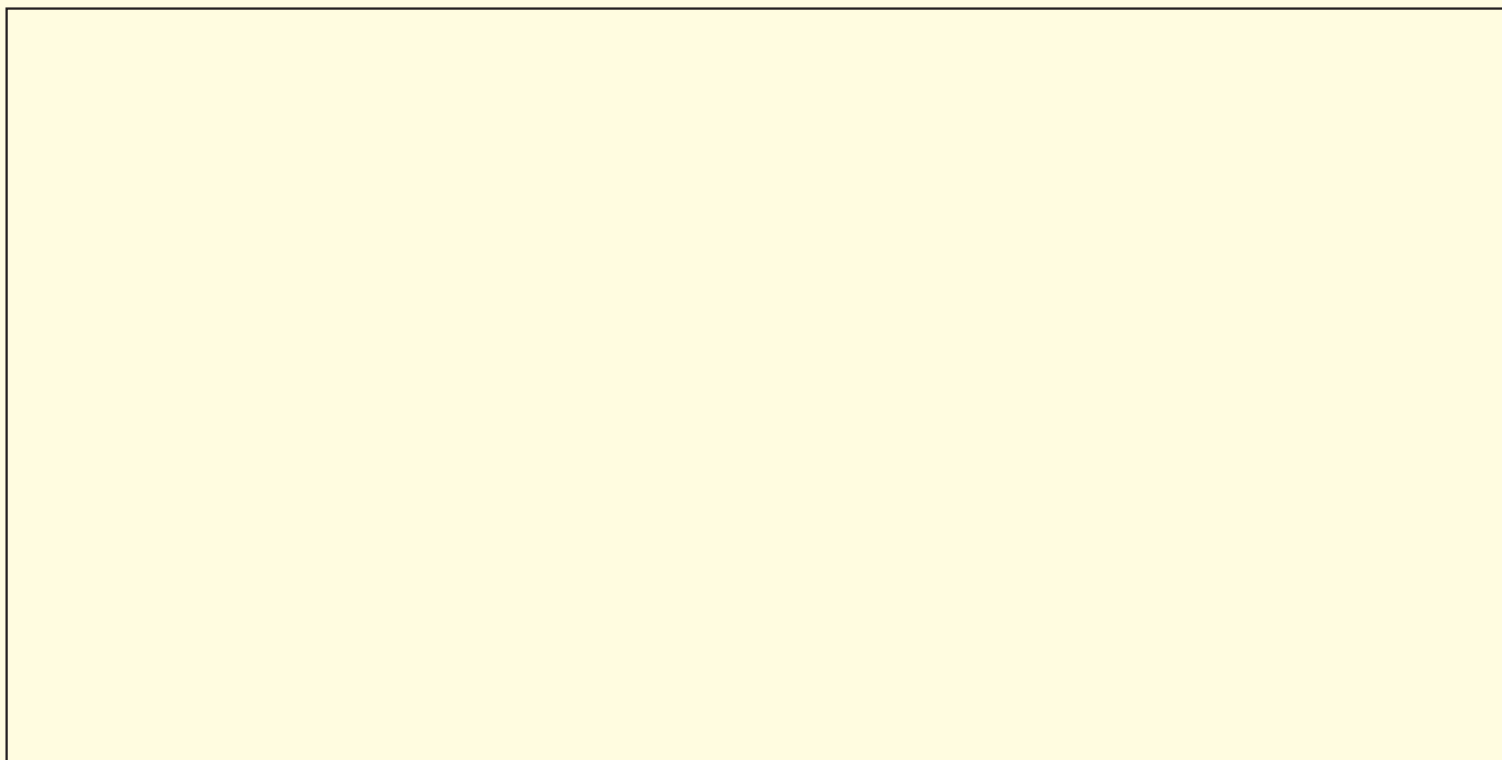


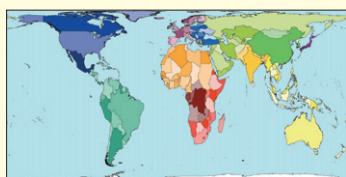
Wealth Year 2015



The projected wealth of China in 2015 could mean it producing 27% of all the wealth in the world, if the economic trends established between 1975 and 2002 continue for another 13 years. In year 1 of the current era China produced 26% of the wealth in the world, but very slowly declined to generating only 5% of the world total in 1960.

Whilst China is predicted to recover its former position within the world economy, this time instead of the Americas having a very small percentage of world wealth, as in year 1, now it is African territories that are predicted to remain small on the international financial stage. Eastern European territories are also predicted to have decreasing proportions of world wealth.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide Gross Domestic Product measured in US\$ equalised for purchasing power parity to be produced there in 2015.



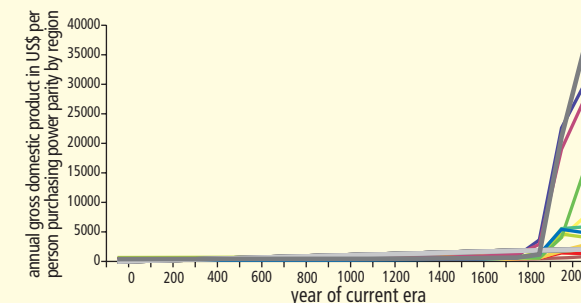
Land area

TERRITORIES PREDICTED TO BE THE MOST AND LEAST WEALTHY BY 2015

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Taiwan	64519	191	Comoros	533
2	Hong Kong (China)	51470	192	Dem Republic Congo	525
3	Singapore	48645	193	Chad	493
4	Malta	42407	194	Central African Republic	485
5	Luxembourg	38526	195	Zambia	480
6	Republic of Korea	38249	196	Djibouti	446
7	United States	38063	197	Sierra Leone	443
8	Norway	36830	198	Afghanistan	423
9	Japan	35694	199	Tajikistan	361
10	Ireland	34677	200	Niger	348

US\$ of Gross Domestic Product in purchasing power parity per person in 1990*

TIMELINE OF WORLD WEALTH



Technical notes

- Data are from Angus Maddison's 2003 The World Economy and the United Nations Population Division's 2002 World Population Estimates,
- Gross Domestic Product is measured in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) US\$, thus PPP US\$1 has the same purchasing power in every territory. This PPP is in 1990 prices.
- See website for further information.

“Asia’s rise is the economic event of our age. Should it proceed as it has over the last few decades, it will bring the two centuries of global domination by Europe and, subsequently, its giant North American offshoot to an end.”

Martin Wolf, 2003