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Bolivia

- Population: 22,306,342 (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 24.6 years
- Language(s): Spanish, Quechua, Aymara
- Government: Presidential Republic
- President: Evo Morales
- Independence Day: August 6, 1825
- Land Area: 424,164 square miles (slightly less than three times the size of Montana)
- Capital: La Paz (administrative capital); Sucre (constitutional capital)
- Agricultural Land: 34.3 % (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 52.5% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: tin, natural gas, petroleum, zinc, tungsten, antimony, silver, iron, lead, gold, timber, hydropower
- Agricultural Products: soybeans, quinoa, Brazil nuts, sugar cane, coffee, corn, rice, potatoes, chia, coca
- Currency: 6.91 Bolivian Bolivianos = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- One of the world's largest butterfly sanctuaries covering about 60 acres
- Madidi National Park has an area of 7,181 square miles and is part of one of the largest protected areas in the world
- Lake Titicaca is the world's highest navigable lake at an altitude of 12,507 feet above sea level
- Bolivia contributes 70% of all the Brazil nuts produced worldwide
- About half of the labor force is engaged in agriculture



Brazil

- Population: 209,410,767 (January 2019)
- Median Age: 32.6 years
- Language(s): Portuguese. North & South have difference accents
- Government: Federal Presidential Republic
- President: Jair M. Bolsonaro since January 1, 2019
- Independence Day: September 7, 1822
- Land Area: 3.288 million square miles, slightly smaller than United States
- Capital: Brasilia
- Agricultural Land: 30.2% (2018 estimate)
- Forest: 66.3% (2018 estimate)
- Natural Resources: bauxite, gold, iron ore, manganese, nickel
- Agricultural Products: coffee, soybeans, wheat, rice, corn, sugarcane, cocoa, citrus, beef
- Currency: 3.75 Brazilian Reals = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- Largest country in South America
- Most of the Pantanal, the world's largest tropical wetland, extends through the west central part of the country
- Iguazu Falls, the world's largest waterfall, is shared with Argentina
- Hosted the 2014 FIFA World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics
- Has the 9th largest economy in the world
- Rio de Janeiro Carnival, the largest carnival in the World
- Christ the Redeemer, located in Rio de Janeiro, is one of the 7 wonders of the world



Cameroon

- Population: 24,692,246
- Median Age: 18.5 years
- Language(s): French and English
- Government: Unitary Presidential Republic - (Democratic)
- President: Paul Biya (since 1982)
- Independence Day: January 1, 1960
- Land Area: 183,569 square miles
- Capital: Yaoundé
- Agricultural Land: 20.63 % (2015)
- Forest: 72,587 square miles of forestland, which constitutes almost 40% of the total land area
- Natural Resources: petroleum, bauxite, iron ore, timber, hydroelectric power, natural gas, cobalt, nickel, aluminum etc.
- Agricultural Products: Cash crops: cocoa, coffee, cotton, bananas, pineapple, rubber, palm oil & kernel, and peanuts. Food crops: plantains, cassava, corn, millet and sugarcane.
- Currency: 578.3 Central African Francs (CFA) = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- Africa in Miniature - rich in geographical and cultural diversity
- Cameroon is one of the wettest places/countries in the world. Debunchscha in Cameroon is the 6th wettest place in the world with rainfall of 405 inches/year
- There are about 230 spoken languages in Cameroon besides the official French and English
- 2nd Highest Winner of African Cup of Nations - 5 times
- First African country to enter the quarter-final of the FIFA World Cup (1990)
- Waza National Park is a very popular destination for tourism in Northern Cameroon
- Some of the most fertile land in the world
- Only bilingual country in Africa
- Cameroon was a German colony from 1884-1916 (was called Kamerun)
- Cameroon mountain is the highest in sub-Saharan Africa with an elevation of 13,250 feet



