

Table A.17. Urban population, number of cities and percentage of urban population, by size class of settlement, major area and region, 1975-2015

Major area, region and size class	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
WORLD									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	3	4	7	10	13	17	20	21	22
Population in urban areas	53 185	69 249	104 507	144 875	183 795	239 655	292 593	326 655	359 238
Percentage of urban population	3.5	4.0	5.3	6.4	7.2	8.4	9.3	9.4	9.4
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	15	20	21	21	22	28	30	31	39
Population in urban areas	117 232	149 531	152 932	151 605	161 113	193 583	204 492	219 436	272 960
Percentage of urban population	7.7	8.6	7.7	6.7	6.3	6.8	6.5	6.3	7.1
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	163	197	223	262	295	335	364	422	460
Population in urban areas	316 796	366 800	418 255	494 576	567 733	635 867	713 201	835 440	910 092
Percentage of urban population	20.9	21.1	21.1	21.8	22.3	22.4	22.6	24.0	23.8
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	242	261	299	333	368	403	455	480	494
Population in urban areas	169 971	180 653	206 194	230 362	256 772	278 271	318 204	333 118	346 789
Percentage of urban population	11.2	10.4	10.4	10.1	10.1	9.8	10.1	9.6	9.1
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	858 685	970 067	1 101 787	1 249 451	1 381 950	1 497 425	1 621 960	1 759 922	1 929 945
Percentage of urban population	56.6	55.9	55.5	55.0	54.2	52.6	51.5	50.7	50.5
MORE DEVELOPED REGIONS									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	2	2	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
Population in urban areas	42 495	44 150	66 662	70 534	72 921	85 377	88 135	89 865	90 795
Percentage of urban population	6.1	5.9	8.5	8.6	8.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	6	6	4	5	5	6	8	8	10
Population in urban areas	49 728	51 387	32 637	38 430	39 936	41 786	54 195	56 082	67 267
Percentage of urban population	7.1	6.9	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.8	6.0	6.1	7.1
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	71	83	86	89	94	97	99	102	101
Population in urban areas	136 819	156 928	166 859	174 025	187 591	191 524	194 248	204 039	199 859
Percentage of urban population	19.5	21.1	21.4	21.3	22.1	21.9	21.6	22.1	21.2
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	105	103	110	111	114	117	121	124	129
Population in urban areas	73 233	69 568	74 615	76 071	77 437	78 929	81 589	83 617	87 255
Percentage of urban population	10.5	9.3	9.6	9.3	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	398 249	422 023	439 086	458 852	471 332	476 423	479 894	487 917	499 623
Percentage of urban population	56.9	56.7	56.3	56.1	55.5	54.5	53.4	52.9	52.9
LESS DEVELOPED REGIONS									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	1	2	3	6	9	12	15	16	17
Population in urban areas	10 690	25 099	37 844	74 341	110 874	154 278	204 459	236 791	268 442
Percentage of urban population	1.3	2.5	3.1	5.1	6.5	7.8	9.1	9.3	9.3
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	9	14	17	16	17	22	22	23	29
Population in urban areas	67 503	98 143	120 295	113 175	121 178	151 797	150 297	163 353	205 693
Percentage of urban population	8.3	9.9	10.0	7.8	7.1	7.7	6.7	6.4	7.2
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	92	114	137	173	201	238	265	320	359
Population in urban areas	179 978	209 872	251 396	320 551	380 142	444 343	518 953	631 401	710 232
Percentage of urban population	22.1	21.2	20.9	22.1	22.3	22.5	23.0	24.7	24.7
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	137	158	189	222	254	286	334	356	365
Population in urban areas	96 738	111 085	131 679	154 291	179 335	199 342	236 615	249 501	259 534
Percentage of urban population	11.9	11.2	10.9	10.6	10.5	10.1	10.5	9.8	9.0
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	460 435	548 045	662 701	790 600	910 618	1 021 002	1 142 067	1 272 006	1 430 322
Percentage of urban population	56.5	55.2	55.0	54.4	53.5	51.8	50.7	49.8	49.8

