

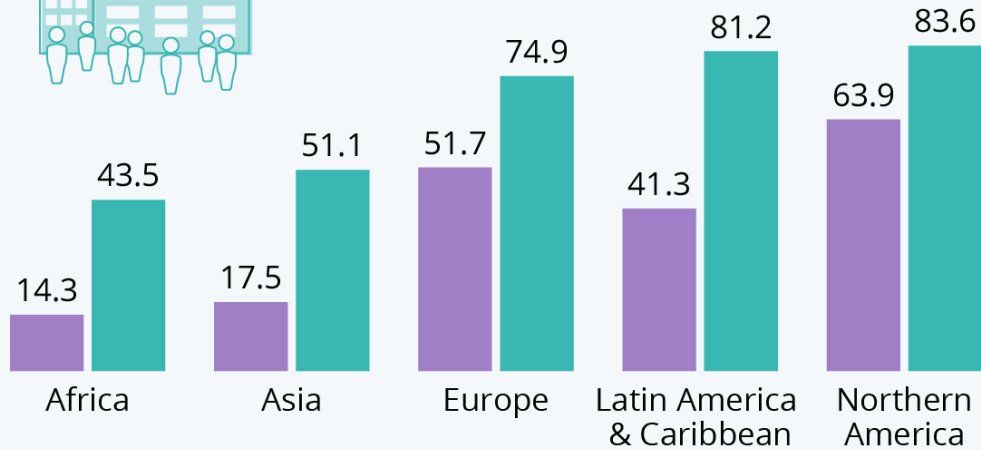
URBANISATION : TRENDS ACROSS THE WORLD

Then & Now Urban Population Worldwide

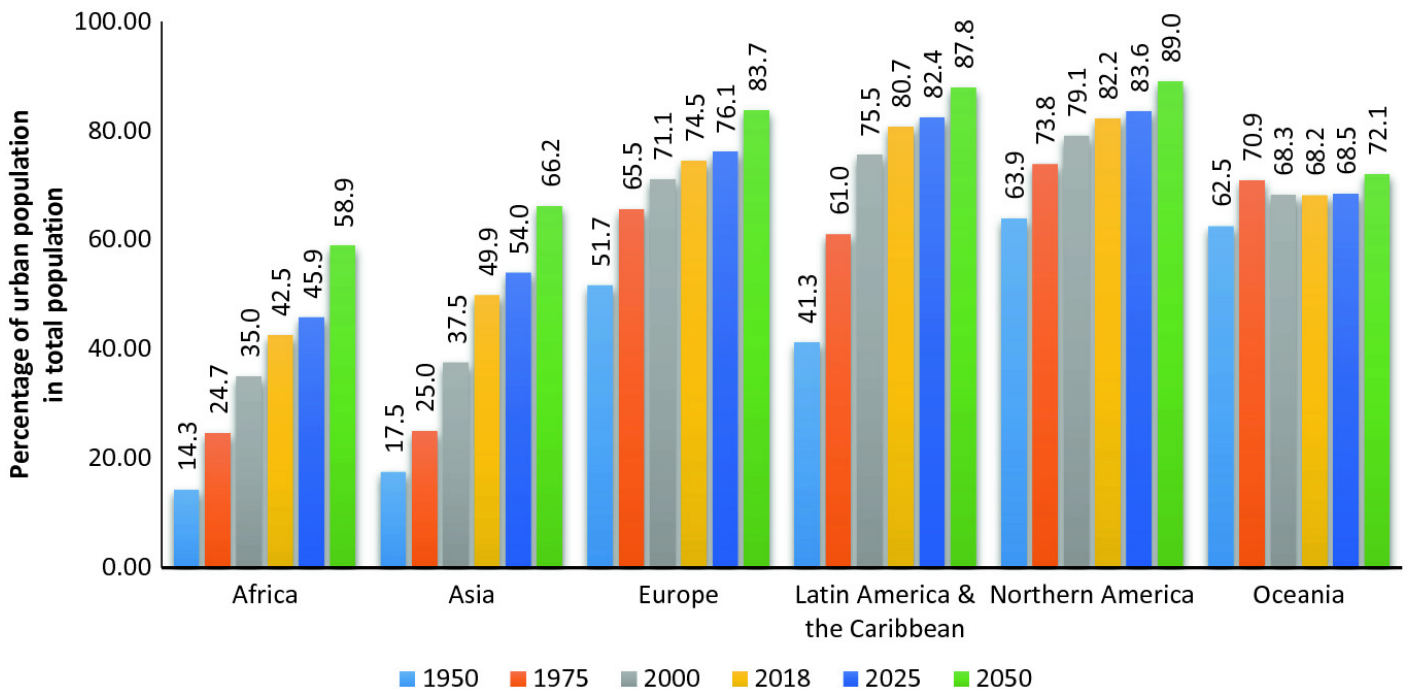
Share of the urban population by continent in 1950 and 2020 (in percent)

