

Basic indicators

World

	Population		GDP		Main telephone lines	
	Total	Density	Total	per capita	Total	per 100
	(M)	(per km ²)	(B US\$)	(US\$)	(k)	inhabitants
	1998	1998	1997	1997	1998	1998
1 Algeria	30.08	13	47.9	1'624	1'477.0	4.91
2 Angola	12.09	10	18.1 [95]	1'684	72.2	0.60
3 Benin	5.79	51	2.1	379	38.4	0.66
4 Botswana	1.57	3	4.8	3'156	102.0	6.50
5 Burkina Faso	11.31	41	2.4	215	41.2	0.36
6 Burundi	6.46	232	1.2	198	17.8	0.28
7 Cameroon	14.31	30	9.1	650	93.9	0.66
8 Cape Verde	0.41	101	0.3 [94]	876	40.0	9.80
9 Central African Rep.	3.48	6	1.0	284	9.6	0.27
10 Chad	7.27	6	1.5	220	8.6	0.12
11 Comoros	0.66	353	0.2 [95]	382	6.2	0.95
12 Congo	2.79	8	2.3	833	22.0	0.79
13 Côte d'Ivoire	14.29	44	10.6	767	170.0	1.19
14 D.R. Congo	49.30	21	...	...	20.0	0.04
15 Djibouti	0.62	28	0.5 [96]	846	7.9	1.27
16 Egypt	65.98	66	75.6	1'195	3'971.5	6.02
17 Equatorial Guinea	0.43	15	0.5	1'290	5.6	1.29
18 Eritrea	3.58	38	0.6 [95]	161	24.3	0.68
19 Ethiopia	59.65	49	6.2	103	164.1	0.28
20 Gabon	1.17	4	5.3	4'693	38.7	3.32
21 Gambia	1.23	115	0.3 [94]	284	25.6	2.08
22 Ghana	19.16	80	6.9	372	144.2	0.75
23 Guinea	7.71	31	5.1 [96]	677	36.8	0.48
24 Guinea-Bissau	1.15	32	0.3	238	8.1	0.70
25 Kenya	29.01	50	10.7	362	288.3	0.99
26 Lesotho	2.06	68	1.0	483	20.1	0.97
27 Liberia	2.67	24	...	...	6.5	0.24
28 Libya	5.51	3	34.8	6'271	500.0	9.07
29 Madagascar	15.45	26	3.6	231	47.2	0.31
30 Malawi	10.54	112	2.5	242	37.4	0.35
31 Mali	10.69	9	2.5	231	26.8	0.25
32 Mauritania	2.53	2	1.1	442	15.3	0.60
33 Mauritius	1.15	614	4.1	3'597	245.4	21.42
34 Mayotte	0.13	340	...	...	12.2	9.53
35 Morocco	27.69	42	33.4	1'214	1'510.0	5.45
36 Mozambique	18.88	24	1.5 [95]	86	75.4	0.40
37 Namibia	1.66	2	3.3	2'034	105.9	6.38
38 Niger	10.08	8	1.5	157	18.1	0.18
39 Nigeria	106.41	115	56.2 [94]	551	407.0	0.38
40 Réunion	0.68	272	5.9 [93]	9'270	242.7	35.58
41 Rwanda	6.60	251	1.9	317	10.8	0.16
42 S. Tomé & Príncipe	0.14	146	- [95]	358	3.1	2.21
43 Senegal	9.00	46	4.5	516	139.5	1.55
44 Seychelles	0.08	189	0.6	7'588	19.0	24.79
45 Sierra Leone	4.57	63	0.8	188	17.4	0.38
46 Somalia	9.72	15	...	...	15.0	0.15
47 South Africa	40.71	34	129.1	3'107	5'075.4	12.47
48 Sudan	28.29	11	10.2	364	162.2	0.57
49 Swaziland	0.95	55	1.3	1'388	29.0	3.05
50 Tanzania	32.10	34	7.7	244	121.8	0.38
51 Togo	4.40	77	1.4	324	31.4	0.71
52 Tunisia	9.34	57	18.9	2'046	752.2	8.06
53 Uganda	20.55	87	6.3 [96]	317	56.9	0.28
54 Zambia	8.78	12	3.9	463	77.7	0.88
55 Zimbabwe	11.36	29	8.5 [96]	768	212.0 [97]	1.89
