# Global City Indicators Facility

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# Map of GCIF Member Cities 103 members as of May 19<sup>th</sup> 2010



#### GCIF Members

Abuja, Nigeria Aguascalientes, Mexico Al-Janūbīyah [Southern Governorate], Bahrain Al-Manāmah [Capital Governorate], Bahrain Al-Muharrag [Muharrag Governorate], Bahrain Al-Wustā [Central Governorate], Bahrain

Amman, Jordan

Antipolo, Philippines

Ash-Shamālīyah [Northern Governorate], Bahrain

Baguio, Philippines Balanga, Philippines

Basrah, Iraq

Bayawan, Philippines Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Betim, Brazil

Bogor, Indonesia Bogotá, Colombia

Bucaramanga, Colombia

Calbayog, Philippines Cali, Colombia

Cape Town, South Africa

Cauayan, Philippines

Clarington, Canada

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Cotabato, Philippines Culiacan, Mexico

Dallas, United States

Dapitan, Philippines

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Darkhan, Mongolia

Dhaka, Bangladesh Dipolog, Philippines

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates** Durban, South Africa

Escalante, Philippines Florianopolis, Brazil

Fort Worth, United States

Guadalupe, Mexico Hai Phong, Vietnam

Ile de France, France

Isulan, Philippines Jakarta, Indonesia

Johannesburg, South Africa Kabankalan, Philippines

Kabul, Afghanistan

Kathmandu, Nepal King County, United States

Laoag, Philippines

Ligao, Philippines Makati, Philippines

Malabon, Philippines Mandaluyong, Philippines

Mandaue City, Philippines Mandlakazi, Mozambique

Marikina, Philippines Markham, Canada

Masbate, Philippines

Milan, Italy

Minna, Nigeria Monrovia, Liberia

Montreal, Canada Mumbai, India

Munoz, Philippines Naihati, India

Naivasha, Kenya

Nashville and Davidson, United States

Olongapo, Philippines Oroquieta, Philippines Palayan, Philippines

Passi, Philippines

Peoria, United States Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Porto Alegre, Brazil Puerto Princesa, Philippines

Quezon, Philippines Richmond Hill, Canada Roxas, Philippines

Saanich, Canada

San Fernando, Philippines San Jose Del Monte, Philippines

San Pablo, Philippines San Salvador, El Salvador Santiago, Chile

Sao Bernardo do Campo, Brazil

Sao Paulo, Brazil St Catharines, Canada St Johns, Canada

Surigao, Philippines Surrey, Canada

Tabaco, Philippines

Tacurong, Philippines Tagaytay, Philippines Tarlac, Philippines

Tehran, Iran Toledo, Philippines

Toronto, Canada Tuguegarao, Philippines

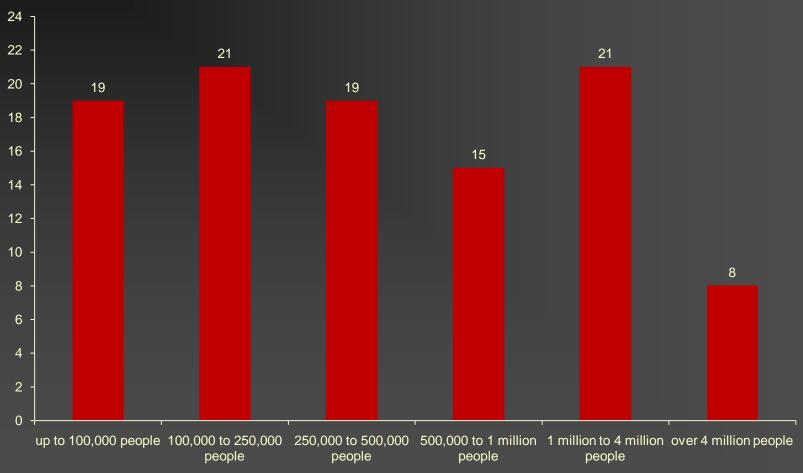
Valparaiso, Chile Vancouver, Canada

Victoria, Canada

Vigan, Philippines Zamboanga, Philippines

Zapopan, Mexico

#### **City Membership by Population Category**



# City Services

- Education
- Finance
- Governance
- Recreation
- Social Services
- Transportation
- Wastewater

- Energy
- Fire and Emergency Services
- Health
- Safety
- Solid waste
- Urban Planning
- Water

