Overview of Urbanisation Trends in G20 Countries
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**ARGENTINA**

**National Urban Policy Initiative**

**Source:** World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, UN Habitat 2018

**2019 | Implementation Stage**

**Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing**

**Focus Areas**
- Equity in accessing the city
- Territorial balance between urban and rural system
- Fight against urban poverty and inequality
- Care for environment, resilience and climate change
- Opportunities for social and economic development
- Democratic governance and social participation

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**Population Density (2015)**

- 3452 persons per sq. km

**One Million Plus Cities (2020)**
- 4

**Total Population (2023)**
- 46.7 million

**Total Urban Population (2023)**
- 43.2 million (92% of total population)

**Projected Urban Population (2050)**
- 52.6 million

**% of Urban Population with Access to Basic Services (2020)**
- Drinking Water: 99.8%
- Sanitation: 98.8%
- Electricity: 100%

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**Australia**

**National Urban Policy Initiative**


**2016 | Implementation Stage**

**Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet; Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation**

**Focus Areas**
- Develop both large and small cities facing different problems via Smart Investment
  - Smart Policy
  - Smart Technology

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**Population Density (2015)**

- 1709 persons per sq. km.

**One Million Plus Cities (2020)**
- 5

**Total Population (2023)**
- 26.3 million

**Total Urban Population (2023)**
- 22.8 million (87% of total population)

**Projected Urban Population (2050)**
- 30.2 million

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- Electricity: No data

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Argentina

Buenos Aires

National Urban Policy (Politica Nacional Urbana)

One Million Plus Cities (2020)

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One Million Plus Cities (2020)

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Decadal Urban Population Growth Rate

Proportion Urban Population

Decadal Population Growth Rate

1990 2000 2010 2020 2030 2040 2050

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Australia

Canberra

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Smart Cities Plan

2016 | Implementation Stage

Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet;
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BRAZIL

National Urban Policy Initiative

Focus Areas
- Local economic development
- Digital transformation
- Gender and inter-generational integration
- Collective safety and welfare by establishing public order and social interest
- Environmental transformation and climate change

Source: World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, UN Habitat, Ministry of Regional Development - Brazil 2020
**Brazil**

National Urban Policy Initiative

Source: World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, UN Habitat, Ministry of Regional Development - Brazil 2020

2021 | Formulation

Ministry of Regional Development

Focus Areas

- Local economic development
- Digital transformation
- Gender and inter-generational integration
- Collective safety and welfare by establishing public order and social interest
- Environmental transformation and climate change

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**Canada**

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- **Budget allotments:** 2016 national budget includes dedicated urban related investments, especially in public transit, waste & wastewater services and affordable housing infrastructure.
- **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program:** Government of Canada is providing funding to communities through the Investing in Canada Plan providing long-term, stable funding for sustainable development to improve quality of life.
- **Regional Development Agency:** Through their mandate RDAs contribute to urban development by fostering an ecosystem of attracting investment as well as playing a key role in local economic intelligence gathering.

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Focus Areas

- Orderly conversion of rural migrants to urban residents
- Optimising the patterns of urbanization
- Enhancing the sustainability of cities
- Promoting urban-rural integration

EUROPEAN UNION

% of Urban Population with Access to Basic Services (2020)

- Drinking Water: 99.9%
- Sanitation: 97.3%
- Electricity: 100%


- 1934 persons per sq. km.

One Million Plus Cities (2020)
- 32

Total Population (2023)
- 443.5 million

Total Urban Population (2023)
- 335.3 million (76% of total population)

Projected Urban Population (2050)
- 357.3 million

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Related Policies:
- Urban Agenda
- Leipzig Charter
- City Initiatives
- A Europe Closer to Citizens
- European Urban Initiative


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FRANCE

National Urban Policy Initiative


2014 | Monitoring and Evaluation Stage
Ministry of Territorial Cohesion and Relation with Local Authorities

Focus Areas
- Development of economic activities and employment
- Social cohesion
- Living condition and urban renewal

One Million Plus Cities (2020)

5

Total Population (2023)

66.4 million

Projected Urban Population (2050)

62.4 million


2302 persons per sq. km.

% of Urban Population with Access to Basic Services (2020)

Drinking Water: 100%
Sanitation: 98.6%
Electricity: 100%

Decadal Urban Population Growth Rate

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GERMANY

National Urban Development Policy

2007 | Monitoring and Evaluation Stage
Federal Ministry of Interior, Building and Community

Focus Areas
- Civil society
- Social city
- Innovative city
- Climate protection and global responsibility
- Building culture and improving urban design

1 705 persons per sq. km.

