Largest Global Cities

Tokyo, Japan 34,000,000

Jakarta, Indonesia 21,800,000

Mexico City 21,000,000

New York, USA 20,090,000

Seoul, South Korea 20,010,000

Lagos, Nigeria 20,000,000

Mumbai (Bombay) (India) 19,530,000

Sao Paolo, Brazil 19,140,000

Shanghai, China 14,460,000

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 11,160,000

London, England 8,320,000

Warning: The totals all depend on how you count the population, in relation to the municipality, and/or its surrounding city region and suburbs, and also depend upon the reliability of local censuses. Some would say that you could virtually double some of these figures particularly for South American Cities. For that matter if you included all of London’s suburbs and hinterland in the South East the figure is nearer 20 million, which is a third of the UK population.

Note that some of the global cities have a much larger population than many whole countries, for example Denmark has only 5,574,000 and Sweden only 5,574,000 citizens, all easily outnumbered by the populations of Mexico, Jakarta and Tokyo cities.