

Basic indicators

World

	Population		GDP		Main telephone lines	
	Total	Density	Total	per capita	Total	per 100
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	1998	1998	1997	1997	1998	1998
1 Algeria	29.59	12	48.0	1'629	1'477.0	4.99
2 Angola	12.09	10	7.6	658	65.1	0.54
3 Benin	5.79	51	2.1	379	38.4	0.66
4 Botswana	1.57	3	4.9	3'202	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	0.42	103	0.5	1'245	40.0	9.58
9 Central African Rep.	3.48	6	1.0	284	9.6	0.27
10 Chad	7.27	6	1.3	192	8.6	0.12
11 Comoros	0.66	353	0.2 [95]	382	6.2	0.95
12 Congo	2.79	8	2.3	846	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	61.40	61	75.6	1'253	3'971.5	6.47
17 Equatorial Guinea	0.43	15	0.5	1'290	5.6	1.29
18 Eritrea	3.58	38	0.7	183	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	10.6	360	288.3	0.99
26 Lesotho	2.06	68	1.0	483	21.0	1.02
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	9.93	106	2.6	264	37.4	0.38
31 Mali	10.69	9	2.5	231	27.1	0.25
32 Mauritania	2.49	2	1.1	437	15.0	0.60
33 Mauritius	1.16	622	4.1	3'597	245.4	21.16
34 Mayotte	0.13	340	...	...	12.2	9.53
35 Morocco	27.69	42	33.4	1'214	1'393.4	5.03
36 Mozambique	18.88	24	3.5	193	75.4	0.40
37 Namibia	1.66	2	3.2	2'005	105.9	6.38
38 Niger	10.08	8	1.6	167	18.1	0.18
39 Nigeria	106.41	115	134.3	1'275	407.0	0.38
40 Réunion	0.68	272	5.9	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]	236	4.3	3.05
43 Senegal	9.00	46	4.4	500	139.5	1.55
44 Seychelles	0.08	195	0.6	7'320	18.8	23.78
45 Sierra Leone	4.57	63	0.9	192	17.4	0.38
46 Somalia	9.72	15	...	...	15.0	0.15
47 South Africa	42.13	36	148.4	3'599	5'075.4	12.05
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	21.03	87	6.1	297	56.9	0.27
54 Zambia	8.78	12	3.9	463	77.7	0.88
55 Zimbabwe	11.36	29	8.2	735	236.5	2.08
Africa	748.42	25	648.7	959	16'730.0	2.24
56 Antigua & Barbuda	0.07	164	0.6	8'228	34.0	46.80
57 Argentina	36.12	13	293.0	8'214	7'323.1	20.27
58 Aruba	0.09	487	1.5 [96]	17'109	35.1	37.30
59 Bahamas	0.30	21	3.1 [95]	11'001	105.9	35.77
60 Barbados	0.27	623	2.2	8'289	113.0	42.18
61 Belize	0.23	10	0.6	2'748	32.5	14.12
62 Bermuda	0.06	1'185	2.1	33'469	53.7	83.95
63 Bolivia	7.96	7	7.9	1'020	452.1	5.68
64 Brazil	165.85	19	807.7	5'052	19'986.6	12.05
65 Canada	30.25	3	631.2	21'048	19'293.7	63.79
66 Chile	14.82	20	75.3	5'148	3'046.7	20.55
67 Colombia	40.83	36	106.7	2'663	6'366.9	15.59
68 Costa Rica	3.84	75	5.0	1'384	742.4	19.33
69 Cuba	11.12	97	14.6	1'319	387.6	3.49
70 Dominica	0.08	101	0.2	3'259	20.1	26.50
71 Dominican Rep.	8.17	169	15.1	1'887	772.2	9.45