People's Republic of China

- Population: 1,384,688,986 (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 37.7 years
- Language(s): Chinese (including Mandarin & Regional dialects)
- Government: Communist Party-led State
- President: Xi Jinping (since March 14, 2013)
- Independence Day: October 1, 1949
- Land Area: 3,706,581 square miles
- Capital: Beijing
- Agricultural Land: 54.7% (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 22.3% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: coal, iron ore, petroleum, natural gas, tin, tungsten, antimony, manganese, molybdenum, aluminum, lead, zinc, hydropower
- Agricultural Products: rice, wheat, potatoes, corn, tobacco, peanuts, tea, apples, cotton, pork, mutton, eggs, fish, shrimp
- Currency: 6.88 Chinese Yuans = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- Oldest civilization. 6000 B.C. beginning of Chinese civilization
- China has the world's longest used written language
- Largest population in the world
- The Chinese New Year celebration lasts for 15 days
- Four greatest inventions: paper-making, compass, gunpowder, printing
- Great Wall is the world's largest man-made structure, 5500 miles
- Yangtze River is the fourth longest river in the world



Egypt

- Population: 99,413,317 (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 23.9 years
- Language(s): Arabic
- Government: Presidential Republic
- President: Abdel Fattah el-Sisi (since June 8, 2014)
- Independence Day: February 22, 1922; became a republic June 18, 1953. Revolution Day: July 23, 1952
- Land Area: 386,662 square miles
- Capital: Cairo
- Agricultural Land: 3.6% (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 0.1% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, phosphates, manganese, limestone, gypsum, talc, lead, zinc
- Agricultural Products: rice, corn, wheat, beans, fruits, vegetables, cattle, water buffalo, sheep, goats
- Currency: 17.91 Egyptian Pounds = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- Most populous country in the Arab World; third most populous country in Africa
- Invented the 365-day calendar
- Aswan High Dam is the world's largest dam
- Receives one inch of rain per year
- Ancient Egyptians thought cats were sacred
- Nile River is the longest in the world
- Cairo is the largest city in Africa



India

- Population: 1,296,834,042 (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 28.1 years
- Language(s): Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil and others. English is also used. There are 22 official languages
- Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic
- President: Ram Nath Kovind (since July 25, 2017)
- Independence Day: August 15, 1947; Republic Day: January 26, 1950
- Land Area: 126,219 square miles
- Capital: New Delhi
- Agricultural Land: 60.5% (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 23.1% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: coal, antimony, iron ore, manganese, mica, bauxite, titanium ore
- Agricultural Products: rice, wheat, oilseed, cotton, jute, tea, sugarcane, lentils, onions, potatoes, dairy products, sheep, goats, poultry, fish
- Currency: 71.86 Indian Rupees = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- World's second largest English speaking country
- Largest number of vegetarians in the world with 20 – 40% of the population being vegetarians
- World's largest producer of milk with 132.4 tons in 2014
- First country to consume sugar
- Diamonds first mined in India
- World's largest democracy
- Hindu calendar has six seasons: spring, summer, monsoon, autumn, winter and prevernal
- 70% of the world's spices come from India



Italy

- Population: 60,000,000
- Median Age: 45.8 years
- Language(s): Italian. Occasionally, German or French in different areas; every region of Italy has one or more unofficial languages called dialects
- Government: Parliamentary Republic
- President: Sergio Mattarella (since February 3, 2015)
- Prime Minister: Giuseppe Conte (since June 1, 2018)
- Independence Day: March 17, 1861; Liberation Day: April 25, 1945; Republic Day: June 2, 1946
- Land Area: 116,348 square miles (twice the size of Georgia)
- Capital: Rome
- Agricultural Land: 42.7 % (2018 estimate)
- Forest: 34.7% (2005 estimate)
- Natural Resources: generally scarce, but active mines of iron, coal, oil, methane, bauxite, titanium, salt and marble
- Agricultural Products: fruits, vegetables, potatoes, sugar beets, soybeans, grain, olives, oil, beef, sheep, pork meat, horse meat, dairy products, fish, wine, liquors
- Currency: 0.88 Euro = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- Two of the world's smallest countries (San Marino and Vatican City) are surrounded by Italy
- Christopher Columbus and Amerigo Vespucci were explorers from Italy
- Italy has more masterpieces per square mile and world heritages than any other country in the world, many of them are in Rome, the capital founded in 753BC
- The oldest properly called university in the world, the University of Bologna, founded in 1088, is in Italy
- Soccer is the national sport (Italy won the World Cup 4 times)



