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PURPOSES...

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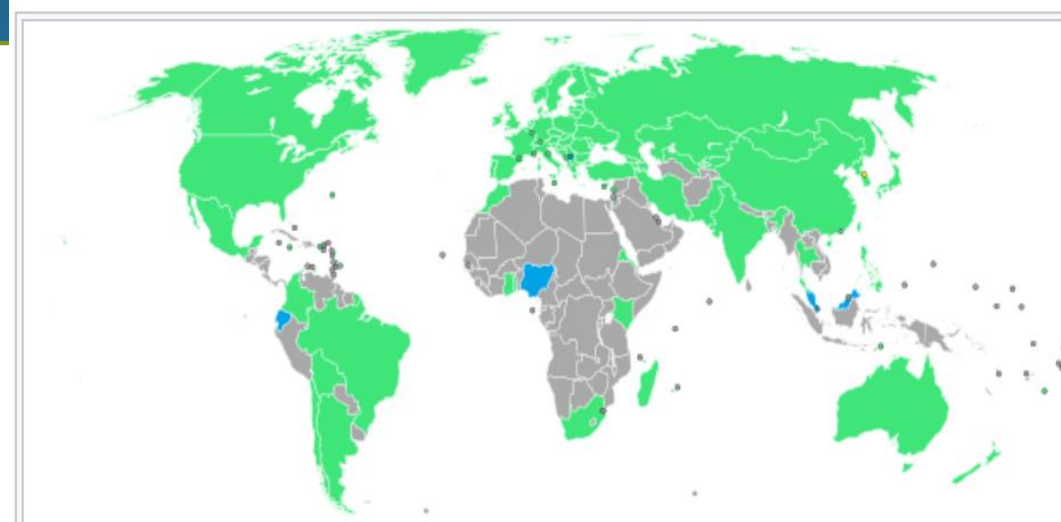
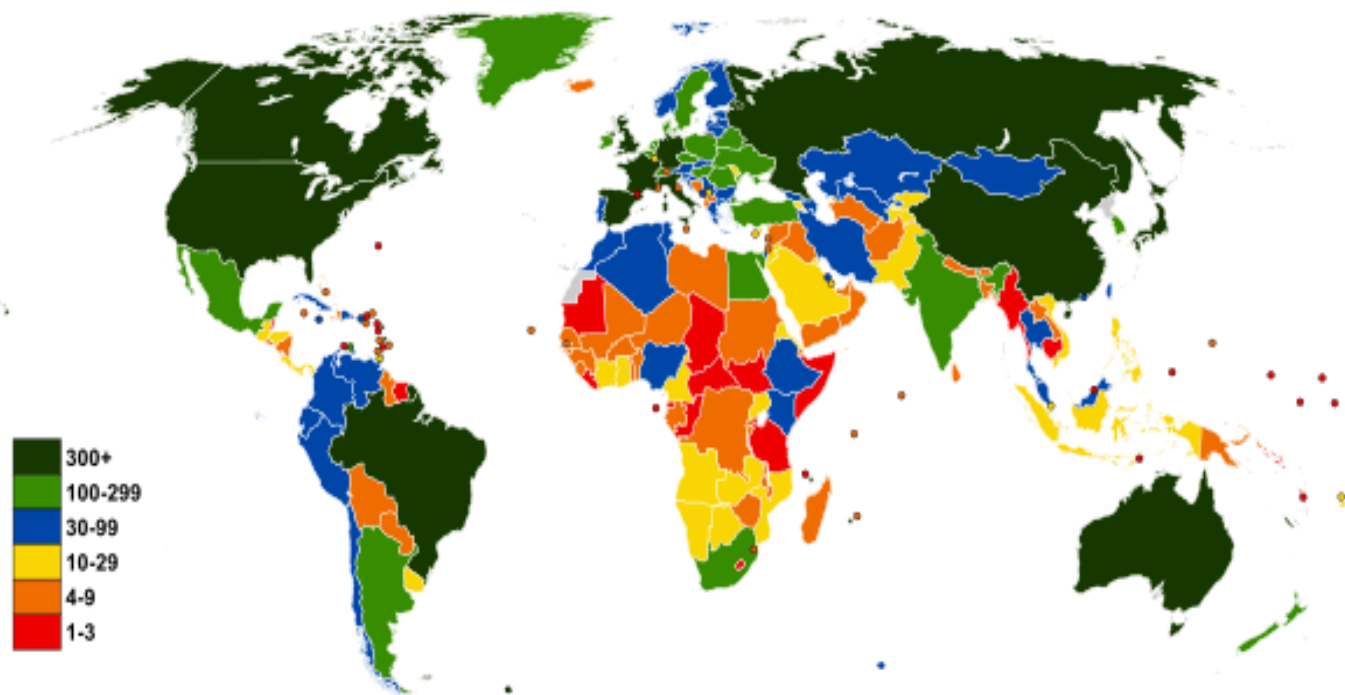
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## POWER!