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Major area, region and size class	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	10 159	12 430	14 625	16 842
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.6
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	4
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	6 526	8 217	5 042	6 049	12 704	26 218
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	6.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	5.1	8.7
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	3	6	10	10	15	21	23	29	35
Population in urban areas	5 803	11 354	19 570	19 549	29 258	37 414	47 423	59 027	68 644
Percentage of urban population	10.9	16.2	22.3	17.9	21.5	22.5	23.4	23.9	22.9
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	9	11	12	19	19	19	26	30	28
Population in urban areas	6 614	7 933	8 000	13 401	13 726	12 534	18 363	21 244	20 129
Percentage of urban population	12.5	11.3	9.1	12.2	10.1	7.5	9.1	8.6	6.7
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	40 688	50 910	60 242	70 037	85 105	101 053	118 356	139 458	168 573
Percentage of urban population	76.6	72.5	68.6	64.0	62.4	60.8	58.4	56.4	56.1
OTHER LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	1	2	3	6	9	11	14	15	16
Population in urban areas	10 690	25 099	37 844	74 341	110 874	144 119	192 029	222 166	251 600
Percentage of urban population	1.4	2.7	3.4	5.5	7.1	8.0	9.4	9.6	9.8
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	9	14	17	15	16	21	21	21	25
Population in urban areas	67 503	98 143	120 295	106 649	112 961	146 755	144 248	150 649	179 475
Percentage of urban population	8.9	10.6	10.8	7.9	7.2	8.1	7.0	6.5	7.0
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	89	108	127	163	186	217	242	291	324
Population in urban areas	174 175	198 519	231 826	301 002	350 884	406 929	471 530	572 373	641 589
Percentage of urban population	22.9	21.5	20.8	22.4	22.4	22.6	23.0	24.8	24.9
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	128	147	177	203	235	267	308	326	337
Population in urban areas	90 124	103 152	123 679	140 890	165 609	186 808	218 252	228 257	239 405
Percentage of urban population	11.8	11.2	11.1	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.6	9.9	9.3
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	419 748	497 135	602 460	720 563	825 513	919 947	1 023 710	1 132 548	1 261 749
Percentage of urban population	55.1	53.9	54.0	53.6	52.7	51.0	49.9	49.1	49.0
LESS DEVELOPED REGIONS, EXCLUDING CHINA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	1	2	3	6	8	11	13	14	14
Population in urban areas	10 690	25 099	37 844	74 341	100 451	141 035	179 239	209 260	227 947
Percentage of urban population	1.6	3.2	4.0	6.6	7.6	9.4	10.5	10.8	10.5
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	7	11	13	12	12	15	16	17	22
Population in urban areas	54 143	78 924	94 960	86 127	89 827	102 501	107 103	116 675	154 643
Percentage of urban population	8.3	10.0	10.0	7.6	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.0	7.1
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	59	74	90	113	131	159	178	217	242
Population in urban areas	122 916	143 852	173 942	217 728	259 389	300 366	351 013	427 895	478 467
Percentage of urban population	18.9	18.2	18.3	19.3	19.8	19.9	20.5	22.1	21.9
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	87	107	128	152	173	191	231	247	259
Population in urban areas	60 206	73 736	88 052	104 484	122 718	132 337	161 606	170 657	181 355
Percentage of urban population	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.3	8.8	9.4	8.8	8.3
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	401 760	469 554	557 670	647 676	740 856	831 643	914 110	1 012 084	1 137 924
Percentage of urban population	61.8	59.3	58.5	57.3	56.4	55.2	53.4	52.3	52.2

