

# Glossary: Functional urban area

Statistics Explained

**Common term:** Functional urban area (FUA); **Plural:** Functional urban areas (FUAs); **Technical term:** a [city](#) and its [commuting zone](#) .

**Short definition:** a functional urban area consists of a city and its commuting zone. Functional urban areas therefore consist of a densely inhabited city and a less densely populated commuting zone whose labour market is highly integrated with the city (OECD, 2012).

## Further information

- See [Chapter 3](#) of Eurostat's *Territorial typologies manual*
- [Cities](#)

## Related concepts

- [City](#)
- [Commuting zone](#)