



**Women in Informal Employment
Globalizing and Organizing**

WHY CITIES? INFORMALITY AS A WAY OF LIFE

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First Global Estimates of Informal Employment*

as a Per Cent of Total, Rural and Urban Employment

Countries by income level**	Total	Rural	Urban
World	61	80	44
Developing	90	90	79
Emerging	67	83	51
Developed	18	22	17

Source: ILO 2018, *Women and Men in the Informal Economy: A Statistical Picture, 3rd Edition*.

* Informal employment refers to employment not subject to national labour legislation that provides rights and benefits to workers, such as social security and paid leave.

** 2018 World Bank definitions based on country levels of gross income per capita.

Four Groups of Urban Informal Workers as a Per Cent of Total, Women's And Men's Employment

	Mumbai 2010			Mexico City 2015			Bangkok 2017		
	Total	Women	Men	Total	Women	Men	Total	Women	Men
Domestic	10	30	4	6	11	2	2	3	1
Home-based workers	8	20	5	4	4	3	9	9	9
Street vendors and market traders	4	1	4	3	5	3	6	7	5
Waste-pickers	1	2	0	<1	<1	<1	--	--	--
Total	23	53	14	13	20	8	17	19	15

Statistics on Urban Workers for Urban Policies

Informal Workers in Urban South Africa: A Statistical Snapshot—a data sheet

- Objective of data sheet: putting statistics for policy purposes and advocacy in the hands of users in formats they can access easily
- Preparing similar data sheets for Bangkok, Accra, Dakar and Mumbai and Delhi
- Plans underway for data sheets for Lima and Mexico City