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Major area, region and size class	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	10 886	13 717	16 141
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.1	4.4	4.3
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	2	2
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	6 373	13 464	6 049	12 704	15 326
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	3.5	6.1	2.3	4.0	4.1
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	5	11	16	17	21	29	34	41	50
Population in urban areas	7 274	16 407	26 586	33 738	40 487	52 443	67 143	81 267	103 485
Percentage of urban population	10.2	18.0	23.1	23.2	22.3	23.8	25.4	25.8	27.7
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	15	15	23	30	30	33	41	53	55
Population in urban areas	11 030	10 372	14 720	21 466	22 448	22 632	28 450	36 140	38 711
Percentage of urban population	15.5	11.4	12.8	14.8	12.4	10.3	10.8	11.5	10.4
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	52 819	64 260	73 706	90 204	112 058	132 184	151 828	170 996	199 694
Percentage of urban population	74.3	70.6	64.1	62.0	61.8	59.9	57.4	54.3	53.5
AFRICA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	2
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	10 391	22 014	25 758	29 279
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	3.5	6.3	6.3	6.1
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2
Population in urban areas	6 450	7 349	8 328	9 061	16 080	13 464	6 049	12 704	15 326
Percentage of urban population	6.1	5.6	5.1	4.5	6.5	4.6	1.7	3.1	3.2
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	8	14	20	22	26	34	40	48	58
Population in urban areas	12 814	22 656	34 547	44 066	52 067	65 131	82 110	98 722	123 637
Percentage of urban population	12.1	17.2	21.0	21.7	21.1	22.1	23.7	24.2	25.9
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	18	20	27	35	37	41	51	62	68
Population in urban areas	12 833	13 601	17 509	24 632	27 116	28 322	35 226	42 590	47 443
Percentage of urban population	12.2	10.3	10.7	12.1	11.0	9.6	10.1	10.4	9.9
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	73 374	88 425	103 970	125 469	151 800	177 083	201 765	228 127	261 882
Percentage of urban population	69.6	67.0	63.3	61.7	61.4	60.2	58.1	55.9	54.8
EASTERN AFRICA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	1	3	4	6	9	9	10	13
Population in urban areas	—	1 175	3 612	5 534	9 085	14 038	16 660	20 794	28 216
Percentage of urban population	—	5.5	13.1	15.6	20.7	26.5	26.2	27.1	30.3
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	4	7	6	6	5	4	9	10	8
Population in urban areas	2 706	4 528	4 115	4 751	3 944	2 407	5 979	7 410	6 031
Percentage of urban population	17.3	21.0	14.9	13.4	9.0	4.5	9.4	9.6	6.5
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	12 937	15 824	19 949	25 247	30 792	36 597	41 039	48 587	58 885
Percentage of urban population	82.7	73.5	72.1	71.1	70.3	69.0	64.4	63.3	63.2

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Major area, region and size class	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
MIDDLE AFRICA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	5 042	6 049	7 526	9 304
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	14.0	13.8	14.0	14.2
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	1	1	2	2	3	4	7	8	9
Population in urban areas	1 479	2 047	4 122	5 212	7 505	5 994	10 659	13 998	17 845
Percentage of urban population	11.6	13.0	21.4	22.0	25.2	16.7	24.4	26.1	27.2
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	1	2	5	6	6	8	7	11	11
Population in urban areas	665	1 532	3 007	4 407	4 822	5 639	4 529	7 156	7 952
Percentage of urban population	5.2	9.7	15.6	18.6	16.2	15.7	10.4	13.3	12.1
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	10 602	12 154	12 110	14 094	17 437	19 224	22 504	24 997	30 500
Percentage of urban population	83.2	77.3	62.9	59.4	58.6	53.6	51.4	46.6	46.5
NORTHERN AFRICA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	10 391	11 128	12 041	13 138
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	12.1	11.4	10.8	10.4
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	1
Population in urban areas	6 450	7 349	8 328	9 061	9 707	—	—	5 178	6 022
Percentage of urban population	17.2	16.3	15.3	14.0	13.0	—	—	4.7	4.8
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	3	4	5	6	6	6	7	7	8
Population in urban areas	5 541	7 413	9 573	12 688	14 823	16 637	19 485	17 455	20 152
Percentage of urban population	14.7	16.5	17.5	19.6	19.8	19.4	20.0	15.7	16.0
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	4	5	4	5	7	8	11	14	19
Population in urban areas	2 689	3 228	2 790	3 166	4 668	5 690	7 307	9 384	12 829
Percentage of urban population	7.2	7.2	5.1	4.9	6.2	6.7	7.5	8.4	10.2
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	22 898	26 988	33 884	39 843	45 689	52 822	59 659	67 221	73 805
Percentage of urban population	60.9	60.0	62.1	61.5	61.0	61.8	61.1	60.4	58.6
SOUTHERN AFRICA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	3	4	4	4	4	5	6	7	7
Population in urban areas	3 905	5 586	6 382	7 307	8 634	11 227	14 082	16 355	16 821
Percentage of urban population	30.1	37.6	36.7	35.4	35.1	40.0	46.3	51.1	50.4
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	1	1
Population in urban areas	2 152	1 278	1 975	2 482	2 662	1 855	1 544	599	622
Percentage of urban population	16.6	8.6	11.3	12.0	10.8	6.6	5.1	1.9	1.9
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	6 895	7 997	9 047	10 858	13 329	14 971	14 803	15 034	15 952
Percentage of urban population	53.2	53.8	52.0	52.6	54.1	53.4	48.6	47.0	47.8

