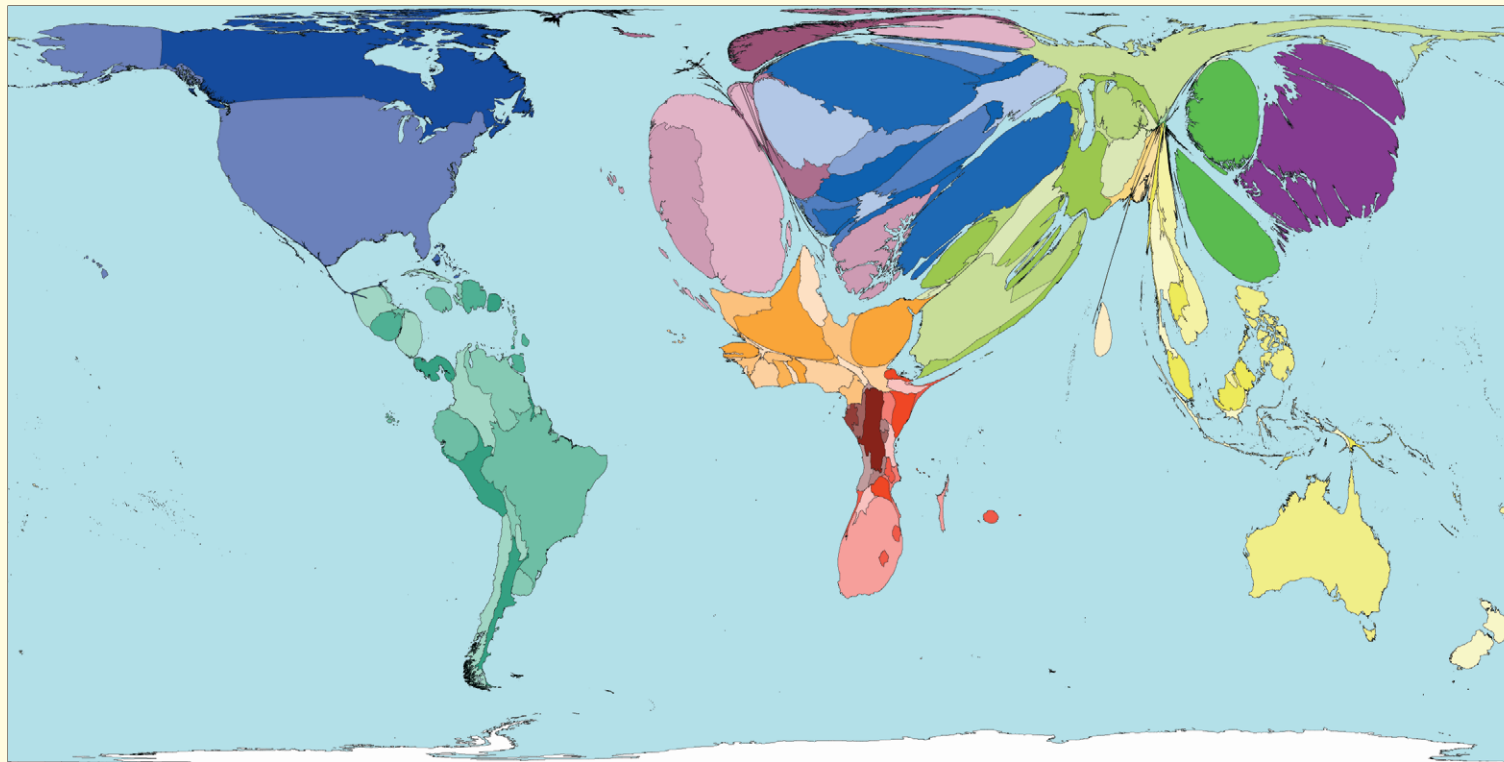


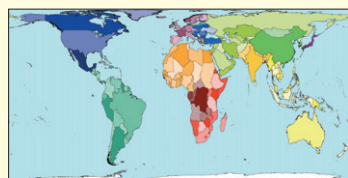
# Medicine Imports



Nearly 90% of the territories mapped are net medicine importers. There is huge variation in the spending per person on imported medicines. The highest spending per person is in Luxembourg, where US\$ 406 is spent on net imports of medicines per person, per year.

At the other extreme, in Tajikistan, only 9 US cents are spent per person on net imports of medicines. This does not necessarily mean that there is very little medicine in Tajikistan, because there might also be domestic production of medicines and even exports of these. But for this territory that is not significant.

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



Land area

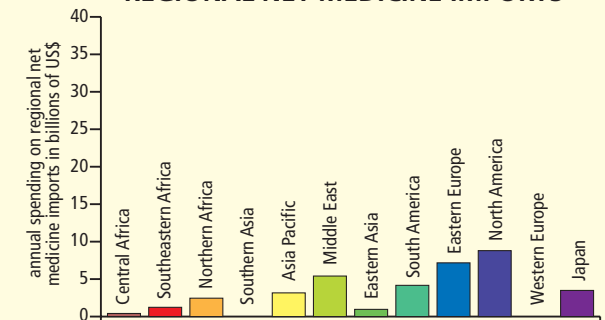
- Technical notes**
- Data source: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 2002.
  - \*There were no net medicine imports recorded for 24 territories.
  - Medicines include pharmaceuticals and medical instruments.
  - See website for further information.

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

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Luxembourg	406	167	Bangladesh	0.82
2	Andorra	235	168	Ethiopia	0.75
3	Norway	155	169	Sierra Leone	0.73
4	Qatar	124	170	DPR Korea	0.69
5	Canada	121	171	Sao Tome and Principe	0.52
6	Greenland	109	172	Liberia	0.46
7	United Arab Emirates	108	173	Pakistan	0.43
8	Portugal	103	174	Indonesia	0.38
9	Czech Republic	100	175	Bhutan	0.27
10	Lebanon	94	176	Tajikistan	0.09

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

## REGIONAL NET MEDICINE IMPORTS



*“The World Trade Organisation’s rules on patents restricts the supply of medicines and drives up the prices”*

Phil Bloomer, 2005