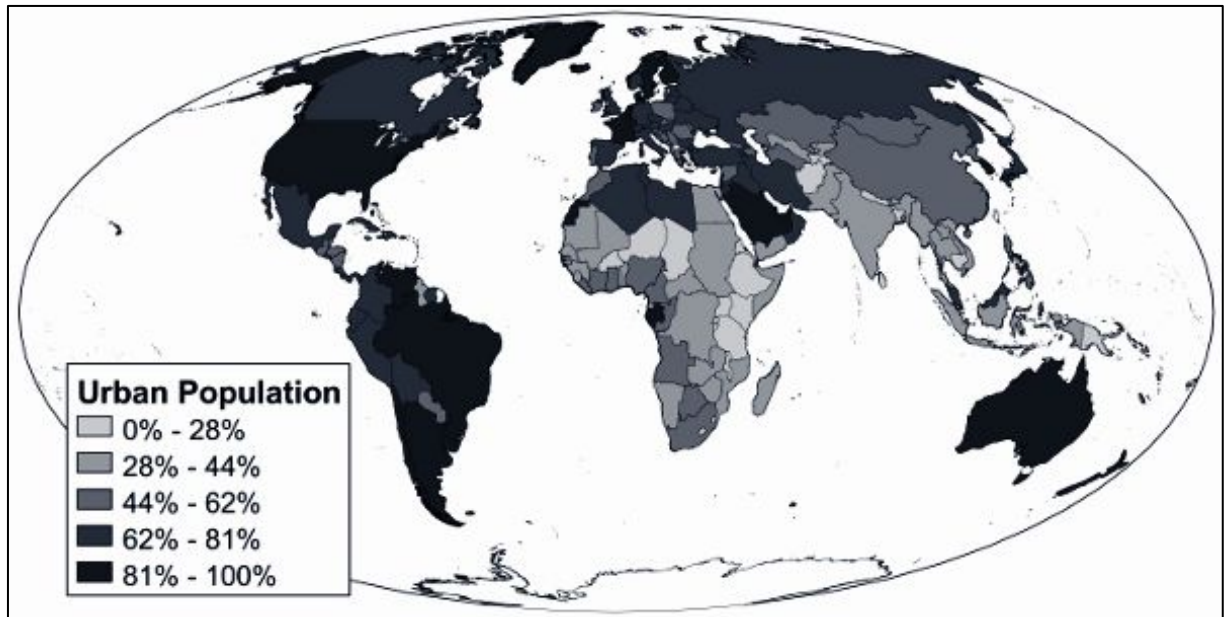# Spatial Patterns of Urbanisation

Urbanisation is the process whereby a population begins to shift from rural areas to urban areas. This can occur both internally (within a country), and between countries when people migrate.

The countries with the highest number of people living in urban areas is shown on the map above.

Task: Use data from the website The Worldbank Data to research the urban population (% of total) in the years 1960 and 2016 in each of these countries.

Nation	Urban population 1960 (%)	Urban population 2016 (%)
Australia		
El Salvador		
United States		
Denmark		
Ethiopia		
Hong Kong		
China		
India		
Indonesia		

Use your table to answer these questions:

a. Which country had the largest percentage of its population living in urban areas in 2016?

b. Which country had the smallest percentage of its population living in urban areas in 2016?

c. Which country showed the most growth in urban population from 1960 to 2016?

d. Which showed the least growth in urban population over the years?

e. How do you think it is that Hong Kong can have 100% urban population?

THEN!
Look at UNICEF's urban world map. List the countries that are predicted to have an urban population of over 75% by 2020. Why do you think this will be the case?