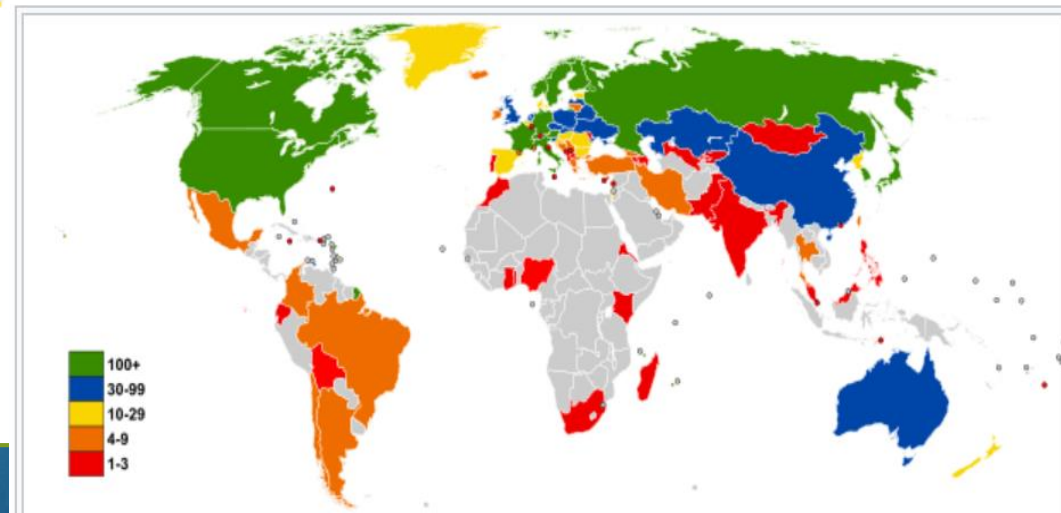
- ▶ **United Nations** - = **196**
- ▶ **United Nations + 58 non ratified/voting members** = **254**
- ▶ **The CIA** = **267** (world “entities”)
- ▶ **The ISO International Organization for Standardization Geneva Switzerland** = **230**
  - Responsible for country codes and signals for use by telecommunications and shipping organizations. Perhaps most notably, they help administer and approve Internet/URL suffixes for different countries.
- ▶ **FIFA** (International Federation of Association Football/Soccer) : Zürich, Switzerland = **~205**
  - FIFA allows the component territories (such England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland of the UK) to compete independently.
- ▶ **The IOC** (International Olympic Committee) Lausanne, Switzerland = **~202**
  - Taiwan, Aruba, Bermuda, Guam, Palestinian territories, and others may send athletes to the games.



# THE OLYMPICS (Summer/Winter)



- The participating countries at the 2018 Winter Olympics
- Debuting countries at the Winter Olympics
- Yellow circle is host city (*Pyeongchang*)