# Quality of Life

- Civic Engagement
- Economy
- Shelter
- Culture

- Culture
- Environment
- Social Equity
- Technology and Innovation



#### Toronto

Population: 2,724,500 • Country: Canada • Land area: 634 km<sup>2</sup>



Toronto is the capital of the Province of Ontario, Canada's largest urban centre and is the recognized hub of the nation's cultural, commercial and financial activities. Toronto is the fifth largest City in North America. It is one of the most culturally diverse cities on the globe, as more than half of Toronto's citizens were born outside of Canada, over 152 languages and dialects are spoken, and approximately 43 percent of Torontonians belong to visible minority groups. Toronto is part of a densely populated region known as the Greater Golden Horseshoe, home to 8.1 million residents or approximately 25 percent of Canada's population,

producing motor vehicles. iron, steel, food, machinery, chemicals and paper. Toronto is a major international centre for business and finance. Considered the financial capital of Canada, Toronto has a high concentration of banks and brokerage firms. The Toronto Stock Exchange is the world's seventh largest exchange by market capitalization. The five largest banks of Canada are headquartered in Toronto, as are a majority of Canada's corporations. The City is an important centre for the media, publishing, telecommunications, information technology and film production industries.

#### **EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION**

#### Education

Student/teacher ratio

% of children completing primary & secondary ed.
% of students completing primary education
% of students completing secondary education
% of school-aged children enrolled in schools
% of male children enrolled in schools
% of female children enrolled in schools
82.48
82.16

#### Technology & Innovation

No. of internet connections per 100,000 pop. 33,367
No. of new patents per 100,000 pop. 33.99
No. of higher education degrees per 100,000 pop. 41,759.22
No. of telephones (landlines & cell) per 100,000 pop. 107,634.17
No. of landline phone connections per 100,000 pop. 58,540
No. of cell phone connections per 100,000 pop. 49,095

#### **HEALTH, SAFETY & EMERGENCY**

#### Health

No. of in-patient hospital beds per 100,000 pop.

No. of physicians per 100,000 pop.
104.86
No. of nursing/midwifery personnel per 100,000 pop.
Average life expectancy
Under age five mortality per 1,000 live births
7.41

#### Safety

No. of police officers per 100,000 population
No. of homicides per 100,000 population
Violent crime rate per 100,000 population
412.01

#### Fire & Emergency

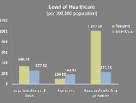
No. of firefighters per 100,000 population

No. of fire related deaths per 100,000 population

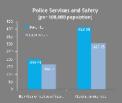
Response time for fire department [minutes]

7.31









# Sustainability Indicators

| Theme         | Core Indicator                                 | Supporting Indicator                                  |
|---------------|--|---|
| City Services |  |   |
| Energy        | Percentage of city population with             | Total electrical use per capita (kilowatt/hr)         |
|               | authorized electrical service                  |   |
|               | Total residential electrical use per capita    | The average number of electrical interruptions per    |
|               |  | customer per year                                     |
|               |  | Average length of electrical interruptions (in hours) |
| Health        | Average life expectancy                        |   |
|               | Under age five mortality per 1,000 live births |   |
| Recreation    |  | Square metres of public indoor recreation facility    |
|               |  | space per capita                                      |
|               |  | Square metres of public outdoor recreation facility   |
|               |  | space per capita                                      |
| Solid waste   | Percentage of city population with regular     | Percentage of the city's solid waste that is disposed |
|               | solid waste collection                         | of in an incinerator                                  |
|               | Percentage of city's solid waste that is       | Percentage of the city's solid waste that is burned   |
|               | recycled                                       | openly  |
|               |  | Percentage of the city's solid waste that is disposed |
|               |  | of in an open dump                                    |
|               |  | Percentage of the city's solid waste that is disposed |
|               |  | of in an sanitary landfill                            |
|               |  | Percentage of the city's solid waste that is disposed |
|               |  | of by other means                                     |

| THETHE         | Core maleator   | Supporting malcator   |
|----------------|---|---|
| -              | Km of high capacity public transit system per 100,000 population                  | Number of two-wheel motorized vehicles per capita                           |
|                | Km of light passenger transit system per 100,000 population                       | Commercial Air Connectivity (number of nonstop commercial air destinations) |
|                | Number of personal automobiles per capita   | Transportation fatalities per 100,000 population                            |
|                | Annual number of public transit trips per capita                                  |   |
| Urban Planning | Jobs/Housing ratio  | Areal size of informal settlements as a percent of city area                |
|                |   | Green area (hectares) per 100,000 population                                |
| Wastewater     | Percentage of city population served by wastewater collection                     | Percentage of the city's wastewater receiving primary treatment             |
|                | Percentage of the city's wastewater that has received no treatment                | Percentage of the city's wastewater receiving secondary treatment           |
|                |   | Percentage of the city's wastewater receiving tertiary treatment            |
| Water          | Percentage of city population with potable water supply service                   | Total water consumption per capita  |
|                | Domestic water consumption per capita   | Percentage of water loss  |
|                | Percentage of city population with sustainable access to an improved water source | Average annual hours of water service interruption per household            |
|                |   |   |
| Environment    | PM10 concentration  | Greenhouse gas emissions measured in tonnes per capita                      |
| Shelter        | Percentage of city population living in slums                                     | Number of households that exist without registered legal titles             |
|                |   | Number of homeless people per 100,000 population                            |
| Social Equity  |   | Percentage of city population living in poverty                             |
| Technology     | Number of internet connections per 100,000 population                             | Number of telephones (landlines and cell phones) per 100,000 population     |
|                |   | Number of new patents per 100,000 per year                                  |
|                |   | Number of higher education degrees per 100,000                              |

