

Record #	S011   Country: Sweden
System title (eng)	<b>The Swedish Twin Registry</b>
System title (ori)	Tvillingregistret
Acronym	TWINREG
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Geographic cov	national
Time period from	1961- to date
System type	data collected on irregular basis
Accessibility	restricted
Availability	computerized data
Language	English, Swedish
Activity	All activities
Req. legislation	No

**Abstract**

The Swedish Twin Registry is a collection of databases which were initially compiled for epidemiological studies to control genetic effects and investigate morbidity and mortality in relation to smoking and alcohol use. It is a population-based registry of like-sexed Swedish twins consisting of two cohorts, born 1886-1925 and 1926-1958. Questionnaire data include health, especially cardiovascular disease, health behaviour, occupation, personality, diet, physical activity, environmental stressors and similarity as children. The twin registry is regularly matched to the national cancer and mortality registries. Questionnaires were returned by both members of 10,945 pairs from the old cohort and 13,664 pairs from the young cohort.

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