

A **continent** is one of several very large landmasses. This type of landmass is only known to exist on Earth. Generally identified by convention rather than any strict criteria, up to seven regions are commonly regarded as continents.

Ordered from largest in area to smallest, they are: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia.

An **ocean** is a body of water that composes much of a planet's hydrosphere. On Earth, an ocean is one of the major conventional divisions of the World Ocean. These are, in descending order by area, the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern (Antarctic), and Arctic Oceans.

There are **195 countries** in the world today. This total comprises 193 countries that are member states of the United Nations and 2 countries that are non-member observer states: Vatican City (**Holy See**) and the **State of Palestine**.

Africa has 54 countries.

Asia has 48 countries.

Europe has 44 countries.

North America has 23 countries.

Oceania has 14 countries.

South America has 12 countries

Largest population

1. China - 1.4 billion
2. India - 1.3 billion
3. USA - 329 million
4. Indonesia - 270 million
5. Pakistan - 216 million
6. Brazil - 211 million
7. Nigeria - 200 million
8. Bangladesh - 163 million
9. Russia - 145 million
10. Mexico - 127 million

World - 196,940,000 square miles

Largest Countries by Area

1. Russia - 6.601 million
2. Canada - 3.855 million
3. USA - 3.796 million
4. China - 3.705 million
5. Brazil - 3.287 million
6. Australia - 2.969 million
7. India - 1.269 million
8. Argentina - 1.073 million
9. Kazakhstan - Kazakhstan - 1.052 million
10. Algeria - 919,595

Smallest Population

- Vatican City - 799
- Nauru - 10,756
- Tuvalu - 11,646
- Palau - 18,008
- San Marino - 33,860
- Liechtenstein - 38,019
- Monaco - 38,974
- Saint Kitts & Nevis - 52,823
- Marshall Islands - 58,791
- Dominica - 71,808

Smallest Countries by Area

- Vatican City - .17
- Monaco - .78
- Nauru - 8.1
- Tuvalu - 10
- San Marino - 24
- Liechtenstein - 62
- Marshall Islands - 70
- Saint Kitts & Nevis - 101
- Maldives - 120
- Malta - 122

Longest Rivers

1. Nile - 4,160 miles
2. Amazon - 4,000
3. Yangtze - 3,964 miles
4. Mississippi-Missouri - 3,710 miles
5. Yenisey-Angara-Selenga - 3,442 miles

Tallest Mountains on each Continent

1. Mt. Everest, Asia - 29,029 ft.
2. Aconcagua, South America - 22,838 ft.
3. Denali, North America - 20,322 ft.
4. Kilimanjaro, Africa - 19,341 ft.
5. Mt. Elbrus, Europe - 18,510 ft.
6. Mt. Vinson, Antarctica - 16,050 ft.
7. Puncak Jaya, Oceania - 16,024 ft.
- 7 Mt. Kosciuszko, Australia - 7,310 ft.

1*. Mauna Kea - 13,796 ft. above sea level, but extends about 19,700 ft. below sea level = 33,500 ft.

Tallest Mountains in the World

1. Mt. Everest, Nepal/China - 29,029 ft.
2. K2, Pakistan/China - 28,251 ft.
3. Kangchenjunga, Nepal/India - 28,169 ft.
4. Lhotse, Nepal/China - 27,940 ft.
5. Makalu, Nepal/China - 27,838 ft.