

New Cities Map

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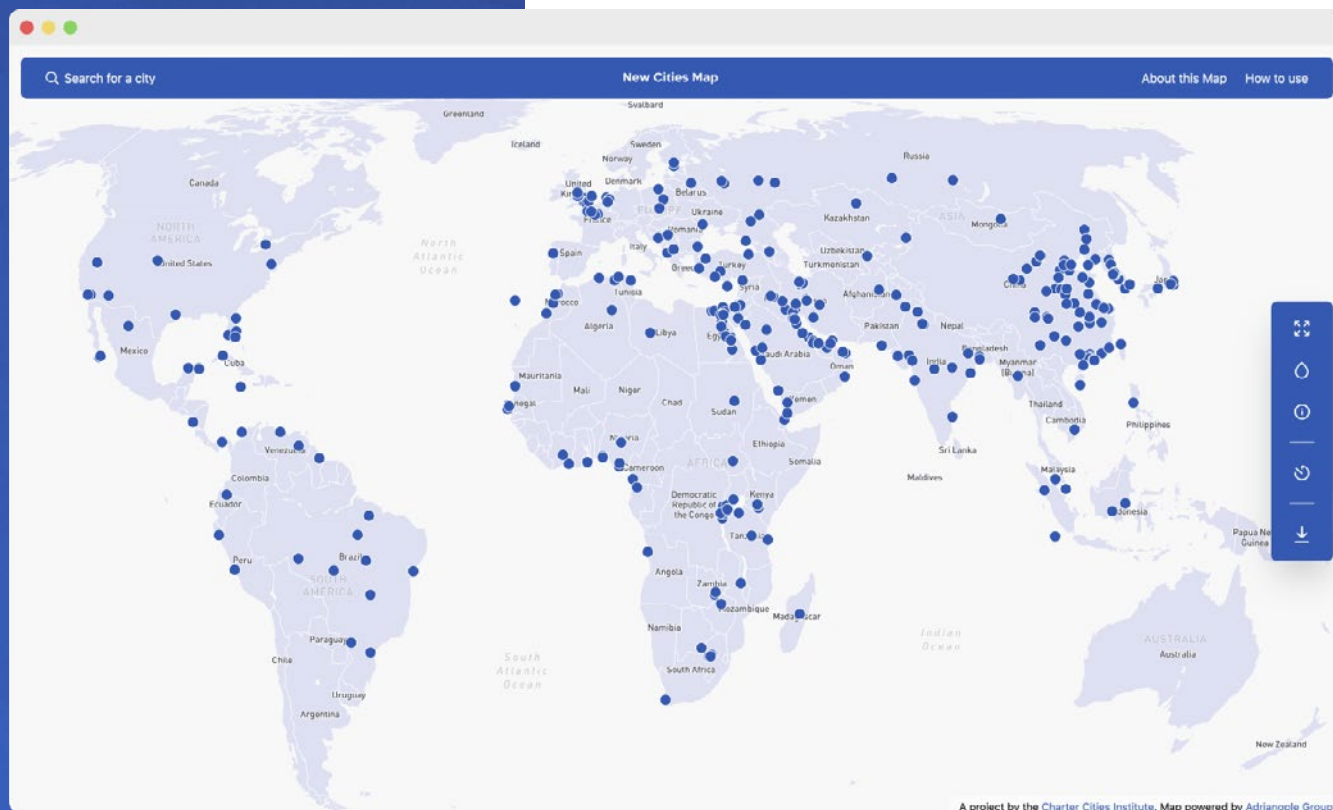
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The New Cities Map will change the way we think about urbanism around the world.

New Cities are redefining the way we understand and build cities. Our innovative New Cities Map is a joint collaboration between the Charter Cities Institute and the Adrianople Group to identify, catalog, and map every modern New City in the world.

