



Africa is often referred to as one big country, despite being a continent as big as China, India, the United States AND most of Europe put together.

The continent is more than 30m sq. km, but this is not reflected correctly in standard Mercator maps. Europe, for instance, is the world's [second-smallest continent](#) by surface area, covering about 10,180,000 square kilometres, with approximately 50 countries (of which 28 belong to the European Union).

The True Size of Africa

A small introduction to the light appears to report on geography by Bartolucci. But the illustrations are only intended to be a little funny to most eyes.

COUNTRY	AREA (square km)
USA	9,826,675
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India	3,287,263
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France	643,801
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Spain	505,992
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Japan	377,915
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Germany	357,021
Germany	357,021
Italy	301,330
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UK	244,818
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Canada	99,846,734
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China	9,700,000
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BRITAIN	244,818
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AFRICA	30,321,000



Top 100 Countries

Area in square kilometers (Percentage of World Area)

Country	Area (sq km)	% of World Area
1. Russia	17,098,242	12.7%
2. Canada	9,984,670	7.3%
3. USA	9,826,675	7.2%
4. China	9,700,000	7.1%
5. Brazil	8,511,965	6.2%
6. India	3,287,263	2.4%
7. France	643,801	0.5%
8. Spain	505,992	0.4%
9. Japan	377,915	0.3%
10. Germany	357,021	0.3%
11. Italy	301,330	0.2%
12. UK	244,818	0.2%
13. Canada	99,846,734	0.7%
14. China	9,700,000	0.7%
15. Russia	17,098,242	0.1%
16. USA	9,826,675	0.1%
17. India	3,287,263	0.02%
18. France	643,801	0.002%
19. Spain	505,992	0.001%
20. Japan	377,915	0.0003%
21. Germany	357,021	0.0003%
22. Italy	301,330	0.0002%
23. UK	244,818	0.0002%
24. Canada	99,846,734	0.0007%
25. China	9,700,000	0.0007%
26. Russia	17,098,242	0.0001%
27. USA	9,826,675	0.0001%
28. India	3,287,263	0.00002%
29. France	643,801	0.000002%
30. Spain	505,992	0.000001%
31. Japan	377,915	0.0000003%
32. Germany	357,021	0.0000003%
33. Italy	301,330	0.0000002%
34. UK	244,818	0.0000002%
35. Canada	99,846,734	0.0000007%
36. China	9,700,000	0.0000007%
37. Russia	17,098,242	0.0000001%
38. USA	9,826,675	0.0000001%
39. India	3,287,263	0.00000002%
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In addition to the well known world issues of literacy and democracy, there also should be such a concept as 'empathy', among neighbors geographical closeness.

A survey with random American school kids in their game the population and land area of their country, not entirely unexpected, but still rather amusing, the majority chose 'too big' and 'largest in the world', respectively.

Data with Latin and European college students, geographical distances were often off by factor of 2.5. This is partly due to the highly distorted nature of the projection usually used mapping projection (such as Mercator).

A particularly curious example is the worldwide miscalculation of the size of Africa. This might happen due to not only the miscalculation of Africa is larger than the USA, China, India, Japan and all of Europe ... combined!

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