

Introduction

As more than half of the world's population lives in urban areas, and the proportion is expected to increase to 70 percent by 2050.

Incomes are five times higher in the more urbanized countries and infant mortality rates are less than a third in the more urbanized countries.

Urbanization is crucial to generate employment, wealth and productivity growth, and drive national economic development. Here, by comparing the Foursquare Venue Category data of high population density cities to low density cities, critical features might emerge and shed light on the direction of city development.