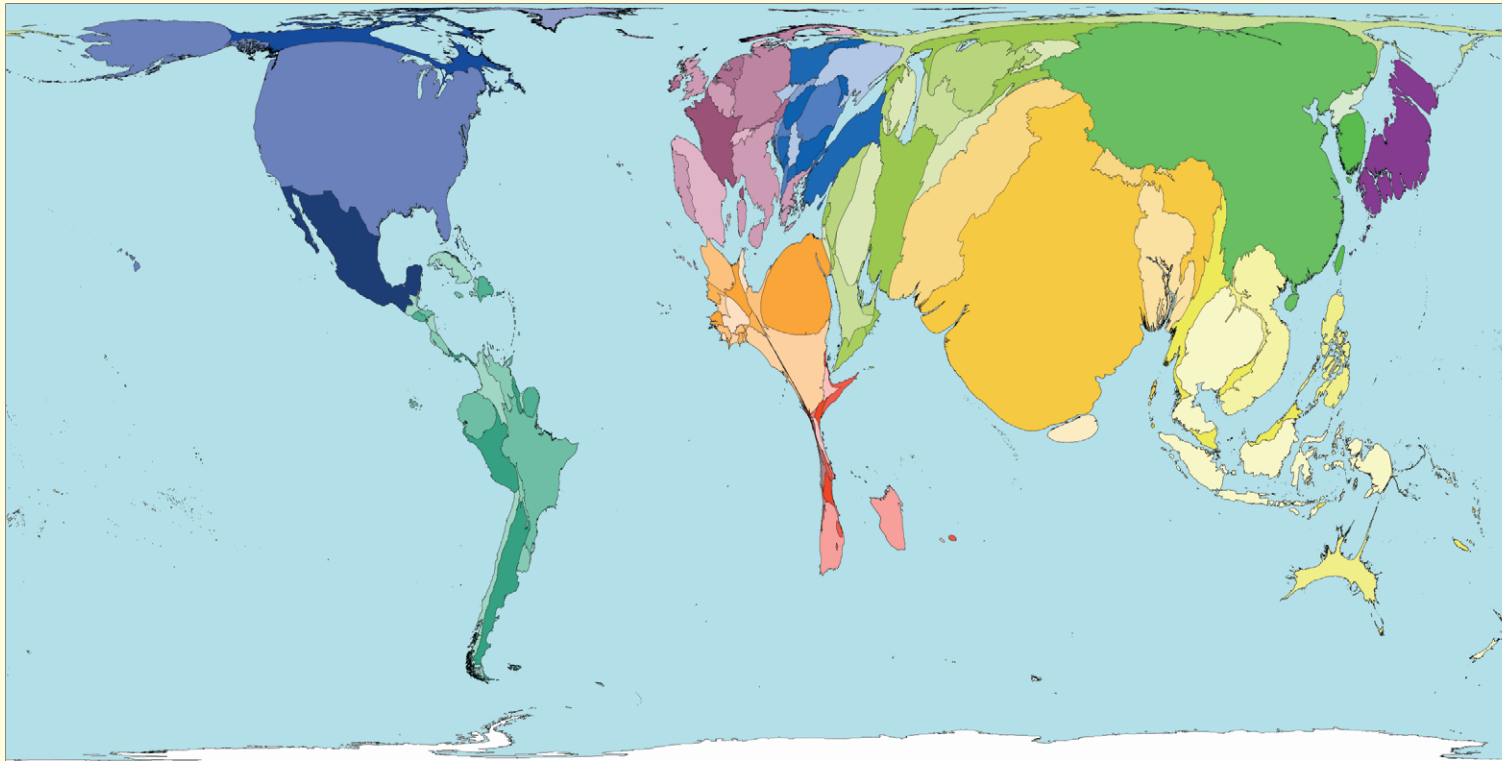


Water Use

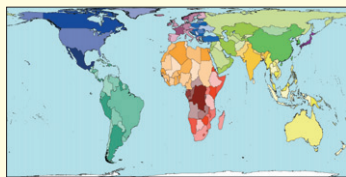


Four thousand cubic kilometres of water are used by people each year around the world, for domestic, agricultural and other industrial purposes. This does not include non-consumptive uses such as energy generation, mining, and recreation.

China, India and the United States use the most water. These are also the territories where the most people live. But water use per person is about three times higher in the United States than it is in India and China.

Whilst everybody needs water, people use hugely varying quantities. On average, people living in Central Africa each use only 2% of the water used by each person living in North America.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide water use occurring there.



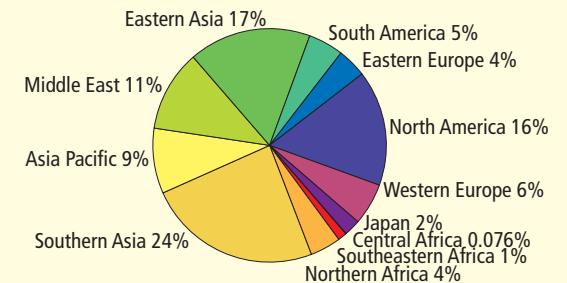
Land area

MOST AND LEAST WATER USAGE

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Bangladesh	64	191	Djibouti	0.04
2	Bahrain	44	192	Namibia	0.03
3	Mauritius	31	194	Angola	0.03
4	Belgium	27	193	Mongolia	0.03
5	Japan	24	195	Botswana	0.03
6	Netherlands	24	196	Chad	0.02
7	Pakistan	23	197	Papua New Guinea	0.02
8	Maldives	23	198	Dem Republic Congo	0.02
9	Viet Nam	23	199	Congo	0.01
10	India	22	200	Central African Republic	<0.01

centimetres of water use per year (cubic centimetres of water volume per square centimetre of land area)

WORLD WATER USE



Technical notes
 • Data are from the United Nations Environment Programme.
 • See website for further information.

“... the right to water emanates from and is indispensable for an adequate standard of living as it is one of the most fundamental conditions for survival.”
 Céline Dubreuil, 2006