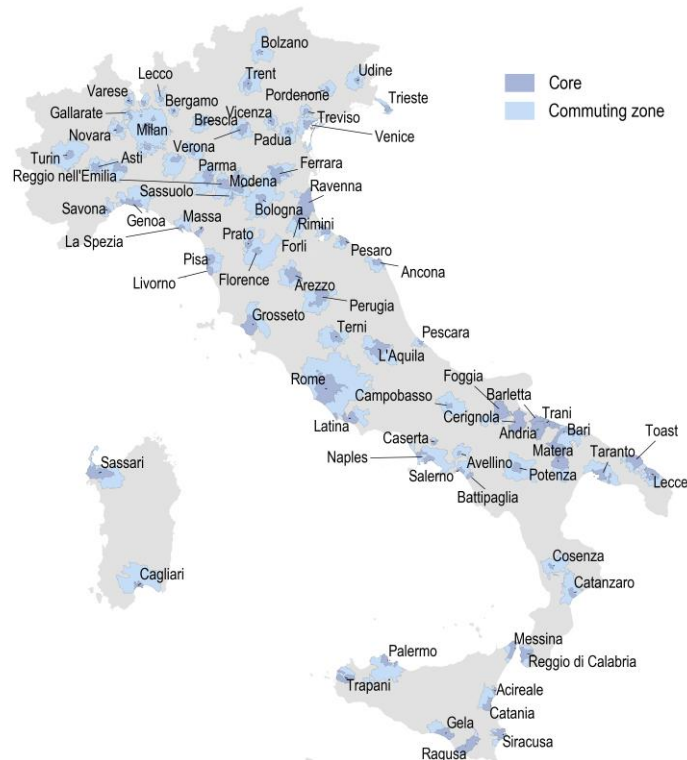


Italy



Note: This map is for illustrative purposes and is without prejudice to the status of or sovereignty over any territory covered by these maps.

The OECD, in cooperation with the EU, has developed a harmonised definition of functional urban areas (FUAs). Being composed of a city (or core) and its commuting zone, FUAs encompass the economic and functional extent of cities based on daily people's movements (OECD, 2012); (Dijkstra, Poelman, & Veneri, 2019). The definition of FUA aims at providing a functional/economic definition of cities and their area of influence, by maximising international comparability and overcoming the limitation of using purely administrative approaches. At the same time, the concept of FUA, unlike other approaches, ensures a minimum link to the government level of the city or metropolitan area.

FUAs are listed below by size, according to four classes:

- Small FUAs, with population between 50,000 and 100,000
- Medium-sized FUAs, with population between 100,000 and 250,000
- Metropolitan FUAs, with population between 250,000 and 1.5 million
- Large metropolitan FUAs, with population above 1.5 million

A city is a group of local administrative units (i.e. LAU for European countries, such as municipality, local authorities, etc.) where at least 50% of its population live in an urban centre. An urban centre is defined as a cluster of contiguous grid cells of one square kilometer with a density of at least 1,500 inhabitants per square kilometer and a population of at least 50,000 inhabitants overall.

The commuting zone is composed of the local administrative units for which at least 15% of their workforce commute to the city. Commuting zones of the functional areas are identified based on commuting data (travel from home-to-work). Commuting data are also used to define whether more than one city share the same commuting zone in a single polycentric functional urban area.

The list of functional urban areas takes into account the results of the consultation with the European National Statistical Institutes launched by Eurostat in June 2011 on the definition of cities and by the OECD with Delegates from the Working Party on Territorial Indicators. This list of functional urban areas may be reviewed on the basis of additional comments provided by countries. The OECD Metropolitan Database provides a set of economic, environmental, social and demographic modelled indicators on the 668 OECD metropolitan areas (functional urban areas with 250 000 or more inhabitants).

Additionally, interactive maps, histograms and summary profiles of each metropolitan area are available on the [OECD Regions and Cities Data Visualisation tool](#).

The population grid used to create the FUAs in Italy is the 2011 Geostat grid. The geographic building blocks are the LAU-2 units. Commuting data comes from the 2011 Census.

Table 1. List of functional urban areas

| FUA name | FUA code | Size class | Population in 2015 (GHS) | Share of population living in the city (%) |
|-------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Acireale | IT056 | Small area | 60 000 | 86 |
| Alexandria | IT518 | Medium-sized area | 131 000 | 69 |
| Altamura | IT061 | Small area | 71 000 | 100 |
| Ancona | IT017 | Medium-sized area | 210 000 | 43 |
| Andria | IT524 | Small area | 99 000 | 100 |
| Arezzo | IT519 | Medium-sized area | 157 000 | 64 |
| Asti | IT045 | Medium-sized area | 114 000 | 66 |
| Avellino | IT057 | Medium-sized area | 153 000 | 36 |
| Bari | IT008 | Metropolitan area | 701 000 | 58 |
| Barletta | IT038 | Small area | 92 000 | 100 |
| Battipaglia | IT064 | Small area | 60 000 | 83 |
| Bergamo | IT511 | Metropolitan area | 309 000 | 37 |
| Bisceglie | IT065 | Small area | 49 000 | 100 |
| Bologna | IT009 | Metropolitan area | 760 000 | 48 |
| Bolzano | IT034 | Medium-sized area | 195 000 | 53 |
| Brescia | IT029 | Metropolitan area | 482 000 | 39 |
| Cagliari | IT027 | Metropolitan area | 462 000 | 29 |
| Campobasso | IT020 | Small area | 100 000 | 46 |
| Carpi | IT066 | Small area | 87 000 | 80 |

