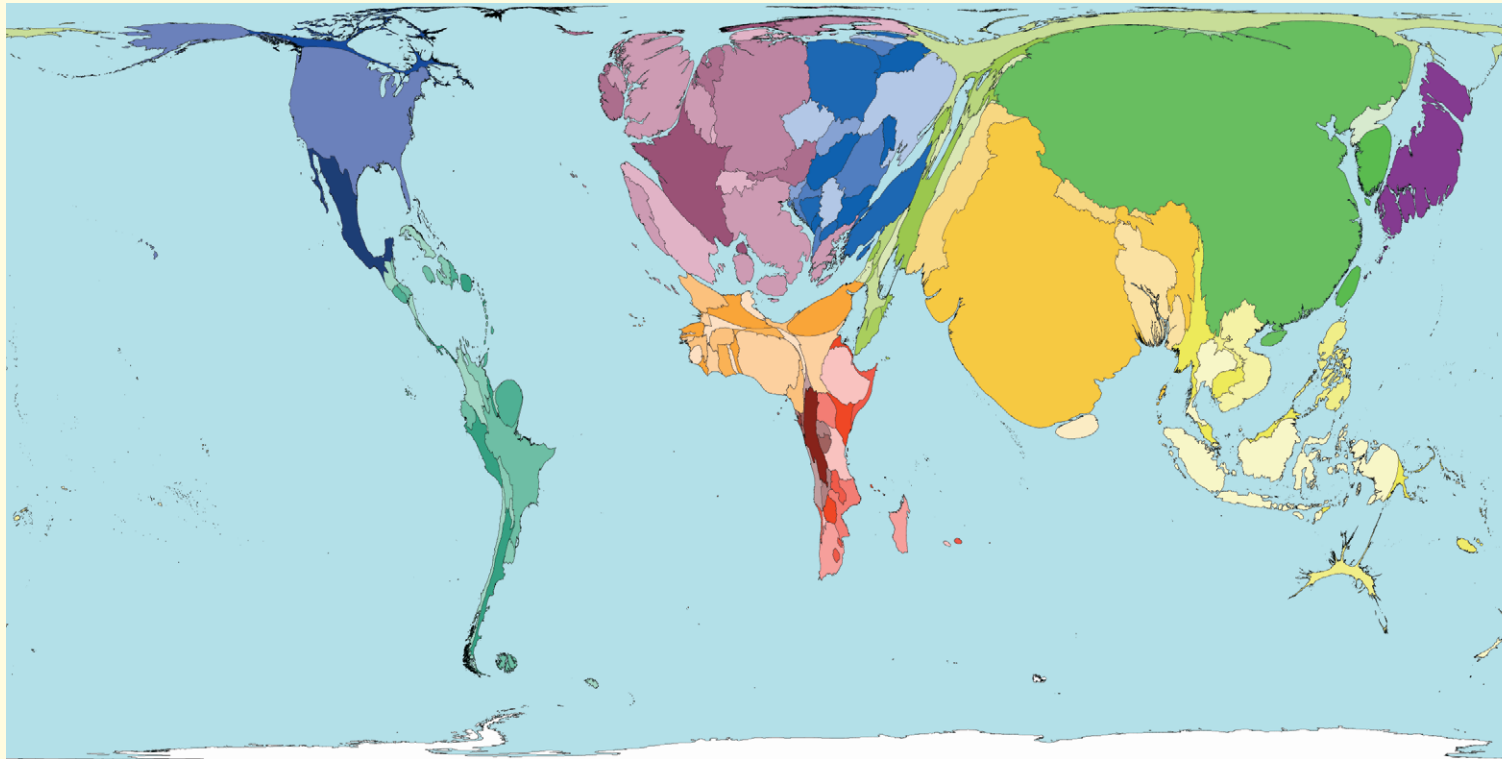


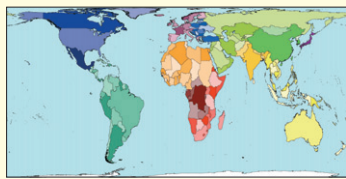
Population 1900



The world population tripled between 1500 and 1900, to an estimated 1564 million. In that period, the populations of the United Kingdom and the United States increased more than ten-fold, the population of the Netherlands increased five-fold. For most of this time the Netherlands were known as the United Provinces, whilst neither the United Kingdom, nor the United States, had been formed.

In 1900 much of the world was under imperial rule. New territorial boundaries were being defined and contested. Today's borders of Africa, shown in this map, were mostly drawn at the Treaty of Versailles in 1919.

This map shows the distribution of the world's population in 1900.



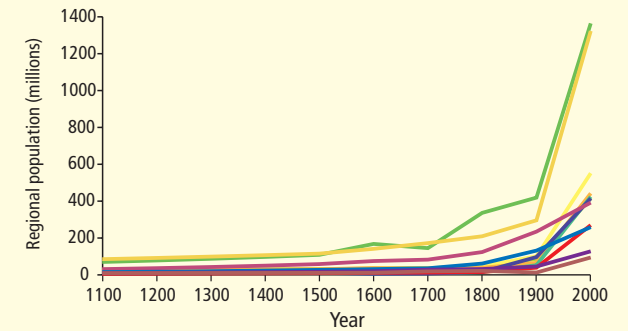
Land area

TWENTY HIGHEST POPULATIONS IN 1900

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	China	400	11	Ukraine	28
2	India	234	12	Bangladesh	28
3	United States	76	13	Poland	25
4	Germany	54	14	Pakistan	24
5	Russian Federation	50	15	Spain	19
6	Japan	44	16	Brazil	18
7	Indonesia	43	17	Viet Nam	16
8	France	41	18	Nigeria	16
9	United Kingdom	37	19	Turkey	14
10	Italy	34	20	Mexico	14

population in millions

WORLD POPULATION



Technical notes

- Data source: Angus Maddison, 2003
- The contemporary political boundaries shown differ from those in 1900.
- See website for further information.

“It has been stated that, as men progress, they shall be able to travel in airships and reach any part of the world in a few hours.”

Mahatma Gandhi, 1909