South Sub-Saharan Middle East & North East Asia Europe & Latin America North Africa Central Asia & Caribbean Asia Africa & Pacific America 100 Rural 75 50

Since around 2008, the majority of the world's population has lived in urban areas.

Only South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa remain more rural than urban.

Share of total population (%)

25 Urban 0 1980 2016 1980 2016 1980 2016 1980 2016 1980 2016 1980 2016 1980 2016 1980 2016 1980 2016

Source: UN Population Division. WDI (SP.URB.TOTL.IN.ZS; SP.RUR.TOTL.ZS).