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|-----------|-------|-------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Caserta | IT021 | Medium-sized area | 125 000 | 64 |
| Catania | IT010 | Metropolitan area | 608 000 | 45 |
| Catanzaro | IT024 | Medium-sized area | 148 000 | 54 |
| Cerignola | IT067 | Small area | 56 000 | 100 |
| Como | IT040 | Medium-sized area | 164 000 | 47 |
| Cosenza | IT048 | Medium-sized area | 189 000 | 34 |
| Cremona | IT013 | Medium-sized area | 128 000 | 52 |
| Ferrara | IT507 | Medium-sized area | 206 000 | 62 |
| Florence | IT007 | Metropolitan area | 778 000 | 46 |
| Foggia | IT031 | Medium-sized area | 166 000 | 86 |
| Forlì | IT512 | Medium-sized area | 173 000 | 69 |
| Gallarate | IT068 | Medium-sized area | 102 000 | 48 |
| Gela | IT069 | Small area | 76 000 | 95 |
| Genoa | IT006 | Metropolitan area | 646 000 | 81 |
| Grosseto | IT520 | Small area | 95 000 | 83 |
| L'Aquila | IT526 | Small area | 94 000 | 70 |
| La Spezia | IT036 | Medium-sized area | 186 000 | 44 |
| Latina | IT513 | Medium-sized area | 182 000 | 65 |
| Lecce | IT037 | Medium-sized area | 229 000 | 38 |
| Lecco | IT060 | Medium-sized area | 138 000 | 33 |
| Livorno | IT504 | Medium-sized area | 170 000 | 83 |
| Massa | IT047 | Small area | 76 000 | 89 |
| Matera | IT054 | Small area | 76 000 | 78 |
| Messina | IT501 | Metropolitan area | 237 000 | 86 |
| Milan | IT002 | Large metropolitan area | 4 769 000 | 31 |
| Modena | IT030 | Metropolitan area | 367 000 | 48 |
| Naples | IT003 | Large metropolitan area | 3 288 000 | 31 |
| Novara | IT516 | Medium-sized area | 160 000 | 63 |
| Padua | IT028 | Metropolitan area | 533 000 | 38 |
| Palermo | IT005 | Metropolitan area | 959 000 | 70 |
| Parma | IT503 | Metropolitan area | 330 000 | 54 |
| Pavia | IT046 | Medium-sized area | 134 000 | 49 |
| Perugia | IT016 | Metropolitan area | 287 000 | 57 |
| Pesaro | IT039 | Medium-sized area | 129 000 | 73 |
| Pescara | IT019 | Medium-sized area | 219 000 | 49 |
| Piacenza | IT033 | Medium-sized area | 203 000 | 50 |
| Pisa | IT041 | Medium-sized area | 186 000 | 45 |

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|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Pordenone | IT058 | Medium-sized area | 143 000 | 35 |
| Potenza | IT023 | Medium-sized area | 129 000 | 50 |
| Prato | IT502 | Metropolitan area | 275 000 | 69 |
| Ragusa | IT523 | Small area | 79 000 | 84 |
| Ravenna | IT506 | Medium-sized area | 178 000 | 86 |
| Reggio di Calabria | IT025 | Medium-sized area | 197 000 | 84 |
| Reggio nell'Emilia | IT505 | Metropolitan area | 284 000 | 60 |
| Rimini | IT508 | Metropolitan area | 246 000 | 57 |
| Rome | IT001 | Large metropolitan area | 4 131 000 | 64 |
| Salerno | IT032 | Metropolitan area | 246 000 | 51 |
| Sassari | IT026 | Medium-sized area | 209 000 | 58 |
| Sassuolo | IT073 | Small area | 94 000 | 38 |
| Savona | IT052 | Medium-sized area | 91 000 | 56 |
| Siracusa | IT509 | Medium-sized area | 169 000 | 63 |
| Taranto | IT022 | Metropolitan area | 398 000 | 44 |
| Terni | IT515 | Medium-sized area | 173 000 | 63 |
| Toast | IT521 | Medium-sized area | 152 000 | 53 |
| Trani | IT525 | Small area | 49 000 | 100 |
| Trapani | IT522 | Medium-sized area | 115 000 | 56 |
| Trent | IT014 | Medium-sized area | 236 000 | 50 |
| Treviso | IT042 | Medium-sized area | 196 000 | 40 |
| Trieste | IT015 | Medium-sized area | 207 000 | 86 |
| Turin | IT004 | Large metropolitan area | 1 740 000 | 48 |
| Udine | IT035 | Medium-sized area | 237 000 | 41 |
| Varese | IT043 | Medium-sized area | 191 000 | 40 |
| Venice | IT011 | Metropolitan area | 514 000 | 45 |
| Verona | IT012 | Metropolitan area | 506 000 | 49 |
| Vicenza | IT514 | Medium-sized area | 236 000 | 47 |

Note: This document includes information as of 2019.

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