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	1998	1998	1997	1997	1998	1998
72 Ecuador	12.18	26	19.8	1'656	990.8	8.14
73 El Salvador	6.03	282	11.1	1'877	386.7	6.41
74 French Guiana	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	462.8	18.24
82 Martinique	0.39	353	4.1	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	141.2	3.01
86 Panama	2.77	35	8.7	3'181	418.8	15.13
87 Paraguay	5.22	13	9.6	1'890	260.7	4.99
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	0.2	2'214	21.0	18.79
93 Suriname	0.41	3	0.9	2'188	67.3	16.25
94 Trinidad & Tobago	1.28	250	5.8	4'592	264.1	20.58
95 United States	270.25	29	8'300.8	30'985	179'822.1	66.54
96 Uruguay	3.29	18	21.7	6'684	823.5	25.04
97 Venezuela	23.24	25	88.7	3'861	2'592.3	11.15
98 Virgin Islands (US)	0.12	343	...	...	64.9	54.82
Americas	803.87	20	10'976.2	13'893	259'297.1	32.26
99 Afghanistan	21.35	34	9.2	418	29.0	0.14
100 Armenia	3.54	118	1.6	432	556.6	15.74
101 Azerbaijan	7.67	89	3.9	505	680.2	8.87
102 Bahrain	0.64	906	6.3	10'241	157.6	24.55
103 Bangladesh	124.77	866	32.0	262	412.7	0.33
104 Bhutan	0.64	14	0.4	645	10.4	1.64
105 Brunei Darussalam	0.32	55	5.4	17'661	77.7	24.68
106 Cambodia	11.44	63	2.6	251	24.3	0.21
107 China	1'255.70	131	903.4	722	87'420.9	6.96
108 D.P.R. Korea	23.35	191	10.3	452	1'100.0	4.71
109 Georgia	5.44	78	4.9	905	628.8	11.55
110 Hongkong SAR	6.65	6'258	171.0	26'050	3'729.2	56.12
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.)	61.83	38	162.0	2'658	7'355.0	11.89
114 Iraq	21.80	50	...	...	650.0	2.98
115 Israel	5.98	270	100.0	16'934	2'819.0	47.11
116 Japan	126.38	334	4'212.3	33'402	67'488.0	53.40
117 Jordan	6.13	64	7.3	1'268	510.9	8.34
118 Kazakhstan	16.36	6	21.3	1'294	1'775.4	10.86
119 Korea (Rep.)	46.43	472	476.5	10'360	20'088.5	43.27
120 Kuwait	1.81	75	30.0	16'861	427.3	23.59
121 Kyrgyzstan	4.64	23	1.8	381	368.4	7.94
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 Macao SAR	0.43	18'090	7.0	16'598	173.9	40.39
125 Malaysia	21.75	65	100.2	4'624	4'384.1	20.16
126 Maldives	0.26	869	0.2	731	20.0	7.72
127 Mongolia	2.31	1	1.1	462	103.4	4.47
128 Myanmar	44.50	66	4.0	90	229.3	0.52
129 Nepal	21.84	154	4.8	227	208.4	0.95
130 Oman	2.38	9	15.8	6'762	220.0	9.23
131 Pakistan	130.58	162	59.3	458	2'756.1	2.11
132 Philippines	72.94	243	82.3	1'137	2'491.6	3.42
133 Qatar	0.58	51	11.3	19'856	150.5	25.99
134 Saudi Arabia	20.18	8	146.4	7'512	2'167.0	10.74
135 Singapore	3.87	5'662	94.6	25'317	1'777.9	45.99
136 Sri Lanka	18.45	281	15.1	821	523.5	2.84
137 Syria	15.60	84	16.6	1'097	1'477.0	9.47
138 Taiwan-China	21.93	609	255.3	11'743	11'500.4	52.44
139 Tajikistan	6.01	42	1.1	188	221.3	3.68
140 Thailand	59.34	115	150.1	2'556	5'037.5	8.49
141 Turkmenistan	4.31	9	2.1	468	354.0	8.22
142 United Arab Emirates	2.35	28	49.4	20'737	915.2	38.90