Africa	752.21	25	560.1	831	16'827.4	2.24
56 Antigua & Barbuda	0.07	164	0.6	8'266	34.0	46.80
57 Argentina	36.12	13	293.0	8'214	7'132.0	19.74
58 Aruba	0.09	487	1.5 [96]	17'109	33.2 [97]	36.69
59 Bahamas	0.30	21	3.1 [95]	11'001	105.9	35.77
60 Barbados	0.27	623	2.2	8'216	113.0	42.18
61 Belize	0.23	10	0.6	2'748	31.6	13.75
62 Bermuda	0.06	1'185	2.1	33'469	53.7	83.95
63 Bolivia	7.96	7	8.0	1'025	452.1	5.68
64 Brazil	165.85	19	801.6	5'014	19'986.6	12.05
65 Canada	30.25	3	631.2	21'048	19'206.0	63.50
66 Chile	14.82	20	75.3	5'148	3'046.2	20.55
67 Colombia	39.48	35	106.7	2'844	6'366.9	16.13
68 Costa Rica	3.84	75	9.7	2'685	660.0	17.18
69 Cuba	11.12	97	14.6	1'319	387.6	3.49
70 Dominica	0.08	101	0.2	3'236	20.1	26.50
71 Dominican Rep.	8.23	170	15.1	1'862	763.9	9.28
72 Ecuador	12.18	26	19.8	1'656	990.8	8.14

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73 El Salvador	6.03	282	11.1	1'877	482.6	8.00
74 French Guyana	0.17	2	46.3	27.74
75 Grenada	0.09	268	0.3	3'451	27.5	29.78
76 Guadeloupe	0.44	260	3.5 [94]	8'509	197.1	44.49
77 Guatemala	10.80	99	17.8	1'691	517.0	4.79
78 Guyana	0.85	4	0.7	881	59.9	7.05
79 Haiti	7.79	281	3.1	413	65.0	0.83
80 Honduras	6.26	56	4.7	762	249.7	3.99
81 Jamaica	2.54	222	6.2	2'461	470.3	18.53
82 Martinique	0.39	353	4.1 [93]	10'747	172.2	44.27
83 Mexico	95.83	49	401.4	4'205	9'926.9	10.36
84 Neth. Antilles	0.21	266	...	...	78.0	36.65
85 Nicaragua	4.69	39	2.0	454	140.0	2.98
86 Panama	2.77	35	8.7	3'181	418.8	15.13
87 Paraguay	5.22	13	9.6	1'890	288.5	5.53
88 Peru	24.80	19	65.2	2'676	1'555.1	6.27
89 Puerto Rico	3.86	431	32.1	8'384	1'261.7	32.69
90 St. Kitts and Nevis	0.04	149	0.3	6'840	18.4	47.12
91 St. Lucia	0.15	247	0.6	3'815	40.4	26.57
92 St. Vincent	0.11	288	0.3	2'632	21.0	18.79
93 Suriname	0.41	3	0.7	1'610	67.3	16.25
94 Trinidad & Tobago	1.28	250	5.8	4'592	264.1	20.58
95 United States	272.06	29	8'300.8	30'985	179'822.1	66.10
96 Uruguay	3.29	18	21.5	6'632	823.5	25.04
97 Venezuela	23.24	25	88.4	3'849	2'712.2	11.67
98 Virgin Islands (US)	0.12	343	...	...	64.9	54.82
Americas	804.40	20	10'974.1	13'933	259'174.3	32.22
99 Afghanistan	21.35	34	...	...	29.0	0.14
100 Armenia	3.54	118	1.6	432	556.0	15.72
101 Azerbaijan	7.67	89	3.9	517	680.2	8.87
102 Bahrain	0.64	971	6.3	10'241	157.6	24.55
103 Bangladesh	124.77	866	32.0	262	378.0	0.30
104 Bhutan	0.64	14	0.4	645	10.4	1.64
105 Brunei Darussalam	0.32	55	5.0 [95]	17'556	77.7	24.68
106 Cambodia	10.72	59	2.9 [95]	286	20.0	0.19
107 China	1'255.70	131	903.4	722	87'420.9	6.96