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WESTERN AFRICA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	10 886	13 717	16 141
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.7	10.2	10.1
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	6 373	8 422	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	8.6	9.2	—	—	—
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	1	4	6	6	7	10	11	16	21
Population in urban areas	1 890	6 435	10 858	13 325	12 021	17 236	21 223	30 120	40 603
Percentage of urban population	7.1	18.4	23.9	22.7	16.3	18.8	19.0	22.4	25.5
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	6	4	9	15	16	19	22	26	29
Population in urban areas	4 621	3 034	5 622	9 826	11 020	12 731	15 865	18 041	20 008
Percentage of urban population	17.4	8.7	12.4	16.8	14.9	13.9	14.2	13.4	12.5
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	20 042	25 463	28 980	35 427	44 553	53 469	63 760	72 288	82 740
Percentage of urban population	75.5	72.9	63.7	60.5	60.2	58.2	57.1	53.9	51.9
ASIA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	1	1	3	5	7	9	11	12	13
Population in urban areas	26 615	28 549	50 995	77 306	101 446	131 686	167 145	192 298	217 699
Percentage of urban population	4.6	4.1	6.1	7.6	8.6	9.7	10.8	11.0	11.0
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	6	12	13	13	13	17	17	17	23
Population in urban areas	44 981	82 780	87 832	88 693	92 891	119 232	118 329	122 720	160 865
Percentage of urban population	7.8	11.9	10.5	8.8	7.9	8.7	7.6	7.0	8.2
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	73	83	97	124	144	166	184	219	244
Population in urban areas	146 731	155 089	179 591	225 769	269 543	308 118	356 191	428 649	469 091
Percentage of urban population	25.5	22.4	21.5	22.3	22.8	22.6	22.9	24.4	23.8
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	94	111	128	144	167	195	225	237	241
Population in urban areas	66 642	78 614	90 522	100 495	117 536	136 228	159 886	167 140	171 655
Percentage of urban population	11.6	11.3	10.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.3	9.5	8.7
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	289 873	347 924	428 126	519 147	599 049	667 769	751 392	844 198	950 904
Percentage of urban population	50.4	50.2	51.1	51.3	50.7	49.0	48.4	48.1	48.3
EASTERN ASIA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	1	1	2	3	4	3	4	4	5
Population in urban areas	26 615	28 549	40 654	54 109	65 319	58 858	71 685	74 303	87 298
Percentage of urban population	10.4	9.4	11.2	12.2	12.6	9.9	10.6	9.8	10.4
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	4	5	5	4	5	8	7	7	8
Population in urban areas	30 011	37 467	34 882	27 048	31 351	59 214	52 839	56 233	60 595
Percentage of urban population	11.7	12.4	9.6	6.1	6.0	9.9	7.8	7.4	7.2
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	42	50	57	72	82	93	103	119	133
Population in urban areas	72 983	85 490	99 009	128 753	148 768	174 901	201 780	237 983	266 509
Percentage of urban population	28.5	28.2	27.3	28.9	28.7	29.3	29.8	31.4	31.8
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	54	54	65	78	92	109	117	124	121
Population in urban areas	38 942	39 303	46 545	54 632	64 311	76 355	84 248	89 141	88 748
Percentage of urban population	15.2	13.0	12.8	12.3	12.4	12.8	12.4	11.8	10.6
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	87 185	112 123	141 682	180 393	209 185	228 162	267 052	300 576	335 759
Percentage of urban population	34.1	37.0	39.1	40.5	40.3	38.2	39.4	39.6	40.0

