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Urban population growth is outpacing improvements in slum conditions as the number of people living in slums has increased between 2000 and 2014.

Notes: The size of the bubbles represents the number (in millions) of people living in slums; the location of the bubbles on the vertical axis represents the proportion of the population living in slums. For the first time, data this year include developed as well as developing countries. For this reason, values may be slightly different than those presented in previous reports.
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91 per cent of the urban population breathes unclean air and in 2016, 4.2 million people died from ambient air pollution.
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Managing solid waste remains a major environmental challenge in cities in several regions

Proportion of the municipal solid waste generated that is collected, 2001-2015 (data from 214 cities/municipalities in 103 countries) (percentage)

- Sub-Saharan Africa: 43%
- Central and Southern Asia: 67%
- Eastern and South-Eastern Asia: 72%
- Northern Africa and Western Asia: 74%
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 80%
- Europe and Northern America: 90%
- Australia and New Zealand: 94%
- World: 74%

Notes: Oceania* only has data for one city and therefore does not appear in the chart. Global and regional averages are calculated based on available city data and may change in future reports as more comprehensive city data become available.
Damage to housing due to natural disasters showed a statistically significant rise between 1990 and 2013.

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More than half of the built up areas in cities worldwide are public open spaces, which promotes cleaner air and increased walkability.