Hundreds of New Cities have been built in the 20th and 21st centuries, and many more are being planned for the future. We created the New Cities Map to document these projects, their governance, and their history. The map is designed to be digestible for the general public, but will still offer useful information for the advancement of academic research.



Charter Cities Institute Launches Groundbreaking New Cities Map

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For decades, governments have built new cities from scratch. In 1960, Brazil built a new capital city - Brasilia - from scratch. In 1966, Bangladesh built its own new capital - Uttara - from the ground up. Over the last 5 years, governments have spent more than \$2 trillion building new cities. Recent examples include Egypt's New Administrative Capital, Indonesia's Nusantara, and Saudi Arabia's NEOM. The time is right to gather information on all of these new cities in one coherent form.

The Charter Cities Institute (CCI) is proud to announce the launch of the largest-ever data set curated on master-planned cities: The New Cities Map. The data, which has been collected and visualized in the form of an interactive map, will be made available to the general public on May 30, 2023.

The New Cities Map is a groundbreaking tool that marks a significant milestone in the field of urban planning and governance. It provides researchers with access to critical information on all existing New Cities, enabling a generation of innovative solutions for the future of urban development and transforming the landscape of urban planning worldwide.

The map was conceptualized, planned, and commissioned by the Charter Cities Institute, a non-profit research organization that is building the future of governance to enable the building of new cities to lift tens of millions out of poverty. CCI enlisted the Adrianople Group, a business intelligence firm that works closely with Special Economic Zones and master-planned cities, to gather the data, build, promote, and help design the map.

New Cities, also known as master-planned cities, are centrally planned cities designed with a comprehensive master plan. Unlike other forms of urban planning, New Cities are envisioned as full-scale cities from the beginning. Their master plans specify not just land use and public utilities, but also the overarching "vision" and purpose of the city. These New Cities are fully planned and developed from scratch, in contrast to the organic growth of most urban areas.

"We are thrilled to announce the launch of our New Cities Map," said Kurtis Lockhart, Executive Director of the Charter Cities Institute. "This tool will provide critical information to researchers, urban planners, and policymakers, empowering them to create more effective and equitable urban development policies. Built effectively, the hundreds of new city developments around the globe can have a transformative impact on millions of people this century as humanity moves rapidly into its urban age."

You can access the full map at www.newcitiesmap.com

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Africa has the highest urbanization rate in the world, and the rapid and unsustainable growth of its cities is a pressing concern. While there are many organizations and actors focused on preparing Africa's existing cities for growth, very few people are paying attention to the region's many new cities. Governments are increasingly seeing new cities as a viable solution to rapid urbanization, yet there are few blueprints on how to do these projects well. The Charter Cities Institute is committed to helping improve new cities – with a focus on the Global South – and we developed the New Cities Map to encourage policymakers and researchers to dedicate more funding, time, and attention on harnessing these cities for human prosperity.



Kurtis Lockhart

Executive Director of the Charter Cities Institute and a PhD Candidate in Political Science at the University of Oxford

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The New Cities Map presents an incredible opportunity to broaden our knowledge of contemporary new cities. Over the past 20 years, there has been an accelerated growth in the construction of new master planned cities, especially in the Global South. However, the phenomenon has largely been ignored by social scientists and researchers. We believe this wave of new cities will have a tremendous impact on the urban future of many regions and deserves broader attention. The New Cities Map was developed to make it easier to study contemporary new cities by providing publicly accessible, high-quality quantitative data.



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Quantitative Researcher at the Charter Cities Institute



The Charter Cities Institute (CCI) is a non-profit organization that has one simple goal: lift millions of people out of poverty by building new cities.

CCI works closely with several governments in Africa, Latin America, and Asia to help build new legally innovative cities. CCI is a policy research institute which actively publishes data, research, articles, podcasts, videos, and other media with the world's leading experts in the field.

