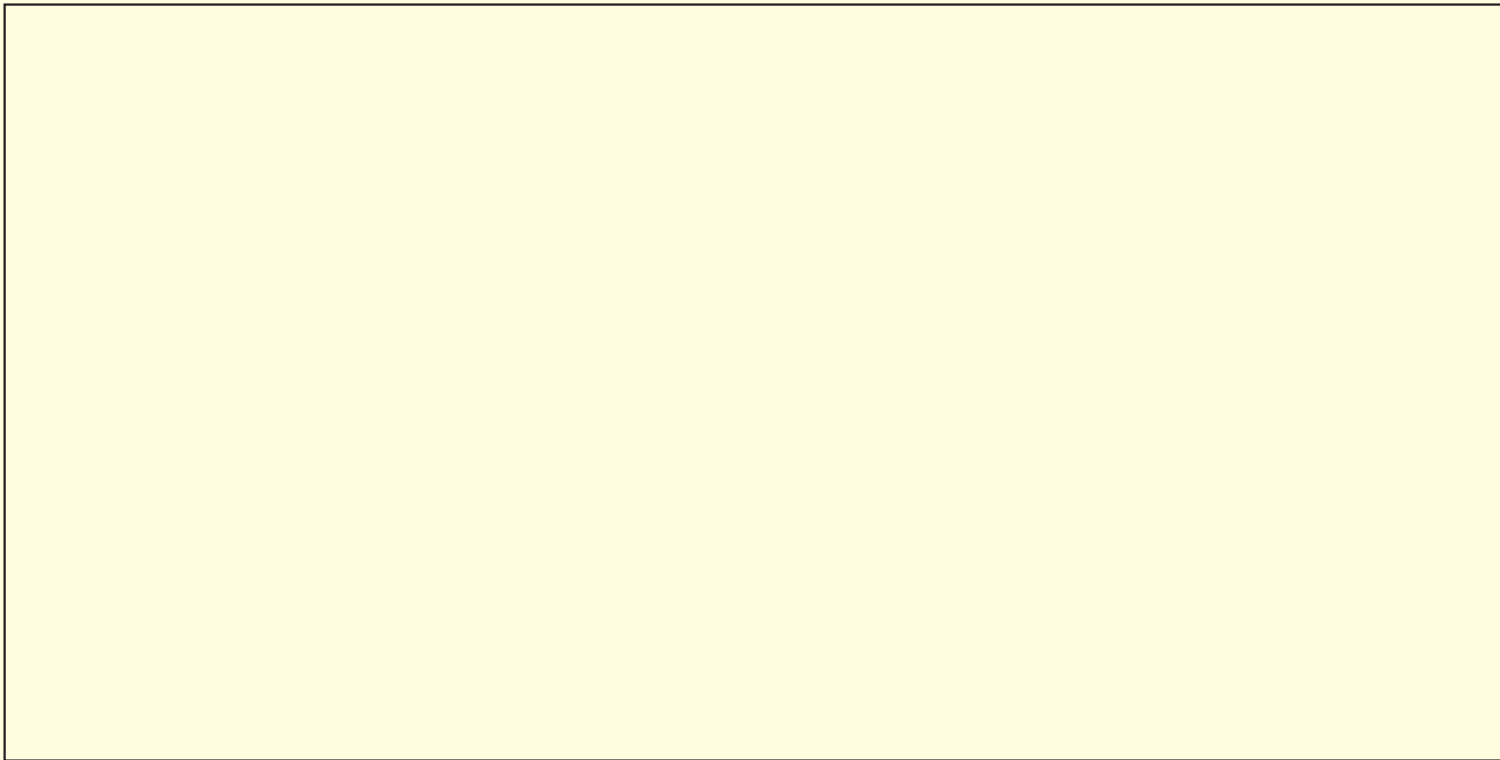


Pharmacists Working

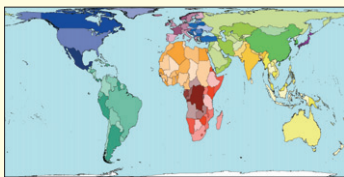


A pharmacist prepares and dispenses medicinal drugs associated with modern medicine, rather than traditional forms of treatment. Drugs include simple pain killers and re-hydration salts, and more complicated prescriptions such as anti-retroviral drugs that can suppress HIV.

The largest number of pharmacists in the world work in the territories with the biggest populations: India and China. 42% of all pharmacists live in these two territories. The territories with the fewest pharmacists are in Asia Pacific, Central Africa, Northern Africa and Southeastern Africa.

By region the most pharmacists per person work in Japan: 121 for every 100 000 people.

Territory size shows the proportion of all pharmacists that work in that territory.

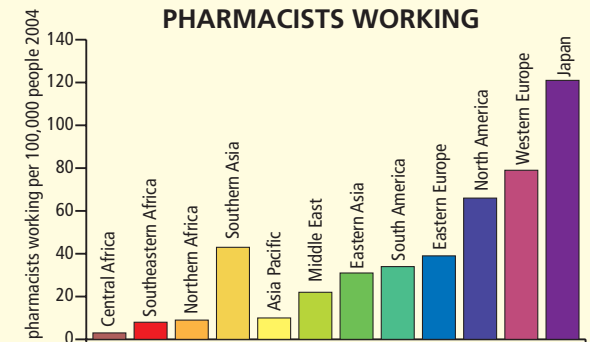


Land area

MOST AND FEWEST PHARMACISTS WORKING

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Jordan	314	191	Liberia	1.00
2	Malta	203	192	Madagascar	0.98
3	Monaco	191	193	Senegal	0.82
4	Iceland	130	194	Central African Republic	0.43
5	Japan	121	195	Chad	0.42
6	Mauritius	116	196	Myanmar	0.25
7	Italy	115	197	Angola	0.21
8	Belgium	114	198	Niger	0.16
9	Finland	112	199	Benin	0.16
10	Republic of Korea	108	200	Somalia	0.10

pharmacists working per 100,000 people 2004



Technical notes

- Data are mainly from the World Health Organisation's 2006 World Health Report.
- See website for further information.

“When we write out prescriptions we have to take into account the financial situation of our patients. If we prescribe medicine that is too expensive, then they just won't buy it ...”

Alphonsine, 2006