

Megacities

Sociology

Where urban growth is actually happening, and what that pattern implies.

Growth is fastest where administrative capacity is thinnest.

Feature	Pattern
Where growth is	Almost all in Asia and Africa
Fastest growth	Secondary cities, not the megacities
Main driver	Natural increase and internal migration
Housing supply	Largely informal and incremental
Employment	A large informal sector
Planning capacity	Growth outpaces municipal finance

Educational reference. City population figures depend on boundary definitions and are not comparable between countries.