### Future Indices

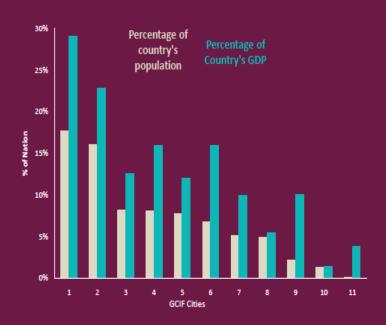
| Theme                     | Future Index                 |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Economy                   | Competitiveness Index        |
| Energy                    | Total Energy Use Index       |
| Environment               | Greenhouse Gas Index         |
| Governance                | Governance Index             |
| Recreation and<br>Culture | Recreation and Culture Index |
| Social Equity             | Social Capital Index         |
| Subjective Well-<br>Being | Subjective Well-Being Index  |
| Transportation            | Urban Accessibility Index    |
| Technology                | Creativity Index             |
| Water                     | Water Quality Index          |

# FUTURE POTENTIALS EMERGING IN THE GCIF INDICATORS DATABASE

#### Cities as Engines of Growth

How much do cities contribute to their nations' wealth?

11 GCIF cities represent higher proportions of their nation's GDP than their proportion of their nation's population suggests.



#### Cities and Poverty

Despite their role as key drivers of their nations' economies, some of these cities report over 10 percent of their city population living in poverty. Three of these cities (graph to the left) for example report poverty at 25.4%, 27.2% and 11.01%.

The GCIF mean for the percentage of the city population living in poverty is 16.85 percent. The importance of tracking these trends is critical if cities are to continue to contribute to their nation's economy into the future.

% of City Population Living in Poverty



# CITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

A cluster of GCIF indicators including those that measure temperature and precipitation changes, transportation patterns, energy usage, water usage, waste water management, solid waste management, air quality, Greenhouse Gas emissions, green space, land use and density help to improve overall understanding of cities' environmental impact and direct climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies at the city level. Over time, this cluster of sustainability indicators will be a valuable tool for measuring the impact of climate change on cities as well as progress toward global urban sustainability goals.

#### **GCIF Member City Means:**

Population Density [per km2] 4,080.90

Green area per 100,000 population [ha] 1,272.08

GHG Emissions [tonnes per capita] 5.86

Number of personal automobiles per capita 0.25

Annual number of public transit trips per capita 261.78



#### **GCIF Member City Means:**

Total residential electrical use per capita [kW] 3,800.77

Domestic water consumption per capita [litres/day] 197.69

% of wastewater that has received no treatment 13.66%

% of solid waste that is recycled 25.59%

Does a city's population density impact its transit use per capita?



### Annual number of public transit trips per capita





#### Factors to Consider in Reviewing Results:

Informal transit Income levels Type and service level of public transit Quality of roads Quality of alternatives (bike paths, walking routes)

#### FUTURE POTENTIALS EMERGING IN THE GCIF INDICATORS DATABASE

# Do cities with the largest populations also have the highest densities?



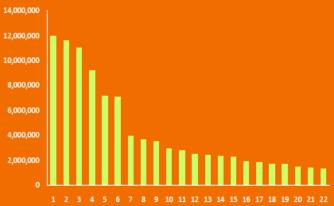
#### Mumbai Population: 11,978,450 Population density/km<sup>2</sup>: 27,209 Land Area: 437.71



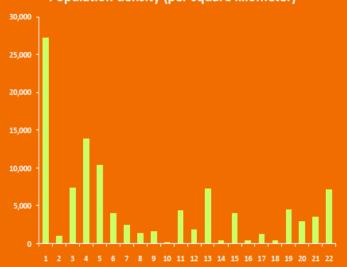
Sao Paulo Population: 10,998,813 Population density/km<sup>2</sup>: 7,289 Land Area: 1,509

#### GCIF Cities over 1 million population





#### Population density (per square kilometer)



# Seattle: WHY GCIF? Connecting with other jurisdictions

- Data only tell part of the story, need to connect with other people to learn why and how
- Global City Indicator Facility is designed to help make those connections
- The GCIF serves as a gateway to exchange information and training with other participating municipalities

