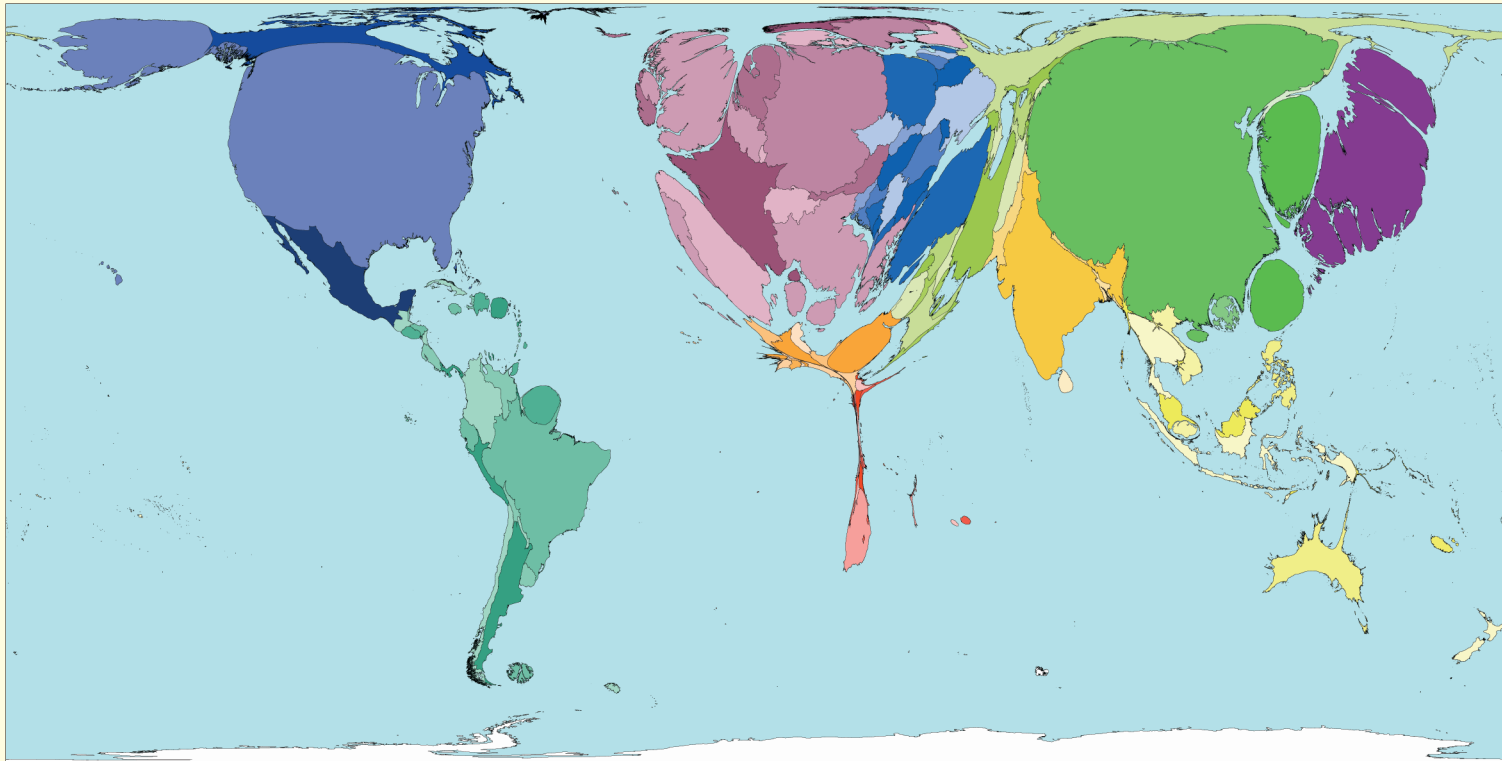


# Telephone Lines 2002



In 2002 there were just over a billion mainline telephones worldwide. This is almost double the number in 1990. The six territories with the most mainlines were located in different regions, they were: China, the United States, Japan, Germany, India and Brazil. The fewest mainlines were in Andorra and Niue.

As in 1990, by 2002 the regions where the most mainlines per person were found were North America, Western Europe and Japan. The largest increase in mainlines per person, however, was in Eastern Asia. There were roughly ten times more mainlines (in total and per person) in Eastern Asia in 2002 than in 1990.

Territory size shows the proportion of all telephone mainlines that were found there in 2002.



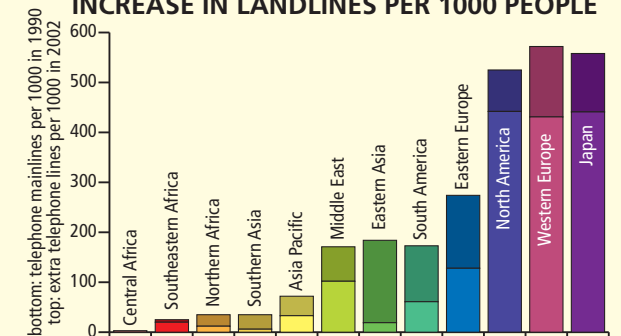
Land area

## MOST AND LEAST CONNECTED BY TELEPHONE LINES IN 2002

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Luxembourg	797	190	Guinea	3.0
2	Switzerland	744	190	Rwanda	3.0
3	Sweden	736	190	Cambodia	3.0
4	Norway	734	194	Liberia	2.1
5	Denmark	689	195	Niger	2.0
6	Cyprus	688	195	Central African Republic	2.0
7	Iceland	653	195	Chad	2.0
8	Germany	651	195	Uganda	2.0
9	United States	646	199	Afghanistan	1.3
10	Canada	635	200	Democratic Republic of Congo	0.2

mainlines connected per thousand people in 2002\*

## INCREASE IN LANDLINES PER 1000 PEOPLE



### Technical notes

- Data are from the United Nations Development Programme's 2004 Human Development Report.
- A mainline is a fixed line going to a house, not the number of telephones as they may use the same line.
- \*Burundi was ranked 190, but is not in the table.
- See website for further information.

*"... every time you change your mobile phone for the latest model you are helping to fuel war in Congo ..."*

Michael Bond , 2001