



Urban and Rural Areas 2001

2001	Population		Percentage	Annual	Population of the largest			
	(thousands)	urban	urban	growth	metropolitan in	as percent		
World	2 923 182	4 980 637	3 210 954	3 289 426	47.7	60.2	2.1	0.4
More developed regions ^a	901 637	1 004 758	292 225	211 755	75.5	82.6	0.4	-0.6
Less developed regions ^a	2 021 546	3 975 879	2 918 729	3 077 672	40.9	56.4	2.8	0.5
Least developed countries ^b	179 239	581 881	505 377	749 599	26.2	43.7	4.6	1.8
Africa	306 744	787 235	505 859	701 655	37.7	52.9	3.8	1.4
Eastern Africa	64 455	206 678	192 218	288 033	25.1	41.8	4.7	1.6
Burundi	603	3 015	5 899	10 783	9.3	21.9	6.4	2.6
Comoros	246	759	481	895	33.8	52.2	4.6	2.0
Djibouti	542	767	102	93	84.2	89.2	1.3	-0.3
Eritrea	730	2 765	3 086	4 974	19.1	35.7	6.3	3.7
Ethiopia	10 222	39 401	54 237	87 624	15.9	31.0	4.6	2.0
Kenya	10 751	65 455	9 827	20 256	34.4	56.8	4.6	0.4
Madagascar	4 952	16 887	11 485	17 425	30.1	49.2	4.9	1.7
Malawi	1 745	6 545	8 827	15 206	15.1	30.1	4.6	1.7
Mauritius ^c	486	805	684	594	41.8	57.6	1.6	0.2
Mozambique	6 208	17 649	12 437	12 795	33.3	58.0	5.1	0.0
Réunion	528	782	294	157	72.3	83.3	2.2	-1.0
Rwanda	497	2 006	7 452	12 155	6.3	14.2	4.2	0.2
Seychelles	53	90	29	26	64.7	72.5	2.4	-0.9
Somalia	2 557	11 291	6 600	13 366	27.9	45.8	5.8	3.6
Uganda	3 486	18 487	20 536	44 190	14.5	29.5	5.7	2.7
United Republic of Tanzania	11 982	36 361	23 963	29 228	33.3	55.4	5.3	0.7
Zambia	4 237	11 617	6 412	9 674	39.8	54.6	2.7	1.7
Zimbabwe	4 630	10 816	8 221	8 792	36.0	55.2	3.7	0.6
Middle Africa	35 325	119 619	62 826	107 303	36.0	52.7	4.4	2.2
Angola	4 715	17 482	8 812	15 153	34.9	53.6	4.8	2.0
Cameroon	7 558	17 124	7 646	8 654	49.7	66.4	3.6	0.6
Central African Republic	1 575	3 750	2 207	2 651	41.7	58.6	2.8	0.8
Chad	1 964	7 619	6 171	11 062	24.1	40.8	4.6	2.6
Congo	2 056	5 575	1 054	1 803	66	77	1.1	0.1
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	16 120	65 054	36 401	67 566	30.7	49.1	4.9	2.6
Equatorial Guinea	232	683	236	313	49.3	68.6	4.9	0.7
Gabon	1 038	2 179	223	219	82.3	90.9	3.4	2.0
São Tomé and Príncipe	67	144	73	80	47.7	64.4	3.2	0.4
Northern Africa	87 482	166 226	89 908	96 580	63.3	63.3	2.7	0.9
Algeria	17 801	32 212	13 041	12 702	57.7	71.7	2.7	0.4
Egypt	29 475	54 102	39 605	45 390	42.7	54.4	1.8	1.6
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 757	7 774	651	675	88.0	92.0	2.5	-0.2
Morocco	17 082	31 333	13 349	12 792	56.1	71.0	2.9	0.3
Sudan	11 790	30 323	20 019	22 254	31.1	57.7	4.7	0.8
Tunisia	6 329	10 020	3 233	2 760	66.2	78.4	2.1	0.8
Western Sahara	249	462	11	8	95.7	98.2	3.2	-4.2
Southern Africa	27 430	36 592	22 699	15 674	57.0	70.0	2.1	-0.9
Botswana	768	1 198	786	679	49.4	63.8	1.4	-0.3
Lesotho	592	1 106	1 466	1 165	28.8	48.7	3.4	-0.4
Namibia	561	1 469	1 227	1 515	31.4	49.2	3.3	0.9
South Africa	25 280	32 313	18 532	11 625	57.7	73.5	2.1	-1.1
Swaziland	250	505	688	690	26.7	42.3	2.2	0.4
Western Africa	92 051	258 119	138 208	194 064	40.0	57.1	4.3	1.5
Benin	2 774	8 177	3 672	5 138	43.0	61.4	4.5	1.4
Burkina Faso	1 999	9 408	8 957	19 762	16.9	32.3	5.1	2.6
Cape Verde	277	538	159	148	63.5	78.4	3.9	1.2
Côte d'Ivoire	7 197	15 728	9 151	10 747	44.0	59.0	3.0	1.3
Gambia	418	1 107	919	1 099	31.3	50.2	4.4	1.4
Ghana	7 177	16 952	12 556	15 898	38.4	51.6	3.1	1.7
Guinea	2 312	7 050	5 962	8 546	27.9	45.2	3.1	0.8
Guinea-Bissau	397	1 268	830	1 144	32.3	52.6	4.8	2.2
Liberia	1 414	5 544	1 694	3 364	45.5	62.2	6.8	4.4
