

Table 14.4 Largest megacities in the world—1950, 2000, 2014, and 2030 (population in millions)

1950	Pop.	2000	Pop.	2014	Pop.	2030 Predicted	Pop.
New York–Newark, USA	12.3	Tokyo, Japan	34.4	Tokyo, Japan	37.8	Tokyo, Japan	37.1
Tokyo, Japan	11.3	Ciudad de Mexico (Mexico City), Mexico	18.1	Delhi, India	24.9	Delhi, India	36.1
		New York–Newark, USA	17.8	Shanghai, China	23.0	Shanghai, China	30.7
		São Paulo, Brazil	17.1	Ciudad de Mexico (Mexico City), Mexico	20.8	Mumbai, India	27.8
		Mumbai, India	16.1	São Paulo, Brazil	20.8	Beijing, China	27.7
		Shanghai, China	13.2	Mumbai, India	20.7	Dhaka, Bangladesh	27.3
		Calcutta, India	13.1	Osaka, Japan	20.1	Karachi, Pakistan	24.8
		Delhi, India	12.4	Beijing, China	19.5	Cairo, Egypt	24.5
		Buenos Aires, Argentina	11.8	New York–Newark, USA	18.5	Ciudad de Mexico (Mexico City), Mexico	23.8
		Los Angeles–Long Beach–Santa Ana, USA	11.8	Cairo, Egypt	18.4	São Paulo, Brazil	23.4

SOURCE: United Nations Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 2014.

NOTE: In 1950, there were only two megacities in the world. By 2014, their number had increased to 28 (though only the top 10 are listed here). By 2030, 39 mega cities are predicted to exist.