

Living on US\$20 to 50 a day



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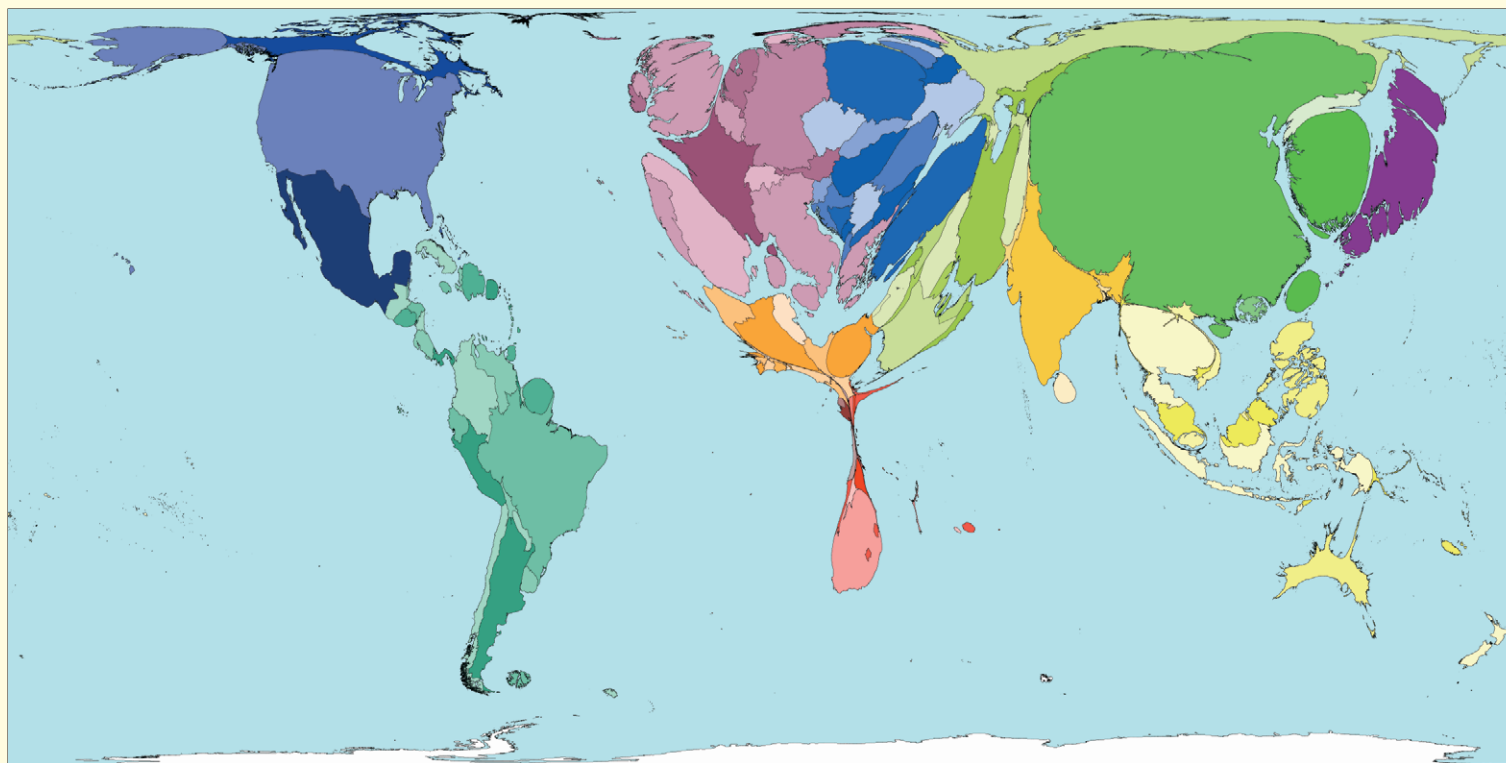


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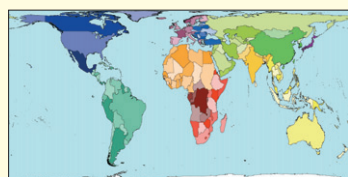
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The largest population living in households where people rely on US\$20-50 a day, in purchasing power parity (PPP), is China (192 million people). The second largest population in this range, less than half the Chinese total, live in the United States (80 million). Russia has the third biggest population (41 million) living on this daily amount, which is half the number of its equivalent in the United States.

The highest regional percentages of the population living on PPP US\$20-50 a day are found in Europe. However an even higher percentage of Eastern Europeans rely on PPP US\$10-20 a day; whilst a higher percentage of Western Europeans earn PPP US\$50-100 a day.

Territory size shows the proportion of all people living on PPP US\$ 20-50 a day worldwide, that live there.



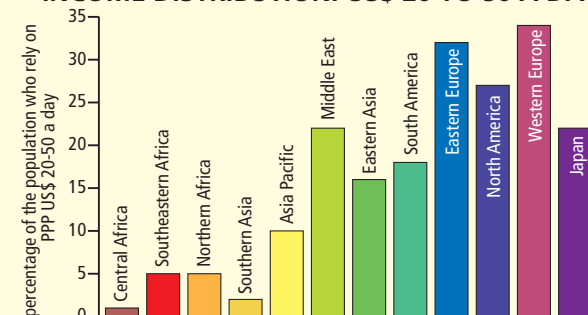
Land area

PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION LIVING ON PPP US\$ 20 TO 50 A DAY

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Slovakia	67	191	Malawi	0.095
2	Hungary	66	192	Kyrgyzstan	0.082
3	Czech Republic	65	193	Democratic Rep Congo	0.069
4	Croatia	55	194	Uzbekistan	0.045
5	Slovenia	53	195	Tajikistan	0.042
6	Republic of Korea	52	196	Burundi	0.022
7	Cyprus	51	197	Yemen	0.014
8	Malta	50	198	Rwanda	0.014
9	Lithuania	50	199	United Republic Tanzania	0.009
10	Poland	49	200	Ethiopia	0.001

percentage of the population living in households on US\$20-50 purchasing power parity a day each

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Technical notes

- Data are from the United Nations Development Programme's Human Development Report, 2004
- Income is measured in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) US\$. This is used because a dollar can buy more in Namibia than in Japan, due to different exchange rates and prices. PPP is value of income where it is earned, measured in US\$ equivalent.
- See website for further information.

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