

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
	1997	1997	1996	1996	1997	1997
1 Algeria	29.47	12	41.2 [95]	1'442	1'400.3	4.75
2 Angola	11.57	9	18.1 [95]	1'684	62.3	0.54
3 Benin	5.72	51	2.2	400	36.5	0.64
4 Botswana	1.52	3	4.4	2'942	85.6	5.64
5 Burkina Faso	11.09	40	2.4	219	36.3	0.33
6 Burundi	6.19	222	0.9	144	17.5	0.28
7 Cameroon	13.94	29	8.9	657	75.2	0.54
8 Cape Verde	0.41	101	0.3 [94]	876	33.2	8.19
9 Central African Rep.	3.42	5	1.1	319	9.8	0.29
10 Chad	6.89	5	1.1	171	7.5	0.11
11 Comoros	0.65	350	0.2 [95]	382	5.5	0.84
12 Congo	2.75	8	2.4	905	22.0	0.80
13 Côte d'Ivoire	13.80	43	10.8	795	142.3	1.03
14 D.R. Congo	48.04	20	...	...	21.0	0.04
15 Djibouti	0.62	28	0.5	846	8.3	1.34
16 Egypt	63.29	63	67.4	1'112	3'452.7	5.46
17 Equatorial Guinea	0.42	15	0.3	668	3.8	0.90
18 Eritrea	3.78	40	0.6 [95]	161	21.8	0.58
19 Ethiopia	60.15	49	6.0	102	156.5	0.26
20 Gabon	1.14	4	5.7	5'121	37.3	3.27
21 Gambia	1.17	109	0.3 [94]	284	24.8	2.13
22 Ghana	18.50	78	6.3	356	105.5	0.57
23 Guinea	7.61	31	5.1	677	19.8	0.26
24 Guinea-Bissau	1.11	31	0.3	250	7.6	0.69
25 Kenya	29.50	51	9.2	308	271.8	0.92
26 Lesotho	2.12	70	1.1	533	20.4	0.96
27 Liberia	2.88	26	...	...	6.4	0.22
28 Libya	5.78	3	32.1 [92]	6'579	380.0 [96]	6.79
29 Madagascar	15.85	27	4.0	260	43.2	0.27
30 Malawi	10.44	111	2.3	229	36.8	0.35
31 Mali	10.64	9	2.6	244	23.5	0.22
32 Mauritania	2.39	2	1.1	455	13.0	0.55
33 Mauritius	1.14	612	4.3	3'794	222.7	19.52
34 Mayotte	0.12	328	...	...	9.3	7.55
35 Morocco	27.52	42	36.7	1'350	1'375.0	5.00
36 Mozambique	18.27	23	1.5 [95]	86	65.6	0.36
37 Namibia	1.61	2	3.2	2'051	92.8	5.76
38 Niger	9.79	8	1.7	178	16.4	0.17
39 Nigeria	105.32	114	56.2 [94]	551	400.0	0.38
40 Réunion	0.67	268	5.9 [93]	9'270	236.5	35.13
41 Rwanda	5.88	223	1.4	258	11.6	0.20
42 S. Tomé & Príncipe	0.14	143	- [95]	358	2.9	2.08
43 Senegal	8.76	45	4.8	561	115.9	1.32
44 Seychelles	0.08	191	0.5	6'666	15.7	20.36
45 Sierra Leone	4.43	61	0.9 [95]	209	17.4	0.39
46 Somalia	10.22	16	...	...	15.0	0.15
47 South Africa	43.34	37	126.2	2'978	4'645.1	10.72
48 Sudan	27.90	11	8.2	301	112.5	0.40
49 Swaziland	0.94	54	1.2	1'300	25.4	2.69
50 Tanzania	31.51	34	6.5	211	105.1	0.33
51 Togo	4.32	76	1.5	345	25.1	0.58
52 Tunisia	9.24	56	19.6	2'143	654.2	7.08
53 Uganda	20.30	86	6.3	317	54.1	0.27
54 Zambia	8.48	11	3.3	397	77.4	0.91
55 Zimbabwe	12.29	31	8.5	712	212.0	1.72
Africa	745.09	25	537.3	808	15'096.0	2.03
56 Antigua & Barbuda	0.07	160	0.5	7'916	31.0	43.90