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143	Uzbekistan	23.95	54	12.3	523	1'536.7	6.42
144	Viet Nam	77.56	235	26.8	351	1'743.6	2.25
145	West Bank and Gaza	2.90	7'620	...	...	167.3	5.78
146	Yemen	16.89	89	6.6	400	249.5	1.48
	Asia	3'520.71	114	7'872.9	2'284	262'532.1	7.46
147	Albania	3.79	132	2.3	615	115.7	3.05
148	Andorra	0.07	161	1.2 [96]	16'990	32.9	43.93
149	Austria	8.14	97	206.7	25'606	3'996.6	49.10
150	Belarus	10.26	49	11.6	1'130	2'489.9	24.26
151	Belgium	10.14	332	243.6	23'906	5'056.4	49.86
152	Bosnia	3.67	72	2.7	721	333.2	9.07
153	Bulgaria	8.34	75	10.2	1'224	2'758.0	33.09
154	Croatia	4.48	79	20.3	4'523	1'558.0	34.77
155	Cyprus	0.67	72	8.4	12'807	404.7	60.77
156	Czech Republic	10.28	130	52.6	5'111	3'741.5	36.39
157	Denmark	5.30	123	168.4	31'917	3'495.9	65.97
158	Estonia	1.45	32	4.6	3'178	498.6	34.39
159	Faroe Islands	0.04	32	0.9	21'326	24.0	54.38
160	Finland	5.16	14	122.4	23'785	2'855.0	55.33
161	France	58.40	107	1'405.7	24'150	34'098.8	58.39
162	Germany	82.04	230	2'102.8	25'625	46'530.0	56.72
163	Greece	10.60	80	121.2	11'522	5'535.5	52.22
164	Greenland	0.06	-	...	...	25.0	44.56
165	Guernsey	0.06	954	1.6	25'251	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	64.82
168	Ireland	3.70	54	80.0	21'850	1'600.0	43.19
169	Italy	57.36	190	1'164.8	20'305	25'986.1	45.31
170	Jersey	0.09	741	2.3	26'858	68.7	79.94
171	Latvia	2.46	39	5.6	2'274	742.3	30.19
172	Lithuania	3.70	57	9.6	2'588	1'112.9	30.07
173	Luxembourg	0.43	166	17.5	41'206	293.1	68.29
174	Malta	0.38	1'215	3.3	8'807	191.5	49.88
175	Moldova	4.38	130	1.9	430	657.5	15.02
176	Netherlands	15.76	383	360.5	23'028	9'337.0	59.24
177	Norway	4.45	14	153.4	34'713	2'935.0	66.02
178	Poland	38.72	124	144.0	3'727	8'812.3	22.76
179	Portugal	9.98	109	101.9	10'230	4'116.9	41.25
180	Romania	22.47	95	34.9	1'548	3'599.0	16.01
181	Russia	147.30	9	445.8	3'024	29'246.0	19.86
182	Slovak Republic	5.39	110	19.4	3'610	1'539.3	28.54
183	Slovenia	1.99	98	4.7	2'345	726.0	36.43
184	Spain	39.37	78	560.5	14'253	16'288.6	41.37
185	Sweden	8.85	20	237.5	26'841	5'965.0	67.37
186	Switzerland	7.12	173	255.9	36'059	4'884.0	68.56
187	TFYR Macedonia	2.00	78	3.7	1'860	439.2	21.94
188	Turkey	63.93	82	189.9	3'020	16'959.5	26.53
189	Ukraine	50.86	84	49.7	974	9'698.2	19.07
190	United Kingdom	59.24	242	1'318.5	22'343	32'829.0	55.42
191	Yugoslavia	10.64	104	13.8	1'304	2'319.4	21.81
	Europe	793.99	31	9'719.0	12'267	297'545.6	37.47
192	Australia	18.73	2	401.0	21'650	9'540.0	50.93
193	Fiji	0.80	43	2.1	2'752	76.9	9.66
194	French Polynesia	0.23	58	3.6	16'009	53.1	23.18
195	Guam	0.16	358	3.1	19'611	75.1	46.62
196	Kiribati	0.08	119	0.1	669	2.8	3.44
197	Marshall Islands	0.06	33	0.1	1'577	3.7	6.24
198	Micronesia	0.11	83	0.2	1'981	9.1	7.99
199	New Caledonia	0.21	11	3.3	16'638	49.3	23.91
200	New Zealand	3.79	14	64.8	17'107	1'868.0	49.26
201	Northern Marianas	0.05	107	...	...	20.6	40.44
202	Papua New Guinea	4.51	10	4.9	1'137	56.9	1.26
203	Samoa	0.17	61	0.2	1'388	8.5	4.87
204	Solomon Islands	0.42	14	0.4	901	7.9	1.90
205	Tonga	0.10	141	0.2	1'808	8.5	8.64
206	Vanuatu	0.18	12	0.3	1'429	5.2	2.84
	Oceania	29.60	3	484.3	16'645	11'785.6	39.82
	World	5'896.58	43	29'701.1	5'179	847'890.5	14.38

Note: For data comparability and coverage, see the technical notes.
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Source: ITU.