% of Urban Population with Access to Basic Services (2020)

Drinking Water
99.3%
100%
Sanitation
100%
Electricity

One Million Plus Cities (2020)
4

Total Population (2023)
82.6 million

Total Urban Population (2023)
64.2 million (78% of total population)

Projected Urban Population (2050)
66.8 million

Decadal Urban Population Growth Rate

Proportion Urban Population Decadal Population Growth Rate

INDONESIA

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Focus Areas

- The urban agenda is shaped around ten principles:
  - Urban Economy
  - Physical Infrastructure
  - Social Infrastructure
  - Housing and Affordability
  - Transportation and Mobility
  - City Planning
  - Urban Finance
  - Urban Governance
  - Urban Information System
  - Urban Environment

One Million Plus Cities (2020)

- 63

Total Population (2023)

- 1425.2 million

Total Urban Population (2023)

- 518.2 million (36% of total population)

Projected Urban Population (2050)

- 876.6 million


- 2523 persons per sq. km.

% of Urban Population with Access to Basic Services (2020)

- Drinking Water: 93.7%
- Sanitation: 79.2%
- Electricity: 100%

National Urban Policy (Draft)

2017 | Formulation
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Source: World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, UN Habitat, Government of India 2018
**National Urban Policy Initiative**

**Indonesia**

**Source:** World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, UN Habitat, National Development Planning Agency 2016 (BAPPENAS)

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**One Million Plus Cities (2020)**

16

**Total Population (2023)**

280 million

**Total Urban Population (2023)**

164 million (59% of total population)

**Projected Urban Population (2050)**

234 million

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**Population Density (2015)**

2039 persons per sq. km.

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**% of Urban Population with Access to Basic Services (2020)**

- Drinking Water: 97.6%
- Sanitation: 91.6%
- Electricity: 99.6%

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**National Policies and Strategies for Urban Development towards Sustainable and Competitive Cities**

**2015 | Implementation Stage**

Ministry of National Development

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**Focus Areas**

- There are five pillars of the urban policy
  - Livable, safe and convenient city
  - Green and resilient city
  - Smart and competitive city
  - Cities with local character and identity
  - Linkages between urban and rural areas.

- Five priority sectors for the urban policy are,
  - Urban transport system
  - Water supply and sanitation
  - Drainage, urban flood and disaster risk management
  - Land, housing and settlement
  - Solid waste management

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**Source:** World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, UN Habitat, National Development Planning Agency 2016 (BAPPENAS)
ITALY

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Associated Policies:

- **Administrative Restructuring**: A legal amendment on 2014 on metropolitan cities, provinces, municipal union and municipal mergers created 10 metropolitan cities with greater policy impetus with a metropolitan government, replacing their provincial government.

- **National Program for Metropolitan Areas**

- **Complex Programs**: promotes innovative urban and regional development methods by focusing on role of cities as catalysts of sustainable regional networks for competitiveness and cohesion.

- **Pacts for South**: These contractual agreements commit national and regional administrations to a common framework for interventions, identifying priorities, actions for implementation and responsibilities.

- **Strategy for Inner Areas**: 72 project areas have been selected across regions, covering 1,072 municipalities

JAPAN

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ITALY

National Urban Policy Initiative


Japan

One Million Plus Cities (2020)
8

Total Population (2023)
125.3 million

Total Urban Population (2023)
115.3 million (92% of total population)

Projected Urban Population (2050)
103.0 million

2174 persons per sq. km.

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National Spatial Policy (2050) | 2015 | Implementation Stage
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

Focus Areas
- Develop a network of cities
- Foster unique local communities
- Develop vigorous metropolitan regions
- Enhance global interaction and attract foreign investments


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**REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

**Population Density (2015)**
3339 persons per sq. km.

**Source:** World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, OECD 2017, Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements 2020

**One Million Plus Cities (2020)**
10

**Total Urban Population (2023)**
42.3 million (82% of total population)

**Total Population (2023)**
52 million

**Projected Urban Population (2050)**
43.6 million

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**National Urban Policy Initiative**

**4th Comprehensive National Territorial Plan**

**2000-2020 | Implementation Stage**
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport

**Focus Areas**
- Facilitate distinctive and decentralized development
- Invigorate regional industrial innovation
- Build safe and livable places
- Create dignified and environment friendly territory
- Construct efficient infrastructure management
- Build peaceful national territory

**Population Density (2015)**
3339 persons per sq. km.

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**Republic of Korea**

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**One Million Plus Cities (2020)**

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43.6 million

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**Focus Areas**

- Control urban sprawl and compact city development
- Guarantee social, economic and environmental sustainability
- Design regulatory instrument for land-use management
- Promote sustainable mobility
- Reduce vulnerability to natural disasters

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**National Strategy for Territorial Planning**

2019 | Formulation Stage

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport

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**RUSSIA**

**Spatial Development Strategy of the Russian Federation**

**Focus Areas**
- Bridging the gap between rural and urban areas
- Bridging regional disparity
- Achieving infrastructural security for all residents
- Develop large urban agglomeration to fuel economic growth
- Increase people’s satisfaction with government agencies

**Source:**
World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, UN Habitat, Regional Research of Russia 2018

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**One Million Plus Cities (2020)**
- Russia

**Total Population (2023)**
- 143.2 million

**Total Urban Population (2023)**
- 107.9 million (75% of total population)

**Projected Urban Population (2050)**
- 110.6 million

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**Population Density (2015)**
- Moscow: 98.8%
- Population: 2018 persons per sq. km.

