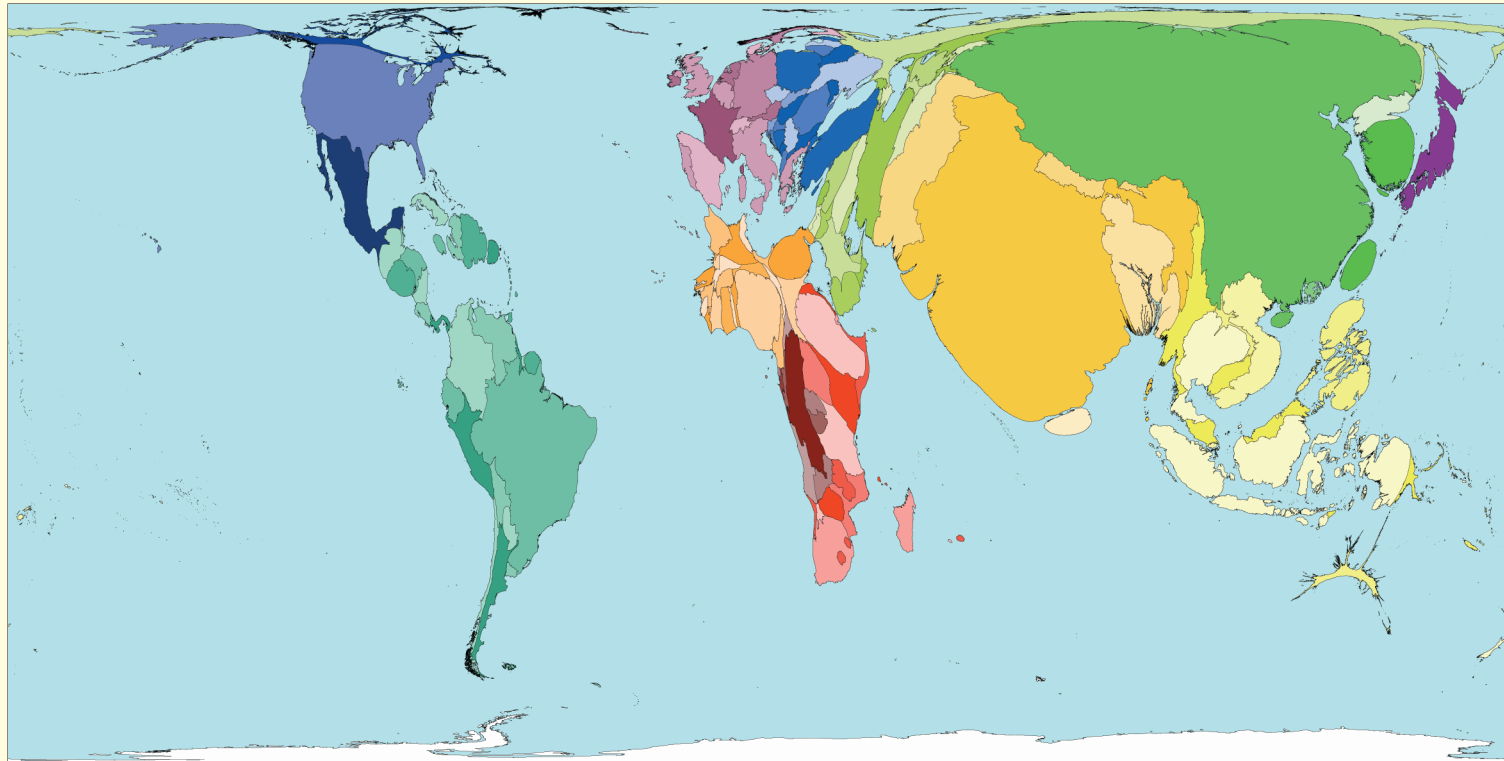


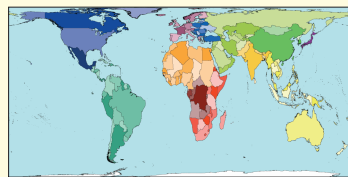
Road Deaths



In 2001 there were 984 thousand deaths caused by road traffic accidents worldwide. Half of these deaths occurred in the regions of Eastern and Southern Asia. The highest road deaths per person, however, were in South America. The lowest rates of road deaths were in Northern Africa and Japan.

In 2002 there were 29 million kilometres of road in the world. On average each year, on every 30 kilometres of road - someone dies in a traffic accident. Some places have a concentration of accidents: the world's most dangerous road, in Bolivia, is 70 kilometres long and approximately 100 people die there every year.

Territory size shows the proportion of all road traffic accident deaths worldwide that occurred there.



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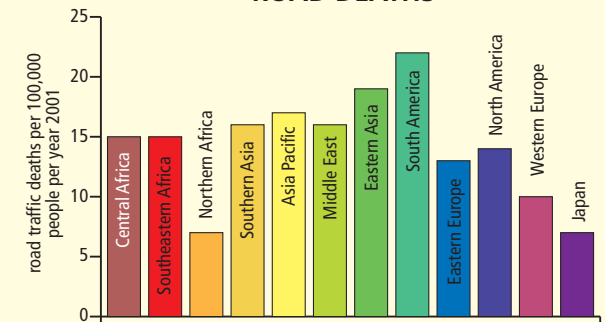
- Technical notes**
- Data are from the World Bank's 2005 World Development Indicators.
 - *17 South American territories had missing data so were estimated to have 22 road deaths per 100,000 people per year. They are omitted from the table.
 - See website for further information.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST ROAD DEATH RATES

| Rank | Territory | Value | Rank | Territory | Value |
|------|--------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | El Salvador | 42 | 191 | Azerbaijan | 6.9 |
| 2 | Dominican Republic | 41 | 192 | Netherlands | 6.7 |
| 3 | Brazil | 26 | 193 | Georgia | 6.2 |
| 4 | Colombia | 24 | 194 | Israel | 5.9 |
| 5 | Kuwait | 24 | 195 | Sweden | 5.7 |
| 6 | Venezuela | 23 | 197 | Tajikistan | 5.6 |
| 7 | Latvia | 23 | 198 | Armenia | 5.6 |
| 8 | Republic of Korea | 22 | 196 | United Kingdom | 5.6 |
| 9 | Thailand | 22 | 199 | Singapore | 5.2 |
| 10 | Nicaragua | 22 | 200 | Macedonia FYR | 5.1 |

road traffic accident deaths per 100,000 people in per year*

ROAD DEATHS



“Perhaps when we reach the point where individuals are valued and life is respected, then behaviour and habits will change for the better ...”

Kofi Kyeremeh, 2003