

Radios in Use



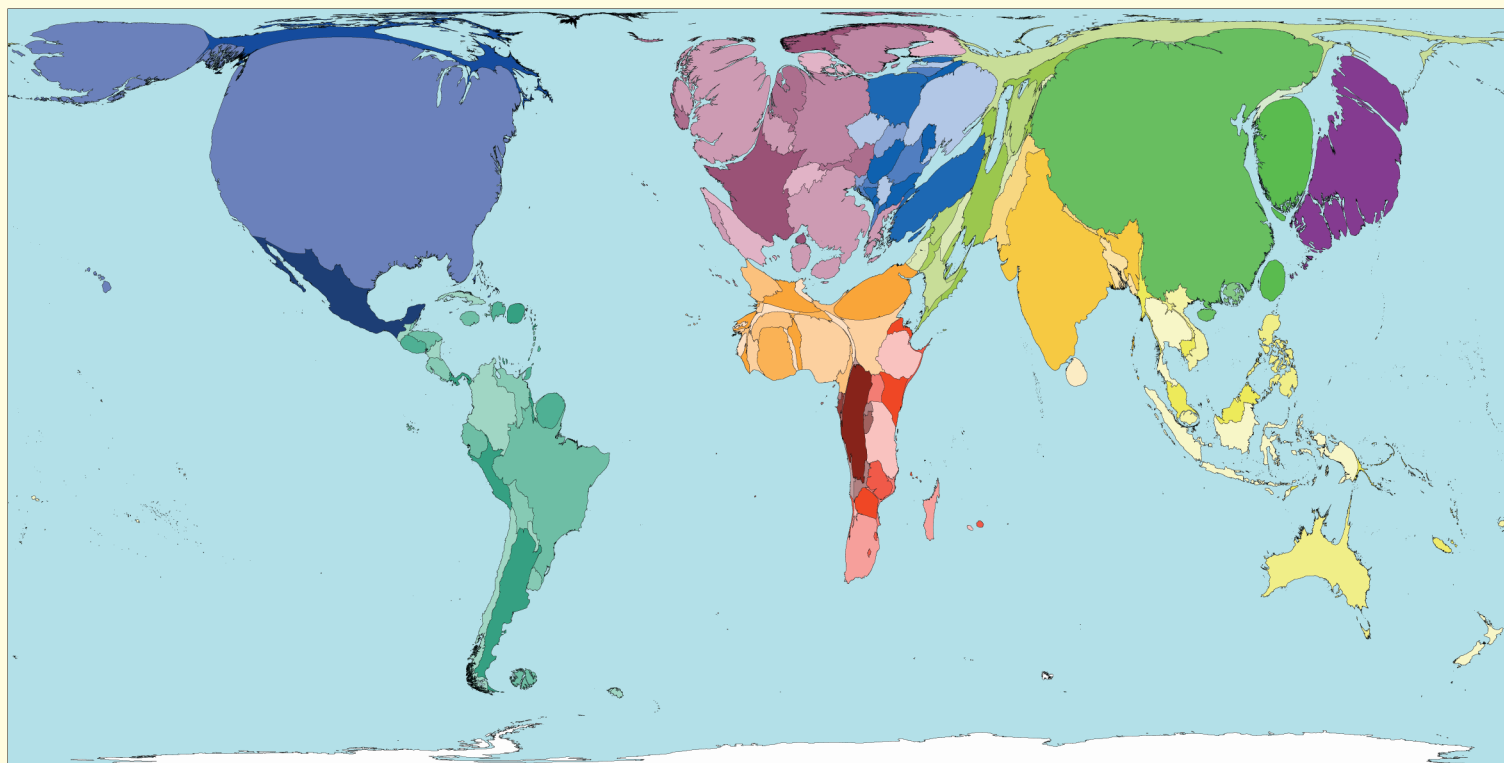
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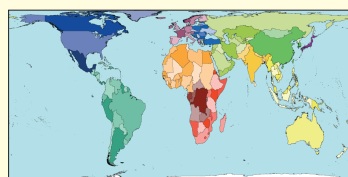
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Radios were first used by the general public in the 1920s. Now there are 2.6 billion radios in use worldwide. In 13 territories there are more radios in use than people living there. 55 more territories averaged more than one radio for every two people. Altogether 126 territories had one or more radios for every four people (the world average household size is 4).

The most radios per person are in Norway - at more than 3 per person. Radios might be found in the kitchen, the car, and even the shower. By contrast there is only 1 radio in use for every 50 people in Haiti. Radios are an excellent means of communication: many people find reading difficult, a much smaller number cannot hear.

Territory size shows the proportion of all radios in use that are found there.



Land area

Technical notes

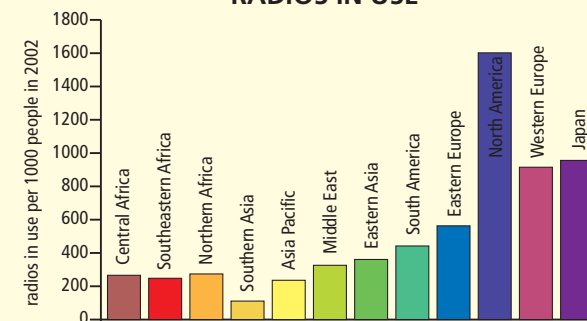
- Data are from the World Bank's 2005 World Development Indicators.
- The latest figure for Haiti is from 2001, and the rate reported then equates to 150,000 working radios in the territory.
- See website for further information.

MOST AND FEWEST RADIOS IN USE

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Norway	3324	191	Lesotho	61
2	Sweden	2811	192	Somalia	60
3	United States	2109	193	Guinea	52
4	Australia	1996	194	Bhutan	50
5	Finland	1624	195	Mongolia	50
6	United Kingdom	1445	196	Bangladesh	49
7	Denmark	1400	197	Mozambique	44
8	Estonia	1136	198	Nepal	39
9	Iceland	1081	199	Azerbaijan	22
10	Samoa	1063	200	Haiti	18

radios per thousand people in 2002

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“Only when local voices are heard on local radio will people get a sense of ownership of radio ...”

Paul Kavuma Nkwanga, 2004