

# Glossary: Town or suburb

Statistics Explained

**Common term:** Town or suburb; **Plural:** Towns and suburbs; **Technical term:** Intermediate density area

**Short definition:** towns and suburbs are areas where less than 50 % of the population lives in [rural grid cells](#) and less than 50 % of the population lives in [urban centres](#), as used in the [degree of urbanisation](#).

## Further information

- See [Chapter 2](#) of Eurostat's *Territorial typologies manual*
- [Degree of urbanisation](#)

## Related concepts

- [City](#)
- [Rural areas](#)
- [Degree of urbanisation](#)