Major technological, economic and environmental changes are taking place worldwide, although not uniformly. We see economic restructuring, for example, the move to online retail and entertainment. Aging populations, yet the young require attention and services. Pressures are being placed on public finances as a result of aging cities. There is major urban population growth. To address these issues various urbanization models have been developed, quite often identified as “smart city” models. The key to smart city models have to do with electronic data collection sensors that collect information from citizens, devices, homes, industries and city infrastructure. The aim is to provide better city governance and to improve city life for the individual. The smart city model will be discussed, along with worldwide smart city examples.

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