

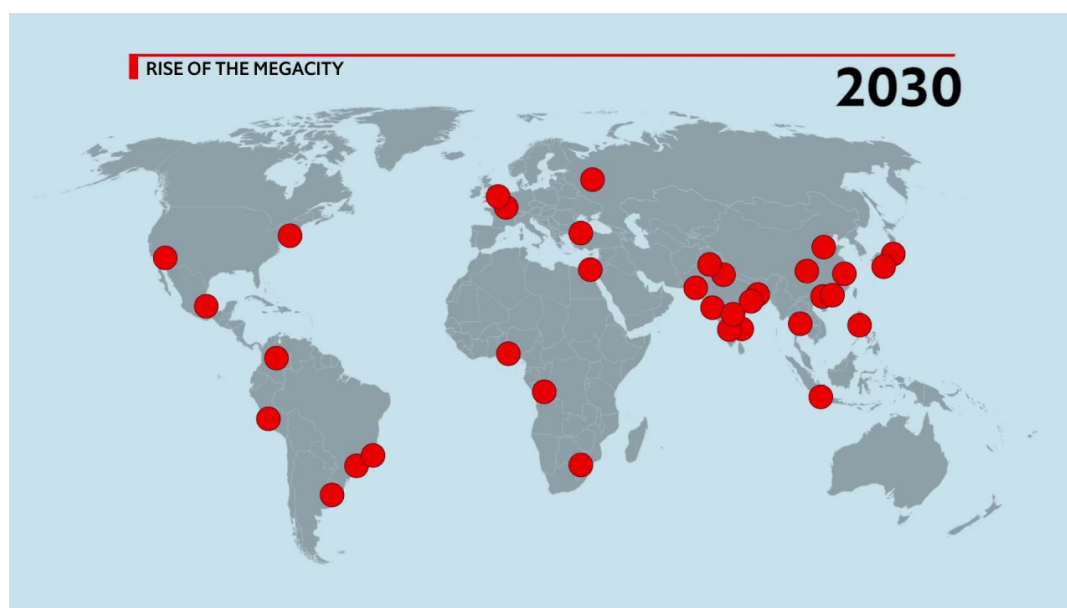
# MILLIONAIRE CITIES AND MEGACITIES

Last century Geographers talked about **Millionaire cities**, cities with over a million inhabitants. But the number of these has increased so rapidly in recent years that we now talk about **Megacities** with a population over 10 million inhabitants and **World cities** which have a large influence on politics, economies and trade.

The number of millionaire cities has risen rapidly; in 1900, only 12 cities had 1 million or more inhabitants, by 1950, the number of cities with over 1 million people had grown to 83.

## OTHER CHANGES

- In 1900 the world's biggest cities were predominately in Europe and North America
- Today, the vast majority of the world's biggest cities are found in Asia, with megacities found on every continent
- Asia also has the largest number of millionaire cities today
- The world cities have changed slightly but less than the location of megacities. Despite dropping off the top ten list of most populous areas London and Paris remain dominant world cities with huge influence over European and world economies and politics.



Megacities are now defined as having a population of over 10 million inhabitants

1950	2 megacities
1990	10 megacities
2020	28-30 megacities
2050	40+ megacities expected