57 Argentina	35.67	13	272.2	7'730	6'824.4	19.13
58 Aruba	0.09	469	1.5	17'109	33.2	36.69
59 Bahamas	0.29	21	3.1 [95]	11'001	96.3	33.33
60 Barbados	0.27	619	2.0	7'508	108.5	40.77
61 Belize	0.22	10	0.6	2'719	30.7	13.69
62 Bermuda	0.06	1'148	2.0	31'984	51.9	83.63
63 Bolivia	7.77	7	7.4	975	535.0	6.88
64 Brazil	159.88	19	771.1	4'884	17'038.8	10.66
65 Canada	30.00	3	601.6	20'276	18'636.9	62.11
66 Chile	14.62	19	68.6	4'755	2'693.3	18.42
67 Colombia	36.16	32	86.4	2'424	5'394.8	14.92
68 Costa Rica	3.62	71	9.2	2'699	584.5	16.15
69 Cuba	11.05	96	14.2	1'288	370.8	3.36
70 Dominica	0.07	100	0.2	3'184	18.7 [96]	25.23
71 Dominican Rep.	8.10	167	13.3	1'655	706.0	8.72
72 Ecuador	11.94	26	19.0	1'628	818.7	6.86

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73 El Salvador	5.93	277	10.3	1'779	360.4	6.08
74 French Guiana	0.16	2	46.7	29.22
75 Grenada	0.10	294	0.3	2'985	26.5	26.10
76 Guadeloupe	0.44	256	3.5 [94]	8'509	170.7 [96]	39.62
77 Guatemala	10.52	97	15.8	1'541	429.7	4.08
78 Guyana	0.84	4	0.7	842	55.1	6.53
79 Haiti	7.49	270	3.0	412	60.0	0.80
80 Honduras	6.34	57	4.1	665	233.6	3.68
81 Jamaica	2.53	222	5.5	2'175	419.4	16.57
82 Martinique	0.39	352	4.1 [93]	10'747	169.9	43.78
83 Mexico	95.45	48	329.5	3'465	9'253.7	9.69
84 Neth. Antilles	0.22	272	...	...	75.9 [95]	36.59
85 Nicaragua	4.35	36	2.0	466	127.8	2.94
86 Panama	2.72	35	8.2	3'083	365.7	13.44
87 Paraguay	5.09	13	9.6	1'938	218.0	4.29
88 Peru	24.37	19	60.9	2'545	1'645.9	6.75
89 Puerto Rico	3.77	421	35.8 [93]	9'899	1'322.5	35.07
90 St. Kitts and Nevis	0.04	157	0.3	6'589	17.2	41.83
91 St. Lucia	0.15	243	0.6	3'855	37.0	24.72
92 St. Vincent	0.11	287	0.3	2'469	20.5	18.37
93 Suriname	0.44	3	0.6	1'335	63.9	14.62
94 Trinidad & Tobago	1.27	248	5.8	4'576	243.4	19.11
95 United States	267.90	29	7'636.0	28'766	172'452.5	64.37
96 Uruguay	3.25	17	19.1	5'970	761.1	23.45
97 Venezuela	22.98	25	70.5	3'106	2'804.0	12.20
98 Virgin Islands (US)	0.11	310	...	...	62.1	58.07
Americas	786.84	20	10'099.5	12'993	245'416.6	31.19
99 Afghanistan	22.10	35	...	...	29.0	0.13
100 Armenia	3.79	126	1.6	422	567.8	14.98
101 Azerbaijan	7.63	88	3.4	442	658.3	8.63
102 Bahrain	0.62	938	6.1	10'193	152.3	24.57
103 Bangladesh	122.01	847	31.1	259	375.0	0.31
104 Bhutan	0.62	13	0.3	551	6.4	1.04
105 Brunei Darussalam	0.31	53	5.0 [95]	17'556	76.8	25.01
106 Cambodia	10.52	58	2.9 [95]	286	19.0	0.18
107 China	1'250.97	130	834.7	670	70'310.0	5.62
108 D.P.R. Korea	22.84	187	...	...	1'100.0	4.82
