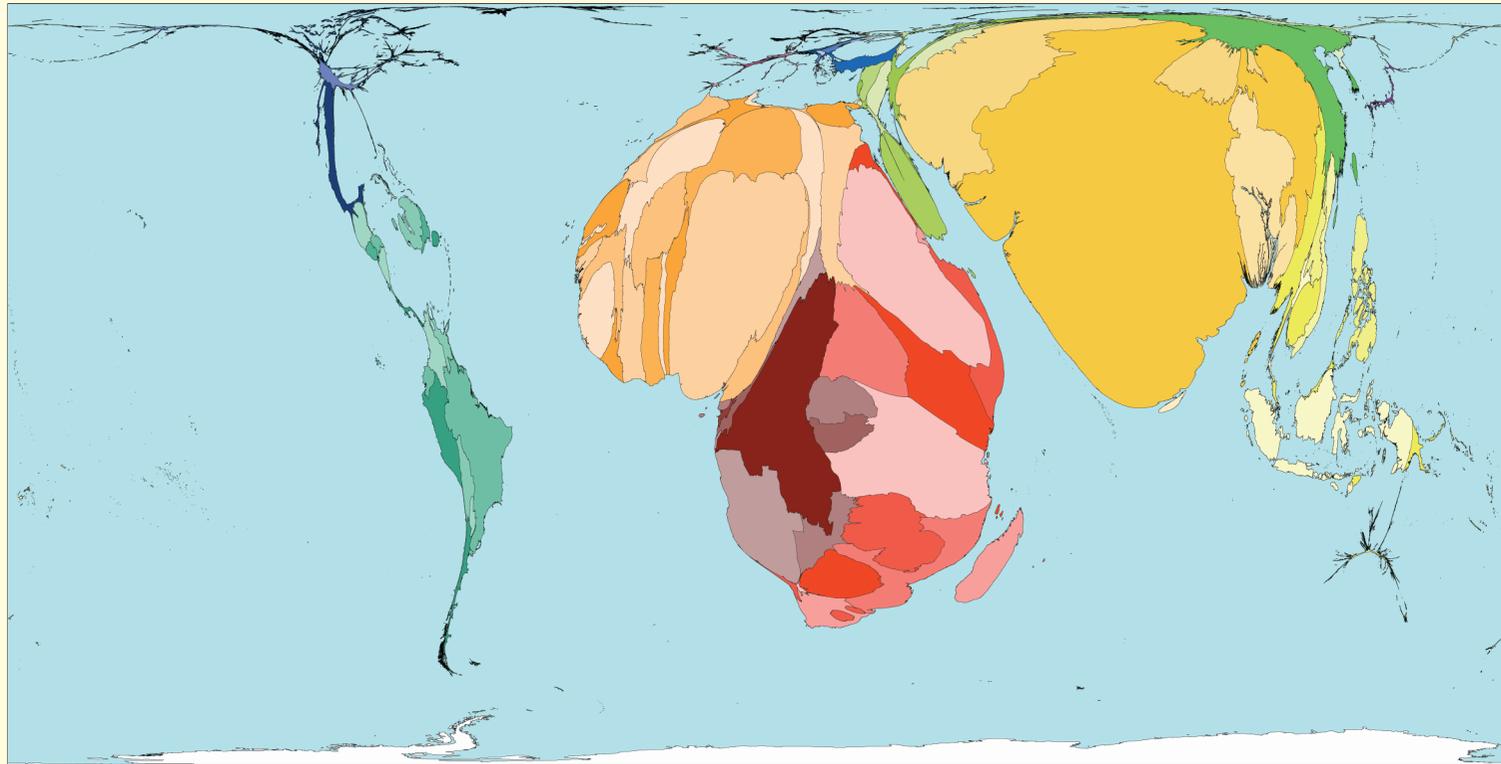


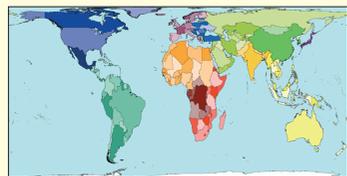
Maternal Mortality



In the year 2000, more than 533 thousand women died due to pregnancy-related causes. The map shows that most of these maternal deaths were in Southern Asian and African territories. The fewest maternal deaths were in Western Europe and Japan.

The highest rate of maternal deaths was in Sierra Leone, where 2 mothers die per 100 births. At the other extreme, Malta and Iceland reported no maternal deaths in 2000. The world average is 401 maternal deaths for every 100,000 births.

Territory size shows the proportion of deaths of women worldwide while pregnant or within 6 weeks of pregnancy and partly due to it, that occur there.



Land area

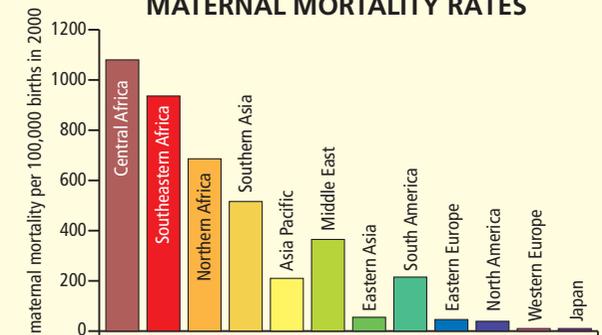
- Technical notes**
- Data are from the United Nations Development Programme's 2004 Human Development Report.
 - *4 territories reported 1100 maternal mortalities per 100,000 births. When equal, territories are ordered by highest total births. Excluded from the chart is Guinea-Bissau.
 - See website for further information.

MOST AND LEAST MATERNAL MORTALITY

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Sierra Leone	2000	190	Kuwait	5
2	Afghanistan	1900	190	Portugal	5
3	Malawi	1800	190	Denmark	5
4	Angola	1700	190	Ireland	5
5	Niger	1600	195	Spain	4
6	United Republic of Tanzania	1500	195	Austria	4
7	Rwanda	1400	197	Slovakia	3
8	Mali	1200	198	Sweden	2
9	Somalia	1100	199	Malta	0
9	Chad	1100	199	Iceland	0

maternal deaths, while pregnant or within 6 weeks after pregnancy per 100,000 births in 2000*

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES



“I was worried during my pregnancy. It is a very stressful time and there are not many resources here. I could not have afforded hospital if something bad had happened.”

Jariatu Sesay, undated