

The City Agglomerations of the Republic of Tatarstan: Comparative Analysis and Strategy Goals

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According to the Strategy of social-economic development of the Republic of Tatarstan until 2030 there are three city agglomeration in the republic—Kazan, Kama and Almetyevsk. Beyond the borders of agglomerations, there is the only city with a population over 50 000 people—Chistopol. The geographical location of all three agglomerations is characterized by a shift to the borders of the republic. The Kazan monocentric agglomeration is based by the Kazan–Zelenodolsk industrial core. Strategy goal until 2030 is a post-industrial development. The Kama polycentric agglomeration includes Naberezhnye Chelny, Nizhnekamsk, Elabuga, Mendeleevsk. It includes historical and industrial cities created during the Soviet period. The Almetyevsk agglomeration has been formed on the basis of oil production. The strategic goals of Kama and Almetyevsk agglomerations are associated with the further development of industry and oil production.

There are four cities with a population of over 100 000 people and all of them are part of the agglomerations—Kazan, Naberezhnye Chelny, Nizhnekamsk, Almetyevsk. These cities are characterized by high rates of natural increase of population. Within the republic it accounts for 1.1 per 1000 people, but in all these cities it is higher than 4.0, and the highest in the capital is 5.0 (2017).

Despite significant differences in strategic goals and demographic potential, all three agglomerations are faced with the need to solve the following common problems:

- the need for coordinated management of the agglomeration process
- the need to ensure transport connectivity with a focus on public transport;
- modern mobility to capital cities.