Cities play an essential role in building prosperity and human flourishing. Africa is quickly becoming urbanized, however, most African cities do not have the characteristics of healthy cities. Over the next 30 years, the continent will add over 1 billion people to its cities - the equivalent of 100 megacities. This transformative demographic shift will be the paramount issue facing Africa's pursuit of prosperity over the coming decades.

While numerous actors are working to improve Africa's existing cities, almost no one is focused on the hundreds of new cities cropping up in the region. CCI believes that new cities, whether they be villages rapidly growing into secondary cities or the birth of completely new master planned cities, present an opportunity to improve Africa's

future – and, accordingly, we are committed to helping governments and policymakers improve these new cities. CCI has partnered with leading legal experts to help governments design the best regulatory environment for their new cities; we have established partnerships with national ministries in Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, and Kenya; and we have pending legislative reforms awaiting approval in several parliaments in Africa and Latin America.

The New Cities Map will be a fundamental tool in our mission to improve new cities. There is a lack of accessible public data on new cities' developments, which limits true research. The New Cities Map is intended to provide rigorous and high-quality data for those interested in understanding modern new cities trends, their various characteristics, and their consequences. Not only does our map catalog every contemporary new city, but it also provides data on their development structure, finances, history, and municipal governance. The map and the associated dataset will make it easier for researchers to study the wave of new cities, and to generate policy solutions to improve our urban future.



