

## **GaWC Data 2013**

The data gathering strategy and the calculation model is described in detail in [Taylor and Derudder \(2016\)](#).

number of cities need to be selected. Similar to our selection of firms, our criterion for inclusion has been revised compared to the initial data collection in 2000. The initial ad hoc selection of 315 cities in the 2000 data gathering was biased towards Northern America, Western Europe and Pacific Asia. To ensure that all continents are reasonably represented, we devised a new and more inclusive roster of cities compared to the 2000 data gathering. In addition to the original 315 cities, we used a series of overlapping criteria such as a population of more than 1.5 million inhabitants; all capital cities of states with a population of more than 1 million, and every city with a headquarter office of one of our selected firms. This led to the selection of 526 cities in the 2013 data gathering.