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**National Urban Policy Initiative**

**2019 | Monitoring and Evaluation Stage**
Ministry of Economic Development
SAUDI ARABIA

One Million Plus Cities (2020)
5

Total Population (2023)
36.3 million

Total Urban Population (2023)
30.8 million (85% of total population)

Projected Urban Population (2050)
40.7 million

3512 persons per sq. km.

% of Urban Population with Access to Basic Services (2020)

- Drinking Water: 100%
- Sanitation: No Data
- Electricity: 100%

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National Spatial Policy

2019 | Implementation Stage
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs

Focus Areas
- Develop substantial linkages between urban and rural areas
- Manage cities from five prosperity dimension
- Enhance institutional and human resource capacities

Source: World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, UN Habitat

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SOUTH AFRICA

Source: World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, UN Habitat, Government of South Africa

Integrated Urban Development Framework

Focus Areas
- Livable, safe, resource efficient cities that are socially integrated, economically inclusive and globally competitive, where residents actively participate in urban life.
- Four strategic goals
  - Inclusion and Access
  - Inclusive Growth
  - Effective Governance
  - Spatial Integration

2016 | Monitoring and Evaluation Stage
Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

- 9 levers to achieve the outcome
  - Spatial planning
  - Transport and mobility
  - Human settlements
  - Urban infrastructure
  - Local governance
  - Economic development
  - Empowered communities
  - Urban governance
  - Sustainable finances

2396 persons per sq. km.

One Million Plus Cities (2020)
6
Total Population (2023)
60.6 million

Total Urban Population (2023)
41.7 million (69% of total population)

Projected Urban Population (2050)
58.1 million

Drinking Water Sanitation Electricity
Percentage (%)

Population Growth Rate

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**Focus Areas**
- Restructure spatial planning by
  - Capacity building
  - Improving inter-departmental coordination
- Improve quality of space and life by
  - Improving sustainable transport
  - Rejuvenating central business district
  - Promoting cultural heritages
- Strengthening economic and social structure of settlements by
  - Managing rural-urban migration
  - Equitable service provision
  - Citizen participation in spatial planning

**Integrated Urban Development Policy and Action Plan, 2010-2023**

- **Source:** World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, OECD 2017

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**One Million Plus Cities (2020)**

- **10**

**Total Population (2023)**

- **85.4 million**

**Total Urban Population (2023)**

- **66.2 million (77% of total population)**

**Projected Urban Population (2050)**

- **82.2 million**

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**Population Density (2015)**

- **3792 persons per sq. km.**

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**National Urban Policy Initiative**

**City Deals (Cities and Local Government Devolution Act)**

- Devolution of responsibility to local governments as key agents in urban planning
  - Facilitate better horizontal and vertical coordination
  - Strengthen local capacity
  - Decide local priorities for infrastructure investment
- Local growth units to energize functional economic areas
  - Foster partnership between local authority and business
- Revitalise inner city
- Remove urban poverty

**Population Density (2015)**

2373 persons per sq. km.

**One Million Plus Cities (2020)**

- 5

**Total Population (2023)**

- 68.4 million

**Projected Urban Population (2050)**

- 68.0 million

**Total Urban Population (2023)**

- 57.9 million (85% of total population)

**Source:** World Development Indicators - The World Bank, World Urbanization Prospects 2018, OECD 2007-2017; 2019
UNITED STATES


- National Urban Policy Initiative
- 2373 persons per sq. km.


- Total Urban Population (2023) 57.9 million (85% of total population)
- Projected Urban Population (2050) 68.0 million
- Total Population (2023) 68.4 million

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City Deals (Cities and Local Government Devolution Act)

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- 100%

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Associated Policies
- Strong Cities, Strong Communities: Increasing the capacity of distressed cities to achieve economic development goals.
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities: Foster interdepartmental cooperation to achieve livable, prosperous neighbourhood by employing strategies; such as,
  - More transportation choices
  - Equitable, affordable housing
  - Economic competitiveness
  - Support existing communities
  - Leverage federal policies and investment
  - Value communities and neighbourhoods
- Neighbourhood Revitalization Initiative: Help local communities to enforce place based strategy to transform poor neighbourhoods into areas of opportunity.
- Choice Neighbourhood Program: Support locally driven strategies in struggling neighbourhoods to catalyse critical improvements and facilitating transformation.
- Promise Zones: designates high poverty zones for priority investment on economic development, education and crime prevention.

One Million Plus Cities (2020)

- 46

Total Population (2023)

- 338.5 million

Total Urban Population (2023)

- 282 million (83% of total population)

Projected Urban Population (2050)

- 347.3 million

% of Urban Population with Access to Basic Services (2020)

- Drinking Water 99.9%
- Sanitation 99.8%
- Electricity 100%


- 1404 persons per sq. km.

National Urban Policy Initiative

Department of Housing and Urban Development
