



Palo Alto's Link to Linköping:
A Citizen Diplomat's Report
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Sister Cities

Maintaining enduring relationships around education, travel, sustainability, commerce and charitable works.

My journey to Sweden was years in the making. It started in Palo Alto at this place.....



My first Neighbors Abroad mission to Japan kept me on my feet...for 26.2 miles!





After Japan, I knew I wanted to give back to Neighbor's Abroad and was inspired by the opportunities to contribute, which included:

- Collaborating with people around the world on projects in diverse areas such as arts and culture, business, education and sustainability.
- Provide humanitarian assistance to those in our Sibling and Sister City network who are most in need.
- Travel to, and host delegations from, our Sibling and Sister Cities.

My goals were quickly realized. These all happened in my first year as a Neighbors Abroad board member...

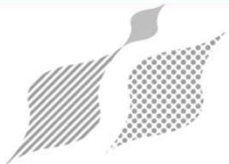


And This Happened Too...



Linköping in Brief

- 165,000 inhabitants – the fifth largest city in Sweden
- Low average age – 39 years
- University enrolls over 35,000 students
- Home to one of Europe's largest Gothic cathedrals
- Regional commuter hub, soon to expand



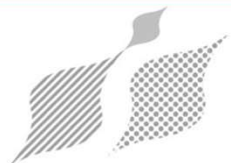
In the Heart of Southern Sweden

- **To Stockholm** Train: 1:40 mins. Car: 2:15 mins.
- **To Gothenburg** Train: 3:15 mins. Car: 3 hours.
- **To Malmö** Train: 2:45 mins. Car: 4:15 mins.
- **To Copenhagen** Train: 3 hours.
- **To Amsterdam** Flight time: 1:45 mins.



