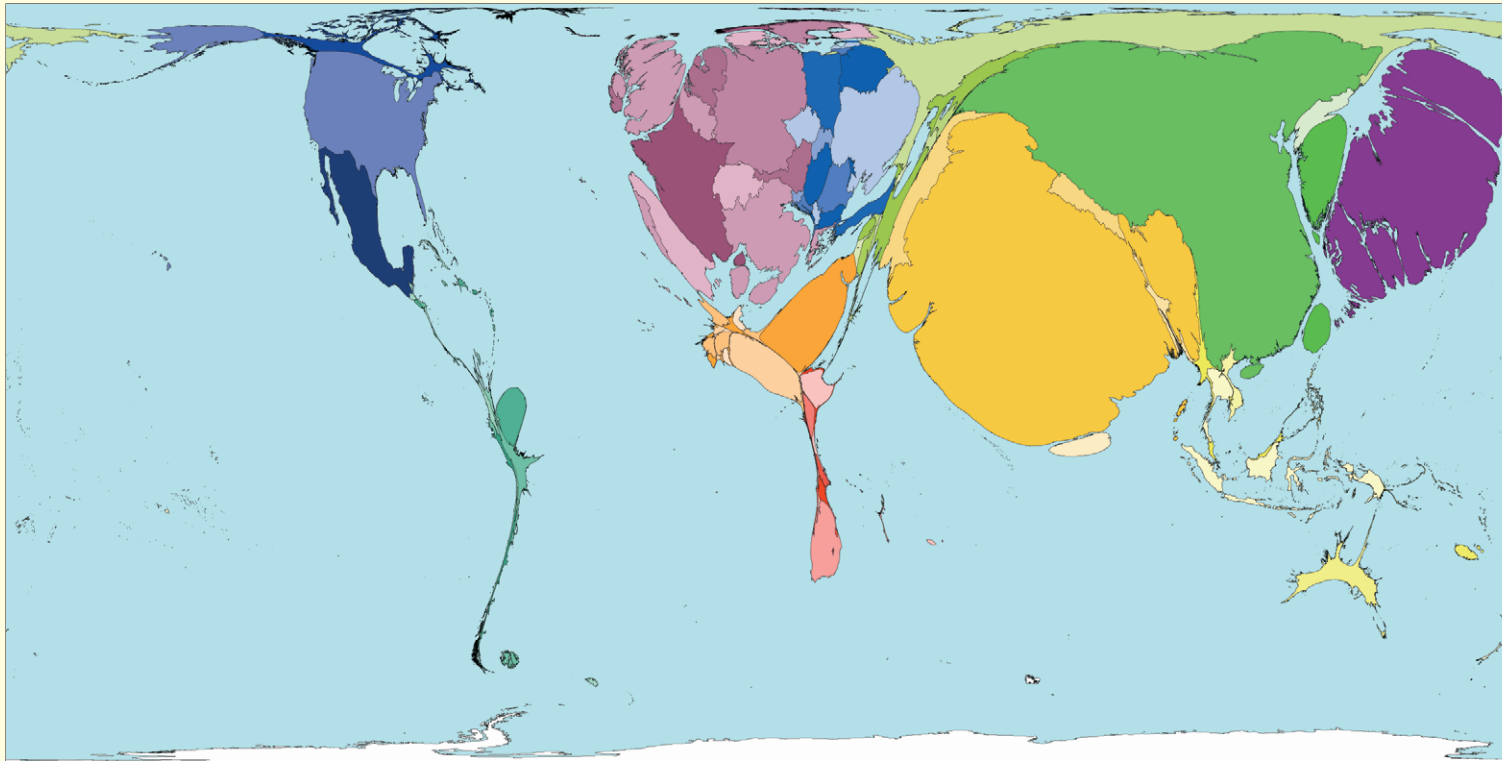


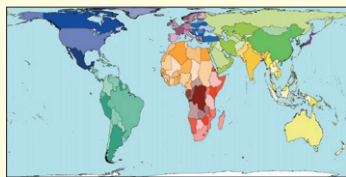
# Rail Passengers



In 2003 2.2 trillion kilometres were travelled by train passengers. Of this total a fifth were in India, a fifth were in China, and a tenth were in Japan.

The world average for the number of kilometres travelled by people per year by train is 358 kilometres each. The unevenness of the real distribution of kilometres travelled is highlighted by the fact that 64 territories (out of 200) do not have a rail system. At the other extreme, an average of 1876 kilometres are travelled by train each year by every person who lives in Japan.

Territory size shows the proportion of all train passenger kilometres travelled in the world that occur there.



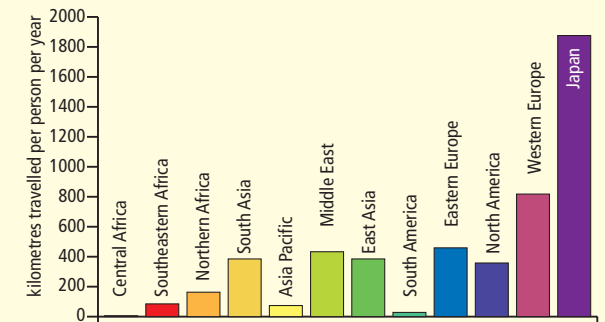
Land area

## MOST AND FEWEST RAIL PASSENGERS

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Japan	1876	127	Côte d'Ivoire	9.0
2	Switzerland	1783	128	Mozambique	7.4
3	Belarus	1449	129	Tajikistan	6.6
4	France	1225	130	Angola	5.6
5	Russian Federation	1061	131	Ghana	4.1
6	Austria	1039	132	Cambodia	3.3
7	Ukraine	1034	133	Democratic Republic of Congo	3.1
8	Denmark	1024	134	Sudan	2.2
9	Netherlands	887	135	Philippines	1.6
10	Germany	848	136	Madagascar	0.6

annual railway journeys kilometres per person per year\*

## AVERAGE KILOMETRES BY TRAIN



### Technical notes

- Data source: World Bank, World Development Indicators, 2005. Data are from 2003.
- Passenger kilometres are the number of rail passengers multiplied by the average length of rail journey in each territory.
- \*64 territories had no recorded rail system.
- See website for further details.

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