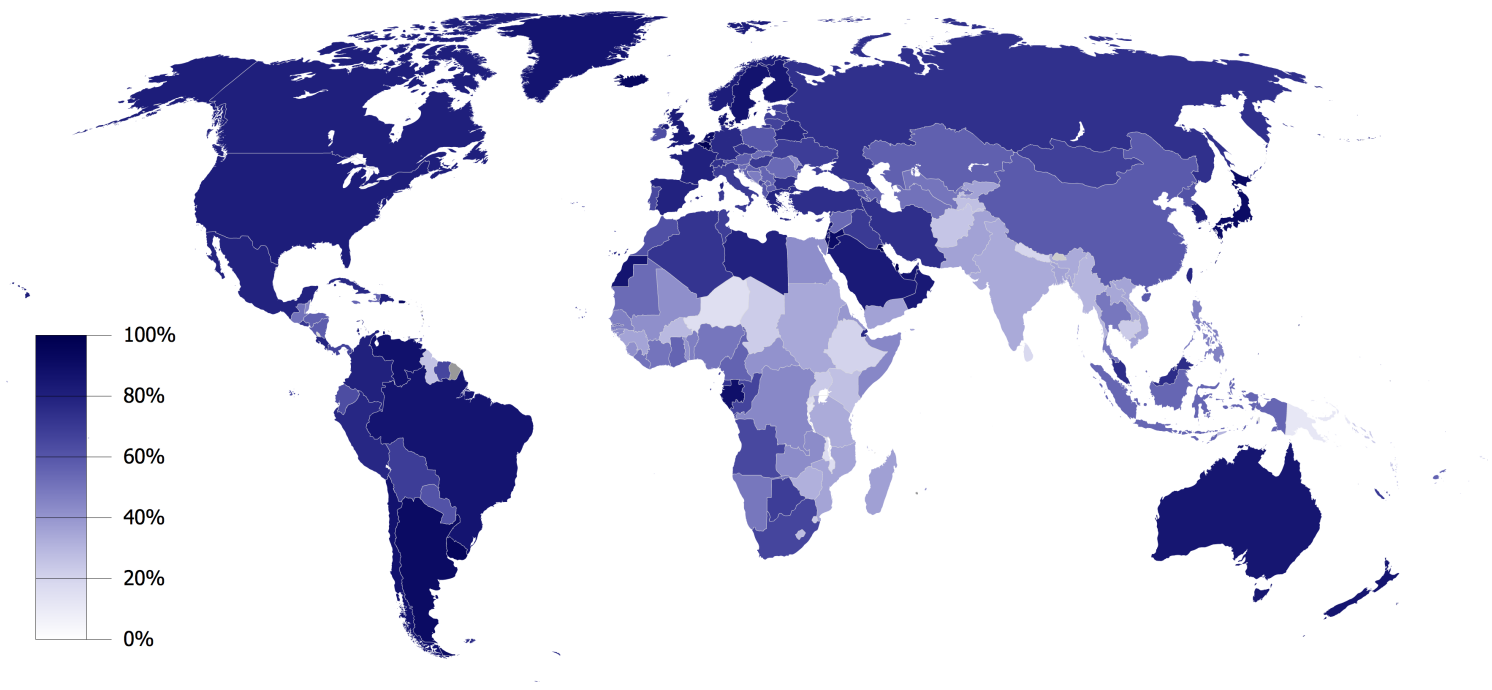


1950 2020



Source: U.N. Population Division





A STUDY OF THE 3 FIGURES ABOVE SHOWS :

- The level of Urbanisation varies across the world, being high in North South and Latin America, Europe and Oceania, and lower in Africa and Asia.
- The level of Urbanisation seems to be closely related to the level of Development of an area. The more Developed and therefore Industrialised an area is the more Urbanised it is.
- The general trend in Urbanisation is upwards, but the time when this upward trend started and the rate of increase at the present time vary across the world and in relation to levels and rates of Development.
- Europe, North America and Oceania Urbanised first in the 19th century, but the rate of Urbanisation in these areas has slowed down recently. In Areas such as Europe the trend may be moving towards Counterurbanisation as people move away from cities.
- South America Urbanised more recently but the rate has now begun to slow.
- Asia and Africa only really began to Urbanise significantly in the second half of the 20th century due to their later Development, and it is in these areas that the rise in Urbanisation continues to be high.