

# CITY LIVING

## % OF POPULATION LIVING IN URBAN AREAS

In 1800 only 3% of the world's population lived in an urban area, but by 2008 over half of the world's population (some 3.3 billion people) lived in an urban area.

The United Nations estimates that by 2030 5 billion will live in urban areas, with the majority of urban growth coming from Asia and Africa.

As a result of such fast growth, poverty is now generally more of a problem in urban rather than rural areas with the United Nations estimating that 1 billion people worldwide now live in urban slums.

Many environmentalists state that a move to cities is good for the environment as city dwellers tend

to have a lower carbon footprint than their rural neighbours.

The top five largest urban areas by population are: Tokyo-Yokohama (Japan) - 36.7m; Delhi (India) - 22.6; Seoul-Incheon (South Korea) - 22.5; Jakarta (Indonesia) - 22.2; Metro Manila (Philippines) - 21.3.