Mali	3 606	13 599	8 072	13 291	30.9	50.6	5.1	1.9
Mauritania	1 624	4 846	1 123	1 181	59.1	80.4	5.1	-0.4
Niger	2 365	11 734	8 861	18 408	21.1	38.9	6.0	3.1
Nigeria	52 539	140 078	64 390	80 314	44.9	63.6	4.4	1.0
Saint Helena ^d	5	7	2	1	71.9	84.0	2.3	-3.1
Senegal	4 653	11 681	5 008	6 233	48.2	65.2	4.0	1.1
Sierra Leone	1 714	5 673	2 873	4 475	37.3	55.9	6.3	3.4
Togo	1 579	4 728	3 078	4 325	33.9	52.2	4.2	1.7
Asia	1 413 932	2 678 680	2 306 773	2 270 924	38.0	54.1	2.7	0.4
Eastern Asia	633 651	1 064 756	858 121	633 268	42.5	62.7	2.6	-0.8
China ^e	471 927	883 421	813 045	601 199	36.7	59.5	3.2	-0.8
China, Hong Kong SAR ^f	6 961	8 962	0	0	100.0	100.0	1.2	0.0
China, Macao SAR ^f	444	562	5	4	98.9	99.2	0.9	-0.3
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	13 571	19 405	8 857	7 408	60.5	72.0	1.2	-0.1
Japan	100 469	102 819	26 865	18 466	78.9	84.8	0.3	-0.6
Mongolia	1 449	2 423	1 110	1 222	56.6	66.5	1.3	-1.0
Republic of Korea	38 830	47 554	8 239	4 970	82.5	90.5	1.3	-2.7
South-central Asia	452 485	968 944	1 054 242	1 233 917	30.0	44.0	2.6	1.3
Afghanistan	5 019	20 174	17 455	30 369	22.3	39.9	5.7	3.1
Bangladesh	35 896	98 554	104 473	124 059	25.6	44.3	4.3	1.3
Bhutan	158	756	1 983	3 468	7.4	17.9	5.9	2.3
India	285 608	575 684	739 488	833 238	27.9	40.9	2.3	1.2
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	46 204	82 333	25 165	22 122	64.7	78.8	2.4	-0.7
Kazakhstan	8 980	10 471	7 115	5 576	55.8	65.3	0.3	0.4
Kyrgyzstan	1 709	3 019	3 277	3 703	34.3	44.9	1.2	0.2
Maldives	84	289	216	355	28.0	44.9	4.6	2.4
Nepal	2 874	10 899	20 719	30 824	12.2	26.1	5.1	1.9
Pakistan	48 425	133 226	96 546	139 438	33.4	48.9	3.5	2.0
Sri Lanka	4 409	9 098	14 695	13 788	23.1	39.8	2.4	0.5
Tajikistan	1 696	3 336	4 439	5 139	27.7	39.4	0.7	0.7
Turkmenistan	2 172	4 248	2 663	2 982	44.9	58.8	2.3	1.5
Uzbekistan	9 250	16 856	16 006	18 856	36.6	47.2	1.4	1.4
South-eastern Asia	202 853	407 174	326 908	313 269	38.3	56.5	3.2	0.2
Brunei Darussalam	244	411	91	87	72.8	82.6	2.5	-0.1
Cambodia	2 348	8 610	11 092	15 212	17.5	36.1	5.5	1.7
East Timor	56	187	693	1 056	7.5	15.0	4.7	3.9
Indonesia	90 356	180 069	124 484	102 782	42.1	63.7	3.6	-0.6
Lao People's Dem. Republic	1 066	3 418	4 338	5 880	19.7	36.8	4.6	1.7
Malaysia	13 154	23 952	9 479	9 004	58.1	72.7	2.9	0.1
Myanmar	13 606	29 139	34 758	33 399	28.1	46.6	2.9	0.5
Philippines	45 812	84 552	31 319	28 024	59.4	75.3	3.2	-0.2
Singapore	4 108	5 059	0	0	100.0	100.0	1.7	0.0
Thailand	12 709	26 293	50 875	53 232	20.0	33.1	2.1	0.9
Viet Nam	19 395	45 485	59 779	64 595	24.5	41.3	3.1	0.7
Western Asia	124 943	237 806	67 502	90 469	64.9	72.4	2.5	1.4
Armenia	2 547	2 744	1 241	911	67.2	75.1	0.2	-0.2
Azerbaijan	4 195	5 620	3 901	3 517	51.8	61.5	0.6	-0.6
Bahrain	603	884	49	39	92.5	95.8	2.0	-2.0
Cyprus	555	719	236	188	70.2	79.3	1.2	-0.3
Georgia	2 960	2 851	2 279	1 309	56.5	68.5	0.1	-1.1
Iraq	15 907	31 867	7 677	11 232	67.4	73.9	2.7	2.7
Israel	5 666	8 393	507	477	91.8	94.6	2.2	0.2
Jordan	3 979	7 887	1 072	1 458	78.7	84.4	3.0	2.2
Kuwait	1 894	3 308	77	87	96.1	97.4	2.6	0.5
Lebanon	3 203	4 440	352	290	90.1	93.9	1.9	-1.5
Occupied Palestinian Terr.	2 222	6 258	1 089	1 884	67.1	76.9	4.0	2.6
Oman	2 006	5 249	617	859	76.5	85.9	4.0	0.9
Qatar	534	744	41	31	92.9	95.9	1.7	-1.5
Saudi Arabia	18 229	41 453	2 799	3 325	86.7	92.6	3.6	-0.5
Syrian Arab Republic	8 596	19 201	8 013	10 055	51.8	65.6	3.2	1.8
Turkey	44 755	69 279	22 877	20 641	66.2	77.0	1.9	0.1
United								