

# Underweight Children



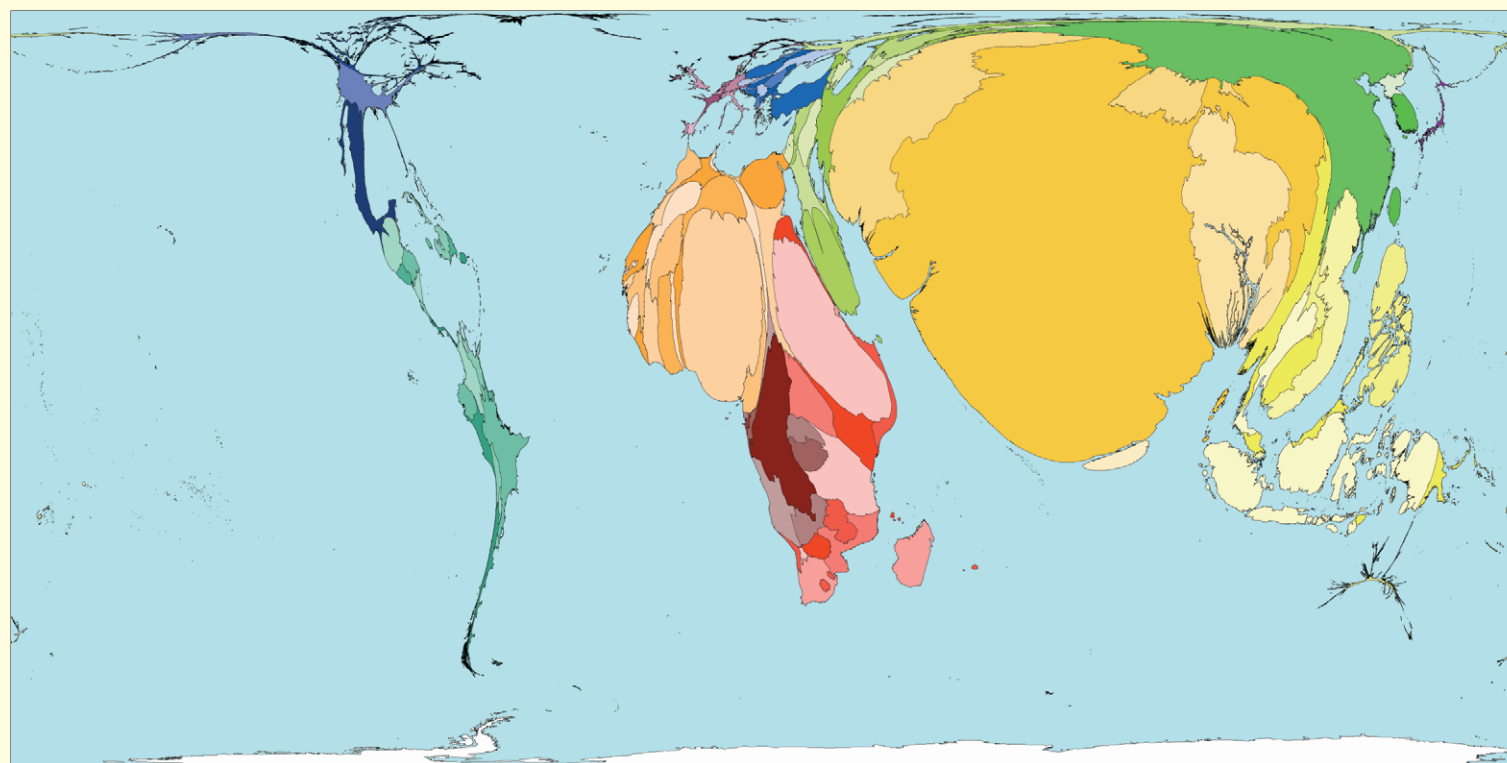
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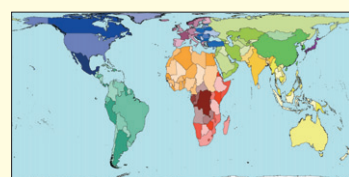


There are no territories without some underweight children living there. The percentage of underweight children can be as low as 1%, as it is in Chile and Japan.

Half of all children under the age of 5 years old that are underweight live in Southern Asia. Almost half of all children under 5 in Bangladesh, Nepal and India are underweight.

Southeastern Africa, Asia Pacific, Northern Africa and Eastern Asia are also home to relatively large numbers of underweight children. Within these regions the territories with the largest populations of underweight children are: Ethiopia, Indonesia, Nigeria and China.

Territory size shows the proportion of all underweight children in the world that live there.



Land area

## Technical notes

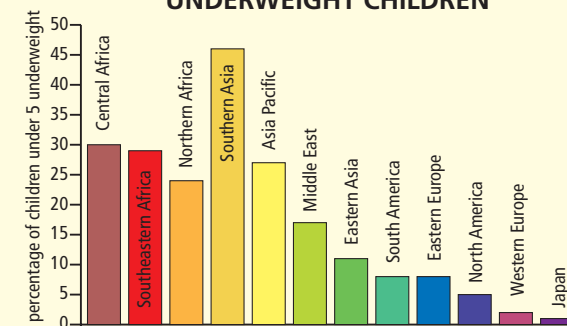
- Data are from the United Nations Development Programme's 2004 Human Development Report.
- \*Population under five years old is assumed to be a fixed proportion of the under 15 population.
- See website for further information.

## HIGHEST PERCENTAGES OF UNDERWEIGHT CHILDREN

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Bangladesh	48	10	Lao P Dem Republic	40
2	Nepal	48	12	Pakistan	38
3	India	47	13	Nigeria	36
3	Ethiopia	47	14	Myanmar	35
5	Yemen	46	14	Papua New Guinea	35
7	Burundi	45	16	Burkina Faso	34
6	Cambodia	45	17	Mali	33
8	Eritrea	44	17	Madagascar	33
9	Timor-Leste	43	17	Viet Nam	33
10	Niger	40	20	Mauritania	32

percentage of children aged under 5 year old, who are underweight\*

## UNDERWEIGHT CHILDREN



*“Poor nutrition is implicated in more than half of all child deaths worldwide - a proportion unmatched by any infectious disease since the Black Death.”*

Jean-Louis Sarbib, 2006