

Metropolitan Indicators



Resulting from pioneering comparative research on **58 metropolitan spaces** and including **69 Metropolis members**, the **38 metropolitan indicators** provide new empirical insights, comparable across jurisdictions, about metropolitan realities across the world.

The indicators refer to six overarching themes: Metropolitan Governance, Economic Development, Social Cohesion, Gender Equality, Sustainability, and Quality of Life. The framework also adopts a gender perspective, disaggregating data whenever possible. They can be accessed through the website **indicators.metropolis.org**

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Context and governance

- **1.** Metropolitan population **
- **2.** Metropolitan area
- **3.** Density
- **4.** Leadership of policy sectors (survey) ***
- **5.** Fiscal decentralisation
- **6.** Territorial fragmentation
- **7.** Metropolitan coordination
- **8.** National prominence (budget)
- **9.** Fiscal autonomy
- **10.** Total budget per capita

Economic development

- **1.** GDP per capita
- **2.** GDP or Employment share by sector
- **3.** Prominence (GDP)
- **4.** Unemployment***
- **5.** Economic density
- **6.** Informal economy (% of jobs)

Social cohesion

- **1.** Literacy rate*
- **2.** Poverty rate**
- **3.** Income inequality
- **4.** Foreign born population*
- **5.** Murder rate*

Gender equality

- **1.** Share of elected women in local government
- **2.** Women in work force
- **3.** Enrolment of female school-aged population
- **4.** Gender pay gap
- **5.** Legislation on gender equality (survey)****

Environmental sustainability

- **1.** Air quality
- **2.** CO2 emissions
- **3.** Car ownership
- **4.** Green space
- **5.** Waste generated per capita
- **6.** Wastewater collection (% access)

- **7.** Renewable energy (%)

Quality of life

- **1.** Life expectancy*
- **2.** Affordability of housing
- **3.** Affordability of transport
- **4.** Higher education enrolment*
- **5.** Urban fragility index

* Data disaggregated by sex

** Data disaggregated by sex and age

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**** This indicator will be developed further based on discussions with Metropolis