

Global cities of the future: An interactive map

Explore the cities and emerging urban clusters that will drive dramatic growth and demographic changes over the next generation.

March 2011

Over the next 15 years, 600 cities will account for more than 60 percent of global GDP growth. Which of them will contribute the largest number of children or elderly to the world's population? Which will see the fastest expansion of new entrants to the consuming middle classes? How will regional patterns of growth differ?

Explore these questions by browsing through the interactive global map below, which contains city-specific highlights from the McKinsey Global Institute's database of more than 2,000 metropolitan areas around the world. (For assumptions underlying the data in this interactive, see sidebar, "Urban world uncertainties and assumptions.") You'll see why growth strategies focused at the country level may fall short in the future: with new hot spots emerging and household wealth surging in little-known urban centers, companies may have to adopt a much finer-grained approach to tap into the growth that lies ahead.

Urban world uncertainties and assumptions

[Back to top](#)



Global cities of the future

Explore the globe and view data on the dramatic urban growth expected by 2025.

[Launch Interactive](#)

[Back to top](#)

Update:

This article was updated on April 20, 2011, to reflect a changed metric for per capita GDP, now expressed in 2007 purchasing-power-parity (PPP) exchange rates. A previous version reported per capita GDP in US dollars measured at the real exchange rate (RER).

© Copyright 1992-2011 McKinsey & Company