

GLOBAL CITIES INDEX 2025

**Key findings and trends to watch
in the world's largest cities**

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Cities are the driving force behind the global economy



Growth

70%

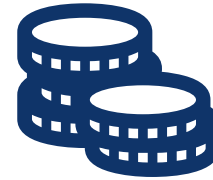
of the 1,000 Global Cities had faster employment or GDP growth than their respective country 2024



Productivity

60%

of global GDP comes from cities, despite being home to only 1/3 of the global population



Wealth

56%

of the world's high-income households live in cities, despite only having 1/3 of the global population



Innovation

92%

of the world's large businesses and

65%

of globally ranked universities are based in cities

The Oxford Economics Global Cities Index

Key figures:

- 1,000 cities across 163 countries
- 27 indicators across 5 categories

More detail:

- The Index is underpinned by our best-in-class economic forecasts and supplemented by other publicly available global datasets
- The result is a more holistic comparison of cities, considering not just their economic performance, but a comprehensive range of factors across multiple dimensions



Global Cities Index coverage



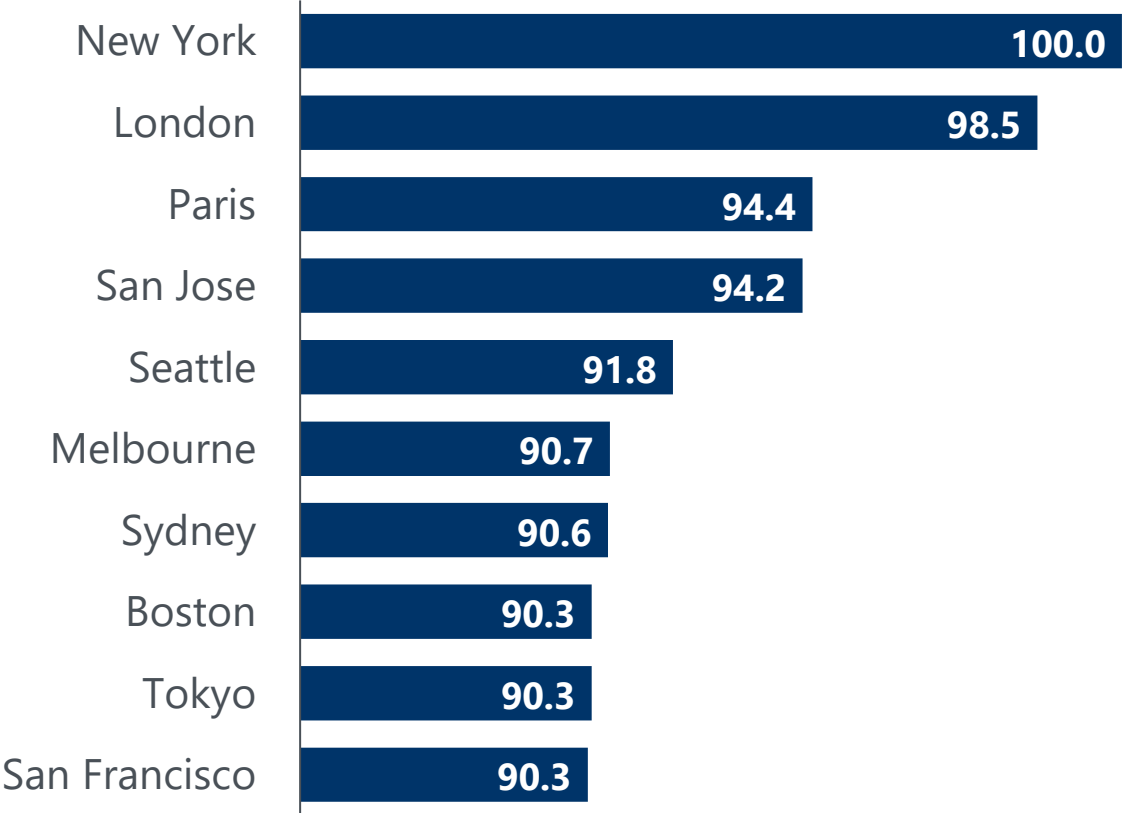
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Key findings

