

# Urban Environments

## An Urban World

### Learning Objective:

-**Analyse** how the world is becoming increasingly urban



# Learning Outcomes:

- Discuss** what urbanisation means
- Demonstrate** global patterns of urbanisation
- Analyse** graphs that show the rate of urbanisation

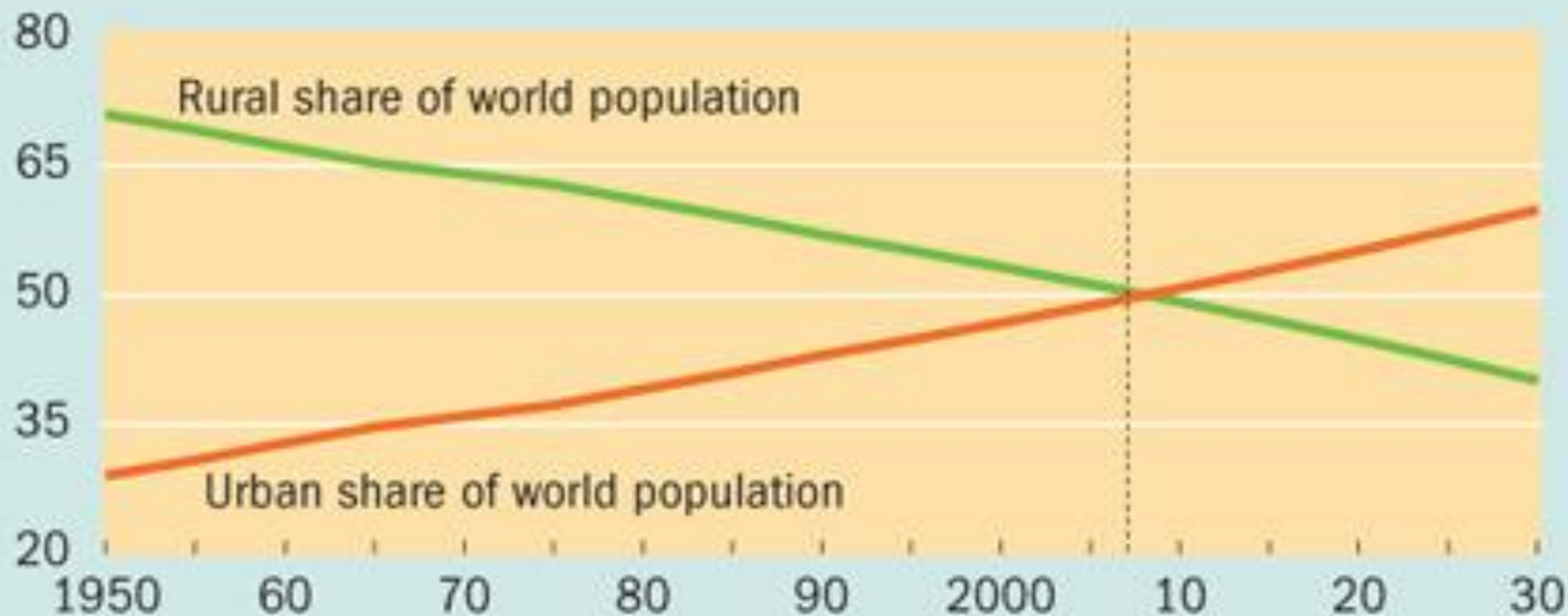


Chart 1

## Tipping the scale

In 2007, more people were living in urban than in rural areas

(percent)



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, *World Population Prospects: The 2006 Revision* (2007).

# Urbanisation:

Is the increase in the ***proportion*** of people living in towns and cities rather than in rural areas.