Jamaica

- Population: 2,812,090 (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 28.6 years
- Language(s): English; English patois
- Government: Parliamentary democracy under a constitutional democracy
- Chief of State: Queen Elizabeth II (since February 6, 1952)
- Governor General: Dr. Patrick L. Allen (since February 26, 2009)
- Prime Minister: Andrew Holness (since March 3, 2016)
- Independence Day: August 6, 1962
- Land Area: 4,244 square miles (about half the size of New Jersey; slightly smaller than Connecticut)
- Capital: Kingston
- Agricultural Land: 41.4% (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 31.1% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: bauxite, gypsum, limestone
- Agricultural Products: sugarcane, bananas, coffee, citrus, yams, ackees, vegetables, poultry, goats, milk, shellfish
- Currency: 128.38 Jamaican Dollars = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- Discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1494
- Jamaica is the first Caribbean country to gain independence and the third largest island in the Caribbean
- Jamaica is a “musical” country. One of the world's most influential musician is Jamaican reggae artist, Robert (Bob) Marley
- Jamaica was the first tropical country to participate in the Winter Olympics. They sent a bobsled team
- Jamaica was the first commercial producer of bananas in the western hemisphere. Jamaica produces Blue Mountain Coffee, one of the rarest coffees in the world
- Jamaica has the fastest people in the world! Jamaican Usain Bolt holds the world record in 100 and 200 meters

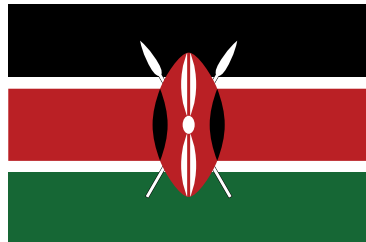


Republic of Kenya

- Population: 52.21 million (2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 20 years
- Language(s): English and Kiswahili are official; numerous other languages.
- Government: Presidential Republic
- President: Uhuru Kenyatta (since April 9, 2012)
- Independence Day: December 12, 1963
- Land Area: 224,081 square miles (5 times the size of Ohio; more than twice the size of Nevada)
- Capital: Nairobi
- Agricultural Land: 48.1% (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 6.1% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: limestone, soda ash, salt, gemstones, fluorspar, zinc, gypsum, wildlife, hydropower
- Agricultural Products: tea, coffee, corn, wheat, sugarcane, fruit, vegetable, dairy products, beef, fish, pork, poultry, eggs
- Currency: 102.52 Kenyan Shillings = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- The Great Rift Valley is a stunning geographical phenomenon that cuts across Kenya from North to South
- Mt. Kenya is the 2nd highest mountain in Africa
- Swahili is a language that evolved from mixing Arabic with a class of languages called Bantu
- In Nairobi National Park, you can see lions, elephants, leopards, cheetahs, buffalos, zebras, giraffes, rhinos, etc. roaming freely
- Giraffe Manor is an upscale hotel where you can literally dine with real giraffes. The friendly giraffes interact with visitors and you can pet and feed them



Mexico

- Population: 126 million (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 28.6 years
- Language(s): Spanish and 66 indigenous languages
- Government: Federal Presidential Republic
- President: Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (since December 1, 2018)
- Independence Day: September 16, 1810
- Land Area: : 761,610 square miles (about one fourth of the contiguous United States)
- Capital: Mexico City
- Agricultural Land: 54.9% (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 33.3% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: petroleum, silver, antimony, copper, gold, lead, zinc, natural gas, timber
- Agricultural Products: corn, wheat, soybeans, rice, beans, fruits and vegetables, cotton, coffee, beef, poultry, dairy products, wood products
- Currency: 20.24 Mexican Pesos = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- The U.S. - Mexico border is the 2nd. largest in the World, only after the U.S. - Canada border
- Chichen Itza, once part of the Mayan Empire, is one of the seven wonders of the world
- A Mexican tamale called the Zacahuil is three feet long and weighs about 150 pounds
- The jaguar, the largest wildcat in North America, can be found in Mexico's southern jungles
- The first printing press in the Americas was used in Mexico City in 1539
- Millions of monarch butterflies from the United States and Canada migrate to Mexico each year
- The U.S. "cowboys" originated from the Mexican "vaqueros" from Northern Mexico



