Riksrevisionen's Audit of Automated Decision-Making — Sweden Finds 121 Million Fully Automated State Decisions a Year Are Faster and Cheaper, but Barely Checked

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Riksrevisionen's 2020 audit (RiR 2020:22) found 13 Swedish agencies made about 121 million of 148 million decisions fully automatically in 2019. Parental-benefit decisions got faster and cheaper (SEK 269 to 197 each), but automated decisions were barely followed up.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	3/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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