Table A.17. Urban population, number of cities and percentage of urban population, by size class of settlement, major area and region, 1975-2015

Major area, region and size class	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
SOUTH-CENTRAL ASIA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	1	2	3	5	5	5	5
Population in urban areas	—	—	10 341	23 197	36 128	61 764	71 559	80 444	89 450
Percentage of urban population	—	—	3.6	7.0	9.4	14.1	14.5	14.4	14.0
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	2	5	4	5	4	5	6	7	8
Population in urban areas	14 970	33 374	28 587	33 582	29 206	29 793	38 215	47 234	57 871
Percentage of urban population	7.7	14.0	10.1	10.1	7.6	6.8	7.8	8.5	9.1
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	13	12	18	29	35	42	50	59	66
Population in urban areas	32 566	26 881	39 578	49 747	64 165	68 895	85 276	101 978	117 077
Percentage of urban population	16.7	11.3	13.9	14.9	16.7	15.8	17.3	18.3	18.4
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	29	45	49	43	48	51	63	67	71
Population in urban areas	19 554	31 075	34 692	30 549	34 749	36 466	43 316	45 705	49 202
Percentage of urban population	10.0	13.1	12.2	9.2	9.0	8.3	8.8	8.2	7.7
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	127 710	146 762	170 680	196 656	219 830	240 118	254 281	283 184	323 401
Percentage of urban population	65.6	61.6	60.1	58.9	57.2	54.9	51.6	50.7	50.8
SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	2
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	11 065	23 902	27 006	29 739
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	5.4	9.8	9.5	9.3
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	5
Population in urban areas	—	11 939	18 955	21 511	24 668	16 282	11 659	12 661	29 717
Percentage of urban population	—	13.0	16.7	15.5	14.5	7.9	4.8	4.5	9.2
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	10	9	9	10	11	13	12	17	17
Population in urban areas	26 755	21 613	19 668	22 721	26 290	31 778	30 989	40 641	32 697
Percentage of urban population	35.6	23.6	17.4	16.3	15.5	15.5	12.7	14.4	10.2
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	5	7	9	10	14	16	21	20	23
Population in urban areas	3 371	4 790	5 923	6 654	9 123	10 716	15 177	14 249	16 113
Percentage of urban population	4.5	5.2	5.2	4.8	5.4	5.2	6.2	5.0	5.0
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	44 956	53 195	68 658	88 121	109 579	135 781	161 998	188 310	213 211
Percentage of urban population	59.9	58.1	60.6	63.4	64.6	66.0	66.5	66.6	66.3
WESTERN ASIA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10 546	11 211
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.8	6.5
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	1	1	1	2	2	1	2
Population in urban areas	—	—	5 407	6 552	7 665	13 944	15 616	6 593	12 680
Percentage of urban population	—	—	7.0	7.0	7.1	11.3	11.2	4.2	7.3
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	8	12	13	13	16	18	19	24	28
Population in urban areas	14 426	21 105	21 336	24 548	30 320	32 544	38 146	48 047	52 809
Percentage of urban population	29.3	34.9	27.6	26.2	28.1	26.5	27.4	30.9	30.6
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	6	5	5	13	13	19	24	26	26
Population in urban areas	4 775	3 447	3 361	8 660	9 352	12 692	17 146	18 046	17 593
Percentage of urban population	9.7	5.7	4.4	9.2	8.7	10.3	12.3	11.6	10.2
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	30 023	35 844	47 106	53 977	60 456	63 708	68 061	72 127	78 533
Percentage of urban population	61.0	59.3	61.0	57.6	56.1	51.8	49.0	46.4	45.4

Table A.17. Urban population, number of cities and percentage of urban population, by size class of settlement, major area and region, 1975-2015

