

## 5.4 Annual growth rate over the past 20 years

This table shows the average annual growth rate of countries and cities hosting international association meetings of Type “A” from 1999 to 2018.\*

See 3.3 for rankings

Average annual growth rate from 1999 to 2018.			
COUNTRY	average annual growth rate 1999-2018	CITY	average annual growth rate 1999-2018
Albania	91.0%	Aachen, Germany	30.1%
Algeria	15.5%	Aarhus, Denmark	6.4%
Argentina	0.5%	Aberdeen, UK	8.4%
Australia	-0.4%	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	15.0%
Austria	4.5%	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	22.4%
Azerbaijan	23.1%	Abuja, Nigeria	45.9%
Bahamas	16.1%	Accra, Ghana	4.4%
Bahrain	16.2%	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	19.0%
Bangladesh	15.2%	Adelaide, Australia	1.5%
Barbados	22.3%	Ålborg, Denmark	8.1%
Belarus	14.5%	Alexandria, Egypt	14.3%
Belgium	5.2%	Algiers, Algeria	36.7%
Belize	24.6%	Almaty, Kazakhstan	16.9%
Benin	21.0%	Amman, Jordan	17.2%
Bermuda	14.5%	Amsterdam, Netherlands	-0.4%
Bolivia	18.2%	Anaheim CA, USA	5.6%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	21.0%	Antalya, Turkey	2.1%
Botswana	58.8%	Antigua, Guatemala	17.4%
Brazil	-3.6%	Antwerp, Belgium	8.5%
Bulgaria	4.8%	Apia, Samoa	17.3%
Burkina Faso	3.6%	Arlington VA, USA	1.0%
Cambodia	35.5%	Arusha, Tanzania UR	47.1%
Cameroon	1.9%	Asunción, Paraguay	21.6%
Canada	-0.5%	Athens, Greece	1.1%
Chile	-4.9%	Atlanta GA, USA	2.4%
China	5.2%	Auckland, New Zealand	6.9%
Colombia	5.7%	Austin TX, USA	15.6%
Costa Rica	-2.4%	Baku, Azerbaijan	23.2%
Côte d'Ivoire	14.3%	Bali, Indonesia	12.4%
Croatia	1.1%	Baltimore MD, USA	2.1%
Cuba	5.7%	Banff AB, Canada	10.0%
Cyprus	-0.8%	Bangalore, India	8.4%
Czech Rep	4.9%	Bangkok, Thailand	6.3%
Denmark	-0.1%	Banjul, Gambia	35.7%

\* The data in this report are drawn from the UIA database, the source of the *International Congress Calendar* and the *Yearbook of International Organizations*.  
**Caveat:** The number of meetings in the database for the year just past will, on average, increase by about 11% over the next year, by about 34% over the following five years, and by about 37% over the following seven years.  
**Definitions** of meetings of Type “A”, of Type “B”, and of Type “C” can be found in “Research methodology”.  
**Countries and cities:** see “Research Methodology” regarding geographical names.  
**A country or city is included** in this table only if it hosted at least one meeting in each of the 20 years from 1999 to 2018.

