

# The New Home of the Skyscraper

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## United States

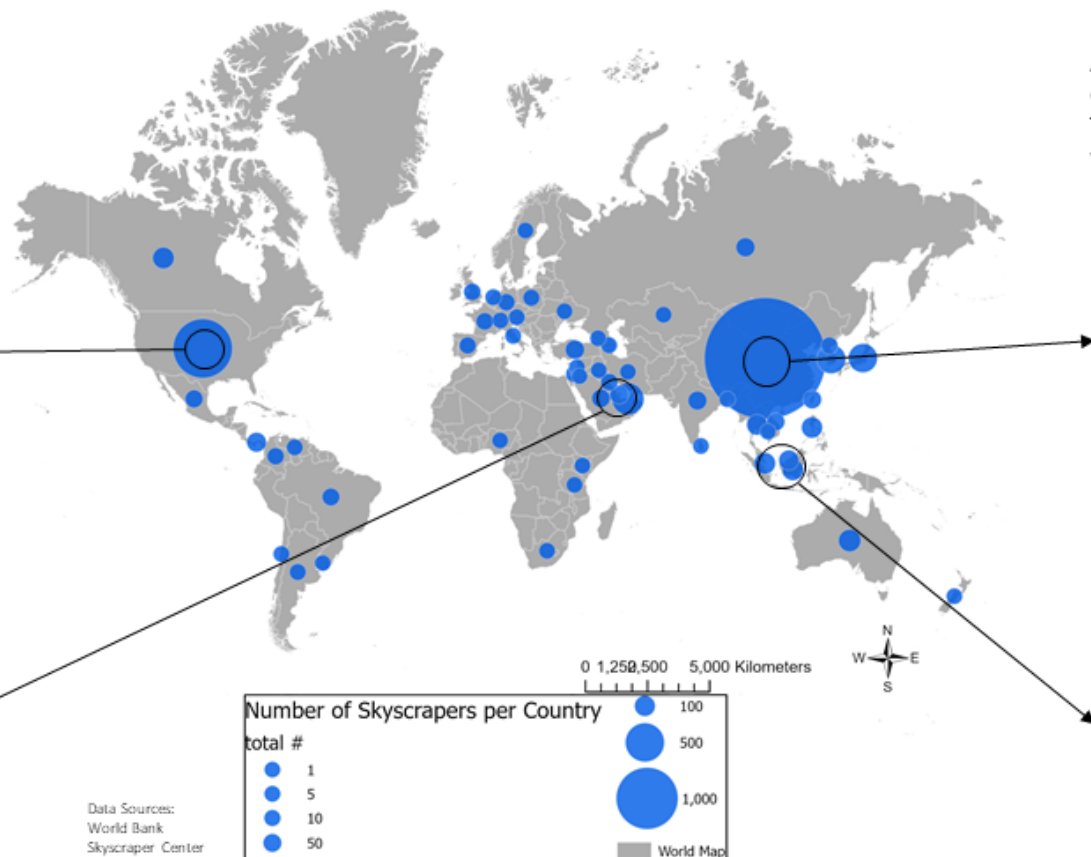
The US is the birthplace of the skyscraper, but recently the US has been building far less than they used to. A combination of a saturated market, low demand, and high construction costs means that the future of the skyscraper no longer belongs to the wealthiest country on Earth.



## Middle East



Large oil reserves have made many Middle Eastern countries rich. With this wealth the countries have put lots of money into creating elaborate and elegant cities. All of this has been done in order to put them on the map and attract international prestige.



## Asia is the new skyscraper capital of the world

Asia is becoming the Skyscraper capital of the world; the top five tallest towers are in Asia. Half of the top twenty tallest are in China alone. They have a staggering 2,306 skyscrapers, that's more than the next five combined. The skyscraper has moved on from its original home in America and China is using it to its full advantage.

## China

At the turn of the century China was in a huge economic boom as well as a large population surge. This created high demand for floor space and along with rapid urbanization meant China was in a prime position to have a skyscraper revolution.



1980

2010

## South East Asia



Small land area and high densities have caused South East Asia to build up. For some it is a necessity like the small country of Singapore and for others like Malaysia it is a matter of gaining prestige.