Top cities in 2025

Top 10 cities by overall score

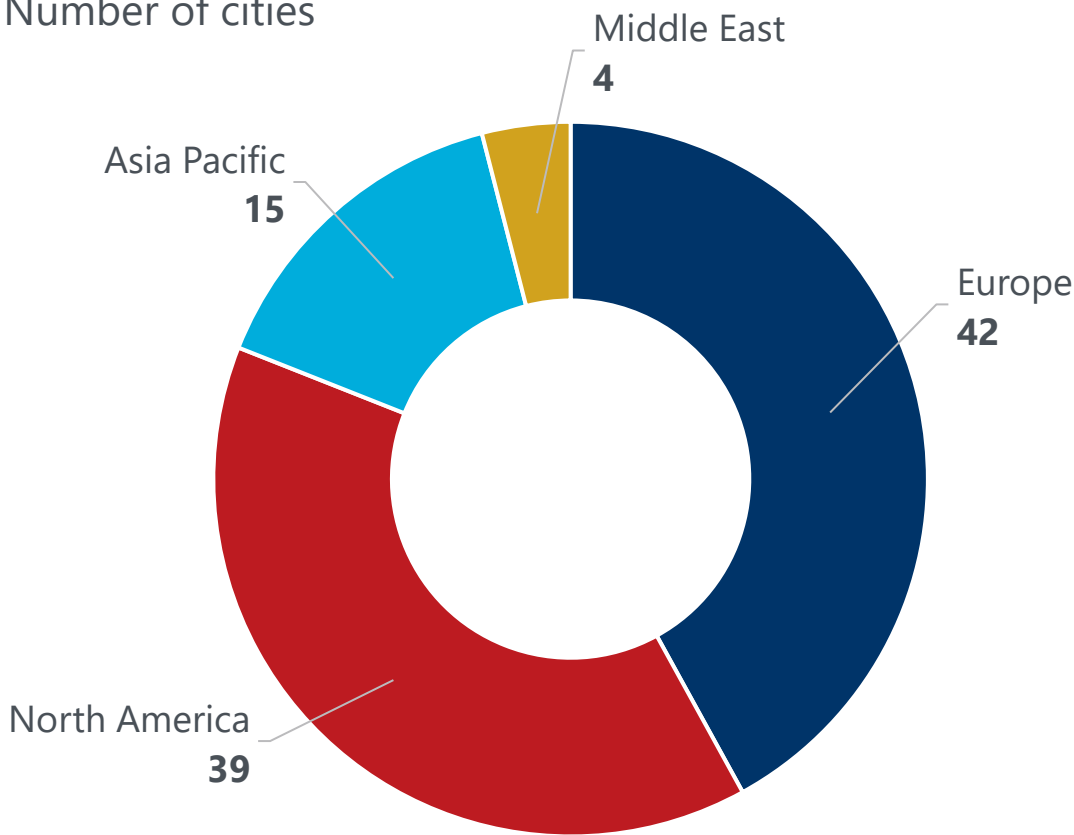
Score (0-100)