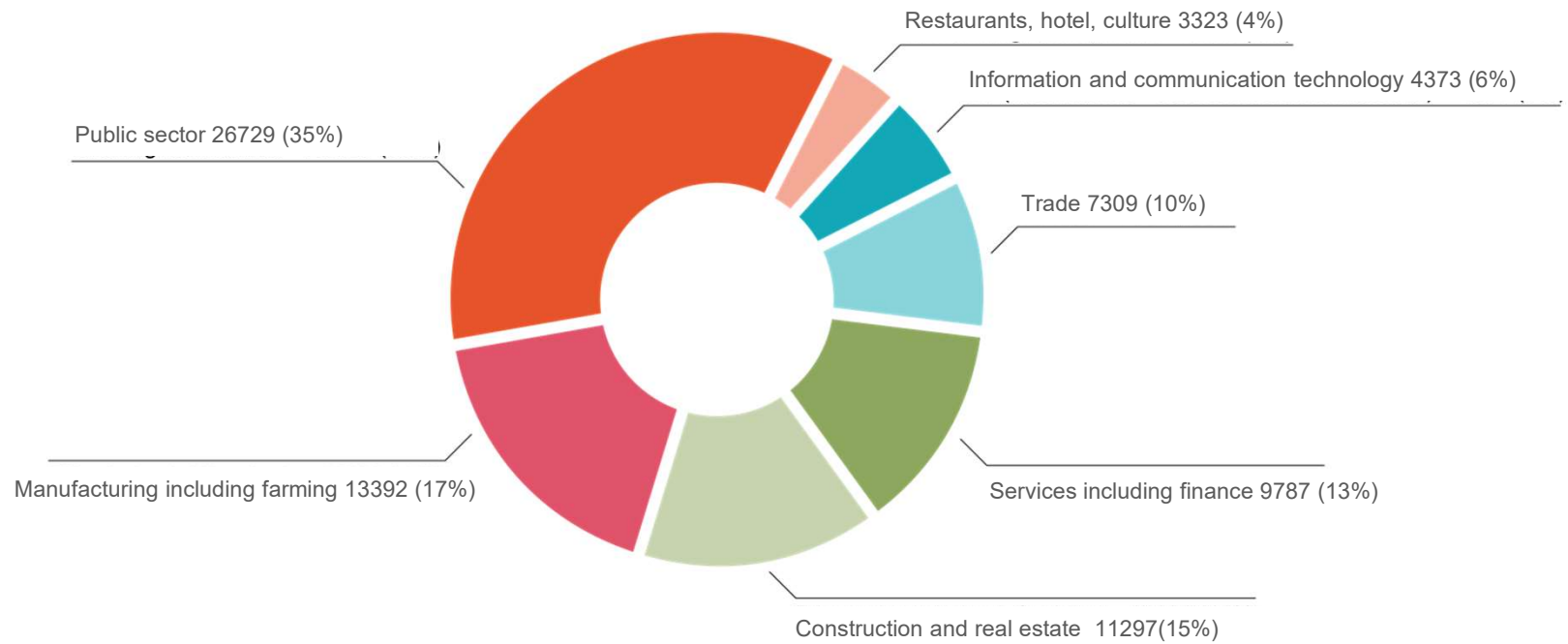
Business Community

- 11,500 active companies
- More than 700 newly registered companies per year
- 85% have 1–5 employees
- Clusters in aviation, environmental and sustainability and information and communication technology
- Major companies: Saab, Ericsson, IFS, Autoliv, Sectra, Cloetta, Scan, Arris



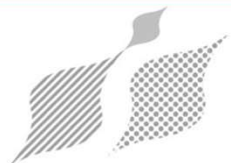
Labor market

Number of employees (76210)



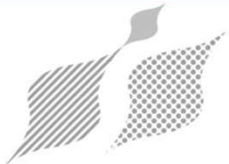
Linköping Science Park

- Founded in 1984
- 400 companies and 7,000 workers
- Municipally-owned
- Provides support to companies of all stages
- Leading companies - Sectra, IFS, Autoliv
- Sponsors IndX, a quarterly competition to collaborate with Siemens, Saab, Toyota and Valderstad



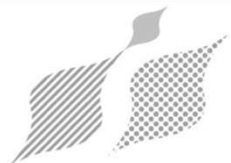
Linköping University

- 35,000 students at 2 campuses
- 4,000 employees and 350 professors
- Focus on technology, medicine, natural sciences, humanities, social sciences and educational sciences



Linköping Municipality

- Comprehensive operations – 9,000 employees
- Budget is 9.8 billion SEK (app. \$1 billion US)
- Government funds utilities, housing, property and land management, and tourism and events
- Largely tax-financed

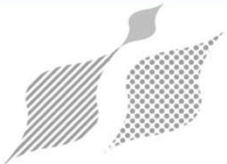


Linköping and Sustainability

- CO₂-emissions are reduced by: less use of fossil fuels; energy efficiency; and increased production of renewable electricity
- Goal: Carbon neutral by 2025
- City is top user of solar panels in Sweden
- Citywide waste-to-energy plant cogenerates both electricity and heat
- Biofuels power city vehicles



Linköping
CO₂
neutral
2025



Vallastaden: An Experiment in Sustainable Planning

- District designed for social, economic and ecological sustainability
- Developer criteria based on quality, not price
- Only one parcel per architect
- 1,000 homes by 40 different developers
- Mix of condos, affordable housing, single family homes and commercial spaces
- Designed for fossil-free energy, transport
- “Infraculvert” design for all pipes and lines



Gamla Linköping: Preserving the Past

- Depicts buildings and life in rural Sweden from 100 years ago
- Historic buildings relocated from city center
- Features homes, shops, museums, restaurants and entertainment venues
- Includes 30 permanent inhabitants
- A favorite destination for students and popular during the holidays



Break Time: Having a Fika with Fike



Reasons to Visit: Art, Food and Culture



Palo Alto's Link to Linköping: Celebrating 35 Years as Sister Cities in 2022





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International Festival on August 27th from
noon thru 5:00 p.m. in front of PA City Hall