109 Georgia	5.44	78	3.5	652	616.5	11.34
110 Hongkong Sar	6.50	6'123	154.2	24'432	3'646.5	56.08
111 India	955.22	302	397.9	424	17'801.7	1.86
112 Indonesia	201.39	105	227.4	1'146	4'982.5	2.47
113 Iran (I.R.)	64.24	39	134.4	2'141	6'503.5	10.12
114 Iraq	21.18	48	...	...	675.0	3.19
115 Israel	5.91	284	95.5	16'575	2'656.0	44.98
116 Japan	126.17	334	4'595.2	36'509	63'471.0	50.31
117 Jordan	5.77	60	6.7	1'203	416.5	7.21
118 Kazakhstan	16.83	6	21.0	1'273	1'805.3	10.73
119 Korea (Rep.)	45.99	467	484.6	10'639	20'421.9	44.40
120 Kuwait	1.78	73	31.1	17'763	411.6	23.12
121 Kyrgyzstan	4.64	23	1.8	383	350.9	7.56
122 Lao P.D.R.	5.10	22	1.9	393	24.6	0.48
123 Lebanon	3.14	302	13.2	4'292	561.7	17.86
124 Macau	0.42	26'184	7.3	17'596	169.6	40.48
125 Malaysia	21.67	65	99.0	4'677	4'223.0	19.49
126 Maldives	0.27	916	0.2	665	18.0	6.58
127 Mongolia	2.39	2	1.1	454	87.3	3.66
128 Myanmar	44.35	65	102.2	2'311	213.5	0.48
129 Nepal	21.99	155	4.4	208	160.2	0.73
130 Northern Marianas	0.05	105	...	...	20.0	40.00
131 Oman	2.34	9	14.9	6'474	200.6	8.56
132 Pakistan	138.15	172	60.1	448	2'558.0	1.85
133 Philippines	72.42	241	82.8	1'182	2'078.0	2.87
134 Qatar	0.57	50	7.5 [95]	13'639	141.9	24.94
135 Saudi Arabia	19.49	8	141.3	7'503	2'285.4	11.72
136 Singapore	3.10	5'038	99.5	32'678	1'684.9	54.29
137 Sri Lanka	18.38	280	13.9	759	341.6	1.86
138 Syria	14.95	81	60.3	4'122	1'312.6	8.78
139 Taiwan-China	21.74	604	248.1	11'527	10'862.3	49.96
140 Tajikistan	5.97	42	1.0	171	225.6	3.78
141 Thailand	60.15	117	185.0	3'084	4'826.7	8.02
142 Turkmenistan	4.44	9	4.3	943	354.0	7.97
143 United Arab Emirates	2.38	32	44.6	19'737	835.1	35.09
144 Uzbekistan	23.24	52	14.0	609	1'490.0	6.41

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145 Viet Nam	76.55	232	23.4	312	1'587.3	2.07
146 West Bank and Gaza	2.76	7'266	112.0	4.06
147 Yemen	16.48	87	7.0	437	220.3	1.34
Asia	3'484.96	113	8'275.3	2'452	233'647.7	6.70
148 Albania	3.73	130	2.7	731	86.8	2.33
149 Andorra	0.07	159	1.2	16'990	32.0	43.14
150 Austria	8.07	96	228.1	28'302	3'969.4	49.18
151 Belarus	10.20	49	13.6	1'326	2'312.6	22.66
152 Belgium	10.19	333	269.1	26'486	4'964.5	48.73
153 Bosnia	3.78	74	2.8	720	302.9	8.00
154 Bulgaria	8.31	75	9.8	1'176	2'681.1	32.26
155 Croatia	4.49	79	18.1 [95]	3'973	1'488.1	33.16
156 Cyprus	0.68	73	8.9	13'426	386.0	57.11
157 Czech Republic	10.30	131	56.5	5'474	3'279.8	31.84
158 Denmark	5.28	122	183.7	34'977	3'340.6	63.33
159 Estonia	1.46	32	3.5	2'392	468.6	32.14
