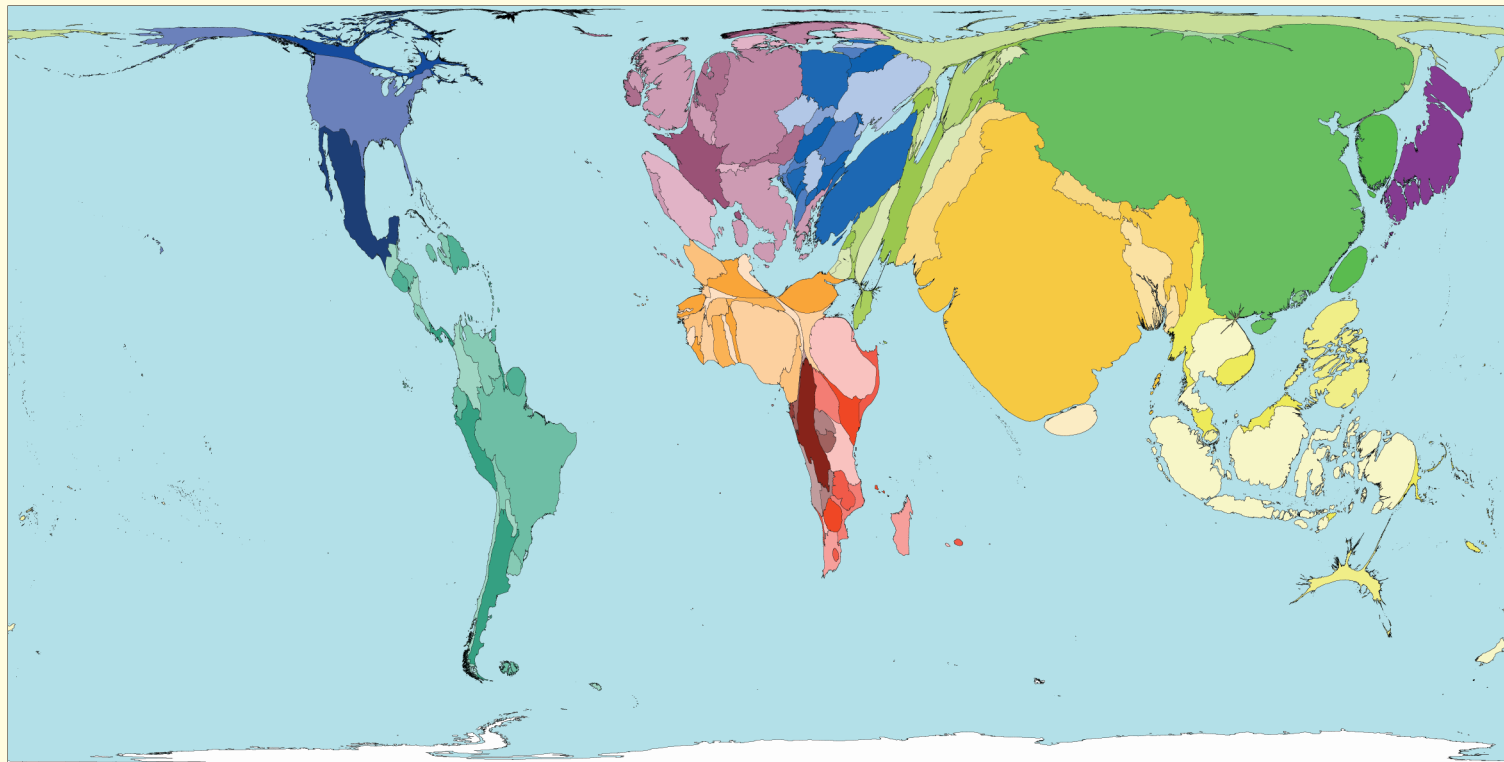


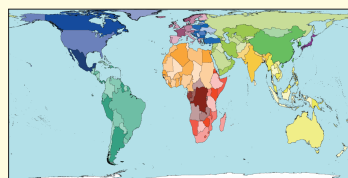
Voter Turnout



Between 1945 and 1998, the average voter turnout was 64%. Turnout means casting your vote. In most territories having the right to vote also means having the right not to vote. Sometimes abstaining from voting makes as strong a statement as voting. Here, turnout refers to voting in various types of elections which are not directly comparable between territories due to different political systems.

The highest voter turnouts have been recorded in Italy and the Seychelles, at 91%. High voluntary turnout to vote is encouraged by voter anonymity, a belief in the value of political processes, and accessible ballot boxes.

Territory size shows the estimated proportion of all people who voted in elections between 1945 and 1998 who voted there.



Land area

Technical notes

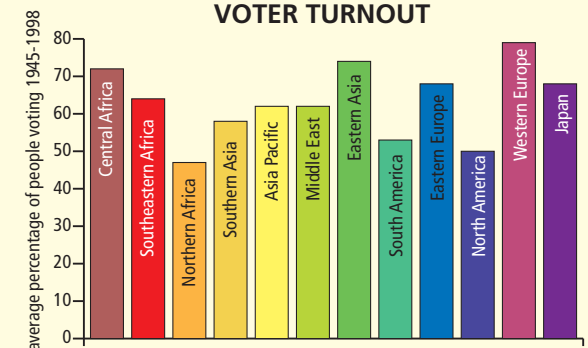
- Data are from the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance.
- Note that it is difficult to find voter turnout data for China; alternative sources were required.
- *For 22 territories - unable to locate plausible figures or no elections appear to have been held.
- See website for further information.

VOTER TURNOUT FOR ELECTIONS

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Italy	91	169	Zambia	41
2	Seychelles	91	170	Cote d'Ivoire	40
3	Angola	88	171	Nauru	37
4	Cambodia	88	172	Colombia	37
5	Austria	88	173	Egypt	34
6	Estonia	87	174	Bahrain	33
7	Germany	86	175	Guatemala	32
8	Hungary	86	176	Sudan	32
9	Kyrgyzstan	86	177	Jordan	30
10	Latvia	85	178	Mali	27

percentage of eligible voters who voted at elections 1945-1998*

VOTER TURNOUT



Jamaica's president, Portia Simpson-Miller is a "politician who has really hit home when it comes to the majority of people - especially women, the poor and the unemployed."

Kathy Barrett, 2006