

# J Populations and areas

## Population densities

Figure J.1 shows the areas of various regions versus their populations. Diagonal lines on this diagram are lines of constant population density. Bangladesh, on the rightmost-but-one diagonal, has a population density of 1000 per square kilometre; India, England, the Netherlands, and Japan have population densities one third that: about 350 per km<sup>2</sup>. Many European countries have about 100 per km<sup>2</sup>. At the other extreme, Canada, Australia, and Libya have population densities of about 3 people per km<sup>2</sup>. The central diagonal line marks the population density of the world: 43 people per square kilometre. America is an average country from this point of view: the 48 contiguous states of the USA have the same population density as the world. Regions that are notably rich in area, and whose population density is below the average, include Russia, Canada, Latin America, Sudan, Algeria, and Saudi Arabia.

Of these large, area-rich countries, some that are close to Britain, and with whom Britain might therefore wish to be friendly, are Kazakhstan, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, and Sudan.

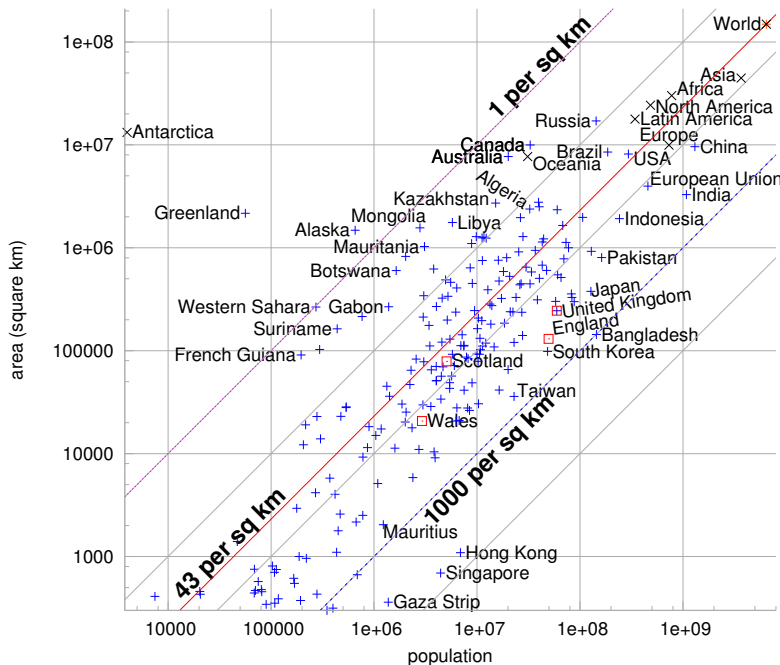


Figure J.1. Populations and areas of countries and regions of the world. Both scales are logarithmic. Each sloping line identifies a population density; countries with highest population density are towards the lower right, and lower population densities are towards the upper left. These data are provided in tabular form on p341.

