



# Urban and Rural Areas 2003

	Population (thousands)		Percentage urban	Average annual rate of change, (per cent) 2000-2005	Population of the largest urban agglomeration in 2003	
	Urban	Rural			Population (thousands)	As percentage of urban population

World	3 043 935	4 944 679	3 257 529	3 185 470	48.3	60.8	2.1	0.4
More developed regions <sup>1</sup>	896 442	1 014 773	306 854	227 505	74.5	81.7	0.5	-0.5
Less developed regions <sup>2</sup>	2 147 493	3 929 906	2 950 675	2 957 965	42.1	57.1	2.8	0.5
Least developed countries <sup>3</sup>	191 160	544 304	526 920	712 511	26.6	43.3	4.3	1.7
<b>Africa</b>	<b>329 076</b>	<b>748 158</b>	<b>521 481</b>	<b>649 846</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Eastern Africa</b>	<b>70 149</b>	<b>189 215</b>	<b>200 168</b>	<b>272 320</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Burundi	678	3 088	6 147	10 563	9.9	22.6	6.5	2.7
Comoros	269	747	499	635	35.0	54.1	4.6	1.9
Djibouti	588	967	115	106	83.7	90.1	2.1	-1.2
Eritrea	825	2 967	3 316	4 975	19.9	37.4	5.8	3.1
Ethiopia	11 034	36 466	59 644	90 754	15.6	28.7	4.1	2.2
Kenya	12 593	25 807	19 394	15 334	39.4	62.7	4.4	-0.4
Madagascar	4 618	13 624	12 786	19 840	26.5	40.7	3.6	2.6
Malawi	1 972	6 342	10 133	13 492	16.3	32.0	4.6	1.5
Mauritius <sup>4</sup>	529	804	693	637	43.3	55.8	1.5	0.6
Mozambique	6 723	15 976	12 140	10 643	35.6	60.0	5.1	-0.0
Reunion	692	920	64	38	91.5	96.0	2.0	-4.1
Rwanda	1 517	7 866	6 870	5 587	18.5	35.5	11.6	0.2
Seychelles	40	58	41	36	49.9	61.7	1.1	0.7
Somalia	3 446	13 144	6 444	11 263	34.8	53.9	5.7	3.4
Uganda	3 161	13 035	22 666	50 918	12.2	20.4	3.9	3.2
United Republic of Tanzania	13 100	33 144	23 877	23 759	35.4	58.2	4.9	0.3
Zambia	3 861	7 638	6 951	7 586	35.7	60.2	1.9	0.7
Zimbabwe	4 501	6 620	8 390	6 154	34.9	51.8	1.8	-0.2
<b>Middle Africa</b>	<b>36 989</b>	<b>104 041</b>	<b>63 595</b>	<b>87 257</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Angola	4 863	15 971	8 762	12 617	35.7	55.9	5.4	2.0
Cameroon	8 232	15 050	7 786	6 710	51.4	69.2	3.4	0.2
Central African Republic	1 649	3 315	2 216	2 160	42.7	60.5	2.5	0.4
Chad	2 142	7 470	6 456	10 252	24.9	42.1	4.6	2.4
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1 992	5 096	1 732	2 462	53.5	67.4	3.4	1.6
Equatorial Guinea	16 999	54 536	36 072	52 452	31.6	50.4	4.4	2.2
Gabon	238	601	256	287	48.1	67.6	4.7	0.8
Gambia	1 114	1 870	215	174	83.8	91.5	2.7	-0.7
Guinea	61	134	100	141	37.8	48.7	2.6	2.4
Sierra Leone	1 992	5 096	1 732	2 462	53.5	67.4	3.4	1.6
Sudan	16 999	54 536	36 072	52 452	31.6	50.4	4.4	2.2
Togo	238	601	256	287	48.1	67.6	4.7	0.8
Western Sahara	289	495	19	19	93.7	96.3	2.8	-1.2