Country by team size

# Countries, Territories, Protectorates, Joint Rule, Undefined...

## Which Countries Have The Most Overseas Territories?

by [Niall McCarthy](#), Aug 23, 2018

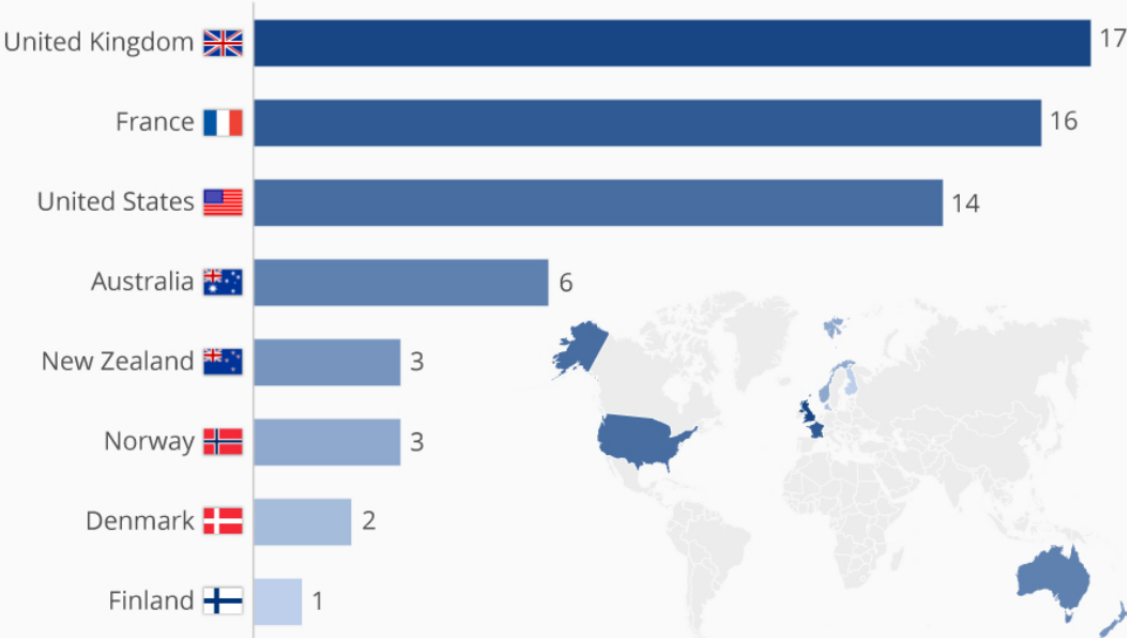
Britannia still rules the waves. Even though the days of the [British Empire](#) are long gone, the UK can still boast the largest number of overseas territories of any country. Its dependent and unincorporated territories include places such as the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar and Bermuda. France still has a sizeable number of overseas territories including Guadeloupe and Réunion, 16 in all. Guam and [Puerto Rico](#) are among the best known U.S. overseas territories and it has a grand total of 14.



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Data Journalist

### Which Countries Have The Most Overseas Territories?

Number of dependent and unincorporated territories by country in 2018\*



#### DESCRIPTION

This chart shows the number of dependent and unincorporated territories by country in 2018.

Report

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<https://www.statista.com/chart/15190/number-of-dependent-and-unincorporated-territories-by-country/>

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\* Not including China  
Source: Statista Research



# Countries, Territories, Protectorates, Joint Rule, Undefined...



Name	Status	Name:	Status
1 American Samoa *	part of United States	26 Montserrat *	part of United Kingdom
2 Anguilla *	part of United Kingdom	27 Netherlands Antilles	part of Holland
3 Antarctica	uninhabited wasteland	28 New Caledonia *	part of France
4 Aruba	part of Holland	29 Niue	part of New Zealand
5 Bermuda *	part of United Kingdom	30 Norfolk Island	part of Australia
6 Bouvet Island	uninhabited wasteland	31 Northern Mariana Islands	part of United States
7 British Indian Ocean Ter.	part of United Kingdom	32 Palestinian Territory	occupied by Israel
8 Cayman Islands *	part of United Kingdom	33 Puerto Rico	part of United States
9 Christmas Islands	part of Australia	34 Pitcairn Islands *	part of United Kingdom
10 Cocos Island	part of Australia	35 Reunion	part of France
11 Cook Islands	part of New Zealand	36 Saint Helena *	part of United Kingdom
12 Falkland Islands *	part of United Kingdom	37 Saint Pierre and Miquelon	part of France
13 Faroe Islands	Part of Denmark	38 South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	part of United Kingdom
14 French Guiana	part of France	39 Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands	part of Norway
15 French Polynesia	part of France	40 Taiwan	disputed (see below)
16 French Southern Territories	part of France	41 Tokelau *	part of New Zealand
17 Gibraltar *	part of United Kingdom	42 Turks and Caicos Islands *	part of United Kingdom
18 Greenland	part of Denmark	43 US Minor Outlying Islands	part of United States
19 Guadeloupe	part of France	44 Virgin Islands (British) *	part of United Kingdom
20 Guam *	part of United States	45 US Virgin Islands *	part of United States
21 Heard and McDonald Islands	part of Australia	46 Wallis and Futuna	part of France
22 Hong Kong	part of China	47 Western Sahara *	occupied by Morocco
23 Macau	part of China		
24 Martinique	part of France		
25 Mayotte	part of France		

# NEWEST countries into the U.N. ...

**South Sudan** is the world's newest country, gaining independence in 2011.

Other relatively new countries include: [↗](#)


- **Kosovo:** Broke away from Serbia in 2008, but the UN has not fully recognized it
- **Montenegro:** Broke away from Serbia in 2006
- **East Timor:** Declared independence from Indonesia in 1975
- **Palau:** Passed the United Nations Trust Program in 1994
- **Serbia:** Split from Montenegro in 2000
- **Slovakia:** Gained independence from Czechoslovakia on January 1, 1993
- **Croatia:** Declared independence on June 25, 1991

## Explanation

South Sudan became independent from Sudan on July 9, 2011, ending Africa's longest civil war. However, the region has continued to experience conflict, displacement, and famine. [↗](#)

