

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
POPULATION DIVISION**DATA IN DIGITAL FORM**

The *2007 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 2007. The data referring to urban and rural areas cover the period 1950-2050 and those referring to urban agglomerations cover the period 1950-2025. Detailed results from the *2007 Revision* are available for purchase in two sets of files, distributed on a single CD-ROM.

The files are prepared in Excel 2003, which is compatible with all versions since Excel 5.0/95. The CD-ROM version launches a navigation interface upon insertion that provides direct access to the files.

In the data sets, figures for 1950-2007 are estimates and those for years beyond 2007 are projections. To the exception of a selected set of annual indicators, estimates and projections are presented for years that are multiples of five. The urban, rural and city data presented are consistent with the medium variant of the *2006 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: Ten files present estimates and projections of the population in urban and rural areas as well as associated indicators. The data are presented for 229 countries and areas individually and for 33 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 2007-2050. The files present information on: (1) urban and rural population and percentage urban in 2007; (2) the percentage of the population residing in urban areas; (3) the urban population by country; (4) the rural population by country; (5) the total population by country; (6) the average annual rate of change of the urban population; (7) the average annual rate of change of the rural population; (8) the average annual rate of change of the total population; (9) the urbanization rate or average annual rate of change of the percentage urban, and (10) the average annual rate of change of the percentage rural. In addition to these data presented for five-year periods, annual time series are provided for the following five indicators: (10) the total population by country; (11) the urban population by country; (12) the rural population by country; (13) the percentage of the population residing in urban areas.

(2) Urban agglomerations: Eleven files present the estimates and projections of the population in urban agglomerations. The main set of files contains data only for urban agglomerations with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 2007. They cover the following indicators: (1) the total population of each urban agglomeration (also included as annual time series); (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. Three more files provide data for specific sets of urban agglomerations. The first one presents the 30 largest urban agglomerations of the world ranked by population size over the period 1950-2025. The second provides 1950-2025 time series of the population of the 30 largest urban agglomerations in 2007. The third presents the population of the capital cities of each country for the year 2007. Lastly, four files (one per indicator and altogether) provide summary statistics for major areas, regions and countries (with a population of less than 100,000 in 2007) on the number of cities, the percentage of urban population and the urban population by size class of urban settlement.

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World Urbanization Prospects: The 2007 Revision
Table A: Schematic Contents of Dataset on Urban and Rural Areas, 1950-2050
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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 0	WUP2007-F00-Locations.xls	Location list with codes (numerical and ISO3), description, major area, region and development group.		All countries and areas	229				
Five-year Indicators									
File 1	WUP2007-F01-Total_Urban_Rural.xls	Total, urban and rural population and percentage urban	Thousands and Per cent	All countries and areas	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	2007	A.1
File 2	WUP2007-F02-Proportion_Urban.xls	Percentage of the population residing in urban areas	Per cent	All countries and areas	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955, 1960,... 2045, 2050	A.2
File 3	WUP2007-F03-Urban_Population.xls	Total population residing in urban areas	Thousands	All countries and areas	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955, 1960,... 2045, 2050	A.3
File 4	WUP2007-F04-Rural_Population.xls	Total population residing in rural areas	Thousands	All countries and areas	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955, 1960,... 2045, 2050	A.4
File 5	WUP2007-F05-Total_Population.xls	Total population	Thousands	All countries and areas	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955, 1960,... 2045, 2050	A.5
File 6	WUP2007-F06-Urban_Growth_Rate.xls	Average annual rate of change of the urban population	Per cent	All countries and areas	229	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,... 2040-2045, 2045-2050	A.6
File 7	WUP2007-F07-Rural_Growth_Rate.xls	Average annual rate of change of the rural population	Per cent	All countries and areas	229	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,... 2040-2045, 2045-2050	A.7
File 8	WUP2007-F08-Total_Growth_Rate.xls	Average annual rate of change of the total population	Per cent	All countries and areas	229	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,... 2040-2045, 2045-2050	A.8
File 9	WUP2007-F09-Urbanization_Rate.xls	Average annual rate of change of the percentage urban	Per cent	All countries and areas	229	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,... 2040-2045, 2045-2050	A.9
File 10	WUP2007-F10-Rate_Proportion_Rural.xls	Average annual rate of change of the percentage rural	Per cent	All countries and areas	229	Period indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,... 2040-2045, 2045-2050	A.10
Annual Indicators									
File 18	WUP2007-F18-Total_Population_Annual.xls	Total population	Thousands	All countries and areas	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1951, 1952,... 2049, 2050	
File 19	WUP2007-F19-Urban_Population_Annual.xls	Total population residing in urban areas	Thousands	All countries and areas	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1951, 1952,... 2049, 2050	
File 20	WUP2007-F20-Rural_Population_Annual.xls	Total population residing in rural areas	Thousands	All countries and areas	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1951, 1952,... 2049, 2050	
File 21	WUP2007-F21-Proportion_Urban_Annual.xls	Percentage of the population residing in urban areas	Per cent	All countries and areas	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1951, 1952,... 2049, 2050	



