

WORLD POPULATION

Largest cities in the Year 100

1	Rome, Italy	450,000
2	Luoyang (Honan), China	420,000
3	Seleucia (on the Tigris), Iraq	250,000
4	Alexandria, Egypt	250,000
5	Antioch, Turkey	150,000
6	Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka	130,000
7	Peshawar, Pakistan	120,000
8	Carthage, Tunisia	100,000
9	Wu (Suzhou), China	90,000
10	Smyrna, Turkey	90,000

Largest cities in the Year 1200

1	Hangzhou, China	255,000
2	Fez, Morocco	200,000
3	Cairo, Egypt	200,000
4	Pagan, Myanmar	180,000
5	Kamakura, Japan	175,000
6	Angkor, Cambodia	150,000
7	Constantinople, Turkey	150,000
8	Palermo, Italy	150,000
9	Marrakech, Morocco	150,000
10	Seville, Spain	150,000

Largest cities in the Year 500

1	Constantinople, Turkey	400,000
2	Ctesiphon, Iraq	400,000
3	Luoyang, China	200,000
4	Nanjing, China	150,000
5	Antioch, Turkey	150,000
6	Teotihuacan, Mexico	125,000
7	Carthage, Tunisia	100,000
8	Rome, Italy	100,000
9	Alexandria, Egypt	100,000
10	Changan (Xi'an), China	100,000

Largest cities in the Year 1500

1	Beijing, China	672,000
2	Vijayanagar, India	500,000
3	Cairo, Egypt	400,000
4	Hangzhou, China	250,000
5	Tabriz, Iran	250,000
6	Constantinople, Turkey	200,000
7	Gaur, India	200,000
8	Paris, France	185,000
9	Canton, China	150,000
10	Nanjing, China	147,000

Largest cities in the Year 900

1	Baghdad, Iraq	900,000
2	Changan (Xi'an), China	500,000
3	Constantinople, Turkey	300,000
4	Kyoto, Japan	200,000
5	Cordoba, Spain	200,000
6	Alexandria, Egypt	175,000
7	Luoyang, China	150,000
8	Fustat (Cairo), Egypt	150,000
9	Manyakheta (Malkhed), India	100,000
10	Kairwan, Tunisia	100,000

Largest cities in the Year 1600

1	Beijing, China	706,000
2	Constantinople, Turkey	700,000
3	Agra, India	500,000
4	Osaka, Japan	360,000
5	Kyoto, Japan	300,000
6	Hangzhou, China	270,000
7	Paris, France	245,000
8	Naples, Italy	224,000
9	Cairo, Egypt	200,000
10	Bijapur, India	200,000

Largest cities in the Year 1000

1	Cordova, Spain	450,000
2	Kaifeng, China	400,000
3	Constantinople (Istanbul), Turkey	300,000
4	Angkor, Cambodia	200,000
5	Kyoto, Japan	175,000
6	Cairo, Egypt	135,000
7	Baghdad, Iraq	125,000
8	Nishapur (Neyshabur), Iran	125,000
9	Al-Hasa, Saudi Arabia	110,000
10	Pata (Anhilwara), India	100,000

Largest cities in the Year 1800

1	Beijing, China	1,100,000
2	London, United Kingdom	861,000
3	Canton, China	800,000
4	Edo (Tokyo) Japan	685,000
5	Constantinople, Turkey	570,000
6	Paris, France	547,000
7	Naples, Italy	430,000
8	Hangzhou, China	387,000
9	Osaka, Japan	383,000
10	Kyoto, Japan	377,000

Largest cities in the Year 1900

1	London, United Kingdom	6,480,000
2	New York, United States	4,242,000
3	Paris, France	3,330,000
4	Berlin, Germany	2,707,000
5	Chicago, United States	1,717,000
6	Vienna, Austria	1,698,000
7	Tokyo, Japan	1,497,000
8	St. Petersburg, Russia	1,439,000
9	Manchester, United Kingdom	1,435,000
10	Philadelphia, United States	1,418,000

Largest cities in the Year 2000*

1	Tokyo, Japan	26,400,000
2	Mexico City, Mexico	18,100,000
3	Bombay, India	18,100,000
4	Sao Paulo, Brazil	17,800,000
5	New York, United States	16,600,000
6	Lagos, Nigeria	13,400,000
7	Los Angeles, United States	13,100,000
8	Calcutta, India	12,900,000
9	Shanghai, China	12,900,000
10	Buenos Aires, Argentina	12,600,000

Largest cities in the year 1950

1	New York, United States	12,463,000
2	London, United Kingdom	8,860,000
3	Tokyo, Japan	7,000,000
4	Paris, France	5,900,000
5	Shanghai, China	5,406,000
6	Moscow, Russia	5,100,000
7	Buenos Aires, Argentina	5,000,000
8	Chicago, United States	4,906,000
9	Ruhr, Germany	4,900,000
10	Kolkata, India	4,800,000

Largest cities in the Year 2015*

1	Tokyo, Japan	26,400,000
2	Bombay, India	26,100,000
3	Lagos, Nigeria	23,200,000
4	Dhaka, Bangladesh	21,100,000
5	Sao Paulo, Brazil	20,400,000
6	Karachi, Pakistan	19,200,000
7	Mexico City, Mexico	19,200,000
8	New York, United States	17,400,000
9	Jakarta, Indonesia	17,300,000
10	Calcutta, India	17,300,000

Source: <http://geography.about.com/library/weekly>

Source: Atlas of World History, Nystrom, 2005

*agglomerations

City	Year Became #1	Population Information
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Memphis, Egypt	3100 BCE	Well over 30,000
Akkad, Babylonia (Iraq)	2240	
Lagash, Babylonia (Iraq)	2075	
Ur, Babylonia (Iraq)	2030	65,000
Thebes, Egypt	1980	
Babylon, Babylonia (Iraq)	1770	
Avaris, Egypt	1670	
Memphis, Egypt	1557	
Thebes, Egypt	1400	
Nineveh, Assyria (Iraq)	668	
Babylon, Babylonia (Iraq)	612	First above 200,000
Alexandria	320	
Pataliputra (Patna), India	300	
Changan (Xi'an), China	195	400,000
Rome	25	450,000 (100 CE)
Constantinople, Turkey	340 CE	400,000 (500)
Ctesiphon, Iraq	570	
Changan (Xi'an), China	637	400,000 (622); 600,000 (800)
Baghdad, Iraq	775	First over 1 million; 700,000 (800)
Cordova, Spain	935	
Kaifeng, China	1013	400,000 (1000); 442,000 (1100)
Constantinople, Turkey	1127	
Merv (Mary), Turkmenistan	1145	200,000 (1150)
Constantinople, Turkey	1153	
Fez (Fes), Morocco	1170	
Hangzhou, China	1180	255,000 (1200); 320,000 (1250)
Cairo, Egypt	1315	
Hangzhou, China	1348	432,000 (1350)
Nanking, China	1358	487,000 (1400)
Beijing, China	1425	600,000 (1450); 672,000 (1500)
Constantinople, Turkey	1650	700,000 (1650 & 1700)
Beijing, China	1710	900,000 (1750); 1.1 million (1800)
London, United Kingdom	1825	First over 5 million; 1.35 million (1825); 2.32 million (1850); 4.241 million (1875); 6.480 million (1900)
New York	1925	First over 10 million; 7.774 million (1925), 12.463 million (1950)
Tokyo	1965	First over 20 million; 23 million (1975)

Source: *Four Thousand Years of Urban Growth: An Historical Census* by Tertius Chandler