

# **Globalisation & World Cities Network: Inventory of World Cities 2008**



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## Table 1: Globalisation & World Cities : Inventory of World Cities 2008 (250)

Or: Which cities are you competing with?

### Top 130: Global status

1. **Alpha++** New York, **London** (2)
2. **Alpha+** Hong Kong, Paris, Singapore, Tokyo, Sydney, Beijing, Shanghai (7)
3. **Alpha** Milan, Madrid, Seoul, Moscow, Toronto, Brussels, Mumbai, Buenos Aires, Kuala Lumpur (9)
4. **Alpha-** Warsaw, Sao Paulo, Jakarta, Zurich, Mexico City, Amsterdam, Bangkok, **Dublin**, Taipei, Rome, Istanbul, **Chicago**, Lisbon, **Frankfurt**, Stockholm, Vienna, Budapest, Prague, Athens, Caracas, Auckland, Santiago (22)
5. **Beta+** Melbourne, **Los Angeles**, Barcelona, Johannesburg, Washington, Manila, **Atlanta**, Bogota, Delhi, San Francisco, Tel Aviv, Bucharest, Berlin, **Helsinki**, Oslo, Dubai, Geneva, Copenhagen, Riyadh, Hamburg, Cairo (21)
6. **Beta** Bangalore, Luxembourg, Jeddah, Munich, Kuwait, Dallas, **Boston**, Kiev, Lima, Miami (10)
7. **Beta-** Houston, Guangzhou, Düsseldorf, Sofia, Beirut, Nicosia, Karachi, Montevideo, Rio De Janeiro, Montreal, Bratislava, Nairobi, Ho Chi Minh City (13)
8. **Gamma+** Panama City, Chennai, Casablanca, Brisbane, Denver, Vancouver, Stuttgart, Quito, Zagreb, Guatemala City, Cape Town, Minneapolis, San Jose, Santo Domingo, Ljubljana, Seattle, Shenzhen, Manama (18)
9. **Gamma** Guadalajara, Antwerp, Philadelphia, **Rotterdam**, Perth, Lagos, **Manchester**, Amman, Portland, Riga, Wellington, Detroit, Guayaquil (13)
10. **Gamma-** Porto, St Petersburg, Edinburgh, Tallinn, San Salvador, San Diego, Port Louis, Calgary, **Birmingham (UK)**, Almaty, Islamabad, Doha, Vilnius, Colombo (14)

## Table 1 contd.

### Other 120: Regional status cities

#### 11. Evidence of World City— High

Columbus, Phoenix, Cleveland, Adelaide, Tegucigalpa, **Glasgow**, Monterrey, Dhaka, Hyderabad, San Juan, Hanoi, Lahore, Tunis, Lyon, **Leeds**, Kansas City, Tampa, Pittsburgh, Orlando, Belgrade, Charlotte, Indianapolis, La Paz, Osaka, Canberra, Georgetown, Managua, Asuncion, Baltimore, **Bristol**, St Louis, Bologna, Accra, Nassau, Ottawa, Cologne, Lausanne, Medellin, Sacramento, San Jose, Milwaukee, Richmond, Las Vegas

#### 12. Evidence of WorldCity — Some

Christchurch, Memphis, Hamilton, Jerusalem, Krakow, **Belfast**, Porto Alegre, Chengdu, Nashville, Basle, Honolulu, Pune, Omaha, Raleigh, Reykjavik, **Newcastle**, Dar es Salaam, Macau, Valencia, Hartford, Lusaka, Durban, Curitiba, Leipzig, **Aberdeen**, Marseille, Baku, Cali, Dresden, **Liverpool**, Ankara, Penang, Salt Lake City, Muscat, Austin, Gabarone, Tianjin, Puebla, Winnipeg, Harare, Nagoya, Nanjing, Tashkent, Dalian, **Southampton**, Tijuana, Kaohsiung City, Tulsa, Rochester, Seville, Edmonton, Skopje, Strasbourg, Halifax, Labuan, Kingston, Birmingham, Utrecht, Genoa, Cincinnati, Johor Baharu, Tbilisi, Bremen, Nantes, **Cardiff**, Aarhus, Abu Dhabi, New Orleans, Chihuahua, Hanover, Queretaro, Buffalo, Quebec, Turin, Cebu, Bilbao, Libreville, Bordeaux, Poznan

**Source: “The World According to GaWC 2008” – Globalisation & World Cities Network**

# Cities and competitive advantage

(Cities compete against other cities)

- Labour productivity
- Innovation capacity
- Higher Education
- Critical infrastructure and connectivity
- Locational costs
- Cost and availability of housing
- Urban renewal

# HIGHER EDUCATION

In global rankings of leading Higher Education Institutions:

**Trinity College: 49th**

**UCD: 108th**

# Adding Value

- Networks of Cities
- Branding, Image, Marketing
- Clustering – focus on key sectors

**Question: Where is the debate happening on the future of urbanisation and cities in Ireland?**

**Can cities themselves stimulate this debate and engagement?**