# From Indicators to Governance Case Studies

- Bogota
  - Secretariat of Finance utilizes GCIP Indicators and comparative reports to:
    - Monitor investments and evaluate their performance
    - Use other member cities' performance as benchmarks in measuring Bogota's performance
    - Inform effective evidence-based decision making during budget negotiations

# Benefits for Sao Paulo in being a GCIF member

- We already collect the indicators
- There was not a wide indicators platform for cities
- Comparsion helps government and civil society evaluate public policy and our performance
- Effort to provide evidence based policy and decision making based on indicators

Source: From Sao Paulo presentation in Rio at World Urban Forum

# The Challenge

- City leaders are not at the table when international protocols and agreements on climate change are discussed by member states and when states decide on whether to sign and support these international agreements
- The vulnerability of cities to climate change risks is largely underestimated. There is no established set of city indicators on climate change that is globally standardized and comparable.
- With increasing urban vulnerability however, estimated simply by the fact of the increasing dominance of city dwellers worldwide, city governments need to be considered as new sites of governance in global negotiations on climate change and in decision-making related to risk assessments.
- Comparative city data engenders a critical voice for cities in global dialogues and national policy development

## Research Objectives

- 1. To map core risks for cities associated with CC through literature review and city case studies
- To examine the use of city indicators to assess and address risks and vulnerabilities in cities
- 3. To determine how knowledge derived from city indicators on CC can help to direct a more informed set of planning norms and practices, more effective infrastructure investment and urban management, and a more empowered and inclusive urban governance

### Conclusion

- Indicators on cities and climate change add new policy leverage for local governments
  - Building empowered decision-making in this volatile policy field
  - Leveraging funding/budget support for climate action
  - In developing evidence-based policy-making
  - In building strong city governments capable of performing as new sites of governance in global negotiations on climate change
  - In decision-making related to risk assessments

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# GCIF Indicators

| Theme                                   | Core Indicator                                    | Supporting Indicator                                      |
|---|---|---|
| City Services                           | COTE HIGHEROT                                     | Supportingminicator                                       |
| Education                               | Student/teacher ratio                             | Percentage of school-aged children                        |
| Education                               |   | enrolled in schools by gender                             |
|   | Percentage of children completing primary and     |   |
|   | secondary education: survival rate                |   |
| Energy                                  | Percentage of city population with authorized     | Total electrical use per capita                           |
|   | electrical service                                | (kilowatt/hr)   |
|   | Total residential electrical use per capita       | The average number of electrical                          |
|   |   | interruptions per customer per year                       |
|   |   | Average length of electrical interruptions                |
|   |   | (in hours)  |
| Finance                                 | Debt service ratio (debt service expenditure as a | Tax collected as percentage of tax billed                 |
| 3111                                    | percent of a municipality's own-source revenue)   |   |
|   |   | Own-source revenue as a percentage of                     |
|   |   | total revenues  Capital spending as a percentage of total |
|   |   | expenditures  |
| Fire and                                | Number of firefighters per 100,000 population     | Response time for fire department from                    |
| Emergency                               | Number of file lighters per 100,000 population    | initial call  |
| Response                                | Number of fire related deaths per 100,000         | Thica can   |
|   | population  |   |
| Governance                              |   | Percentage of women employed in the                       |
|   |   | city government workforce                                 |
| Health                                  | Number of in-patient hospital beds per 100,000    | Number of nursing and midwifery                           |
| 111111111111111111111111111111111111111 | population  | personnel per 100,000 population                          |
|   | Number of physicians per 100,000 population       |   |
|   | Average life expectancy                           |   |
|   | Under age five mortality per 1,000 live births    |   |
| Recreation                              |   | Square metres of public indoor                            |
|   |   | recreation facility space per capita                      |
|   |   | Square metres of public outdoor                           |
|   |   | recreation facility space per capita                      |
| Safety                                  | Number of police officers per 100,000 population  | Violent crime rate per 100,000                            |
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|   | Number of homicides per 100,000 population        | population  |
| Solid waste                             | Percentage of city population with regular solid  | Percentage of the city's solid waste that                 |
| Solid waste                             | waste collection                                  | is disposed of in an incinerator                          |
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|                     | Percentage of city population with sustainable                                   | Average annual hours of water service  |
|                     | access to an improved water source   | interruption per household   |
| Quality of Life     |  |  |
| Civic<br>Engagement | Voter participation in last municipal election (as a percent of eligible voters) | Citizen's representation: number of local officials elected to office per 100,000 population |
| Culture             |  | Percentage of jobs in the cultural sector  |
| Economy             | City product per capita  | Percentage of persons in full time employment  |
|                     | City unemployment rate (from profile page)                                       |  |
| Environment         | PM10 concentration   | Greenhousegas emissions measured in tonnes per capita  |
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