

World Urbanization Prospects: The 1999 Revision

DATA IN DIGITAL FORM

The *1999 Revision* of the World Urbanization Prospects, prepared by the United Nations Population Division, provides a comprehensive and consistent set of urban and rural population data for the world's countries and areas, as well as for urban agglomerations with more than 750,000 inhabitants in 1995. The data referring to urban and rural areas cover the period 1950-2030 and those referring to urban agglomerations cover the period 1950-2015. Detailed results from the *1999 Revision* are available for purchase in two sets of files.

The files are prepared in Excel 97 and are distributed on diskette. At least 1.7 MB of free disk space is necessary to install each set of files. An installation program (setup.exe) is provided to copy the files to disk. It creates a default folder C:\UNWUP99 for the data. If desired, the user can change the name of this folder at run time.

In both sets, figures for 1950-1995 are estimates and those for years beyond 1995 are projections. Estimates and projections are presented only for years that are multiples of five. The urban, rural and city data presented are consistent with the medium variant of the 1998 Revision of World Population Prospects, the official United Nations population estimates and projections at the national level. A short description of each set of files is presented below.

(1) Urban and rural areas: Nine files present the estimates and projections of the population in urban and rural areas as well as associated indicators. The data are presented for 228 countries and areas individually as well as for 32 country aggregates, including the world as a whole, the more and the less developed regions, the major world areas and selected additional aggregates. The projected values cover the period 2000-2030. The list of file names and their contents are presented in detail in table 1. The files present information on: (1) the to-

tal population by country; (2) the urban population by country; (3) the rural population by country; (4) the proportion of the population in urban areas; (5) the growth rate of the total population; (6) the growth rate of the urban population; (7) the growth rate of the rural population; (8) the urbanization rate, and (9) the rate of growth of the proportion rural.

(2) Urban agglomerations. Seven files present the estimates and projections of the population in urban agglomerations. The first four files contain data only for urban agglomerations with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 1995. They cover the following indicators: (1) the total population of each urban agglomeration; (2) the growth rate of each urban agglomeration; (3) the population of each urban agglomeration as a percentage of the urban population of the country; (4) the population of the each urban agglomeration as a percentage of the total population of the country. Two more files present data for specific sets of urban agglomerations. The first presents the 30 largest urban agglomerations of the world ranked by population size over the period 1950-2015. The second presents the population of the capital cities of each country for the year 1999. Lastly, a file presents the distribution of cities by region and size class together with the corresponding distribution of the population living in cities of different size classes.

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Schematic Contents of Dataset on Urban and Rural Areas, 1950-2030
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<i>File number</i>	<i>File name</i>	<i>Indicator presented</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Geographical coverage</i>	<i>Number of countries or areas</i>	<i>Type of indicator</i>	<i>Reference date</i>	<i>Time period covered</i>	<i>Table in World Urbanization Prospects</i>
File 1	WUP1999F1-Total_Population.xls	Total population of each country	Thousands	All countries and areas	228	Point indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, 1960,...2025, 2030	A.5
File 2	WUP1999F2-Urban_Population.xls	Total population living in urban areas	Thousands	All countries and areas	228	Point indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, 1960,...2025, 2030	A.3
File 3	WUP1999F3-Rural_Population.xls	Total population living in rural areas	Thousands	All countries and areas	228	Point indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, 1960,...2025, 2030	A.4
File 4	WUP1999F4-Proportion_Urban.xls	Per cent of the population living in urban areas	Percentage	All countries and areas	228	Point indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, 1960,...2025, 2030	A.2
File 5	WUP1999F5-Growth_Rate.xls	Average annual growth rate of the total population	Per cent per year	All countries and areas	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,....2020-2025, 2025-2030	A.8
File 6	WUP1999F6-Urban_Growth_Rate.xls	Average annual growth rate of the urban population	Per cent per year	All countries and areas	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,....2020-2025, 2025-2030	A.6
File 7	WUP1999F7-Rural_Growth_Rate.xls	Average annual growth rate of the rural population	Per cent per year	All countries and areas	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,....2020-2025, 2025-2030	A.7
File 8	WUP1999F8-Urbanization_Rate.xls	Average annual growth rate of the proportion urban	Per cent per year	All countries and areas	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,....2020-2025, 2025-2030	A.9
File 9	WUP1999F9-Rate_Proportion_Rural.xls	Average annual growth rate of the proportion rural	Per cent per year	All countries and areas	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,....2020-2025, 2025-2030	A.10

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File 10	WUP1999F10-Cities_Over_750K.xls	Population of each urban agglomeration	Thousands	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 1995	228	Point indicator	1 July	1950, 1955,, 2010, 2015	A.12
File 11	WUP1999F11-Growth_Rate_Cities.xls	Average annual growth rate of the population of each urban agglomeration	Per cent per year	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 1995	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,.....2005-2010, 2010-2015	A.14
File 12	WUP1999F12-Percentage_Urban_in_Cities.xls	Population in each urban agglomeration as a percentage of the total urban population of a country	Percentage	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 1995	228	Point indicator	1 July	1950, 1955,....., 2010, 2015	A.15
File 13	WUP1999F13-Percentage_Total_in_Cities.xls	Population in each urban agglomeration as a percentage of the total population of a country	Percentage	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 1995	228	Point indicator	1 July	1950, 1955,....., 2010, 2015	A.16
File 14	WUP1999F14-30_Largest_Cities.xls	Population of the 30 largest urban agglomeration at each point in time	Millions	The 30 most populous cities	...	Point indicator	1 July	1950, 1955,....., 2010, 2015	A.11
File 15	WUP1999F15-Capital_Cities.xls	Population of capital cities in 1999	Thousands	Capital cities	228	Point indicator	1 July	1950, 1955,....., 2010, 2015	A.13
File 16	WUP1999F16-City_Size_Dist.xls	Distribution of cities by city-size class and distribution of their population by city-size class	Various	Not applicable	228	Point indicator	1 July	1950, 1955,....., 2010, 2015	A.17



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