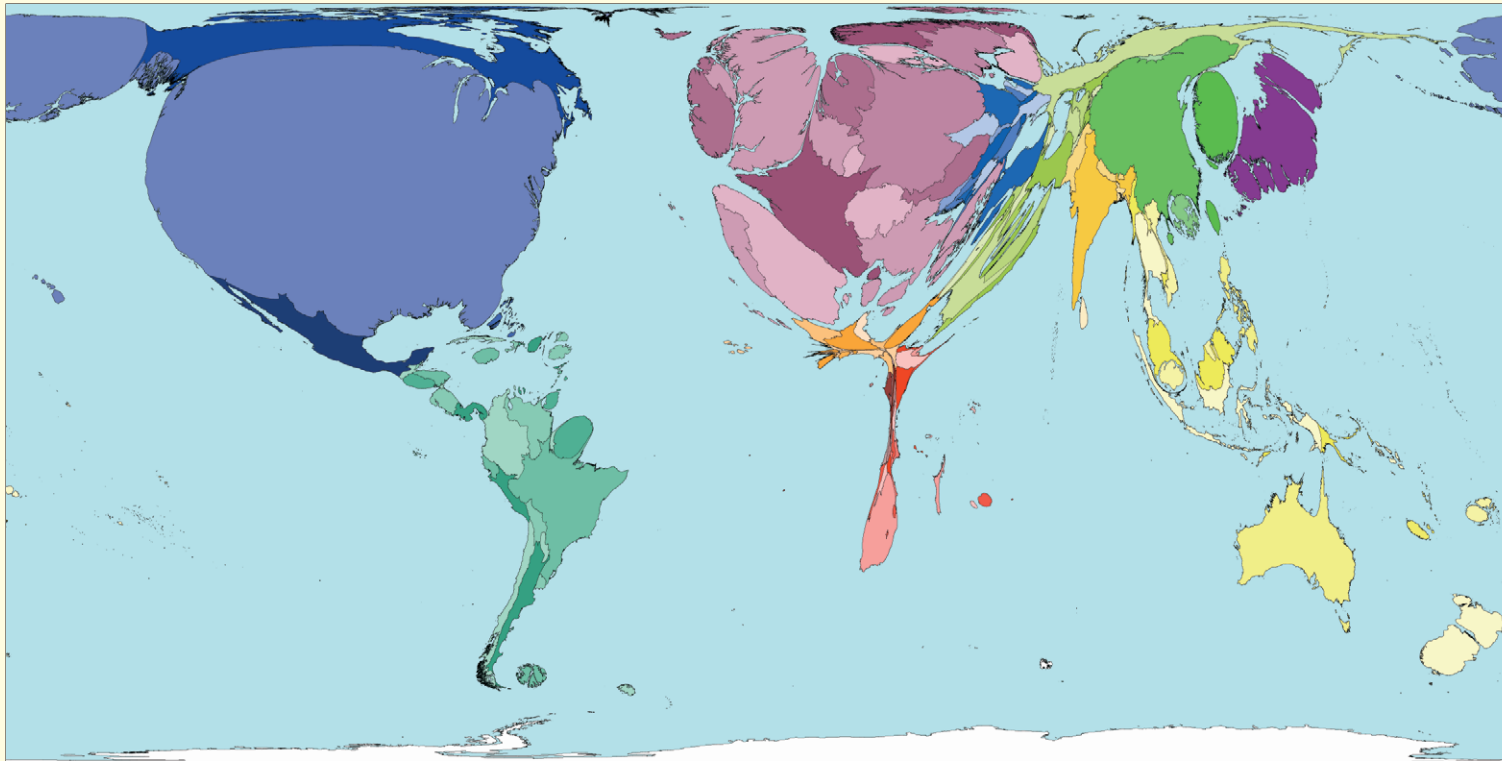


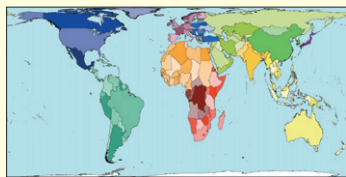
Aircraft Departures



Over 21 million civilian aircraft departures occur everyday. That is 40 departures every minute around the world. Departures are recorded by the territory to which the aircraft is registered, not the territory from which they physically take off. The difference between registered departure and physical take off is highlighted by Monaco, with the second most registered departures per person, but without an international airport inside its borders.

Two thirds of the worldwide aircraft departures are of aircraft registered in North America and Western Europe. Africa is particularly small on this map. The entire continent accounts for only 2.5% of all departures.

Territory size shows the distribution of aircraft take-offs, measured by the aircraft's territory of registration.



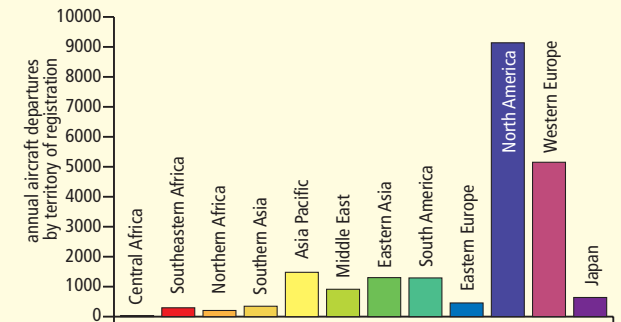
Land area

MOST AND FEWEST AIRCRAFT DEPARTURES

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Antigua & Barbuda	672	191	Nigeria	0.07
2	Monaco	412	192	Guinea	0.07
3	Seychelles	186	193	DPR Korea	0.06
4	Luxembourg	102	194	Niger	0.06
5	Bahamas	82	195	Mali	0.06
6	Marshall Islands	75	196	Bangladesh	0.05
7	New Zealand	65	197	Dominican Republic	0.05
8	Ireland	59	198	Côte d'Ivoire	0.04
9	Norway	55	199	Sierra Leone	0.02
10	Fiji	48	200	Uganda	0.01

departures per thousand people per year on airlines registered in that territory

WORLDWIDE AIRCRAFT DEPARTURES



Technical notes

- Data source: World Bank, World Development Indicators, 2005. Data are from 2003.
- The World Bank defines aircraft departures as the number of domestic and international take-offs of air carriers registered in a territory.
- See website for further details.

“... I’m leavin’ on a jet plane — Don’t know when I’ll be back again — Oh babe, I hate to go” John Denver, 1969