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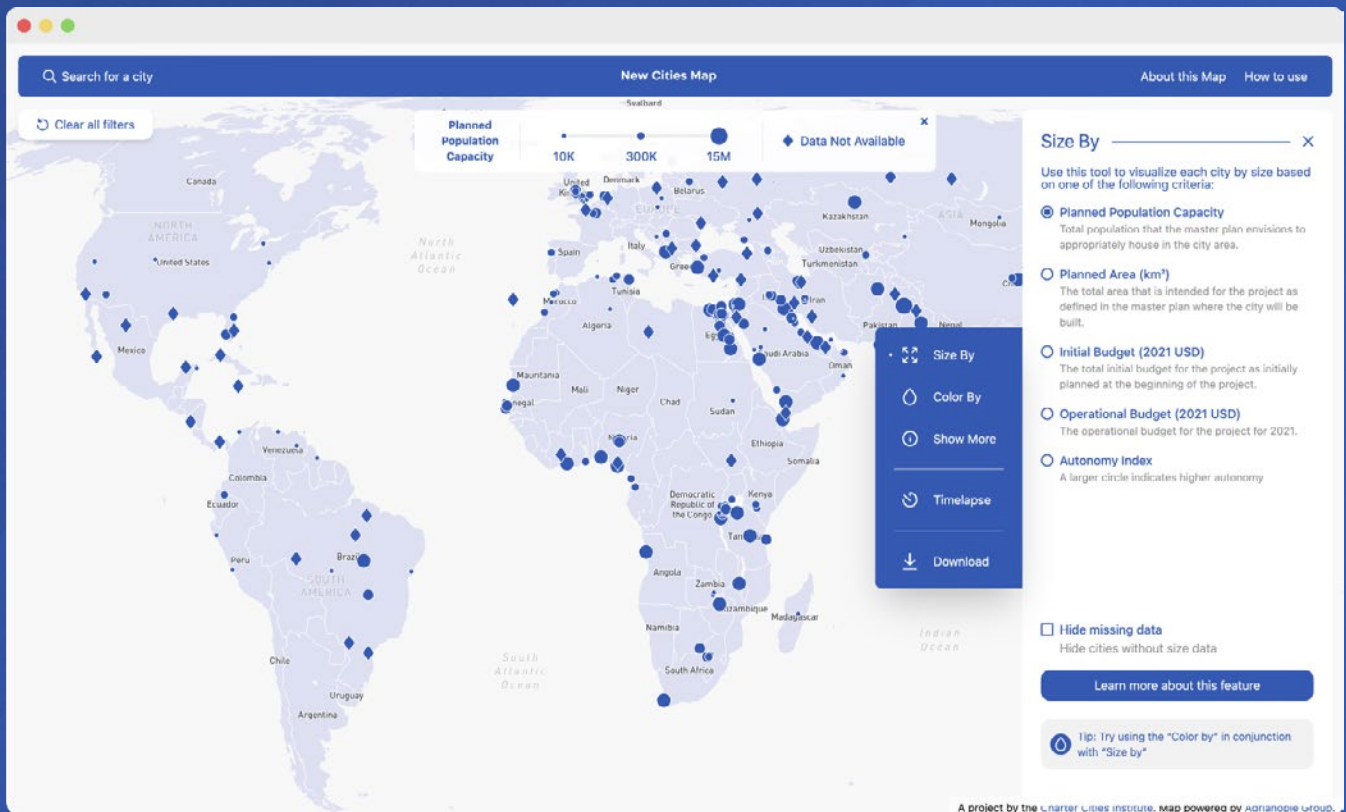