Philippines

- Population: 105,893,381 (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 24.3 years
- Language(s): Tagalog; English is also an official language; 8 major dialects.
- Government: Presidential Republic
- President: Rodrigo Duterte (since June 30, 2016)
- Independence Day: June 12, 1898 from Spain; July 4, 1946 from the United States
- Land Area: 115,831 square miles (slightly less than twice the size of Georgia; slightly larger than Arizona)
- Capital: Manila
- Agricultural Land: 46.3% (2017 estimate)
- Forest: 28.9% (2015 estimate)
- Natural Resources: timber, petroleum, nickel, cobalt, silver, gold, salt, copper
- Agricultural Products: rice, fish, livestock, poultry, bananas, coconut/copra, corn, sugarcane, mangoes, pineapple, cassava
- Currency: 52.63 Philippine Pisos = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- There are approximately 7,641 islands and approximately 2,000 are inhabited
- There are 175 languages
- About 11% of the population work overseas
- The Philippines is the top supplier of nurses in the world
- The Philippines produces and exports more coconuts than any other country, shipping about 19.5 million tons each year
- It is estimated that Filipinos send about 400 million text messages every day earning the designation as “the texting capital of the world”
 - A typical school year runs from June through March



Tanzania

- Population: 55,451,343 (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 17.9 years
- Language(s): Kiswahili or Swahili, Kiunguja (name for Swahili in Zanzibar), English (official), Arabic (Unofficial)
- Government: Presidential Republic
- President: Dr. John J.P. Magufuli
- Independence Day: December 9, 1961
- Union Day: April 26, 1964
- Land Area: 365,755 square miles
- Capital: Dodoma
- Agricultural Land: 43.7% (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 37.3% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: hydropower, tin, phosphates, iron ore, coal, diamonds, gemstones, gold, natural gas, nickel
- Agricultural Products: coffee, sisal, tea, cotton, pyrethrum, cashew nuts, tobacco, corn, cloves, wheat, cassava (manioc tapioca), bananas, fruits, vegetables, cattle, sheep, goats
- Currency: 2,300 Tanzania Shillings = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- There are over 120 tribal languages
- Largest country in East Africa
- Tanzania is the home of three of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa (Serengeti, Ngorongoro, and Kilimanjaro)
- Serengeti national park hosts the second largest terrestrial mammal migration in the world
- Tanzania's mpingo tree is one of the most expensive hardwood trees in the world
- Tanzania has the largest concentration of wildlife per square mile; more than 4 million wild animals and representation of 430 species and subspecies
- Tanzania is home to the coconut crab, the largest crab in the world
- Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest volcanic crater with a diameter of 12 miles and a depth of 1,969 feet
- Tanzania is the home of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa
- Lions in Tanzania can climb trees, which is not normal behavior



- Tanzanite gemstones can only be found in Tanzania



Kingdom of Thailand

- Population: 68,615,858 (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 38.1 years
- Language(s): Thai
- Government: Constitutional Monarchy; interim military-affiliated government since May, 2014
- King: Wachiralongkon Bodinthathepphayawarakun (since December 1, 2016)
- Independence Day: 1238 (only southeastern Asian country never to be colonized by a European power)
- Land Area: 198,151 square miles
- Capital: Bangkok
- Agricultural Land: 41.2% (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 37.2% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: tin, rubber, natural gas, tungsten, timber, lead, fish, gypsum, lignite, fluorite
- Agricultural Products: rice, cassava (manioc, tapioca), rubber, corn, sugarcane, coconuts, palm oil, pineapple, livestock, fish products
- Currency: 32.77 Thai Baht = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- More than 1500 species of orchids grow wild in Thai forests
- Wildlife or native species: elephant (Thailand's national symbol) and tigers
- The monitor lizard can grow as long as seven feet and is native to Thailand
- Thailand is home to the reticulated python. The largest ever found was over 33 feet long
- The world's smallest mammal, The world's smallest mammal, the bumblebee bat (*Craseonycteris*

thaonlongyai), lives in Thailand



- Thailand's signature sport: Muay Thai (Thai boxing) is a native form of kickboxing, Sepak takraw (kick volleyball)
- Thai food: pad Thai, massaman murry, tom yum goong (spicy Thai soup with shrimp)