108 D.P.R. Korea	23.35	191	...	...	1'100.0	4.71
109 Georgia	5.44	78	4.9	905	628.8	11.55
110 Hongkong Sar	6.69	6'297	171.0	26'298	3'729.2	55.77
111 India	982.22	310	417.4	437	21'593.7	2.20
112 Indonesia	206.34	107	215.7	1'071	5'571.6	2.70
113 Iran (I.R.)	65.76	40	158.5	2'467	7'355.0	11.18
114 Iraq	21.80	50	...	...	675.0	3.10
115 Israel	5.98	288	100.0	16'934	2'819.0	47.11
116 Japan	126.49	335	4'192.7	33'231	62'550.0	49.45
117 Jordan	6.13	64	7.0	1'208	510.9	8.34
118 Kazakhstan	16.36	6	22.2	1'348	1'775.4	10.86
119 Korea (Rep.)	46.43	472	442.5	9'622	20'088.5	43.27
120 Kuwait	1.81	75	30.2	16'965	427.3	23.59
121 Kyrgyzstan	4.64	23	1.8	381	354.6	7.64
122 Lao P.D.R.	5.16	22	1.7	342	28.5	0.55
123 Lebanon	3.19	307	13.2 [96]	4'292	620.0	19.43
124 Macau	0.43	26'906	7.3	17'363	173.9	40.39
125 Malaysia	21.75	65	100.2	4'624	4'384.1	20.16
126 Maldives	0.28	925	0.2	680	20.0	7.25
127 Mongolia	2.50	2	1.0	402	96.0	3.83
128 Myanmar	44.50	66	126.9	2'861	229.3	0.52
129 Nepal	22.85	162	4.8	220	208.4	0.91
130 Oman	2.38	9	15.8	6'746	220.0	9.23
131 Pakistan	130.58	162	60.1	464	2'756.1	2.11
132 Philippines	72.94	243	82.2	1'134	2'512.1	3.44
133 Qatar	0.58	51	9.2	16'157	150.5	25.99
134 Saudi Arabia	20.18	8	146.5	7'515	2'878.1	14.26
135 Singapore	3.16	5'136	95.9	30'913	1'777.9	56.20
136 Sri Lanka	18.45	281	15.1	821	523.5	2.84
137 Syria	15.33	83	65.2	4'359	1'463.0	9.54
138 Taiwan-China	21.93	609	227.8	10'478	11'500.4	52.44
139 Tajikistan	6.01	42	2.5	421	221.3	3.68
140 Thailand	60.30	117	149.1	2'478	5'037.5	8.35
141 Turkmenistan	4.31	9	3.8 [96]	832	354.0	8.22
142 United Arab Emirates	2.35	31	48.0	20'179	915.2	38.90
143 Uzbekistan	23.75	53	12.3	523	1'536.7	6.47
144 Viet Nam	77.56	235	23.4 [96]	312	2'000.0	2.58

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145 West Bank and Gaza	2.90	7'620	167.3	5.78
146 Yemen	16.89	89	5.7	348	249.5	1.48
Asia	3'525.06	114	7'937.6	2'331	258'532.4	7.33
147 Albania	3.79	132	2.3	615	115.7	3.05
148 Andorra	0.07	161	1.2 [96]	16'990	33.1	44.12
149 Austria	8.14	97	206.0	25'527	3'996.6	49.10
150 Belarus	10.26	49	13.5	1'317	2'489.9	24.26
151 Belgium	10.14	332	243.5	23'904	5'073.0	50.02
152 Bosnia	3.67	72	3.4	898	333.2	9.07
153 Bulgaria	8.34	75	10.2	1'224	2'742.0	32.89
154 Croatia	4.48	79	18.1 [95]	3'973	1'558.0	34.77
155 Cyprus	0.74	80	8.4	11'909	404.7	54.48
156 Czech Republic	10.28	130	52.6	5'111	3'741.5	36.39
157 Denmark	5.30	123	169.3	32'085	3'495.9	65.97
158 Estonia	1.45	32	4.6	3'178	498.6	34.39