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Table B: Schematic Contents of Dataset on Urban Agglomerations, 1950-2025
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File number	File name	Indicator presented	Units	Geographical coverage	Number of countries or areas	Type of indicator	Reference date	Time period covered	Table in World Urbanization Prospects
File 0	WUP2007-F00-Locations.xls	Location list with codes (numerical and ISO3), description, major area, region and development group.		All countries and areas	229				
Five-year Indicators									
File 11a	WUP2007-F11a-30_Largest_Cities.xls	Population of the 30 largest urban agglomerations ranked by population size at each point in time	Millions	The 30 most populous cities at each point in time	...	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955,....., 2020, 2025	A.11
File 11b	WUP2007-F11b-30_Largest_Cities_in_2007_by_time.xls	Time series of the population of the 30 largest urban agglomerations in 2007	Millions	The 30 most populous cities in 2007	...	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955,....., 2020, 2025	A.11
File 12	WUP2007-F12-Cities_Over_750K.xls	Population of each urban agglomeration	Thousands	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 2007	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955,....., 2020, 2025	A.12
File 14	WUP2007-F14-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 2007	229	Stock indicator	Average per year	1950-1955, 1955-1960,..... 2015-2020, 2020-2025	A.14
File 15	WUP2007-F15-Percentage_Urban_in_Cities.xls	Percentage of the urban population residing in each urban agglomeration	Per cent	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 2007	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955,....., 2020, 2025	A.15
File 16	WUP2007-F16-Percentage_Total_in_Cities.xls	Percentage of the total population residing in each urban agglomeration	Per cent	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 2007	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955,....., 2020, 2025	A.16
File 17a	WUP2007-F17a-City_Size_Class.xls	Urban population, number of cities and percentage of urban population by size class of urban settlement	Various	All countries and areas	195	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955,....., 2020, 2025	A.17
File 17b	WUP2007-F17b-City_Size_Class-Number.xls	Number of cities classified by size class of urban settlement	Number of cities	All countries and areas	195	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955,....., 2020, 2025	A.17
File 17c	WUP2007-F17c-City_Size_Class-Percentage.xls	Percentage of urban population in cities classified by size class of urban settlement	Per cent	All countries and areas	195	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955,....., 2020, 2025	A.17
File 17d	WUP2007-F17d-City_Size_Class-Population.xls	Population in cities classified by size class of urban settlement	Thousands	All countries and areas	195	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1955,....., 2020, 2025	A.17
Annual Indicators									
File 13	WUP2007-F13-Capital_Cities.xls	Population of capital cities in 2007	Thousands	Capital cities	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	2007	A.13
File 22	WUP2007-F22-Cities_Over_750K_Annual.xls	Population of each urban agglomeration	Thousands	All cities with 750,000 inhabitants or more in 2007	229	Stock indicator	01-Jul	1950, 1951, 1952,.... 2024, 2025	A.17