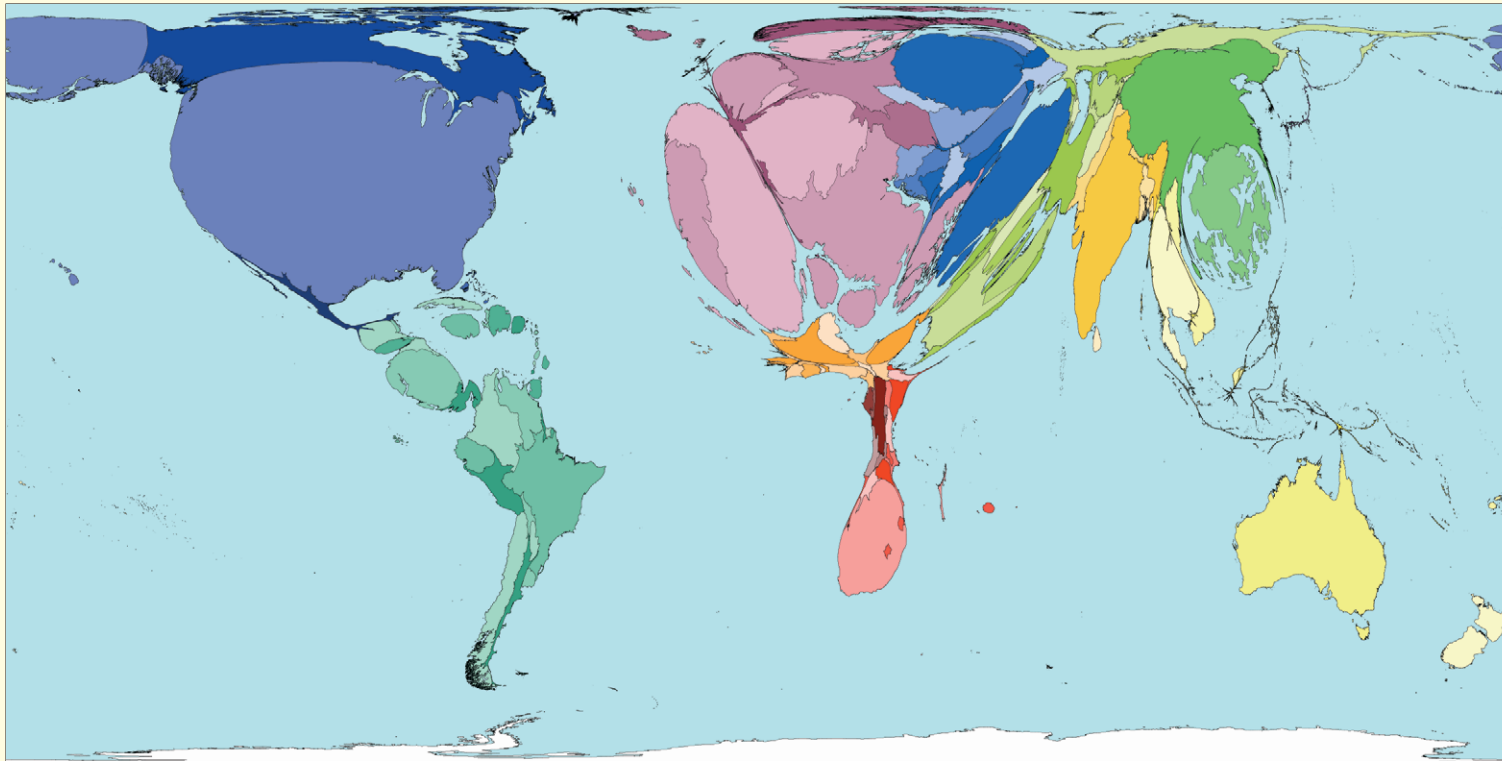


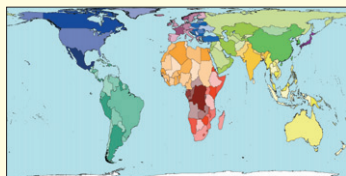
Computer Imports



One of the earliest computers was the abacus - a counting device using beads. The first modern commercial computer was purchased only 55 years ago. Since, rapid reductions in the cost, physical size, and ever greater increases in speed and memory have heralded what is now a huge annual flow of computers around the world.

As with many imports, the United States imports more than any other territory. In this instance almost five times more net computer imports are received in the United States than in any other territory.

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



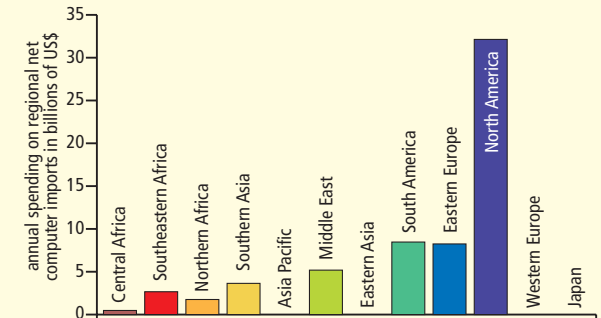
Land area

MOST AND LEAST US\$ OF NET COMPUTER IMPORTS

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Andorra	722	162	Ethiopia	0.98
2	Hong Kong (China)	615	163	Somalia	0.92
3	Switzerland	476	164	Honduras	0.78
4	Luxembourg	437	165	Myanmar	0.76
5	Iceland	373	166	Burundi	0.75
6	Costa Rica	291	167	Tajikistan	0.74
7	Norway	270	168	Comoros	0.62
8	Australia	246	169	Central African Republic	0.23
9	Saint Lucia	231	170	Sierra Leone	0.18
10	Denmark	203	171	Liberia	0.16

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

REGIONAL NET COMPUTER IMPORTS



Technical notes

- Data source: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 2002.
- *There were no net electronics imports recorded for 29 territories. One territory neither exports nor imports computers.
- See website for further information.

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