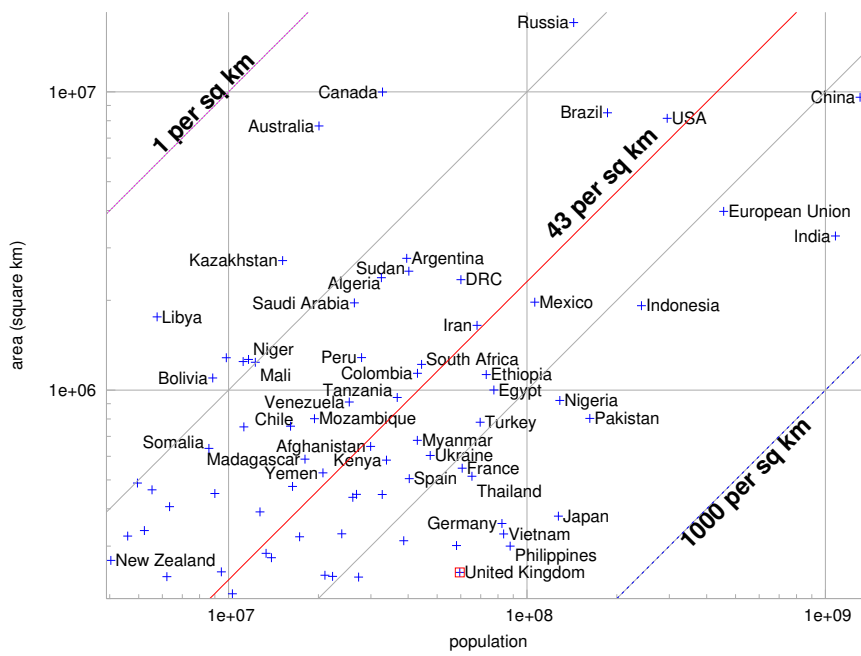


Figure J.2. Populations and areas of countries and regions of the world. Both scales are logarithmic. Sloping lines are lines of constant population density. This figure shows detail from figure J.1 (p338). These data are provided in tabular form on p341.

Region	Population	Land area (km <sup>2</sup> )	People per km <sup>2</sup>	Area each (m <sup>2</sup> )
World	6 440 000 000	148 000 000	43	23 100
Asia	3 670 000 000	44 500 000	82	12 100
Africa	778 000 000	30 000 000	26	38 600
Europe	732 000 000	9 930 000	74	13 500
North America	483 000 000	24 200 000	20	50 200
Latin America	342 000 000	17 800 000	19	52 100
Oceania	31 000 000	7 680 000	4	247 000
Antarctica	4 000	13 200 000		

Table J.3. Population densities of the continents. These data are displayed graphically in figures J.1 and J.2. Data are from 2005.