#### 5.4. Annual growth rate over the past 20 years *continued*

COUNTRY	average annual growth rate 1999-2018	CITY	average annual growth rate 1999- 2018
Dominican Rep	3.0%	Barcelona, Spain	4.3%
Ecuador	2.1%	Bari, Italy	41.3%
Egypt	-2.7%	Basel, Switzerland	3.9%
El Salvador	14.6%	Beijing, China	5.5%
Estonia	7.1%	Beirut, Lebanon	24.4%
Ethiopia	20.2%	Belfast, UK	28.2%
Fiji	25.8%	Belo Horizonte, Brazil	40.6%
Finland	2.1%	Bergen, Norway	2.7%
France	-2.5%	Berkeley CA, USA	42.3%
Gambia	24.0%	Berlin, Germany	0.4%
Georgia	29.6%	Bern, Switzerland	1.6%
Germany	-4.1%	Bilbao, Spain	18.8%
Ghana	4.5%	Birmingham, UK	9.0%
Greece	-2.8%	Boca Raton FL, USA	24.6%
Guatemala	0.7%	Bogota, Colombia	14.9%
Hong Kong	3.2%	Bologna, Italy	10.7%
Hungary	-0.9%	Bonn, Germany	-0.1%
Iceland	6.7%	Bordeaux, France	9.6%
India	-1.9%	Boston MA, USA	0.8%
Indonesia	9.9%	Brasilia, Brazil	10.7%
Iran Islamic Rep	8.4%	Bratislava, Slovakia	16.1%
Ireland	2.9%	Bremen, Germany	20.7%
Israel	-2.3%	Bridgetown, Barbados	28.9%
Italy	-3.4%	Brighton, UK	31.1%
Jamaica	6.2%	Brisbane, Australia	5.1%
Japan	7.2%	Bristol, UK	17.3%
Jordan	6.9%	Brno, Czech Rep	60.5%
Kazakhstan	38.1%	Bruges, Belgium	18.0%
Kenya	7.2%	Brussels, Belgium	6.8%
Korea Rep	13.6%	Bucharest, Romania	5.2%
Kuwait	31.8%	Budapest, Hungary	-0.2%
Laos	90.4%	Buenos Aires, Argentina	0.3%
Latvia	5.4%	Busan, Korea Rep	54.0%
Lebanon	6.2%	Cairns, Australia	11.1%
Lithuania	10.6%	Cairo, Egypt	-2.8%
Luxembourg	9.9%	Calgary AB, Canada	17.4%
Macau	13.6%	Cambridge MA, USA	25.0%
Malawi	21.6%	Cambridge, UK	1.8%
Malaysia	8.5%	Campinas, Brazil	9.6%
Malta	0.1%	Canberra, Australia	3.4%
Mauritius	8.8%	Cancún, Mexico	3.0%
Mexico	-0.7%	Cannes, France	-2.1%
Moldova	37.6%	Cape Town, South Africa	1.0%
Monaco	5.4%	Cardiff, UK	15.0%
Mongolia	42.7%	Cartagena de Indias, Colombia	4.2%
Morocco	0.6%	Casablanca, Morocco	18.5%
Mozambique	32.6%	Catania, Italy	27.4%
Namibia	7.2%	Cebu City, Philippines	40.1%
Nepal	21.7%	Charleston SC, USA	9.4%
Netherlands	-0.7%	Charlotte NC, USA	61.1%
New Zealand	0.7%	Chennai, India	4.1%