[Video](#)

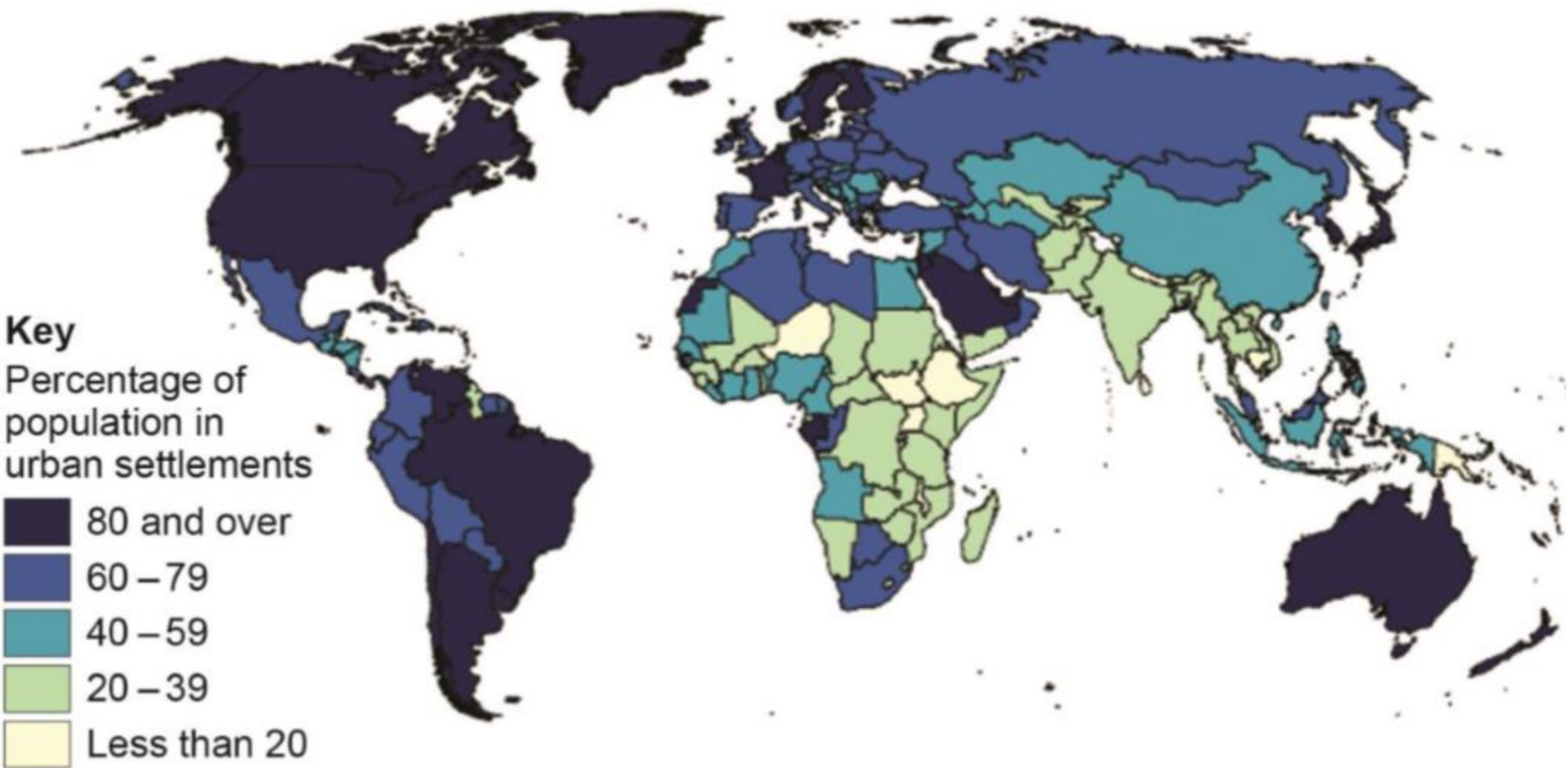
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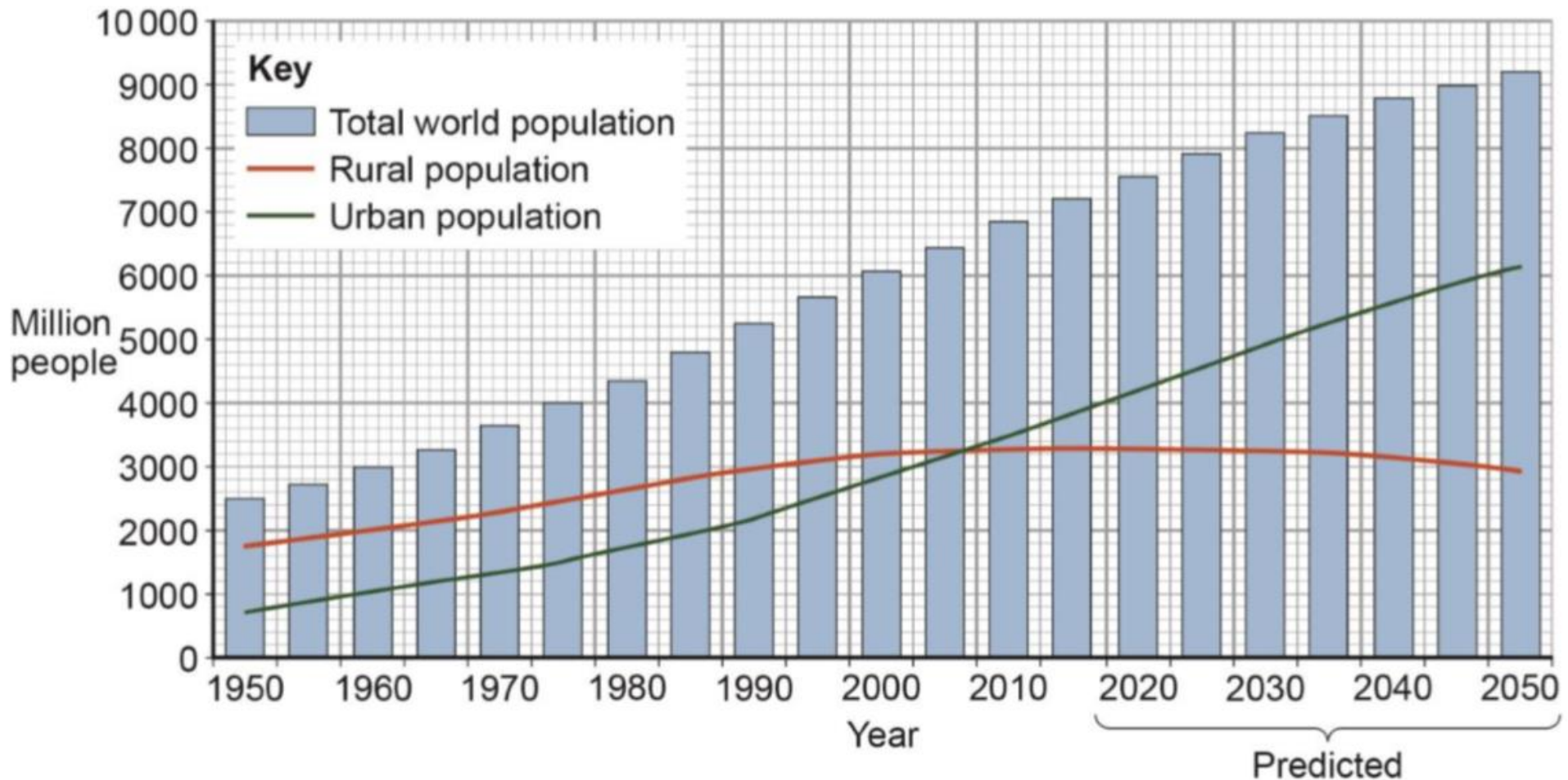
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- In **1950**, there were **83 cities** with populations exceeding one million (millionaire cities not megacities); by **2007**, this number had risen to **468**.
- As of **2015**, there were **45 megacities** in existence, which is the official figure – such as Tokyo, Jakarta, Seoul and Delhi having populations in excess of 20 million inhabitants each.



Which two of the following statements are true?

- A. Africa has no countries with percentage of population in urban settlement of over 80%.
- B. The urban population of Oceania is 80% and over.
- C. South America has a percentage of population living in urban settlements of over 40%
- D. There is one country in Europe with an urban population of less than 20%



Describe the pattern of this graph.

**Trend**

**Example**

**Anomaly...if anything?**



The total world population has increased gradually since 1950. By 2009 the number of people that lived in urban areas became more than those that live in rural areas. By 2050 it is predicted that 6000 million (2/3 of the world population) will live in urban areas.

***No obvious anomaly?***