<b>Southern Africa</b>	<b>27 777</b>	<b>32 634</b>	<b>23 900</b>	<b>16 092</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Botswana	920	1 025	865	536	51.6	65.7	1.8	-0.1
Lesotho	323	464	1 479	1 092	17.9	29.9	0.9	-0.0
Namibia	644	1 231	1 344	1 186	32.4	50.8	3.0	0.6
South Africa	25 637	29 540	19 389	12 630	56.9	70.0	1.4	-0.5
Swaziland	253	373	624	647	23.5	36.6	4.2	1.4
<b>Western Africa</b>	<b>103 164</b>	<b>252 920</b>	<b>141 217</b>	<b>176 277</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Benin	3 003	7 675	3 733	4 416	44.6	63.5	4.4	1.3
Burkina Faso	2 313	9 220	10 689	18 690	17.8	33.0	5.0	2.5
Cape Verde	259	513	204	193	55.7	72.7	3.5	0.1
Cote d'Ivoire	7 464	14 054	9 167	9 204	44.9	60.4	2.6	0.8
Gambia	372	835	1 053	1 504	26.1	35.7	2.6	2.7
Ghana	9 505	19 034	11 417	13 614	45.4	58.3	3.2	1.3
Guinea	2 960	8 246	5 521	6 675	34.9	55.3	3.8	0.4
Guinea-Bissau	507	1 731	986	1 422	34.0	54.9	5.4	1.7
Liberia	1 572	4 331	1 795	2 499	46.7	63.4	5.3	2.9
Mali	4 195	15 390	8 111	14 182	32.3	52.0	5.2	2.0
Mauritania	1 788	4 445	1 105	1 038	61.8	81.1	5.1	-0.4
Niger	2 653	12 453	9 319	17 884	22.2	41.0	6.1	2.9
Nigeria	57 907	134 398	66 102	72 298	46.7	65.0	4.4	1.0
Saint Helena <sup>4</sup>	2	3	3	3	35.5	50.5	0.8	-0.4
Senegal	5 008	11 350	5 086	5 777	49.6	67.1	3.9	1.0
Sierra Leone	1 931	4 813	3 040	3 393	38.8	58.7	5.6	2.7
Togo	1 724	4 431	3 186	3 686	35.1	54.6	4.0	1.4
<b>Asia</b>	<b>1 482 634</b>	<b>2 664 282</b>	<b>2 340 755</b>	<b>2 222 364</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Eastern Asia</b>	<b>648 411</b>	<b>1 039 087</b>	<b>863 910</b>	<b>620 302</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
China <sup>5</sup>	503 740	877 623	800 456	572 898	38.6	60.5	3.2	-0.8
China, Hong Kong SAR <sup>6</sup>	7 049	8 781	0	—	100.0	100.0	1.1	—
China, Macao SAR <sup>6</sup>	459	558	5	5	98.9	99.2	1.0	-0.3
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	13 846	18 186	8 818	6 788	61.1	72.8	1.0	-0.2
Japan	83 540	88 482	44 113	32 536	65.4	73.1	0.3	-0.1
Mongolia	1 472	2 336	1 122	1 154	56.7	66.9	1.4	0.1
Republic of Korea	38 305	43 120	9 395	6 921	80.3	86.2	0.9	-0.6
<b>South-central Asia</b>	<b>472 397</b>	<b>959 121</b>	<b>1 090 776</b>	<b>1 233 232</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Afghanistan	5 567	20 920	18 329	29 067	23.3	41.9	6.0	3.3
Bangladesh	35 571	86 500	111 165	133 821	24.2	39.3	3.5	1.5
Bhutan	192	810	2 065	3 220	8.5	20.1	6.3	2.7
India	301 260	586 052	764 202	830 525	28.3	41.4	2.3	1.2
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	45 952	75 253	22 968	19 189	66.7	79.7	2.3	-0.9