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COUNTRY	average annual growth rate 1999-2018	CITY	average annual growth rate 1999- 2018
Nigeria	23.1%	Chiang Mai, Thailand	33.2%
North Macedonia	17.4%	Chiba, Japan	12.7%
Norway	3.0%	Chicago IL, USA	-1.4%
Oman	24.8%	Chisinau, Moldova	35.5%
Panama	14.7%	Coimbra, Portugal	42.4%
Paraguay	8.1%	Cologne, Germany	9.0%
Peru	2.3%	Colombo, Sri Lanka	8.0%
Philippines	2.3%	Colorado Springs CO, USA	23.8%
Poland	0.5%	Copenhagen, Denmark	2.5%
Portugal	2.7%	Córdoba, Spain	24.6%
Puerto Rico	-1.8%	Cork, Ireland	37.7%
Qatar	14.8%	Cotonou, Benin	24.8%
Romania	1.2%	Crete, Greece	17.3%
Russia	-3.7%	Daegu, Korea Rep	69.0%
Samoa	9.5%	Daejeon, Korea Rep	21.1%
Saudi Arabia	7.6%	Dakar, Senegal	5.8%
Senegal	5.3%	Dallas TX, USA	9.7%
Singapore	16.2%	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania UR	28.7%
Slovakia	5.8%	Darmstadt, Germany	44.1%
Slovenia	2.3%	Darwin, Australia	5.5%
South Africa	-2.9%	Davos, Switzerland	8.5%
Spain	2.1%	Delft, Netherlands	8.5%
Sri Lanka	3.8%	Delhi, India	-0.7%
Sweden	2.4%	Denver CO, USA	-2.0%
Switzerland	-1.3%	Detroit MI, USA	18.3%
Taiwan	-0.9%	Dhaka, Bangladesh	22.2%
Tanzania UR	21.7%	Doha, Qatar	13.0%
Thailand	7.1%	Dresden, Germany	-4.8%
Togo	35.4%	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	32.0%
Trinidad-Tobago	11.1%	Dublin, Ireland	4.0%
Tunisia	1.7%	Dubrovnik, Croatia	6.3%
Turkey	0.3%	Durban, South Africa	12.9%
Uganda	5.3%	Düsseldorf, Germany	8.9%
UK	-3.2%	Edinburgh, UK	-0.8%
Ukraine	5.0%	Edmonton AB, Canada	55.7%
United Arab Emirates	17.4%	Ermatingen, Switzerland	11.4%
Uruguay	-1.5%	Espoo, Finland	8.3%
USA	-4.1%	Estoril, Portugal	25.4%
Vietnam	11.9%	Florence, Italy	-0.8%
Zambia	21.4%	Fort Lauderdale FL, USA	28.4%
Zimbabwe	22.6%	Fort Worth TX, USA	11.8%
		Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil	25.4%
		Frankfurt-Main, Germany	2.7%
		Fukuoka, Japan	27.6%
		Gaborone, Botswana	57.2%
		Gdansk, Poland	21.1%
		Geneva, Switzerland	0.5%
		Genoa, Italy	26.3%
		Ghent, Belgium	31.9%
		Glasgow, UK	0.2%

#### 5.4. Annual growth rate over the past 20 years *continued*

	CITY	average annual growth rate 1999- 2018
		2018
	Gold Coast, Australia	26.2%
	Gothenburg, Sweden	4.5%
	Granada, Spain	2.5%
	Graz, Austria	14.1%
	Groningen, Netherlands	27.9%
	Guadalajara, Mexico	26.0%
	Guangzhou, China	34.3%
	Guayaquil, Ecuador	33.1%
	Gyeongju, Korea Rep	40.1%
	Halifax NS, Canada	29.6%
	Halle, Germany	23.9%
	Hamburg, Germany	-1.2%
	Hammamet, Tunisia	45.3%
	Hangzhou, China	19.5%
	Hannover, Germany	39.1%
	Hanoi, Vietnam	19.8%
	Havana, Cuba	10.0%
	Heidelberg, Germany	27.8%
	Helsinki, Finland	6.5%
	Hiroshima, Japan	16.3%
	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	11.1%
	Hobart, Australia	30.5%
	Hong Kong, Hong Kong	3.1%
	Honolulu HI, USA	1.3%
	Houston TX, USA	12.5%
	Hyderabad, India	20.2%
	Indianapolis IN, USA	14.9%
	Innsbruck, Austria	7.0%
	Interlaken, Switzerland	13.9%
	Istanbul, Turkey	0.7%
	Jaipur, India	20.4%
	Jakarta, Indonesia	31.2%
	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	27.0%
	Jeju, Korea Rep	20.0%
	Jerusalem, Israel	-0.6%
	Johannesburg, South Africa	5.2%
	Jyväskylä, Finland	18.1%
	Kalamazoo MI, USA	26.3%
	Kampala, Uganda	7.1%
	Karlsruhe, Germany	7.1%
	Kathmandu, Nepal	20.7%
	Kiel, Germany	5.4%
	Kiev, Ukraine	21.8%
	Kobe, Japan	19.3%
	Krakow, Poland	8.7%
	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	9.7%
	Kyoto, Japan	12.6%
	Lagos, Nigeria	36.4%
	Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain	31.2%
	Las Vegas NV, USA	10.7%
	Lausanne, Switzerland	12.3%