Major area, region and size class	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
EUROPE									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	10 103	10 654	10 967	11 022
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5
Population in urban areas	23 799	24 669	25 352	31 056	32 097	28 293	29 244	29 806	34 994
Percentage of urban population	5.4	5.2	5.2	6.1	6.2	5.4	5.6	5.6	6.6
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	35	44	45	45	47	48	48	47	45
Population in urban areas	66 548	78 733	81 544	78 995	81 872	78 940	79 464	79 298	73 787
Percentage of urban population	15.0	16.7	16.7	15.5	15.8	15.1	15.1	15.0	13.9
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	73	71	77	79	78	77	81	82	84
Population in urban areas	51 322	47 717	51 525	53 465	52 233	50 938	53 243	54 534	56 299
Percentage of urban population	11.6	10.1	10.5	10.5	10.1	9.8	10.1	10.3	10.6
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	301 474	319 287	331 157	345 434	352 204	353 834	353 023	354 286	356 539
Percentage of urban population	68.0	67.9	67.6	67.9	67.9	67.8	67.2	67.0	66.9
EASTERN EUROPE									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	10 103	10 654	10 967	11 022
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.6
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	7 623	8 136	8 580	14 071	14 679	5 214	5 312	5 365	5 375
Percentage of urban population	4.4	4.3	4.3	6.6	6.9	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	12	20	21	21	22	22	20	19	18
Population in urban areas	19 440	29 357	31 853	28 896	29 842	29 426	27 078	26 074	25 088
Percentage of urban population	11.3	15.6	15.8	13.7	14.1	14.1	13.3	13.1	12.8
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	26	25	27	30	29	28	32	33	34
Population in urban areas	19 693	16 692	18 114	19 827	18 679	18 042	20 936	21 871	22 857
Percentage of urban population	11.4	8.9	9.0	9.4	8.8	8.7	10.3	11.0	11.6
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	125 869	133 967	142 517	148 885	148 294	145 360	139 280	135 174	132 221
Percentage of urban population	72.9	71.2	70.9	70.3	70.1	69.8	68.5	67.8	67.3
NORTHERN EUROPE									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	7 546	7 660	7 667	7 654	7 908	8 225	8 505	8 607	8 618
Percentage of urban population	11.0	10.5	10.3	10.1	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.5	10.3
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	7	6	6	6	6	7	8	8	8
Population in urban areas	11 712	10 424	10 228	10 074	10 127	10 944	12 111	12 255	12 378
Percentage of urban population	17.1	14.3	13.8	13.3	13.1	13.9	15.1	15.0	14.8
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	9	10	11	11	11	11	10	10	10
Population in urban areas	6 215	7 102	7 814	8 162	8 290	7 942	7 034	7 114	7 179
Percentage of urban population	9.1	9.8	10.5	10.8	10.7	10.1	8.8	8.7	8.6
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	43 122	47 550	48 535	49 872	50 796	51 419	52 575	53 826	55 399
Percentage of urban population	62.9	65.4	65.4	65.8	65.9	65.5	65.5	65.8	66.3

Table A.17. Urban population, number of cities and percentage of urban population, by size class of settlement, major area and region, 1975-2015

