The total income of all men in the world is more than double that of all women in the world. In every region men earn more than women do. The greatest income inequality between men and women is in Southern Asia where men earn five times more than women on average. The neighbouring region of Eastern Asia has the smallest difference between men and women, where men earn twice what women earn.

Men have the lowest average earnings in Central Africa, with annual incomes allowing for purchasing power of only 3.7% of the average earnings of men in North America and Western Europe.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide men’s earnings earned there measured by local purchasing power.

“... men generally earn more than women with identical qualifications ...” Gillian Gehring, 2001