

Mapping Densely Populated Areas



Mapping buildings in densely populated areas may seem overwhelming but can be managed if done in smaller portions. Ensure you are using the highest resolution imagery available (**Bing** or **Digital Globe Premium**).

Zoom in to a block and focus on a group of buildings.



Look for **shadows** between buildings, differences in **height**, roof **color** and **texture** to differentiate buildings. **Take your time** to map buildings in the group, **squaring edges** (**S** key in iD Editor, **Q** in JOSM) and making sure there are gaps between buildings when appropriate.

Refer to [iD Editor](#) and [JOSM](#) **keyboard shortcuts** to speed up your work. **Save your work often!** You don't have to finish the entire task in one sitting.