Major area, region and size class	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
SOUTHERN EUROPE									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	5 162	5 608	5 977	11 143
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	5.4	5.7	5.9	10.7
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	9	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	8
Population in urban areas	23 786	26 293	26 743	26 943	27 536	23 077	23 406	23 776	18 960
Percentage of urban population	29.9	30.7	30.1	29.5	29.5	24.2	23.6	23.4	18.2
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	16	15	17	17	17	18	18	18	19
Population in urban areas	10 439	9 993	11 151	11 235	11 277	11 821	11 883	11 945	12 499
Percentage of urban population	13.1	11.6	12.6	12.3	12.1	12.4	12.0	11.7	12.0
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	45 356	49 496	50 886	53 042	54 465	55 479	58 193	60 026	61 300
Percentage of urban population	57.0	57.7	57.3	58.1	58.4	58.1	58.7	59.0	59.0
WESTERN EUROPE									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	8 630	8 873	9 105	9 331	9 510	9 692	9 820	9 856	9 858
Percentage of urban population	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.6
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	7	8	8	8	9	10	11	11	11
Population in urban areas	11 610	12 660	12 719	13 082	14 367	15 493	16 868	17 193	17 362
Percentage of urban population	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.0	10.5	11.1	11.8	11.8	11.7
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	22	21	22	21	21	20	21	21	21
Population in urban areas	14 974	13 930	14 447	14 241	13 987	13 133	13 390	13 604	13 764
Percentage of urban population	12.2	11.3	11.5	10.9	10.2	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	87 126	88 274	89 219	93 634	98 649	101 576	102 975	105 260	107 620
Percentage of urban population	71.2	71.3	71.1	71.9	72.3	72.6	72.0	72.1	72.4
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	4
Population in urban areas	10 690	25 099	27 504	40 600	54 067	57 816	61 764	65 507	68 268
Percentage of urban population	5.4	10.6	10.0	12.9	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.8	13.4
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	3	2	3	2	2	3	4	4	4
Population in urban areas	25 916	18 005	24 135	15 420	12 207	19 101	25 919	27 929	29 502
Percentage of urban population	13.1	7.6	8.8	4.9	3.4	4.8	6.0	5.9	5.8
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	17	23	26	33	37	44	47	59	63
Population in urban areas	31 291	44 001	49 827	64 236	72 660	85 475	95 236	118 686	132 169
Percentage of urban population	15.8	18.7	18.2	20.4	20.5	21.7	21.9	25.1	25.9
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	25	27	34	43	51	51	59	58	57
Population in urban areas	17 262	18 870	23 648	29 164	35 211	35 339	42 067	40 344	41 014
Percentage of urban population	8.7	8.0	8.6	9.3	9.9	9.0	9.7	8.5	8.0
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	112 278	129 712	149 240	165 318	179 853	196 481	209 446	221 094	240 000
Percentage of urban population	56.9	55.0	54.4	52.5	50.8	49.8	48.2	46.7	47.0

Table A.17. Urban population, number of cities and percentage of urban population, by size class of settlement, major area and region, 1975-2015

Major area, region and size class	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
CARIBBEAN									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
Population in urban areas	3 912	4 393	4 782	6 304	7 131	8 024	8 945	9 618	10 175
Percentage of urban population	29.4	28.7	27.8	33.1	33.6	34.5	35.7	36.0	35.9
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	3
Population in urban areas	1 100	1 225	1 427	582	584	579	1 156	1 806	1 918
Percentage of urban population	8.3	8.0	8.3	3.1	2.8	2.5	4.6	6.8	6.8
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	8 293	9 669	10 971	12 174	13 479	14 670	14 947	15 271	16 257
Percentage of urban population	62.3	63.2	63.9	63.9	63.6	63.0	59.7	57.2	57.3
CENTRAL AMERICA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Population in urban areas	10 690	13 010	14 109	15 311	16 790	18 066	19 411	20 688	21 568
Percentage of urban population	23.6	23.8	22.0	20.6	20.0	19.3	18.8	18.4	17.7
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	2	3	3	3	6	12	12	19	21
Population in urban areas	3 439	5 401	6 283	7 304	11 609	19 592	21 789	31 398	36 033
Percentage of urban population	7.6	9.9	9.8	9.8	13.9	20.9	21.1	27.9	29.5
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	6	9	13	21	23	21	27	26	24
Population in urban areas	3 842	5 674	8 759	14 836	16 736	14 393	19 553	18 101	17 548
Percentage of urban population	8.5	10.4	13.7	20.0	20.0	15.4	19.0	16.1	14.4
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	27 234	30 557	34 960	36 809	38 626	41 477	42 313	42 382	47 047
Percentage of urban population	60.2	55.9	54.5	49.6	46.1	44.3	41.1	37.6	38.5
SOUTH AMERICA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3
Population in urban areas	—	12 089	13 395	25 289	37 277	39 749	42 353	44 819	46 700
Percentage of urban population	—	7.3	6.9	11.4	15.0	14.3	13.8	13.4	13.0
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	3	2	3	2	2	3	4	4	4
Population in urban areas	25 916	18 005	24 135	15 420	12 207	19 101	25 919	27 929	29 502
Percentage of urban population	18.7	10.9	12.5	7.0	4.9	6.9	8.5	8.4	8.2
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	12	17	20	26	27	28	31	36	38
Population in urban areas	23 940	34 206	38 763	50 629	53 920	57 859	64 502	77 670	85 960
Percentage of urban population	17.2	20.6	20.1	22.9	21.7	20.9	21.1	23.2	23.9
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	17	16	19	21	27	29	30	29	30
Population in urban areas	12 320	11 971	13 463	13 746	17 892	20 367	21 358	20 436	21 548
Percentage of urban population	8.9	7.2	7.0	6.2	7.2	7.3	7.0	6.1	6.0
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	76 750	89 486	103 309	116 335	127 749	140 334	152 186	163 441	176 696
Percentage of urban population	55.2	54.0	53.5	52.5	51.3	50.6	49.7	48.9	49.0

