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Big news for Arkiv Digital users!

Well-known provider of Swedish church records and much more on-line, Arkiv Digital, has for a long time been working on a new version of their program. At the end of the summer they released a Preview version which had many problems.

By now they have released a new and much improved version, called *Beta 2*, version 2.0.468, which is frequently and automatically updated. It even speaks English in most cases (but does not translate the records!). It looks a bit dark, but is really a nice dark blue shade, and quite easy to read.

After clicking on the link to English on the upper right corner of the first screen, you get all the different links in English, as seen on the 2nd picture.

Then go to Search archives, and fill in the name of the parish you are looking for, and then check the list of volumes. The names of the records volumes are now also translated.

What might be a bit confusing at first is that the buttons are changed, as seen on picture 3.

The tabs are larger and that is where you find the names of the parish and the volume.

Here is a *print* button, now on the right, instead of the left. The print-out now also contains a full source citation. Beside it you will find a *copy* button, which is where you can choose the source citation that you like. Next is a *settings* button, where you can change the speed of zooming and a couple of other things.

I have used this for a couple of weeks now, and am starting to get used to it. The preview version was very slow, but the new version works much better.

By the time you read this, Arkiv Digital has probably already presented it on their blog, but the above might still be useful.

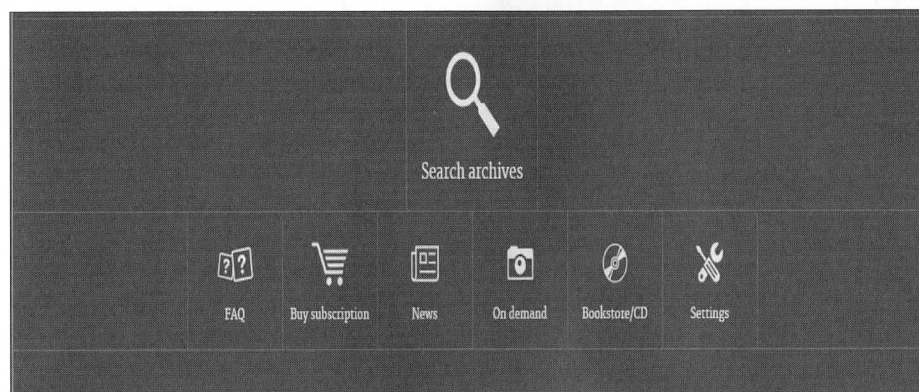
To download, see link on page 30.

[Hämta means download. It is a huge file, so it takes time, be patient.]

Link to English



Picture 1. The start screen.



Picture 2.



Picture 3.

Swedish Census 1950 at Arkiv Digital

The start page again

The screenshot shows the Arkiv Digital website's search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ArkivDigital', 'Edit', 'Tools', and 'Help'. Below this is a 'Start' button and a search bar. The main content area features a sidebar on the left with 'Archives' and 'Registers' sections. The central area has a search bar with the placeholder text 'First name, last name, parish, year etc.' and a dropdown menu for 'Register source' set to 'Population of Sweden 1950'. A large 'Search' button is positioned below the search bar. At the bottom, there is a note: 'Population of Sweden 1950 is based on census made at end of year 1950.'

At the top of the Start page, in the lefthand corner, you have two options, either go to *Archives*, and find your parish, prison, district court, or whatever you are looking for.

Or you can click on *Registers*, which right now means *The Swedish Population in 1950*. Every one who lived in Sweden that year is possible to search for.

Arkiv Digital is also working on digitizing *The Swedish Population 1960*, but it is not known yet when that will be done.

Eskil Ingvar Ivarsson, born 1922-04-02 - Population of Sweden 1950

First name	Eskil Ingvar
Last name	Ivarsson
Birth date	1922-04-02
Birth location	Fellingsbro norra, Örebro län
Civil status	Ogift man
Occupation	Byggnadsarbetare
Military service number	1462-13-42
Register for census	Malingsbo, Kopparbergs län
Real estate	Malingsbo 1:1
Address	Backgården, Malingsbo

Earlier censuses

1946: Malingsbo, Kopparbergs län
1949: Malingsbo 1:1, Malingsbo, Kopparbergs län

Population of Sweden 1950 is a second hand source, and it can contain errors.
Source: Arkiv Digital AD AB

Here is a result of a search for someone. You can see that the information is quite helpful. If he had been married, with children, there would also be the wife's maiden name, when they were married and her date of birth and place of birth. The same would be listed for the children, if they were still living at home.

This is very useful if you are trying to trace people forwards, as there is a good chance that you can also find them in the later Swedish Census Indexes, 1970, 1980, and 1990.

The information comes from the official tax records (*mantalslängder*) that are open to the public.

On Arkiv Digital you may also find the tax records for 1941, but here called *Population registers*. They are typewritten, but not digitized, so you have to look for them, as pictures, among the church records for all parishes.

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