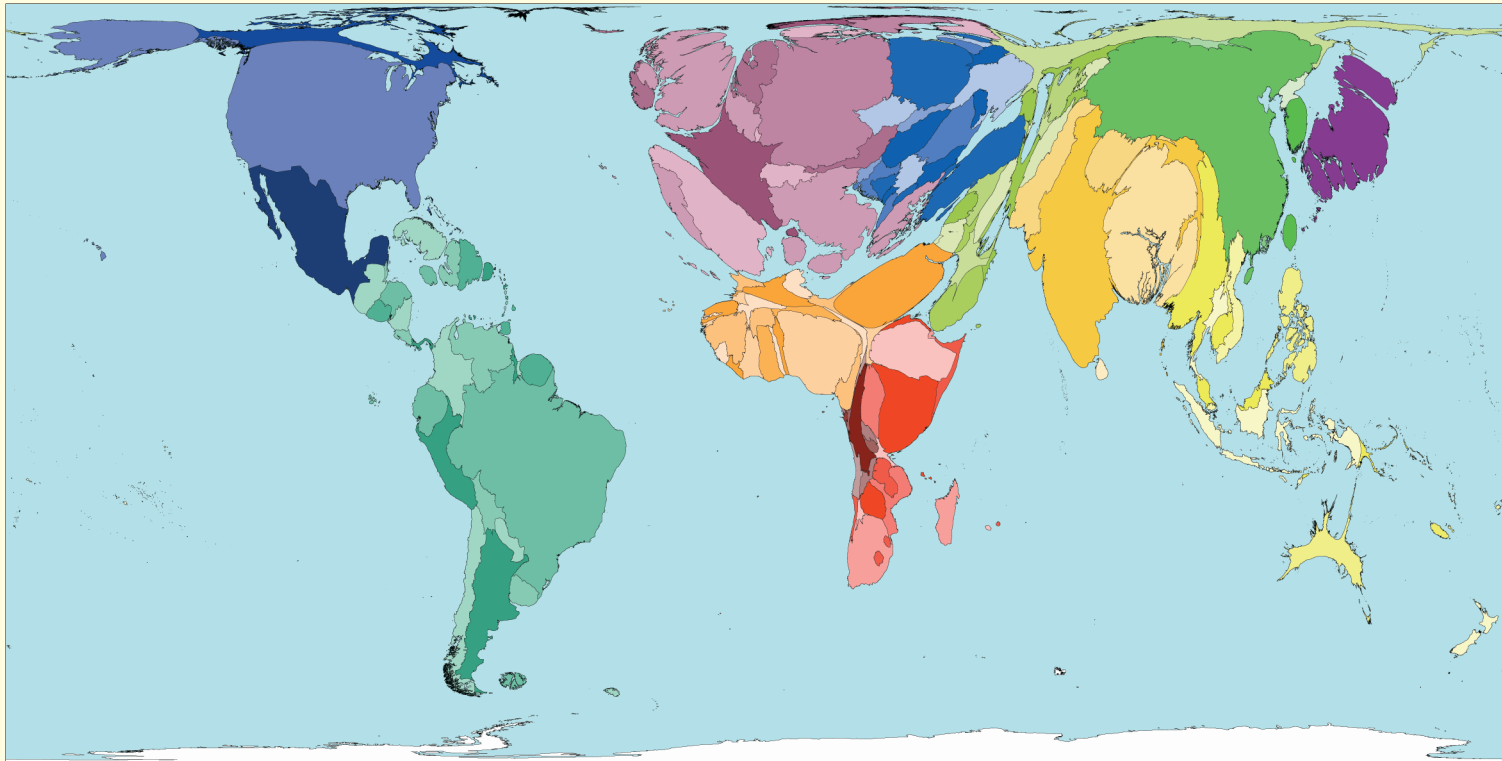


Women Smoking

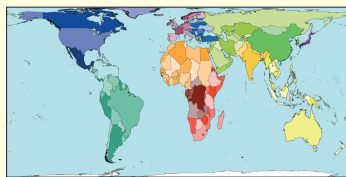


There are women who smoke living in every territory in the world. But the proportion of women who smoke varies from 1% in Azerbaijan to 47% in Guinea. Of the total world female population over the age of 15 years, 10% are smokers. Some girls start to smoke before they reach the age of 15.

The Americas are home to 29% of the world's 232 million female smokers.

In the last 2000 years people started to smoke and chew tobacco. In the past 300 years a tobacco industry developed. This industry grew huge in the last 100 years with the invention of automated cigarette rolling machines.

Territory size shows the proportion of women who smoke that live there, 1998-2003.



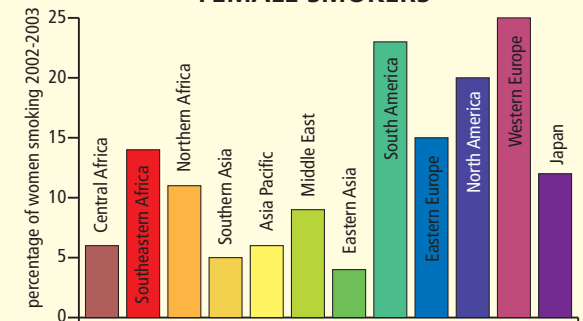
Land area

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PROPORTIONS OF FEMALE SMOKERS

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Guinea	47	190	Indonesia	3
2	Uruguay	39	190	Armenia	3
3	Lebanon	35	190	Mauritius	3
4	Chile	34	194	Sudan	2
5	Kenya	32	194	Morocco	2
5	Norway	32	194	Islamic Republic of Iran	2
7	Germany	31	194	Sri Lanka	2
7	Ireland	31	194	Thailand	2
9	Hungary	30	199	United Republic of Tanzania	1
10	Yemen	29	199	Azerbaijan	1

percentage of women who smoke, 1998-2003

FEMALE SMOKERS



“If the tobacco industry hates a policy then you can guarantee it’s successful in reducing the number of cigarettes smoked.”

Simon Chapman, 2001