Table A.17. Urban population, number of cities and percentage of urban population, by size class of settlement, major area and region, 1975-2015

Major area, region and size class	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
NORTHERN AMERICA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Population in urban areas	15 880	15 601	26 008	26 969	28 282	29 659	31 016	32 126	32 970
Percentage of urban population	8.8	8.3	12.9	12.6	12.2	11.9	11.6	11.3	10.9
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	2	2	1	1	1	2	4	4	5
Population in urban areas	16 086	16 728	7 285	7 374	7 839	13 494	24 951	26 277	32 273
Percentage of urban population	8.9	8.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	5.4	9.3	9.2	10.7
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	28	30	31	33	36	37	39	43	44
Population in urban areas	53 891	59 262	64 163	71 227	80 661	85 531	86 729	95 935	96 731
Percentage of urban population	30.0	31.4	31.9	33.3	34.9	34.3	32.5	33.7	32.1
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	28	29	31	31	34	39	38	39	42
Population in urban areas	18 604	19 237	21 185	21 736	23 701	27 443	27 265	27 429	29 239
Percentage of urban population	10.3	10.2	10.5	10.2	10.3	11.0	10.2	9.6	9.7
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	75 290	78 095	82 258	86 440	90 673	93 115	96 922	102 522	109 949
Percentage of urban population	41.9	41.3	40.9	40.4	39.2	37.4	36.3	36.1	36.5
OCEANIA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	2	3	4	5	5	6	6	6	6
Population in urban areas	5 521	7 058	8 583	10 283	10 929	12 672	13 472	14 149	14 678
Percentage of urban population	36.3	43.3	49.3	54.7	53.9	58.1	57.6	56.8	55.4
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	4	3	2	1	1	—	1	2	2
Population in urban areas	3 308	2 614	1 805	870	976	—	517	1 081	1 139
Percentage of urban population	21.7	16.0	10.4	4.6	4.8	—	2.2	4.3	4.3
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	6 397	6 625	7 035	7 642	8 370	9 142	9 411	9 696	10 670
Percentage of urban population	42.0	40.7	40.4	40.7	41.3	41.9	40.2	38.9	40.3
AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	2	3	4	5	5	6	6	6	6
Population in urban areas	5 521	7 058	8 583	10 283	10 929	12 672	13 472	14 149	14 678
Percentage of urban population	38.7	46.6	53.3	59.4	58.9	63.7	63.4	62.8	61.8
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	4	3	2	1	1	—	1	2	2
Population in urban areas	3 308	2 614	1 805	870	976	—	517	1 081	1 139
Percentage of urban population	23.2	17.3	11.2	5.0	5.3	—	2.4	4.8	4.8
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	5 429	5 478	5 720	6 147	6 664	7 223	7 259	7 282	7 950
Percentage of urban population	38.1	36.2	35.5	35.5	35.9	36.3	34.2	32.3	33.5

Table A.17. Urban population, number of cities and percentage of urban population, by size class of settlement, major area and region, 1975-2015

Major area, region and size class	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
MELANESIA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	656	786	900	1 015	1 171	1 332	1 500	1 697	1 938
Percentage of urban population	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MICRONESIA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	152	184	217	262	299	332	376	419	460
Percentage of urban population	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
POLYNESIA									
10 million or more									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
500 000 to 1 million									
Number of agglomerations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Population in urban areas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of urban population	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fewer than 500 000									
Population in urban areas	160	177	198	218	236	255	276	298	322
Percentage of urban population	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0