Cities of the Gulf
Old & New
MAJORITY SUNNI?
MAJORITY SHIA?
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
8.26 Million

OMAN
2.77 Million

QATAR
1.85 Million

BAHRAIN
1.2 Million

KUWAIT
3.56 Million

SAUDI ARABIA
27 Million

IRAN
71 Million

Source: http://www.indexmundi.com/middle_east.html
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/

*July 2011 est.
Tehran
Alborz Mountains
Zagros Mountains
Kavir Desert
Lut Desert
Caspian Sea
Gulf of Oman
Persian Gulf
azerbahan
armenia
turkey
iraq
kuwait
saudi arabia
bahrain
qatar
u.a.e.
oman

turkmenistan
afghanistan
pakistan
russia

iranian boundries

.tehran water supplies
### Population

- **Total**: c. 11,000,000
- **Density**: 10,000 per square km
- **Size**: 1500 square km

### Age Percentages

- **0-14 years**: 26.1% (male 9,204,785/female 8,731,429)
- **15-64 years**: 69% (male 24,133,919/female 23,245,255)
- **65 years and over**: 4.9% (male 1,653,827/female 1,719,218)

### Average Ages

- Total: 24.8
  - Male: 24.6
  - Female: 25

### Ethnic Percentages

- Persian 51%
- Azeri 24%
- Gilaki and Mazandarani 8%
- Kurd 7%
- Arab 3%
- Lur 2%
- Baloch 2%
- Turkmen 2%
- Other 1%

### Literacy Rates

- Total population: 79.4%
  - Male: 85.6%
  - Female: 73%

### Birth Rates

- 17 births/1,000 population

### Death Rates

- 5.55 deaths/1,000 population
  - At birth: 1.05 males/female

### Altitude

- 1200 meters above sea level
aerial glimpses of the city
Green space is well utilized in Tehran. 10 sqm per person, there is lots to go around. Additionally, there are few bars [alcohol] available, so many residents utilize the parks at all hours.
“You came for the politics, but you will stay for the nightlife,” my friend Davar informed me one sultry summer evening in Tehran, shortly after my return to Iran. Sooner or later, if you are an Iranian living outside, someone will inform you of all that you have been missing in the Islamic Republic.

Azadeh Moaveni
author of *Lipstick Jihad*

“Westerners have this sense that Iranian women are submissive victims. But they’re not victims, and they’re certainly not submissive. In fact, feminism functions in Iran within very different parameters than in Western countries. Iranian women don’t compete with men - they don’t try to replace me. And while they’re fighting against oppression, the often get their way, they produce their own solutions.”

Shirin Neshat
visual artist
While the city does have an established public transportation system consisting of busses and a metro system, the primary form of transit are taxi cabs.
The City of Tehran

The Urban structure of the North vs. the South

Firas Bata
AZADI [freedom] TOWER

ARCHITECT: Hossein Amanat

BUILT: 1971

NAMED: SHAHYAH ARYAMEHR [renamed in 1979]

HEIGHT: 50m

PURPOSE: Iranian Monument / Culture Museum
The tower is used both for its functional purposes [as a tower and museum], but is also the gathering place for both mass rallies and mass tourism. While not the tallest building, nor the most historical, it fulfills its nickname of “the Gateway to Iran.”
One might attribute portions of its success to its location. While not in the center of the geographic or historic city, it is with close proximity to Universities, Residential spaces, parks, a bus station, the international airport, and the national soccer stadium. Tens of thousands pass by on the roads which encircle the monument on a daily basis.
Riyadh
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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

unification SEPTEMBER 23 1932

form of government
MONARCHY

head of state
H.R.H. KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD

governor
H.R.H. PRINCE SALMAN BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD

currency
SAUDI RIYAL

population
28.69 MILLION

most populous cities

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Reliance on desalinated water

60-70%
**GDP per capita**  |  $87,300
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**Current account balance**  |  $128 billion

**Housing need**
The minister said there will be a shortage of 270,000 housing units by the end of the Seventh Five-Year Plan ending next year (2005).

**Sovereign wealth fund**  |  $431 billion
**Price of benzine at the pump**  |  $0.53/liter
**GDP per capita**  |  $87,300
**Current account balance**  |  $128 billion
GDP (structure)

- Oil & Gas: 88%
- Non-Oil & Gas: 12%
**Fig. 45. Plan of Riyadh**

1. Masjid al Qasr  
2. Beit Ajnān  
3. Old palace  
4. School  
5. Shilhub  
6. 'Abdullah Quseiba
Al Faisaliah Center
Kingdom Center
Doha
GDP per capita | $110,700
Current account balance | $20.95 billion

Natural Resources

Tourists in 2009 | 446,507
Hotels | 43
Museums | 6
Number of Universities | 11
Illiteracy rate | 3%

Flight movements | 9,758 per month

Sovereign wealth fund | $60 billion
Price of benzine at the pump | $0.20/liter
GDP per capita | $110,700
Current account balance | $20.95 billion
Dubai leads other Gulf cities in internet presence (one way of measuring media presence). So much that one can often lose track of where Dubai lines up in the list of most populated cities. Its internet presence is more in line with Moscow and Shanghai while its population is more comparable to Perth.

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**Global Visibility**

- **Dubai**: $62 bn
- **Riyadh**: $119 bn
- **Kuala Lumpur**: $49 bn
- **Mumbai**: $321 bn
- **Tokyo**: $107 bn