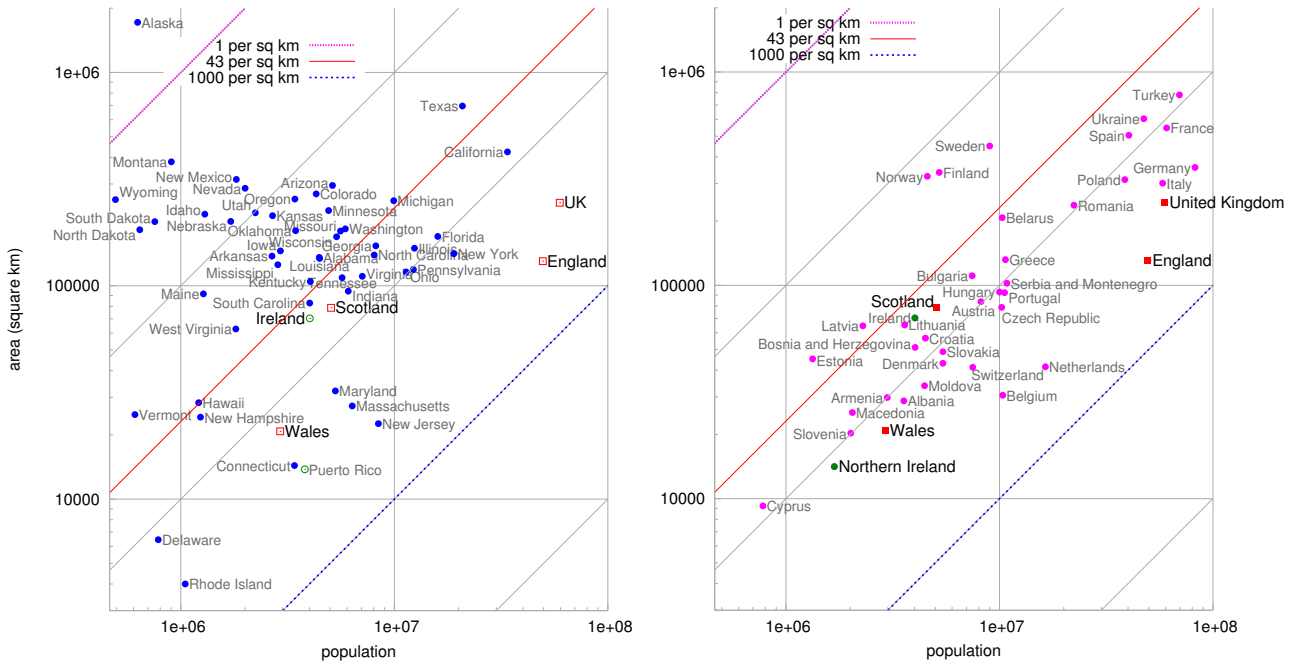


Figure J.4. Populations and areas of the States of America and regions around Europe.

