The 10 urban centres with the biggest built-up area

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4 Guangzhou/Donguan
5 New York
6 Chicago
7 Johannesburg/Pretoria
8 Dallas
9 Miami
10 Osaka

Population in million of inhabitants (2015)

- 40 - 50 million
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Built-up in sqKm (2015)

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- 3,000 - 4,000
- 2,000 - 3,000

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Settlement model based on:
- A harmonised definition of cities and rural areas: the new degree of urbanisation
- UNDESA

Data sources:
- GHSL Built-Up, European Commission (2016)
- GPWv4, CIESIN - Columbia University (2016)
- Gadm v2.8 (November 2015)

Disclaimer:
- Cairo includes the Nile Delta

The Global Human Settlements Layer (GHSL)

Key messages from the Human Planet Atlas

Today 7.3 billion people live and work in only 7.6% of the global land mass

Built-up area

Population

In the last 40 years population increased by 1.8 times

Philadelphia is

7.3 billion

7.6%

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Population

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