



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
 Despite legends for the continent's size (some say it's the size of a continent)
 But the actual size is only a fraction of what is often believed to be the case.

COUNTRY	AREA (sq km)
USA	9,829,000
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India	3,287,000
China	9,829,000
France	643,000
Spain	505,000
Paper New Guinea	483,000
Sweden	450,000
Japan	377,000
Germany	357,000
Turkey	783,000
Italy	301,000
New Zealand	270,000
South Korea	100,000
Japan	377,000
England	130,000
Switzerland	41,000
TOTAL	30,180,000
AFRICA	30,221,000



Top 100 Countries

COUNTRY	AREA (sq km)
1. USA	9,829,000
2. China	9,829,000
3. India	3,287,000
4. Canada	9,984,670
5. Brazil	8,511,965
6. Russia	17,098,242
7. Australia	7,688,274
8. Argentina	2,367,000
9. Kazakhstan	2,000,000
10. Algeria	2,381,741
11. Saudi Arabia	2,149,690
12. Mexico	1,972,550
13. South Africa	1,221,037
14. Egypt	1,001,450
15. Libya	1,759,540
16. Iran	1,648,195
17. Pakistan	7,960,958
18. North Korea	120,540
19. South Korea	100,430
20. Japan	377,000
21. Germany	357,000
22. Turkey	783,000
23. Italy	301,000
24. New Zealand	270,000
25. South Korea	100,000
26. Japan	377,000
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28. Turkey	783,000
29. Italy	301,000
30. New Zealand	270,000
31. South Korea	100,000
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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 and 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 surprising, the majority chose 'too little' and 'larger' as the correct responses.

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 common 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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