160 Faroe Islands	0.04	31	...	...	23.6	53.80
161 Finland	5.15	14	127.9	24'924	2'861.0	55.59
162 France	59.03	109	1'538.8	26'361	33'700.0	57.09
163 Germany	82.06	230	2'352.5	28'685	45'200.0	55.08
164 Greece	10.52	80	123.4	11'778	5'430.9	51.61
165 Greenland	0.06	-	...	...	23.4	41.66
166 Guernsey	0.06	954	...	...	45.9	74.04
167 Hungary	10.17	109	44.8	4'391	3'095.3	30.42
168 Iceland	0.27	3	7.3	27'089	167.6	61.42
169 Ireland	3.65	53	68.7	18'947	1'500.0	41.14
170 Italy	57.52	191	1'213.6	21'151	25'698.0	44.68
171 Jersey	0.09	773	2.3 [92]	26'858	65.5	73.04
172 Latvia	2.48	39	5.1	2'053	748.0	30.16
173 Lithuania	3.70	57	8.6	2'311	1'048.2	28.29
174 Luxembourg	0.42	162	17.6	42'744	279.7	66.87
175 Malta	0.38	1'199	3.3	8'912	187.0	49.34
176 Moldova	4.35	129	1.6	379	627.1	14.40
177 Netherlands	15.64	380	392.5	25'163	8'860.0	56.64
178 Norway	4.40	14	158.2	36'094	2'735.5	62.11
179 Poland	38.65	124	134.6	3'484	7'510.0	19.43
180 Portugal	9.94	108	108.9	10'966	4'002.5	40.25
181 Romania	22.57	95	35.1	1'554	3'776.9	16.73
182 Russia	147.10	9	429.6	2'913	28'250.4	19.20
183 Slovak Republic	5.38	110	18.8	3'492	1'391.9	25.89
184 Slovenia	1.98	98	18.9	9'495	722.5	36.40
185 Spain	39.32	78	580.9	14'791	15'854.4	40.32
186 Sweden	8.85	20	261.3	29'546	6'010.0	67.93
187 Switzerland	7.10	172	295.1	41'679	4'688.0	66.06
188 TFYR Macedonia	2.05	80	3.1 [94]	1'613	407.8	19.87
189 Turkey	62.87	81	175.7	2'749	15'744.0	25.04
190 Ukraine	50.98	84	44.6	872	9'410.0	18.46
191 United Kingdom	58.86	240	1'157.8	19'697	32'072.0	54.49
192 Yugoslavia	10.60	104	10.5	991	2'182.0	20.58
Europe	792.82	31	10'139.1	12'785	287'631.2	36.28
193 Australia	18.53	2	465.9	25'445	9'350.0	50.45
194 Fiji	0.78	43	2.1	2'730	71.8	9.19
195 French Polynesia	0.23	58	4.0	17'864	52.3	23.04
196 Guam	0.16	349	3.0	19'598	71.1	45.31
197 Kiribati	0.08	118	- [95]	545	2.5	3.09
198 Marshall Islands	0.06	32	...	...	3.4	5.83
199 Micronesia	0.11	80	0.2 [94]	1'949	8.4	7.58
200 New Caledonia	0.20	10	...	...	47.5	24.12
201 New Zealand	3.79	14	65.4	17'775	1'840.0	48.57
202 Papua New Guinea	4.21	9	4.9 [95]	1'205	47.0 [96]	1.14
203 Samoa	0.17	60	0.1 [92]	915	8.5	4.97
204 Solomon Islands	0.40	14	0.4 [95]	949	7.8	1.93
205 Tonga	0.10	142	0.2	1'815	7.8 [96]	7.90
206 Vanuatu	0.18	12	0.2 [95]	1'404	4.8	2.70
Oceania	28.99	3	546.5	19'378	11'522.8	39.84
World	5'838.70	43	29'597.8	5'250	793'314.3	13.59

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