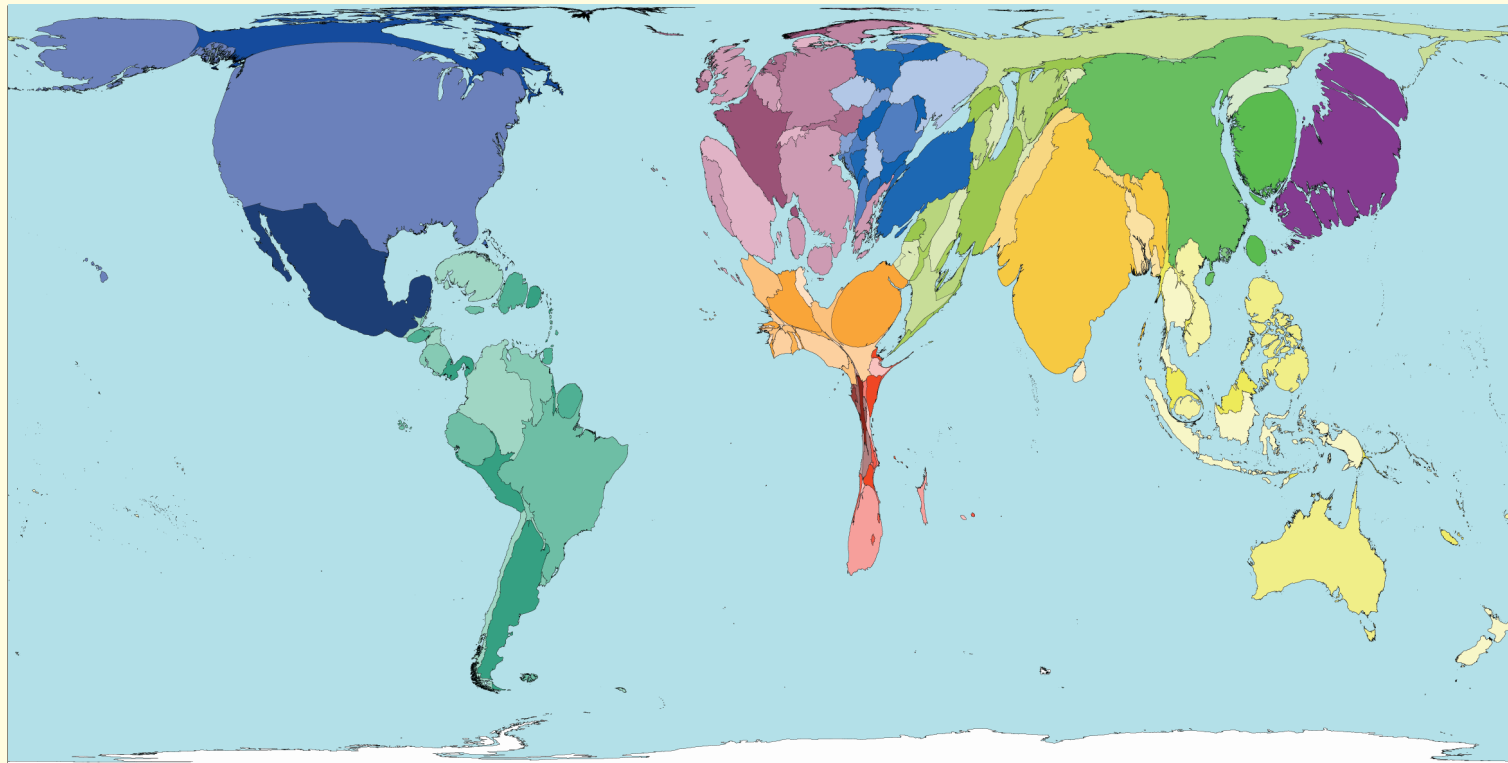


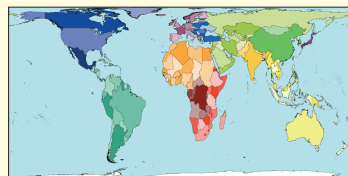
Domestic Water Use



Water for domestic purposes includes drinking water, use for public services, commercial service establishments (such as hotels), and homes. 325 billion cubic metres of water are so used worldwide each year. The world average water use per person is 52 cubic metres per year.

There is huge variation in water use per person. Between 1987 and 2003 people living in Cambodia, where the majority do not have access to improved water supplies, used an average of 1.8 cubic metres of water each. People in Costa Rica used one hundred times more. The residents of Australia on average each use another 300 cubic metres again per year - much to water their lawns and fill pools.

Territory size shows the proportion of all water used for domestic purposes that was used there.



Land area

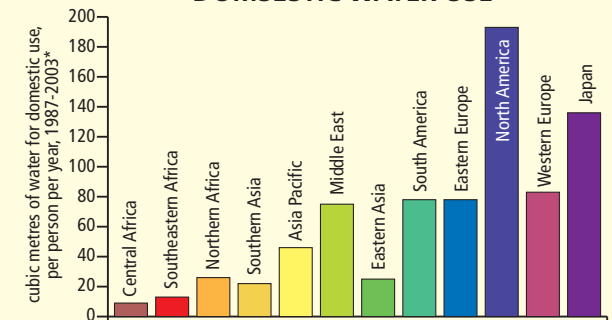
- Technical notes**
- Data are sourced from the World Bank's 2005 World Development Indicators.
 - *Territories which assumed the regional average, due to missing data, are not shown in the table.
 - Domestic water use is all piped water use except for industry and agriculture.
 - See website for further information.

HIGH AND LOW DOMESTIC WATER USE

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Australia	487	191	Democratic Republic of Congo	4.8
2	Armenia	281	192	Chad	3.9
3	Canada	259	193	Ethiopia	3.5
4	New Zealand	242	194	Benin	3.5
5	Cuba	225	195	United Republic of Tanzania	3.0
6	United States	209	196	Mozambique	2.9
7	Singapore	203	197	Uganda	2.6
10	Costa Rica	184	198	Somalia	2.5
11	United Arab Emirates	174	199	Mali	2.2
12	Ecuador	159	200	Cambodia	1.8

cubic metres of domestic water use per person per year, 1987-2003*

DOMESTIC WATER USE



“I remember when I was 14, carrying a 20 litre water can on my head, filling it from a river some thirty minutes away. When I came to Canada, I was shocked by the extravagant use of water here.”

Sieru Efrem, 2003