

Making Cities Work

# UNGARY

Capital: Budapest Largest City: Budapest

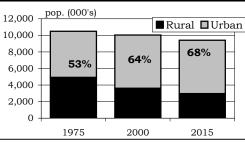
(2000)1,819,000



#### **Urban Profile**

### Urban **Population**

6,422,000 lived in urban areas in 2000.



Annual Growth Rates (2000-2015) Urban 0.0% Rural -1.3%

City Sizes	# of cities
10 million +	0
5-9.9 m	0
2.5 - 4.9 m	0
.75-2.49 m	1

## Urban **Migration Trends**

Urbanization has accelerated in the past few decades. In 1949, 37.5% of the population lived in 50 towns around Hungary. In 1995, 65% of Hungarians lived in 194 cities. The declining national population, a process that has been ongoing since the early 1980s, has left its marks on the urban population as well. From 1985-1995, only 75 towns have actually increased their population. About onethird of the urban population lives within the Budapest metropolitan area, which has the largest industrial workforce in the country. The major provincial centers are Miskolc, Debrecen, Szeged, Pécs, and Gyor, each of which has a pop. exceeding 100,000.

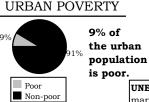
#### **Urban Poverty**

552,292 urban dwellers were below the poverty line.



POVERTY IN HUNGARY

64% of the country's poor live in urban areas.



#### Income Inequality

(wealthiest 20% divided by poorest 20%) 4.5 Nation ('96) 9.2 Budapest ('93)

## Economy & **Employment**

(Country)	GDP	Employment
Sector	(2000)	(1990)
Agriculture	5%	15%
Industrial	35%	38%
Services	60%	47%

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

Nation (est. 2000) 9.4% Budapest (1995) 6.0% UNEMPLOYMENT. The conversion to a market-oriented society brought a severe decline in industrial production, with an approximately 40% (345,000) job loss for the less educated work force in Budapest. At the same time, new jobs started to develop as a result of the commercial and service orientation of the city (64,000), along with new wealth for younger, welleducated people.

#### **Decentralization**

ı	Sample Urban	Area:	Budapest, pop.1,8	319,000	(UNCI	IS - HABITAT, 1998; USAID E&E Bureau)
	Able to set	*	of local tax levels	Able to choose	<u>all</u>	contractors for projects
	Able to set	*	of user charges	Funds transfer	<u>is</u>	known in advance
	Able to borrow	<u>all</u>	of funds	Central government	<u>cannot</u>	remove local govt. officials

## Infrastructure

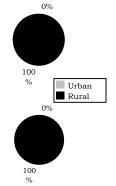
#### **Basic Services**

urban dwellers lack water supply.

urban dwellers

lack sanitation

coverage.



0% of people without water supply live in urban areas.

0% of people without sanitation coverage live in urban areas.

#### Population without Water Supply in 2000

	(000's)	% of rel. pop.
Urban	0	0%
Rural	72	2%
Total	72	1%

Pop. without Sanitation Coverage in 2000

	(000's)	% of rel. pop
Urban	0	0%
Rural	72	2%
Total	72	1%

## Health

A Budapest study showed that lead concentration in the air was up to 27 times higher than national standards. According to recent health examinations, many children have more lead in their body than is permitted for an adult industrial worker. In the last 20 years the number people suffering from asthma and lung cancer rose 12 and 3 fold respectively. Hungary now has the lowest life expectancy in Europe. Air pollution in Hungarian cities is caused mainly by motor vehicles and to a lesser extent by industry and households.

## Crime

Since 1989, Hungary has seen steady growth in criminal activity, and by 1997 crime rates had grown to approximately half a million criminal acts per year. The political, social and economic changes that Hungary has endured have fundamentally altered the incidents of crime from primarily burglaries to more sophisticated crimes. Hungary's cities, including Budapest, are plagued by sophisticated organized crime including drug trade, prostitution, smuggling of aliens, illegal trade of goods, armed robbery, blackmail, and counterfeit activities affecting the business