to individuals are to be presented according to sex, unless there are special reasons for not doing so.

When official statistics are published, they are to be labelled as Official Statistics of Sweden or have the symbol:



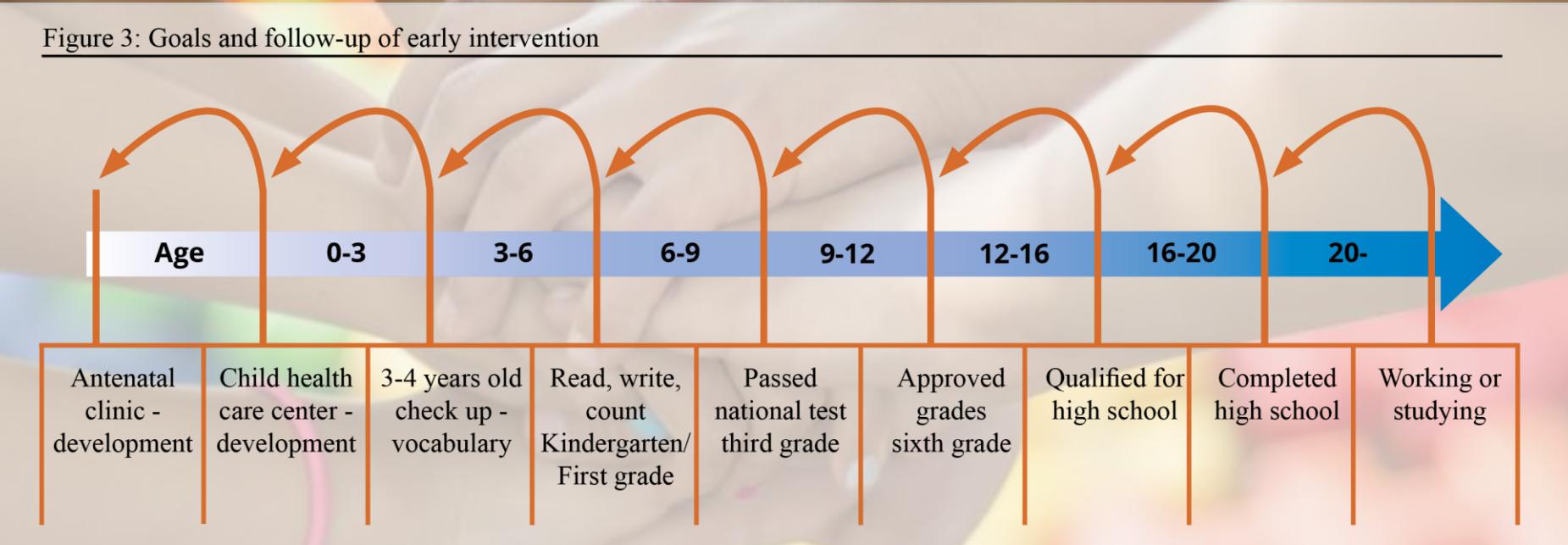
The official statistics are divided into:

22 subject areas

108 statistic areas

28 government agencies are responsible for official statistics.

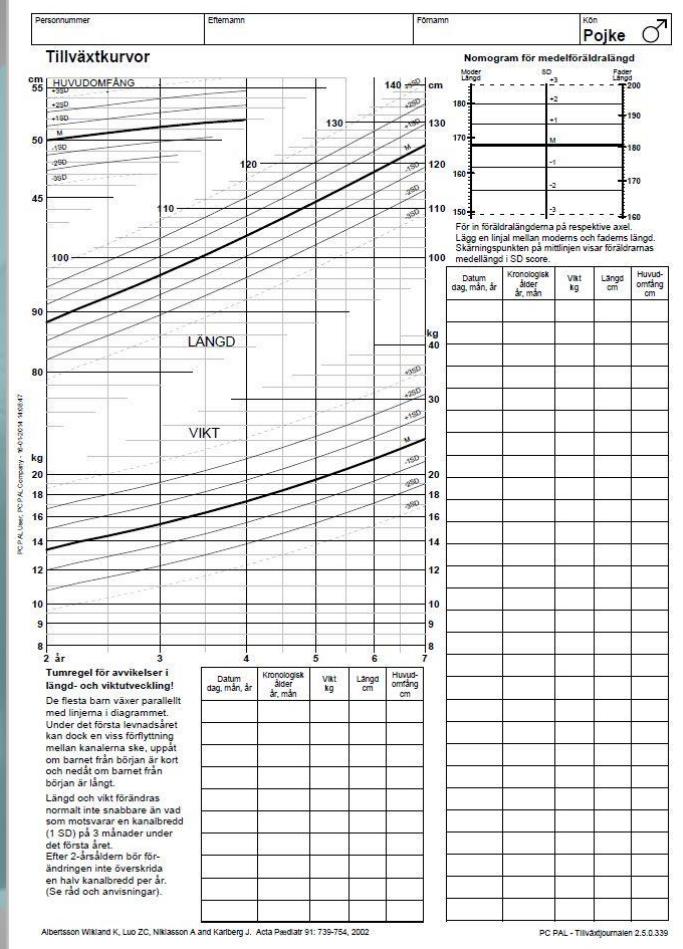
Figure 3: Goals and follow-up of early intervention





From the very beginning.....

