

# Medicine Exports



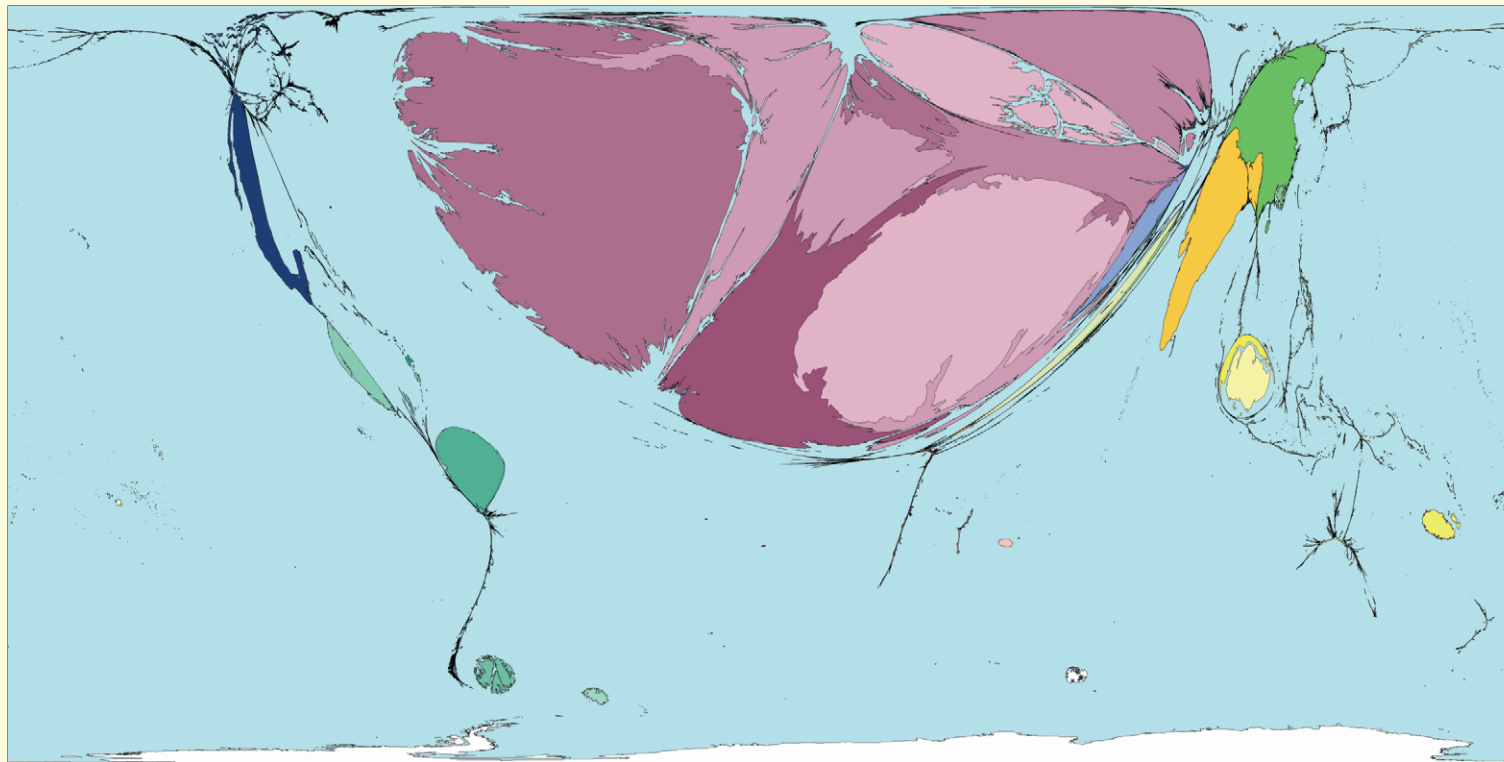
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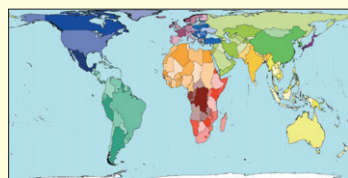


Of worldwide export earnings, 3.2% is from medicine exports. Here, medicines include medical equipment.

Territories in Western Europe receive 74% of all earnings from exports of medicines. These territories account for 91% of net medicine exports (US\$). Ireland has the highest value of exports (US\$ net). Much of the Ireland trade is the export of imports.

Non-European net exporters include China, India, Mexico and Singapore. India is a major source of medicines. Indian medicines are sold more cheaply than European medicines, therefore India's export earnings are lower, so India appears smaller on this map.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide net exports of medicine (in US\$) that come from there. Net exports are exports minus imports. When imports are larger than exports the territory is not shown.



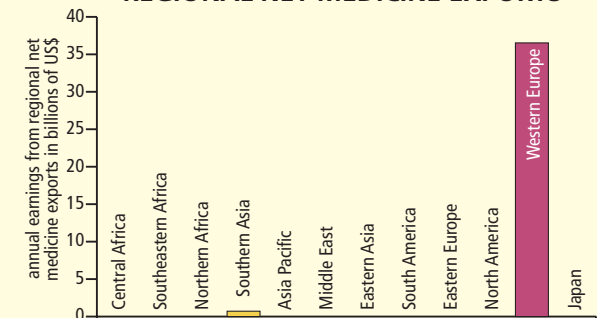
Land area

## MOST AND LEAST US\$ OF NET MEDICINE EXPORTS

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Ireland	3619	15	Netherlands	44.31
2	Switzerland	1179	16	Israel	42.44
3	Denmark	496	17	Germany	20.56
4	Sweden	355	18	Malta	20.09
5	Belgium	193	19	Italy	7.16
6	Slovenia	154	20	Jordan	5.54
7	Singapore	128	21	Mexico	5.30
...	Western European Average	93	22	Hong Kong (China)	5.22
12	France	77	23	India	1.00
13	United Kingdom	71	24	China	0.86

US\$ worth of annual medicine exports per person living in that territory\*

## REGIONAL NET MEDICINE EXPORTS



### Technical notes

- Data source: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 2002.
- \*There were no net medicine exports recorded for 176 territories.
- The Western European average was assumed for San Marino, Monaco, Liechtenstein and Holy See.
- Medicines include pharmaceuticals and medical instruments.
- See website for further information.

*“... in the pharmaceutical sector the winners will be the large northern-based transnational companies ...”*

John Sulston, 2001