#### 5.4. Annual growth rate over the past 20 years *continued*

	CITY	average annual growth rate 1999- 2018
		2018
	Leeds, UK	29.7%
	Leiden, Netherlands	4.7%
	Leipzig, Germany	2.2%
	Leuven, Belgium	9.6%
	Liège, Belgium	29.8%
	Lille, France	6.6%
	Lima, Peru	-1.4%
	Limassol, Cyprus	55.3%
	Linz, Austria	26.9%
	Lisbon, Portugal	5.3%
	Liverpool, UK	42.4%
	Ljubljana, Slovenia	7.2%
	Lomé, Togo	47.1%
	London, UK	1.0%
	Long Beach CA, USA	61.9%
	Los Angeles CA, USA	-3.8%
	Lucerne, Switzerland	11.2%
	Lugano, Switzerland	22.0%
	Lund, Sweden	5.9%
	Lusaka, Zambia	20.0%
	Luxembourg, Luxembourg	11.5%
	Lyon, France	1.6%
	Maastricht, Netherlands	10.4%
	Madrid, Spain	9.9%
	Mainz, Germany	5.4%
	Malaga, Spain	51.8%
	Malmö, Sweden	14.9%
	Manama, Bahrain	21.3%
	Manchester, UK	4.4%
	Manila, Philippines	3.0%
	Maputo, Mozambique	27.7%
	Maribor, Slovenia	33.0%
	Marrakech, Morocco	10.0%
	Marseille, France	12.0%
	Melbourne, Australia	0.6%
	Mérida, Mexico	66.1%
	Mexico City, Mexico	2.2%
	Miami FL, USA	-1.0%
	Milan, Italy	3.1%
	Minneapolis MN, USA	0.0%
	Monaco, Monaco	5.4%
	Montevideo, Uruguay	5.0%
	Montpellier, France	7.1%
	Montréal QC, Canada	4.6%
	Montreux, Switzerland	48.5%
	Moscow, Russia	-1.2%
	Mumbai, India	5.9%
	Munich, Germany	-1.3%
	Muscat, Oman	22.0%
	Nagoya, Japan	14.1%
	Nairobi, Kenya	6.3%

#### 5.4. Annual growth rate over the past 20 years *continued*

	CITY	average annual growth rate 1999- 2018
		2018
	Nantes, France	35.9%
	Naples, Italy	4.6%
	Nashville TN, USA	44.1%
	Nassau, Bahamas	54.4%
	New Orleans LA, USA	1.3%
	New York NY, USA	-0.6%
	Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	30.8%
	Nice, France	8.9%
	Nicosia, Cyprus	15.6%
	Niigata, Japan	19.0%
	Nijmegen, Netherlands	10.0%
	Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands	35.7%
	Nottingham, UK	22.0%
	Nuremberg, Germany	19.6%
	Nusa Dua, Indonesia	26.6%
	Odense, Denmark	8.1%
	Orlando FL, USA	-3.3%
	Osaka, Japan	4.5%
	Oslo, Norway	5.9%
	Ottawa ON, Canada	-1.1%
	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	5.8%
	Oulu, Finland	38.5%
	Oxford, UK	3.6%
	Padua, Italy	2.8%
	Palermo, Italy	41.5%
	Palma, Spain	4.8%
	Panama, Panama	15.6%
	Paris, France	0.4%
	Pattaya, Thailand	25.9%
	Penang, Malaysia	21.4%
	Perth, Australia	16.3%
	Philadelphia PA, USA	2.6%
	Phoenix AZ, USA	19.2%
	Phuket, Thailand	36.5%
	Pisa, Italy	24.7%
	Pittsburgh PA, USA	2.1%
	Plovdiv, Bulgaria	41.4%
	Portland OR, USA	16.6%
	Porto Alegre, Brazil	49.1%
	Porto, Portugal	5.4%
	Port-of-Spain, Trinidad-Tobago	48.2%
	Portoroz, Slovenia	34.0%
	Potsdam, Germany	9.3%
	Poznan, Poland	28.0%
	Prague, Czech Rep	6.7%
	Pretoria, South Africa	6.1%
	Punta del Este, Uruguay	4.3%
	Québec QC, Canada	8.6%
	Quito, Ecuador	6.8%
	Rabat, Morocco	8.2%
	Reno NV, USA	1.7%

