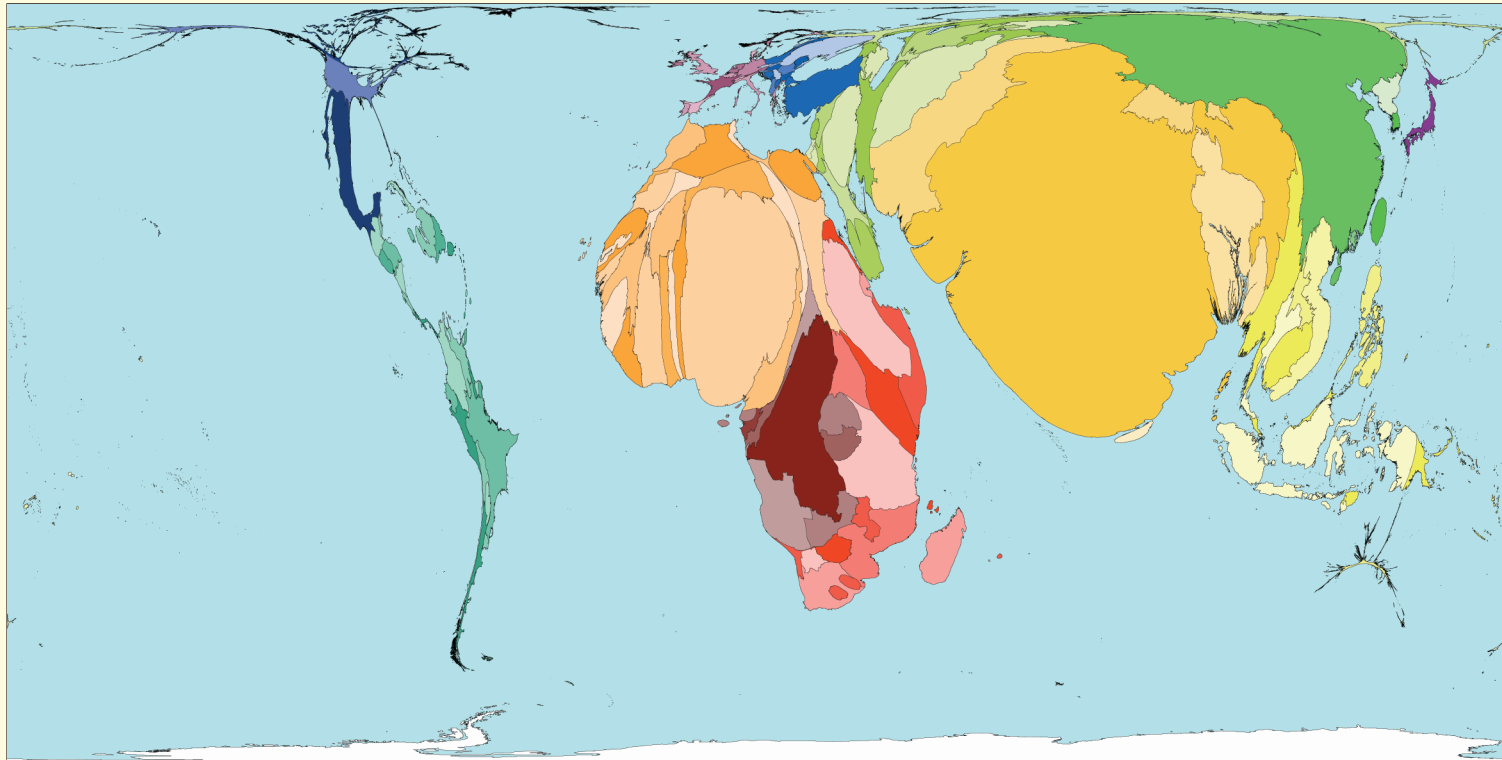


# Stillbirths



Stillborn means dead at birth. In 2000 there were 3.3 million stillbirths worldwide, more than a third of these occurred in Southern Asia.

The number of stillbirths for every 1000 births varies between regions; where parents live greatly affects the chance of a stillbirth. In Central Africa, there are 42 stillbirths for every 1000 births; the Western European rate is a tenth of this. Mauritania has the highest rate of stillbirths at 6.3%. Generally, the richer the territory, the fewer stillbirths occur there.

Territory size shows the proportion of all stillbirths over 28 weeks of gestation worldwide that occurred there in 2000.



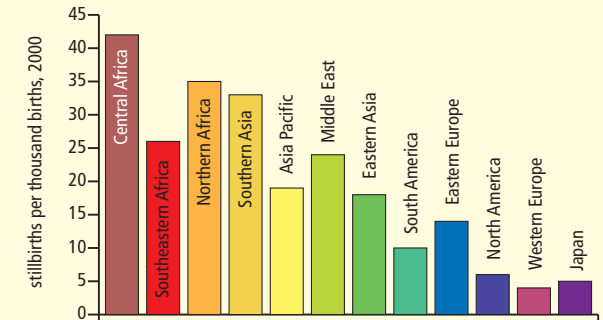
Land area

## MOST AND FEWEST STILLBIRTHS

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Mauritania	63	190	Bahamas	3
2	Liberia	58	190	Czech Republic	3
3	Afghanistan	54	190	Singapore	3
4	Cote d'Ivoire	53	190	Italy	3
5	Sierra Leone	50	190	New Zealand	3
6	Nigeria	48	190	Switzerland	3
6	Angola	48	190	Canada	3
8	Central African Republic	45	190	Australia	3
8	Guinea	45	190	Sweden	3
10	Somalia	44	200	Republic of Korea	2

stillbirths over 28 weeks of gestation per thousand total births in 2000\*

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### Technical notes

- Data are from the World Health Organisation's 2005 World Health Report.
- \*10 territories reported 3 stillbirths per 1000 births (the Bahamas are not shown); 3 territories reported 44 per 1000 births (Botswana and the Gambia are not shown). The territories with the highest total births are shown in the chart.
- See website for further information.

*“He was beautiful; perfect in every way, except he never took his first breath, and we never heard him cry.”*

Sands Bereaved Parent, undated