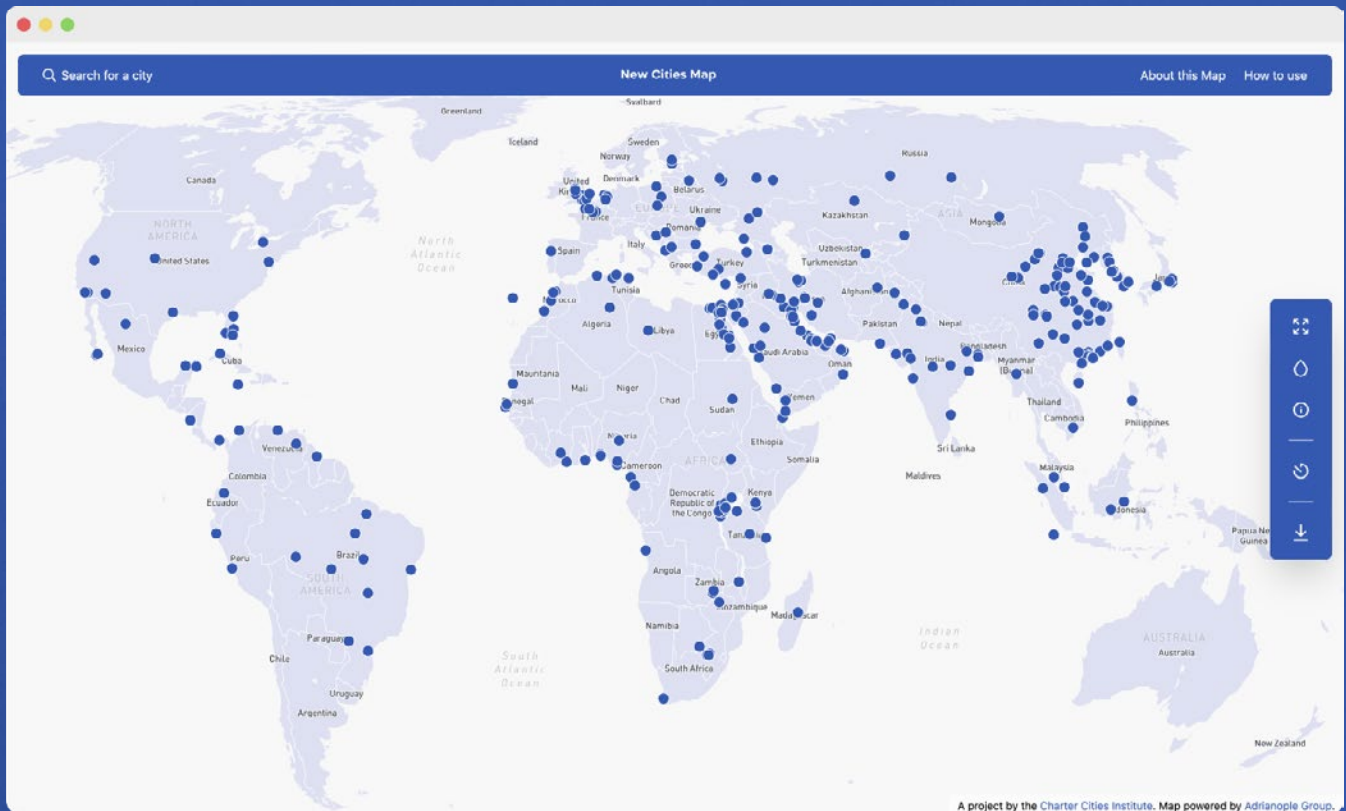
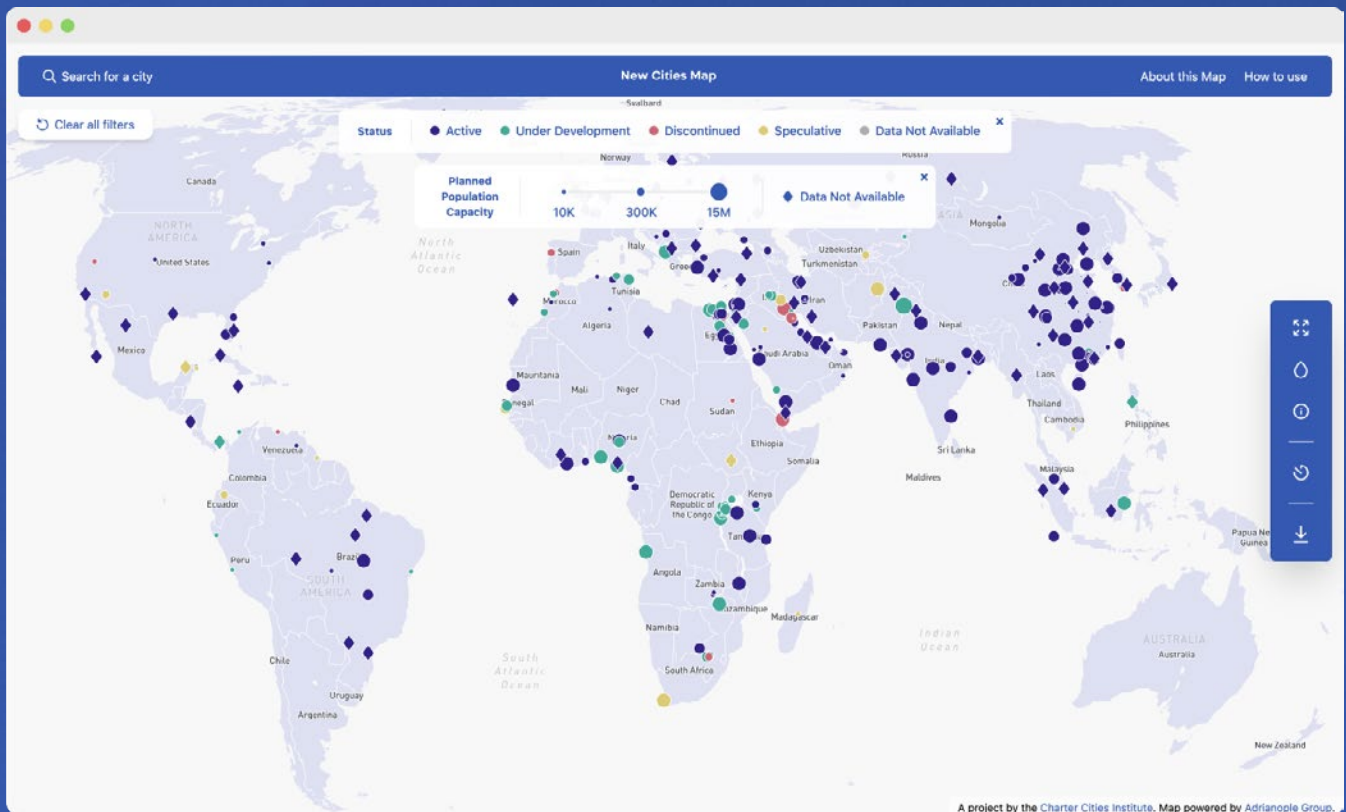
