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Insurance Medicine All Sweden (IMAS)

Insurance Medicine All Sweden (IMAS) is a large-scale interdisciplinary project that aims to generate knowledge about different aspects of sickness absence and disability pension.

Aspects that can be studied include:

- risk factors for sickness absence and disability pension
- factors that affect return to work or other activity among people who are sickness absent or on disability pension
- consequences of being sickness absent or on disability pension
- changes of the above over time
- methodological aspects of this kind of research, e.g., the importance of choice specific measures of sickness absence measure for the study results

This can be studied:

- in general
- for different *diagnoses* (such as different mental diagnoses, several musculoskeletal diagnoses, MS, cancer, cardiovascular disease, different types of injuries, etc.)
- for different *occupational groups* or labour market situations (such as social workers, privately employed white-collar workers, numerically female- or male-dominated occupations, etc.)
- for different *life situations* (such as migrants, women who give birth/don't give birth, people over 65 years, young adults, etc.)

The analyses are based on anonymised microdata linked at individual level from different nationwide registers administered by Statistics Sweden (e.g., LISA, ULF, FAD), the National Board of Health and Welfare (Patient Register, Cancer Register, Medical Birth Register, Prescribed Drugs Register, Cause of Death Register), the Swedish Social Insurance Agency (e.g., MiDAS), and Region Stockholm (Swedish MS Register, VAL). Eight different population-based cohorts are included and are followed both retrospectively and prospectively.

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IMAS is part of **REWHARD (RElations, Work and Health across the life-course - A Research Data infrastructure)**.

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We also offer aid in ordering, managing, and analyses of these type of register data. For more information about our services, please see: <https://www.su.se/reward-research-infrastructure/about-reward#ourservices>