ABOUT CITY

**Addis Ababa** (Amharic አዲስ አበባ, "new flower"; or **Addis Abeba** (the spelling used by the official Ethiopian Mapping Authority); Oromo: *Finfinne* "natural spring") is the capital and largest city of Ethiopia. It is the seat of the Ethiopian federal government. According to the 2007 population census, the city has a total population of 2,739,551 inhabitants.

As a chartered city (*ras gez astedader*), Addis Abeba has the status of both a city and a state. It is where the African Union is headquartered and where its predecessor the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) was based. It also hosts the headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), as well as various other continental and international organizations. Addis Ababa is therefore often referred to as "the political capital of Africa" for its historical, diplomatic and political significance for the continen

Founded in the late 19th century by Emperor Menelik. Dubbed the Pentagon, the 30-hectare site incorporates a castle with 12 towers, along with 520 meters of stone walls measuring up to 5-meter high.

The city is divided into 10 boroughs, called subcities ([Amharic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amharic_language): ክፍለ ከተማ, kifle ketema), and 99 wards ([Amharic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amharic_language): ቀበሌ, [kebele](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kebele)).

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| 1 | **Addis Ketema** |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | [**Akaky Kaliti**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akaky_Kaliti) |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | [**Arada**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arada_%28Addis_Ababa%29) |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | **Bole** |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | **Gullele** |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | [**Kirkos**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kirkos) |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | [**Kolfe Keranio**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolfe_Keranio) |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | [**Lideta**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lideta) |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | **Nifas Silk-Lafto**[]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Addis_Ababa#cite_note-25) |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | [**Yeka**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yeka) |  |  |  |  |

PLACES TO VISIT

The city has a [zoo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Addis_Ababa_Zoo) which is famous for its [lions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lion). They were considered to be "genetically unique"

GEOGRAPHY

Addis Ababa lies at an elevation of 2,200 metres (7,200 ft) and is a [grassland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grassland) [biome](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biome), located at [9°1′48″N 38°44′24″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Addis_Ababa&params=9_1_48_N_38_44_24_E_type:city%282757729%29)[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[9°1′48″N 38°44′24″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Addis_Ababa&params=9_1_48_N_38_44_24_E_type:city%282757729%29).

CLIMATE

with temperature differences of up to 10 °C (18 °F), depending on elevation and prevailing wind patterns.

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| **Area** | |
| **• Capital** | 527 km2 (203 sq mi) |
| **• Land** | 527 km2 (203 sq mi) |
|  | [[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Addis_Ababa#cite_note-1) |
| **Elevation** | 2,355 m (7,726 ft) |
| **Population** (2008) | |
| **• Capital** | 3,384,569 |
| **• Density** | 5,165.1/km2 (13,378/sq mi) |
| **• Urban** | 3,384,569 |
| **•**[**Metro**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metropolitan_area) | 4,567,857 |