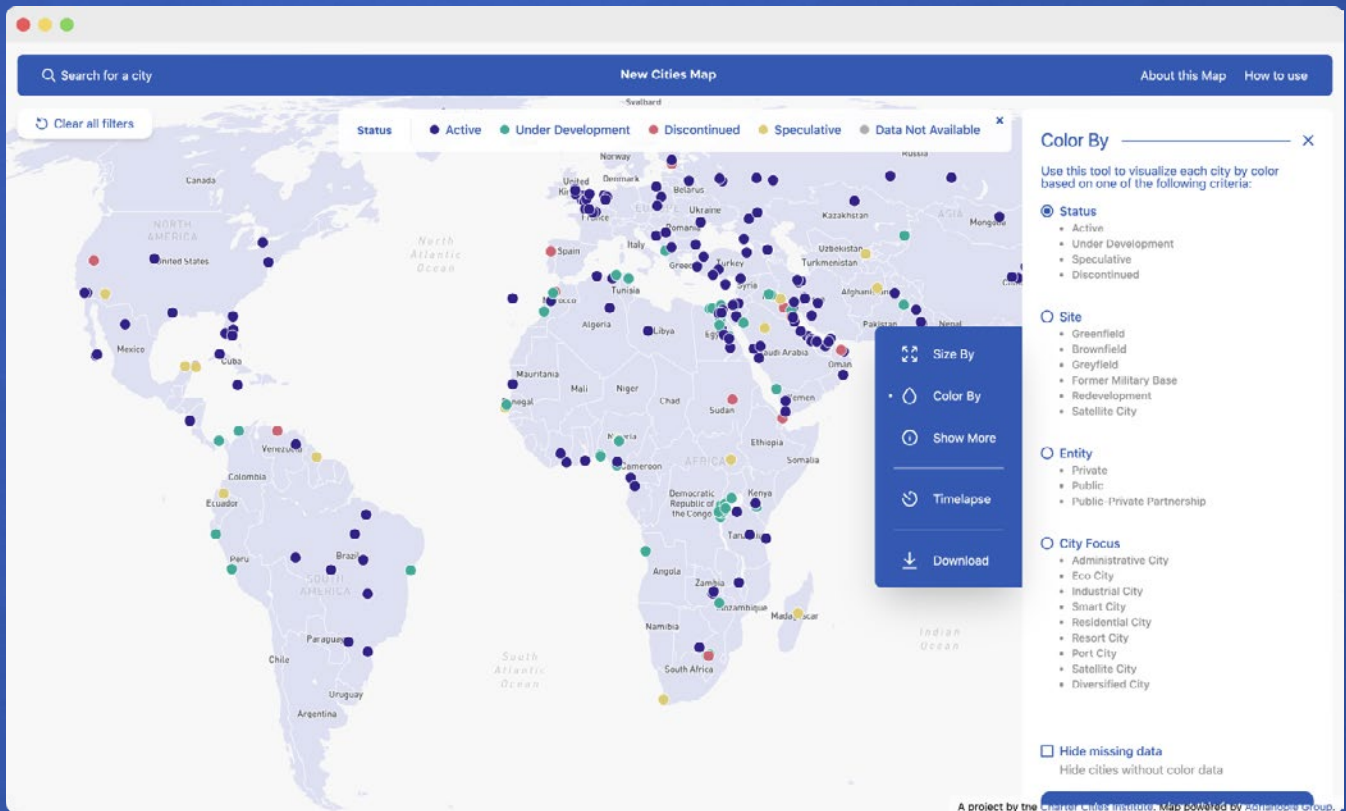


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