Source: Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2025

Top 100 cities by region

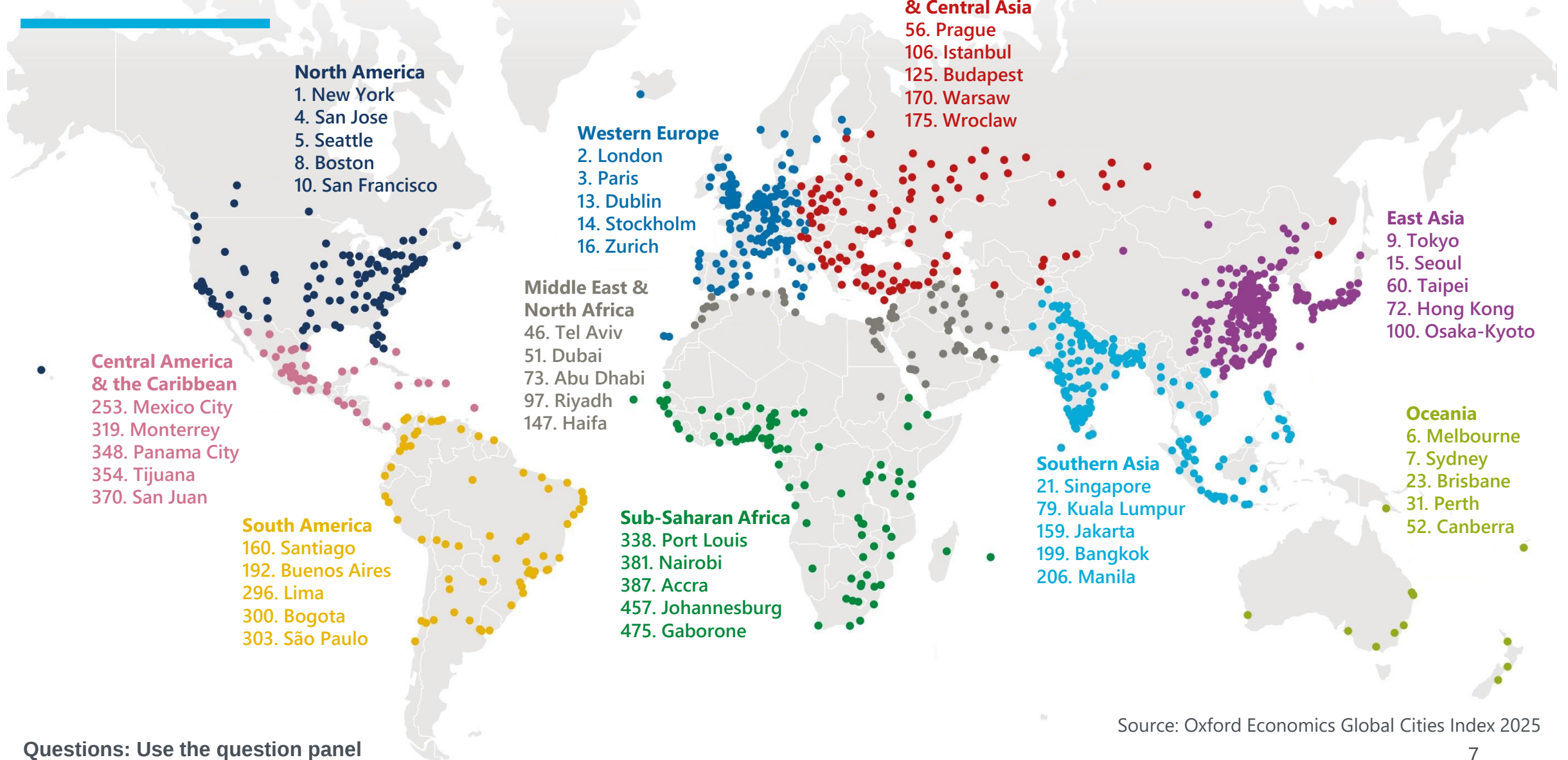
Number of cities



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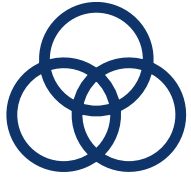
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Benefits of the Index



Consistent

Confidently compare cities around the world using globally consistent data, contrasting New York to London, Cairo to Shenzhen, Tokyo to São Paulo



Comprehensive

Leverage a more holistic ranking of cities, considering metrics across economics, human capital, quality of life, environment, and governance dimensions



Archetypes

City archetypes classify cities into groups with similar characteristics, identifying peer cities that may not be obvious comparisons at first glance



Future trends

Explore the opportunities and challenges facing different types of cities in the future, from AI, to climate change, to demographics

Trends to watch



City archetypes: Key challenges and opportunities

	Archetype	Example cities	Key opportunity	Key challenge
	Global Leaders	New York, London, Tokyo	Generative AI	Rising inequality
	Regional Leaders	Buenos Aires, Vancouver, Kuala Lumpur	Alternative to Global Leaders	Deglobalisation and trade wars
	Cultural Capitals	Prague, Florence, Edinburgh	Attracting new residents	Housing affordability
	Sustainable Cities	Stockholm, Nassau, Auckland	Clean energy transition	Climate hazards
	Industrial Hubs	Dammam, Wolfsburg, Taipei	High-tech and green industry	Clean energy transition
	Legacy Cities	Osaka-Kyoto, Turin, Busan	Urban revitalisation	Declining populations
	Developing Megacities	Lagos, Cairo, Dhaka	Human capital potential	Rapid urbanisation
	Emerging Standouts	Bengaluru, Davao City, Ho Chi Minh City	Productivity growth	Institutional instability

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