Kazakhstan	8 613	10 018	6 820	5 240	55.8	65.7	-0.3	-0.4
Kyrgyzstan	1 740	2 993	3 397	3 718	33.9	44.6	1.0	1.6
Maldives	92	282	227	332	28.8	45.9	4.5	2.4
Nepal	3 779	11 976	21 385	28 764	15.0	29.4	5.2	1.7
Pakistan	52 316	135 347	101 262	136 254	34.1	49.8	3.4	1.9
Sri Lanka	4 009	6 481	15 057	15 190	21.0	29.9	0.7	0.8
Tajikistan	1 541	2 787	4 704	5 761	24.7	32.6	-0.4	1.3
Turkmenistan	2 204	4 071	2 663	2 754	45.3	59.6	2.0	1.2
Uzbekistan	9 561	16 632	16 531	19 399	36.6	44.0	1.0	1.8
<b>South-eastern Asia</b>	<b>228 636</b>	<b>432 014</b>	<b>314 556</b>	<b>279 222</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Brunei Darussalam	273	489	85	73	76.2	87.0	3.2	-0.7
Cambodia	2 629	8 697	11 514	14 858	18.6	36.9	5.5	1.7
Dem. Rep. of Timor-Leste	59	189	719	1 054	7.6	15.2	4.8	3.9
Indonesia	100 294	187 846	119 589	89 721	45.6	67.7	3.9	-0.9
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	1 168	3 549	4 489	5 733	20.7	38.2	4.6	1.7
Malaysia	15 611	27 324	8 814	7 867	63.9	77.6	3.0	0.1
Myanmar	14 558	30 086	34 927	31 222	29.4	49.1	3.1	0.5
Philippines	48 817	86 615	31 182	27 180	61.0	76.1	3.1	-0.3
Singapore	4 253	4 934	—	—	100.0	100.0	1.7	—
Thailand	20 037	35 420	42 796	40 004	31.9	47.0	1.9	0.6
Viet Nam	20 936	46 863	60 441	61 511	25.7	43.2	3.2	0.7
<b>Western Asia</b>	<b>133 189</b>	<b>234 660</b>	<b>71 513</b>	<b>89 608</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Armenia	1 972	1 928	1 089	859	64.4	69.2	-0.8	1.1
Azerbaijan	4 187	6 235	4 183	4 251	50.0	59.9	0.6	1.2
Bahrain	652	1 018	73	77	90.0	92.9	-2.3	0.9
Cyprus	555	687	247	211	69.2	76.5	1.0	0.3
Georgia	2 660	2 473	2 465	1 784	51.9	58.1	-1.4	-0.4
Iraq	16 918	32 344	8 257	12 994	67.2	71.3	2.4	3.3
Israel	5 896	8 392	538	578	91.6	93.6	2.1	1.4
Jordan	4 212	7 311	1 148	1 332	79.0	84.6	2.8	2.0
Kuwait	2 427	4 091	95	107	96.3	97.5	3.5	1.4
Lebanon	3 196	4 317	457	375	87.5	92.0	1.9	-0.6
Occupied Palestinian Territory	2 531	6 246	1 027	1 512	71.1	80.5	4.1	2.3
Oman	2 212	4 509	639	714	77.6	86.3	3.6	0.6
Qatar	561	778	49	43	92.0	94.8	1.7	-0.6
Saudi Arabia	21 228	40 124	2 989	3 069	87.7	92.9	3.4	-0.8
Syrian Arab Republic	8 925	17 188	8 875	11 561	50.1	59.8	2.5	2.3
Turkey	47 269	71 415	24 056	20 505	66.3	77.7	2.2	-0.1
United Arab Emirates	2 550	3 633	445	423	85.1	89.6	2.1	0.8
Yemen	5 127	21 370	14 884	29 214	25.6	42.2	4.8	3.1

	Population (thousands)		Percentage urban	Average annual rate of change, (per cent) 2000-2005	Population of the largest urban agglomeration in 2003	
	Urban	Rural			Population (thousands)	As percentage of urban population



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