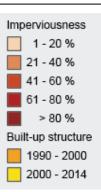
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Map of the month October 2021

The first Monday in October is World Housing and Settlement Day. In keeping with this theme, this time we turn our attention to urban growth. The urbanisation of the world is progressing rapidly and seemingly unstoppably. According to current forecasts, more than 6 billion people will live in cities in 2050. Compared to 1950, this is almost a tenfold increase in 100 years, resulting from global population growth and the continuing influx of people into urban areas. As a rule, population growth also means additional land demand and/or densification. Using the cities of Bratislava (right) and Vienna (next page) as examples, we show the degree of imperviousness and growth of the builtup structure since 1990.





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