

## **World Urbanization Prospects: The 2003 Revision - Data in Digital Form**

The *2003 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 2000. The data referring to urban and rural areas cover the period 1950-2030 and those referring to urban agglomerations cover the years 1950-2015. Detailed results from the *2003 Revision* are available for purchase in two sets of files, available on two diskettes or on a single CD-ROM.

The files are prepared in Excel 2002, which is compatible with all versions since Excel 97. The diskette version includes an installation program (setup.exe) that copies the files to the hard disk. It creates a default folder C:\UNWUP2003 for the data. If desired, the user can change the name of this folder at run time. The CD-ROM version launches a navigation interface upon insertion.

In the data sets, figures for 1950-2000 are estimates and those for years beyond 2000 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 *2002 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; the list of file names and their contents are presented in detail in tables A and B on the following pages.

(1) *Urban and rural areas*: Nine files present 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 and for 30 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 files present information on: (1) the total population by country; (2) the urban population by country; (3) the rural population by country; (4) the percentage of the population residing in urban areas; (5) the average annual rate of change of the total population; (6) the average annual rate of change of the urban population; (7) the average annual rate of change of the rural population; (8) the urbanization rate or average annual rate of change of the percentage urban, and (9) the average annual rate of change of the percentage 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 2000. They cover the following indicators: (1) the total population of each urban agglomeration; (2) the average annual rate of change of the population of each urban agglomeration; (3) the percentage of the urban population residing in each urban agglomeration; (4) the percentage of the total population residing in each urban agglomeration. 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 2003. Lastly, a file presents the urban population, the number of cities and the percentage of urban population by size class of urban settlement.

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**Table A: 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	WUP2003F1-Total_Population.xls	Total population	Thousands	All countries and areas	228	Stock indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, 1960, ..., 2025, 2030	A.5
File 2	WUP2003F2-Urban_Population.xls	Total population residing in urban areas	Thousands	All countries and areas	228	Stock indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, 1960, ..., 2025, 2030	A.3
File 3	WUP2003F3-Rural_Population.xls	Total population residing in rural areas	Thousands	All countries and areas	228	Stock indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, 1960, ..., 2025, 2030	A.4
File 4	WUP2003F4-Proportion_Urban.xls	Percentage of the population residing in urban areas	Percentage	All countries and areas	228	Stock indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, 1960, ..., 2025, 2030	A.2
File 5	WUP2003F5-Total_Growth_Rate.xls	Average annual rate of change of the total population	Per cent	All countries and areas	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960, ..., 2020-2025, 2025-2030	A.8
File 6	WUP2003F6-Urban_Growth_Rate.xls	Average annual rate of change of the urban population	Per cent	All countries and areas	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960, ..., 2020-2025, 2025-2030	A.6
File 7	WUP2003F7-Rural_Growth_Rate.xls	Average annual rate of change of the rural population	Per cent	All countries and areas	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960, ..., 2020-2025, 2025-2030	A.7
File 8	WUP2003F8-Urbanization_Rate.xls	Average annual rate of change of the percentage urban	Per cent	All countries and areas	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960, ..., 2020-2025, 2025-2030	A.9
File 9	WUP2003F9-Rate_Proportion_Rural.xls	Average annual rate of change of the percentage rural	Per cent	All countries and areas	228	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960, ..., 2020-2025, 2025-2030	A.10

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**Table B: Schematic Contents of Dataset on Urban Agglomerations, 1950-2015**  
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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 10	WUP2003F10-Cities_Over_750K.xls	Population of each urban agglomeration	Thousands	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 2000	228	Stock indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, ....., 2010, 2015	A.12
File 11	WUP2003F11-Growth_Rate_Cities.xls	Average annual rate of change of the population of each urban agglomeration	Per cent	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 2000	228	Stock indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960, ....., 2005-2010, 2010-2015	A.14
File 12	WUP2003F12-Percentage_Urban_in_Cities.xls	Percentage of the urban population residing in each urban agglomeration	Percentage	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 2000	228	Stock indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, ....., 2010, 2015	A.15
File 13	WUP2003F13-Percentage_Total_in_Cities.xls	Percentage of the total population residing in each urban agglomeration	Percentage	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 2000	228	Stock indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, ....., 2010, 2015	A.16
File 14	WUP2003F14-30_Largest_Cities.xls	Population of the 30 largest urban agglomerations at each point in time	Millions	The 30 most populous cities	...	Stock indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, ....., 2010, 2015	A.11
File 15	WUP2003F15-Capital_Cities.xls	Population of capital cities in 2003	Thousands	Capital cities	228	Stock indicator	1 July	2003	A.13
File 16	WUP2003F16-City_Size_Class.xls	Urban population, number of cities and percentage of urban population by size class of urban settlement	Various	Not applicable	228	Stock indicator	1 July	1950, 1955, ....., 2010, 2015	A.17

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