



The World Council on City Data

The World Council on City Data (WCCD) hosts a network of innovative cities committed to improving services and quality of life with open city data and provides a consistent and comprehensive platform for standardized urban metrics. Comparable city data is critical for building more sustainable, resilient, smart, prosperous and inclusive cities.

As a global leader on standardized metrics, the WCCD is implementing ISO 37120 *Sustainable Development of Communities: Indicators for City Services and Quality of Life*, the new international standard; created for cities, by cities. The WCCD has developed the first ISO 37120 certification system and the Global Cities Registry™.

ISO 37120: Created by Cities for Cities

ISO 37120 was published in May 2014 by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). This ground breaking standard is based on a set of indicators that was developed and extensively tested by the Global City Indicators Facility (the WCCD's sister organization) and its more than 250 member cities worldwide.

ISO 37120 defines a comprehensive set of 100 standardized indicators that enables any city, of any size, to assess their performance and measure progress over time and also draw comparative lessons from other cities. The application of ISO 37120 delivers real benefits to cities by enabling them to:

- Monitor the efficiency of city service delivery and effectiveness of city policies and programs;
- Build frameworks for sustainability and resilience planning;
- Evaluate the “impact” of infrastructure investments on the overall performance of a city;
- Undertake local and international benchmarking; and
- Draw on comparative lessons and share their experiences with other cities

The WCCD is also exploring how ISO 37120 data can be leveraged for insurance and credit worthiness, and to attract investment and funding from international entities, businesses, and higher levels of government.

The Global Cities Registry™ and WCCD Open City Data Portal

The WCCD Global Cities Registry™ is the official list of cities that are certified against ISO 37120 in accordance with the WCCD certification system. All cities in the Global Cities Registry™ have provided third-party verified data to the WCCD Open City Data Portal, allowing for city-to-city comparisons, cutting-edge visualizations and customized trend analyses.

Leading Cities achieve ISO 37120 Certification

An initial group of WCCD Foundation Cities have already implemented the standard and their data has been certified by a team of independent verifiers. This pioneering group of cities includes: Amman, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Boston, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Dubai, Guadalajara, Haiphong, Helsinki, Johannesburg, London, Los Angeles, Makkah, Makati, Minna, Melbourne, Rotterdam, Shanghai, and Toronto.

Certification Open to Cities of all Sizes

The WCCD is inviting cities of all sizes to implement ISO 37120 and join the WCCD Global Cities Registry™.