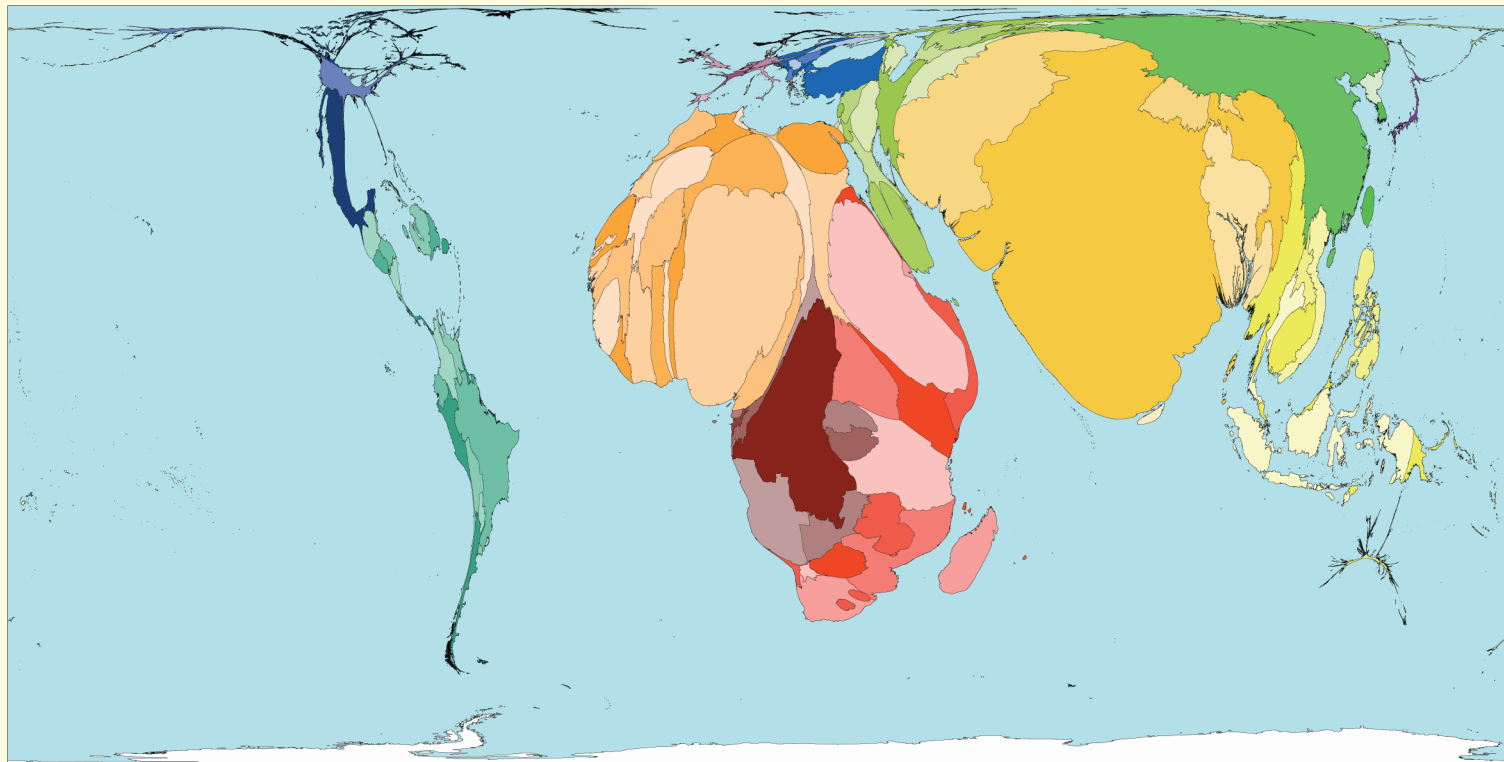


Infant Mortality

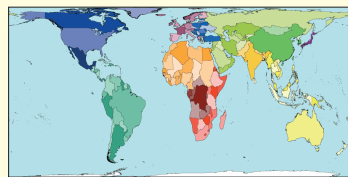


Infant mortality is babies who die during the first year of their life. In 2002 there were 7.2 million infant deaths worldwide; 5.4% of all babies born died within their first year, including 2.3% in their first week.

The territory with the most infant deaths was India, at 1.7 million, or 24% of the world total. In India, for every 100 babies born alive, almost 7 die in the following 12 months.

In 22 territories the rate is over 1 infant death for every 10 live births. All of these 22 territories are in Africa. The highest infant mortality rate is in Sierra Leone where 16.5 babies die, of every 100 born alive.

Territory size shows the proportion of infant deaths worldwide that occurred there in 2002. Infant deaths are deaths of babies during their first year of life.



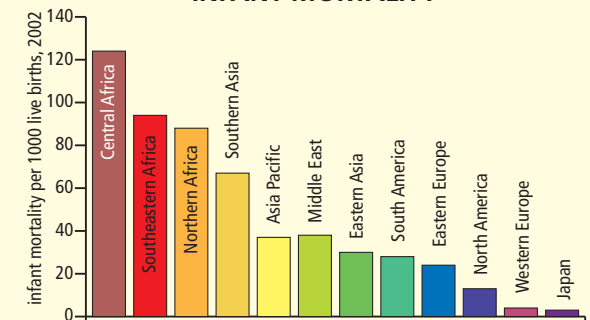
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HIGHEST AND LOWEST RATES OF INFANT MORTALITY

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Sierra Leone	165	188	Germany	4
2	Niger	156	188	France	4
3	Angola	154	188	Italy	4
4	Guinea-Bissau	130	188	Spain	4
5	Dem Republic Congo	129	188	Czech Republic	4
6	Mozambique	125	188	Denmark	4
7	Mali	122	197	Japan	3
8	Mauritania	120	197	Singapore	3
9	Chad	117	197	Sweden	3
10	Central African Republic	115	197	Iceland	3

infant (under 1 year old) deaths per 1000 live births 2002*

INFANT MORTALITY



Technical notes

- Data are from the United Nations Development Programme's 2004 Human Development Report.
- *9 territories had a rate of 4 infant mortalities per 1000 live births. In the table are those with the highest total births; Finland, Norway and Slovenia are not shown.
- See website for further information.

“If we are the future and we’re dying, there is no future.” Mary Phiri, 2001