



FACT SHEET 8

MEDIUM-SIZED CITIES

- In 2005, the majority of the urban population of almost every country lived in small and medium-sized cities.
- In 2005, 51.5 per cent of the urban population lived in cities with less than half a million residents. That proportion is projected to drop to 50.5 per cent by 2015.
- The majority of urban dwellers in both more and less developed regions resided in small and medium-sized cities in 2005: 53.4 per cent in more developed regions and 50.7 per cent in less developed regions.

Figure 9. Percentage of urban population residing in urban agglomerations by size of urban settlement, 1975, 2005 and 2015