#### 5.4. Annual growth rate over the past 20 years *continued*

	CITY	average annual growth rate 1999- 2018
		2018
	Reykjavik, Iceland	7.6%
	Rhodes, Greece	22.3%
	Riga, Latvia	5.8%
	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	0.1%
	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	35.9%
	Rome, Italy	-3.9%
	Rotterdam, Netherlands	13.1%
	Salamanca, Spain	25.6%
	Salt Lake City UT, USA	21.2%
	Salzburg, Austria	9.8%
	San Antonio TX, USA	-0.4%
	San Diego CA, USA	0.4%
	San Francisco CA, USA	-4.5%
	San José, Costa Rica	0.5%
	San Juan, Puerto Rico	6.0%
	San Salvador, El Salvador	21.1%
	San Sebastian, Spain	28.4%
	Santa Barbara CA, USA	14.4%
	Santa Cruz, Bolivia	31.2%
	Santiago de Compostela, Spain	18.9%
	Santiago, Chile	-3.5%
	Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep	24.7%
	São Paulo, Brazil	5.3%
	Sapporo, Japan	26.0%
	Saragossa, Spain	14.6%
	Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina	27.7%
	Scottsdale AZ, USA	25.7%
	Seattle WA, USA	2.4%
	Sendai, Japan	25.2%
	Seoul, Korea Rep	12.9%
	Seville, Spain	5.4%
	Shanghai, China	19.7%
	Singapore, Singapore	16.2%
	Sofia, Bulgaria	11.6%
	St Julian's, Malta	21.8%
	St Louis MO, USA	12.9%
	St Petersburg, Russia	-2.3%
	Stavanger, Norway	14.2%
	Stellenbosch, South Africa	68.7%
	Stockholm, Sweden	9.3%
	Strasbourg, France	-0.7%
	Stuttgart, Germany	14.3%
	Sydney, Australia	2.4%
	Taipei, Taiwan	-1.1%
	Tallinn, Estonia	23.3%
	Tampa FL, USA	0.1%
	Tampere, Finland	0.0%
	Tartu, Estonia	3.1%
	Tbilisi, Georgia	35.7%
	Teheran, Iran Islamic Rep	8.2%
	Tel Aviv, Israel	21.2%

#### 5.4. Annual growth rate over the past 20 years *continued*

	CITY	average annual growth rate 1999- 2018
		2018
	The Hague, Netherlands	5.2%
	Thessaloniki, Greece	2.0%
	Timisoara, Romania	39.5%
	Tirana, Albania	102.4%
	Tokyo, Japan	10.6%
	Toronto ON, Canada	7.1%
	Toulouse, France	2.2%
	Trieste, Italy	11.0%
	Tromsø, Norway	23.4%
	Trondheim, Norway	10.8%
	Tsukuba, Japan	19.5%
	Tunis, Tunisia	8.0%
	Turin, Italy	17.1%
	Turku, Finland	18.5%
	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	40.7%
	Uppsala, Sweden	0.2%
	Utrecht, Netherlands	20.2%
	Valencia, Spain	6.5%
	Valletta, Malta	24.9%
	Vancouver BC, Canada	3.6%
	Varna, Bulgaria	10.2%
	Venice, Italy	0.4%
	Verona, Italy	0.9%
	Victoria BC, Canada	41.0%
	Vienna, Austria	5.7%
	Vilnius, Lithuania	18.1%
	Warsaw, Poland	1.5%
	Washington DC, USA	-3.3%
	Wellington, New Zealand	28.2%
	Windhoek, Namibia	3.8%
	Wroclaw, Poland	20.0%
	Wuhan, China	44.8%
	Yaoundé, Cameroon	17.0%
	Yogyakarta, Indonesia	53.9%
	Yokohama, Japan	11.2%
	York, UK	3.0%
	Zagreb, Croatia	7.9%
	Zurich, Switzerland	1.3%