**Mumbai** ([/mʊmˈbaɪ/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English) [ⓘ](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Mumbai_Pronunciation.ogg), Marathi: [[ˈmumbəi]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Marathi), [IAST](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Alphabet_of_Sanskrit_Transliteration): *Muṃbaī*; also known as **Bombay**[[a]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-19) — [the official name until 1995](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_renamed_Indian_cities_and_states#Maharashtra)) is the [capital city](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capital_city) of the Indian [state](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/States_and_union_territories_of_India) of [Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra). Mumbai is the [*de facto*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_facto) financial centre and the [most populous city](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cities_in_India_by_population) of [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) with an estimated [city proper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City_proper) population of 12.5 million (1.25 crore).[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-Cities1Lakhandabove-20) Mumbai is the centre of the [Mumbai Metropolitan Region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai_Metropolitan_Region), the [sixth most populous metropolitan area in the world](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_cities) with a population of over 23 million (2.3 crore) living within the [Mumbai Metropolitan Region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai_Metropolitan_Region).[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-21) Mumbai lies on the [Konkan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konkan" \o "Konkan) coast on the west coast of India and has a deep [natural harbour](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_harbour). In 2008, Mumbai was named an [alpha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Globalization_and_World_Cities_Research_Network#Alpha) [world city](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_city).[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-lboro2008-22)[[22]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-23)

The seven islands that constitute Mumbai were earlier home to communities of [Marathi language](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marathi_language)-speaking [Koli people](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koli_people" \o "Koli people).[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-james_customs-24)[[24]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-munshi-25)[[25]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-rnmehta-26) For centuries, the [seven islands of Bombay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seven_islands_of_Bombay) were under the control of successive [indigenous rulers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Mumbai_under_indigenous_empires) before being [ceded](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cession) to the [Portuguese Empire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_Empire_in_the_East), and subsequently to the [East India Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_India_Company) in 1661, through the [dowry of Catherine Braganza](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dowry_of_Catherine_Braganza) when she was married off to [Charles II of England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_II_of_England).[[26]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-27) Beginning in 1782, Mumbai was reshaped by the [Hornby Vellard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hornby_Vellard" \o "Hornby Vellard) project,[[27]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai" \l "cite_note-Dwivedi_2001_28-28) which undertook reclamation of the area between the seven islands from the sea.[[28]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-fp-onceuponatime-29) Along with the construction of major [roads](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roads_in_India) and [railways](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rail_transport_in_India), the reclamation project, completed in 1845, transformed Mumbai into a major seaport on the [Arabian Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabian_Sea). Mumbai in the 19th century was characterized by economic and educational development. During the early 20th century it became a strong base for the [Indian independence movement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_independence_movement). Upon India's independence in 1947 the city was incorporated into [Bombay State](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombay_State). In 1960, following the [Samyukta Maharashtra Movement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samyukta_Maharashtra_Movement" \o "Samyukta Maharashtra Movement), a new state of Maharashtra was created with Mumbai as the capital.[[29]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-30)

Mumbai is the [financial](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Financial_centre), commercial,[[30]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai" \l "cite_note-millionaireRoleModel-31) and the entertainment capital of India. It is also one of the world's top ten centres of commerce in terms of global financial flow,[[31]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-32) generating 6.16% of India's GDP,[[32]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-mmrda_muip_gdp-33) and accounting for 25% of industrial output, 70% of maritime trade in India ([Mumbai Port Trust](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai_Port_Trust), [Dharamtar Port](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dharamtar" \o "Dharamtar) and [JNPT](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jawaharlal_Nehru_Port)),[[33]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-34) and 70% of capital transactions to [India's economy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy_of_India).[[34]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-NMIAtender-35)[[35]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#cite_note-36) The city houses important financial institutions and the corporate [headquarters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Indian_companies_headquartered_in_Mumbai) of numerous [Indian companies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Indian_companies) and [multinational corporations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multinational_corporations). It is also home to some of India's premier scientific and nuclear institutes. The city is also home to the [Bollywood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bollywood" \o "Bollywood) and [Marathi cinema](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marathi_cinema) industries. Mumbai's business opportunities attracts migrants from all over India.