Region	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	People per km <sup>2</sup>	Area per person (m <sup>2</sup> )	Region	Population	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	People per km <sup>2</sup>	Area per person (m <sup>2</sup> )
Afghanistan	29 900 000	647 000	46	21 600	Lithuania	3 590 000	65 200	55	18 100
<b>Africa</b>	<b>778 000 000</b>	<b>30 000 000</b>	26	38 600	Madagascar	18 000 000	587 000	31	32 500
Alaska	655 000	1 480 000	0.44	2 260 000	Mali	12 200 000	1 240 000	10	100 000
Albania	3 560 000	28 700	123	8 060	Malta	398 000	316	1 260	792
Algeria	32 500 000	2 380 000	14	73 200	Mauritania	3 080 000	1 030 000	3	333 000
Angola	11 100 000	1 240 000	9	111 000	Mexico	<b>106 000 000</b>	1 970 000	54	18 500
Antarctica	4 000	<b>13 200 000</b>			Moldova	4 450 000	33 800	131	7 590
Argentina	39 500 000	2 760 000	14	69 900	Mongolia	2 790 000	1 560 000	1.8	560 000
<b>Asia</b>	<b>3 670 000 000</b>	<b>44 500 000</b>	82	12 100	Mozambique	19 400 000	801 000	24	41 300
Australia	20 000 000	<b>7 680 000</b>	2.6	382 000	Myanmar	42 900 000	678 000	63	15 800
Austria	8 180 000	83 800	98	10 200	Namibia	2 030 000	825 000	2.5	406 000
Bangladesh	<b>144 000 000</b>	144 000	1 000	997	Netherlands	16 400 000	41 500	395	2 530
Belarus	10 300 000	207 000	50	20 100	New Zealand	4 030 000	268 000	15	66 500
Belgium	10 000 000	31 000	340	2 945	Niger	11 600 000	1 260 000	9	108 000
Bolivia	8 850 000	1 090 000	8	124 000	Nigeria	<b>128 000 000</b>	923 000	139	7 170
Bosnia & Herzegovina	4 020 000	51 100	79	12 700	North America	<b>483 000 000</b>	<b>24 200 000</b>	20	50 200
Botswana	1 640 000	600 000	2.7	366 000	Norway	4 593 000	324 000	14	71 000
Brazil	<b>186 000 000</b>	<b>8 510 000</b>	22	45 700	Oceania	31 000 000	<b>7 680 000</b>	4	247 000
Bulgaria	7 450 000	110 000	67	14 800	Pakistan	<b>162 000 000</b>	803 000	202	4 940
CAR	3 790 000	622 000	6	163 000	Peru	27 900 000	1 280 000	22	46 000
Canada	32 800 000	<b>9 980 000</b>	3.3	304 000	Philippines	<b>87 800 000</b>	300 000	292	3 410
Chad	9 820 000	1 280 000	8	130 000	Poland	39 000 000	313 000	124	8 000
Chile	16 100 000	756 000	21	46 900	Portugal	10 500 000	92 300	114	8 740
China	<b>1 300 000 000</b>	<b>9 590 000</b>	136	7 340	Republic of Macedonia	2 040 000	25 300	81	12 300
Colombia	42 900 000	1 130 000	38	26 500	Romania	22 300 000	237 000	94	10 600
Croatia	4 490 000	56 500	80	12 500	Russia	<b>143 000 000</b>	<b>17 000 000</b>	8	119 000
Czech Republic	10 200 000	78 800	129	7 700	Saudi Arabia	26 400 000	1 960 000	13	74 200
DRC	<b>60 000 000</b>	2 340 000	26	39 000	Scotland	5 050 000	78 700	64	15 500
Denmark	5 430 000	43 000	126	7 930	Serbia & Montenegro	10 800 000	102 000	105	9 450
Egypt	<b>77 500 000</b>	1 000 000	77	12 900	Singapore	4 420 000	693	6 380	156
England	49 600 000	130 000	380	2 630	Slovakia	5 430 000	48 800	111	8 990
Estonia	1 330 000	45 200	29	33 900	Slovenia	2 010 000	20 200	99	10 000
Ethiopia	<b>73 000 000</b>	1 120 000	65	15 400	Somalia	8 590 000	637 000	13	74 200
Europe	<b>732 000 000</b>	<b>9 930 000</b>	74	13 500	South Africa	44 300 000	1 210 000	36	27 500
European Union	<b>496 000 000</b>	4 330 000	115	8 720	South Korea	48 400 000	98 400	491	2 030
Finland	5 220 000	338 000	15	64 700	Spain	40 300 000	504 000	80	12 500
France	<b>60 600 000</b>	547 000	110	9 010	Sudan	40 100 000	2 500 000	16	62 300
Gaza Strip	1 370 000	360	3 820	261	Suriname	438 000	163 000	2.7	372 000
Germany	<b>82 400 000</b>	357 000	230	4 330	Sweden	9 000 000	449 000	20	49 900
Greece	10 600 000	131 000	81	12 300	Switzerland	7 480 000	41 200	181	5 510
Greenland	56 300	2 160 000	0.026	38 400 000	Taiwan	22 800 000	35 900	636	1 570
Hong Kong	6 890 000	1 090	6 310	158	Tanzania	36 700 000	945 000	39	25 700
Hungary	10 000 000	93 000	107	9 290	Thailand	<b>65 400 000</b>	514 000	127	7 850
Iceland	296 000	103 000	2.9	347 000	Turkey	<b>69 600 000</b>	780 000	89	11 200
India	<b>1 080 000 000</b>	3 280 000	328	3 040	Ukraine	47 400 000	603 000	78	12 700
Indonesia	<b>241 000 000</b>	1 910 000	126	7 930	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>59 500 000</b>	<b>244 000</b>	243	<b>4 110</b>
Iran	<b>68 000 000</b>	1 640 000	41	24 200	USA (ex. Alaska)	<b>295 000 000</b>	<b>8 150 000</b>	36	27 600
Ireland	4 010 000	70 200	57	17 500	Venezuela	25 300 000	912 000	28	35 900
Italy	<b>58 100 000</b>	301 000	192	5 180	Vietnam	<b>83 500 000</b>	329 000	253	3 940
Japan	<b>127 000 000</b>	377 000	337	2 960	Wales	2 910 000	20 700	140	7 110
Kazakhstan	15 100 000	2 710 000	6	178 000	Western Sahara	273 000	266 000	1	974 000
Kenya	33 800 000	582 000	58	17 200	World	<b>6 440 000 000</b>	<b>148 000 000</b>	43	23 100
Latin America	<b>342 000 000</b>	<b>17 800 000</b>	19	52 100	Yemen	20 700 000	527 000	39	25 400
Latvia	2 290 000	64 500	35	28 200	Zambia	11 200 000	752 000	15	66 800
Libya	5 760 000	1 750 000	3.3	305 000					

Table J.5. Regions and their population densities. Populations above 50 million and areas greater than 5 million km<sup>2</sup> are highlighted. These data are displayed graphically in figure J.1 (p338). Data are from 2005.