

Country Statistics at a Glance

Country rankings of the type presented below cannot pretend to be definitive; instead they aspire only to provide the reader with an approximation of the high and low ends on a particular scale. Country data vary enormously depending on the sources, and the absence of reliable data on some countries requires their omission, which further skews the results.

LARGEST COUNTRIES¹ (in sq mi):* 2006		
1.	Russia	6,592,735
2.	Canada	3,855,081
3.	United States	3,718,691
4.	China	3,705,386
5.	Brazil	3,286,470
6.	Australia	2,967,893
7.	India	1,269,338
8.	Argentina	1,068,296
9.	Kazakhstan	1,049,150
10.	Sudan	967,493

SMALLEST COUNTRIES¹ (in sq mi):* 2006		
1.	Vatican City	0.17
2.	Monaco	0.75
3.	Nauru	8.11
4.	Tuvalu	10.04
5.	San Marino	23.63
6.	Liechtenstein	61.78
7.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	100.77
8.	Maldives	115.83
9.	Malta	122.01
10.	Grenada	132.82

HIGHEST POPULATION DENSITY² (per sq mi): 2006†

1.	Monaco	42,143
2.	Singapore	18,645
3.	Malta	3,229
4.	Maldives	3,099
5.	Bahrain	2,923
6.	Bangladesh	2,850
7.	Taiwan	1,849
8.	Mauritius	1,738
9.	Barbados	1,686
10.	Nauru	1,639

LOWEST POPULATION DENSITY² (per sq mi): 2006†

1.	Western Sahara	2.7
2.	Mongolia	4.7
3.	Namibia	6.4
4.	Australia	6.9
5.	Suriname	7.0
6.	Botswana	7.3
7.	Iceland	7.7
8.	Mauritania	8.0
9.	Libya	8.7
10.	Canada	9.3

HIGHEST GDP PER CAPITA¹ (PPP in U.S. dollars): 2006

1.	Luxembourg	\$68,800
2.	Equatorial Guinea	50,200
3.	United Arab Emirates	49,700
4.	Norway	47,800
5.	Ireland	43,600
6.	United States	43,500

7.	Iceland	38,100
8.	Denmark	37,000
9.	Canada	35,200
10.	San Marino	34,600

LOWEST GDP PER CAPITA¹ (PPP in U.S. dollars): 2006

1.	Comoros	\$600
	Somalia	600
	Malawi	600
4.	Burundi	700
	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	700
6.	East Timor	\$800
	Tanzania	800
	Afghanistan	800
	Madagascar	900
	Guinea-Bissau	900
	Sierra Leone	900
	Yemen	900

HIGHEST INFLATION:¹ 2006

1.	Zimbabwe	976.4%
2.	Iraq	50.0
3.	Guinea	27.0
4.	Burma	21.4
5.	Afghanistan	16.3
6.	Iran	15.8
	Venezuela	15.8
8.	Serbia	15.5
9.	Malawi	15.1
10.	Liberia	15.0

	San Tome and Principe	15.0
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LOWEST INFLATION:¹ 2006

1.	Nauru	-3.6%
2.	San Marino	-1.7
3.	Vanuatu	-1.6
4.	Barbados	-0.5
5.	Dominica	-0.1
6.	Niger	0.2
7.	Japan	0.4
8.	Kiribati	0.5
9.	Seychelles	0.7
10.	Antigua and Barbuda	0.9

**HIGHEST INFANT MORTALITY RATE²
(deaths per 1,000 births): 2006**

1.	Angola	185.4
2.	Sierra Leone	160.4
3.	Afghanistan	160.2
4.	Liberia	155.8
5.	Mozambique	129.2
6.	Niger	118.2
7.	Somalia	114.9
8.	Mali	107.6
9.	Tajikistan	106.5
10.	Guinea-Bissau	105.2

**LOWEST INFANT MORTALITY RATE²
(deaths per 1,000 births): 2006**

1.	Singapore	2.3
2.	Sweden	2.8

3.	Japan	3.2
4.	Iceland	3.3
5.	Finland	3.5
6.	Norway	3.7
7.	Czech Republic	3.9
	Malta	3.9
9.	Andorra	4.0
10.	Germany	4.1

HIGHEST LIFE EXPECTANCY² (in years): 2006		
1.	Andorra	83.5
2.	San Marino	81.7
	Singapore	81.7
4.	Japan	81.2
5.	Australia	80.5
	Sweden	80.5
	Switzerland	80.5
8.	Iceland	80.3
9.	Canada	80.2
10.	Italy	79.8
LOWEST LIFE EXPECTANCY² (in years): 2006		
1.	Swaziland	32.6
2.	Botswana	33.7
3.	Lesotho	34.4
4.	Angola	38.6
5.	Zimbabwe	39.3
6.	Liberia	39.6
7.	Mozambique	39.8
8.	Zambia	40.0

9.	Sierra Leone	40.2
10.	Malawi	41.7

LOWEST LITERACY RATES²: 1990

1.	Burkina Faso	18%
2.	Eritrea¹	20
3.	Sierra Leone	21
4.	Benin	23
5.	Guinea	24
	Somalia	24
7.	Sudan	27
	Gambia	27
9.	Ethiopia⁷	28
	Niger	28

NOTE: Only countries for which statistics were available in sources 1 and 2 figure in these lists. *Size refers to the total area of a country, which includes the land area plus bodies of water. †Population density calculated using population and land area. Sources: 1. *The World Factbook, 2007*. 2. U.S. Census Bureau, International Database.