A child's individual growth curve is a sensitive indicator of physical and mental wellbeing. WHO has stated that every child has the right to an individual growth curve.



Three reasons for measuring childrens growth

- Monitor the child's health – abnormal growth may be sign of disease or social stress.
- Promotion of health – an increase in BMI might signal a need for a change in diet to prevent obesity.
- Monitor long term changes on a population level.



At the age of 4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEeeclv7VY>



Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions

Preschool data

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Quality

Resources

Staff

Attitudes

Children





Student health

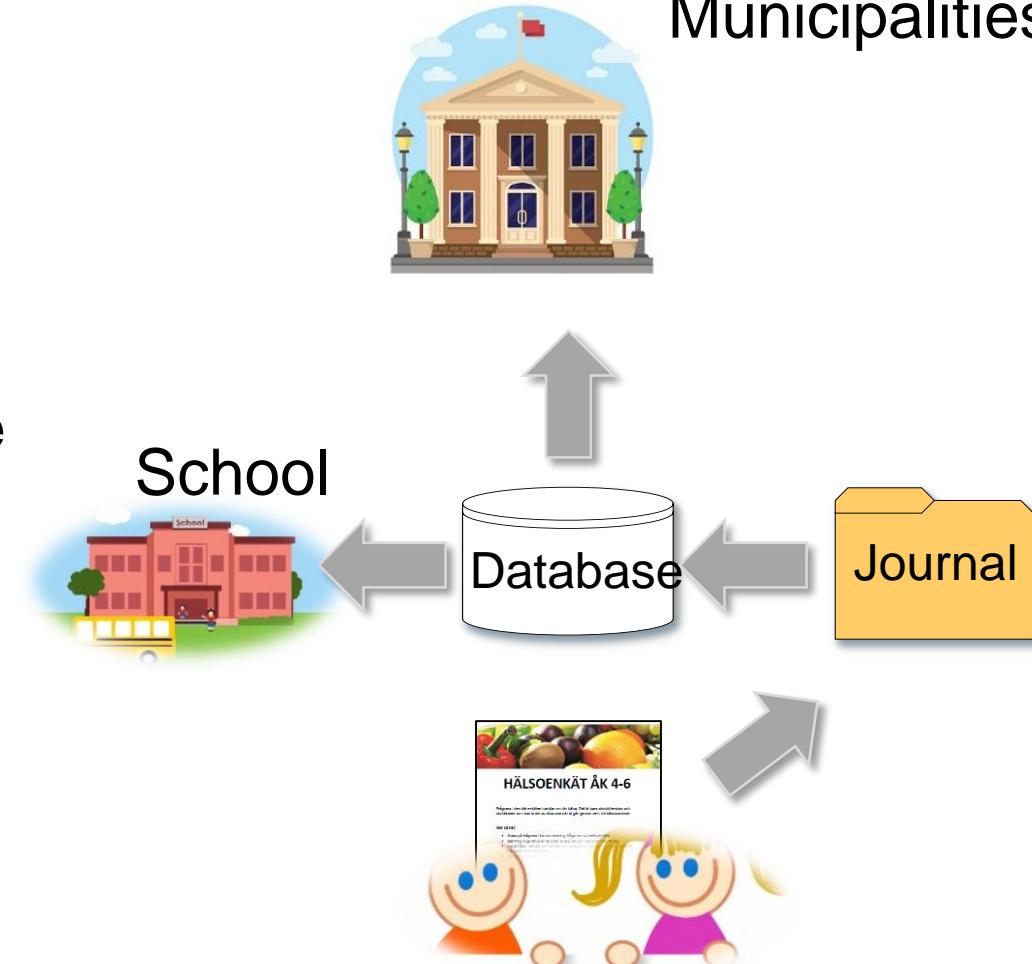
In 2013 the City of Gothenburg initiated cooperation on a regional student health database (several local and sub-regional initiatives earlier over the years)

Student health database – Technical solution & Information flow

- The student answers the questionnaire
- The school-nurse can edit the answers during the consultation
- The regional database retrieves the questionnaire reply
- The indicator response is compiled and made available to stakeholders
- Every school has access to all answers from the questionnaires and can used as needed

Region of Västra Götaland

Municipalities



Take away message

- Pay greater attention to definition of indicators.
- Use some indicators for long term purposes (several decades).



To be continued.....

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