159 Faroe Islands	0.04	32	...	...	24.0	54.38
160 Finland	5.16	14	122.4	23'785	2'855.0	55.33
161 France	59.68	110	1'394.1	23'618	34'098.8	57.13
162 Germany	82.04	230	2'102.8	25'625	46'660.0	56.88
163 Greece	10.60	80	120.9	11'493	5'535.5	52.22
164 Greenland	0.06	-	...	...	25.0	44.56
165 Guernsey	0.06	954	...	...	48.1	77.58
166 Hungary	10.19	110	45.3	4'453	3'423.0	33.59
167 Iceland	0.28	3	7.5	27'392	178.4	64.65
168 Ireland	3.68	53	78.6	21'544	1'600.0	43.47
169 Italy	57.36	190	1'145.4	19'966	25'986.1	45.31
170 Jersey	0.09	788	2.3	26'858	68.7	75.15
171 Latvia	2.46	39	5.6	2'274	741.4	30.16
172 Lithuania	3.70	57	9.6	2'587	1'109.8	29.96
173 Luxembourg	0.42	164	16.4	39'229	293.1	69.17
174 Malta	0.38	1'215	3.3	8'807	191.5	49.88
175 Moldova	4.38	130	1.9	427	657.5	15.02
176 Netherlands	15.74	383	360.5	23'046	9'337.0	59.30
177 Norway	4.45	14	153.4	34'823	2'935.0	66.01
178 Poland	38.72	124	143.1	3'703	8'812.3	22.76
179 Portugal	9.96	108	101.9	10'243	4'116.9	41.35
180 Romania	22.47	95	34.9	1'548	3'599.0	16.01
181 Russia	147.30	9	445.8	3'024	29'031.3	19.71
182 Slovak Republic	5.38	110	19.4	3'618	1'539.3	28.63
183 Slovenia	1.99	98	18.2	9'173	757.0	37.98
184 Spain	39.37	78	531.3	13'510	16'288.6	41.37
185 Sweden	8.85	20	237.5	26'841	5'965.0	67.37
186 Switzerland	7.12	173	255.0	35'935	4'803.0	67.42
187 TFR Macedonia	2.00	78	3.1 [94]	1'613	439.2	21.97
188 Turkey	66.73	86	189.6	3'017	16'959.5	25.41
189 Ukraine	50.86	84	49.7	974	9'698.2	19.07
190 United Kingdom	58.95	241	1'287.8	21'878	32'829.0	55.69
191 Yugoslavia	10.64	104	10.5 [96]	991	2'319.4	21.81
Europe	797.79	31	9'630.9	12'148	297'407.6	37.28
192 Australia	18.73	2	401.0	21'650	9'843.9	52.56
193 Fiji	0.79	43	2.1	2'752	76.9	9.76
194 French Polynesia	0.23	58	3.6	15'952	53.1	23.18
195 Guam	0.16	358	3.0 [96]	19'598	75.1	46.62
196 Kiribati	0.08	119	- [95]	545	2.8	3.44
197 Marshall Islands	0.06	33	...	...	3.7	6.24
198 Micronesia	0.11	83	0.2 [94]	1'949	9.1	7.99
199 New Caledonia	0.21	11	...	...	49.3	23.91
200 New Zealand	3.81	14	65.0	17'146	1'868.0	49.05
201 Northern Marianas	0.05	107	...	...	20.6	40.44
202 Papua New Guinea	4.51	10	4.9 [95]	1'205	47.0 [96]	1.14
203 Samoa	0.17	61	0.1	915	8.5	4.87
204 Solomon Islands	0.42	14	0.4 [95]	949	7.9	1.89
205 Tonga	0.10	141	0.2 [96]	1'815	7.8 [96]	7.90
206 Vanuatu	0.18	12	0.2 [95]	1'404	5.2	2.84
Oceania	29.61	3	480.8	16'852	12'078.8	41.31
World	5'909.06	44	29'583.6	5'200	844'020.5	14.28

Source: Main telephone lines: ITU. Population/GDP: UN, IMF, World Bank.