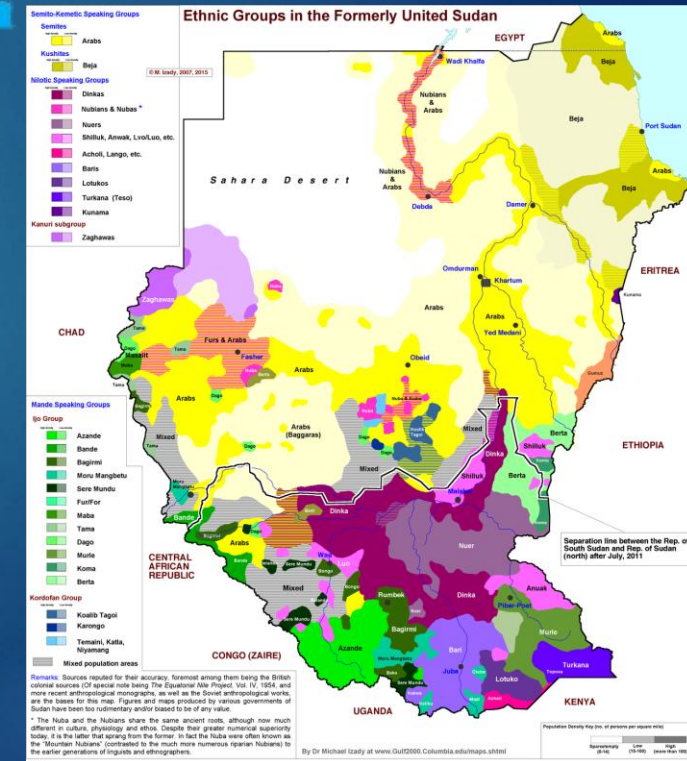
Generative AI is experimental.



 World Population Review  
<https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings>

## Newest Countries 2024

34 new countries have been recognized by the United Nations, which is widely regarded as the final step of becoming a fully realized country.



# INDEPENDENCE!? New Countries 2025+?



## 1. Bougainville

Bougainville, while geographically part of Papua New Guinea, has long pursued independence. A decisive 98% of its residents voted for freedom in 2019. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily stalled these aspirations. Nevertheless, Bougainville asserts its distinct identity and autonomy within Papua New Guinea. The path to nationhood for this proposed entity will largely depend on its recovery from the pandemic and subsequent developments.

## 5. Bermuda

Despite possessing its own football team, currency, and passport, Bermuda remains under the sovereignty of the United Kingdom. The island has persistently pursued independence, aspiring to become a sovereign nation. Given its significant tourism and gross domestic product exports annually, the transition to independent status should theoretically be feasible for Bermuda.

## 2. The Donetsk People's Republic

The Donetsk People's Republic, situated within **Ukraine**, currently operates largely autonomously, effectively functioning as an independent state despite enduring considerable turmoil and conflict. Should the region fail to achieve full independence as a sovereign nation, there remains the possibility of it aligning with the Russian Federation.

## 6. West and East Libya

In recent years, the United States intervened in Libya with the aim of fostering democracy, yet these efforts have faltered, leading to a fractured nation divided between its western and eastern regions. The prevailing scenario suggests that Libya may ultimately bifurcate into two separate and rival nations. Numerous political analysts foresee a future where Libya resembles the current state of Somalia, with two distinct territories fiercely vying for control and influence.

## 3. New Caledonia

New Caledonia, an overseas territory of France, stands at the cusp of potential nationhood as one of the newest proposed countries. Despite its current status, this region has persistently pursued independence. While a 2018 referendum on independence was unsuccessful, a more recent vote in 2020 narrowly missed achieving independence. Another plebiscite is slated for 2022, offering another opportunity for the territory to determine its political future.

## 7. Chuuk

Among the four nations constituting Micronesia, Chuuk stands out as notably prosperous. Despite its modest size, this island nation boasts considerable wealth and profitability, fueling its persistent pursuit of independence. The path to a referendum on independence is potentially fraught with bureaucratic hurdles. Nonetheless, plans are underway for an independence vote in the near future.



## 4. Rojava

Rojava, situated within **Syria**, has long been engaged in conflicts against both Syrian government forces and ISIS. Amidst this turmoil, Rojava has emerged as a unique entity, embodying elements of anarchism in its governance structure. The prospect of Rojava becoming an independent state continues to spark debates and discussions, reflecting the ongoing struggle of its residents for self-determination.

## 8. Catalonia

Catalonia, a self-governed region within Spain, has declared an independent "Catalan Republic" nearly a month after holding a controversial independence vote, despite powerful opposition from the Spanish government.

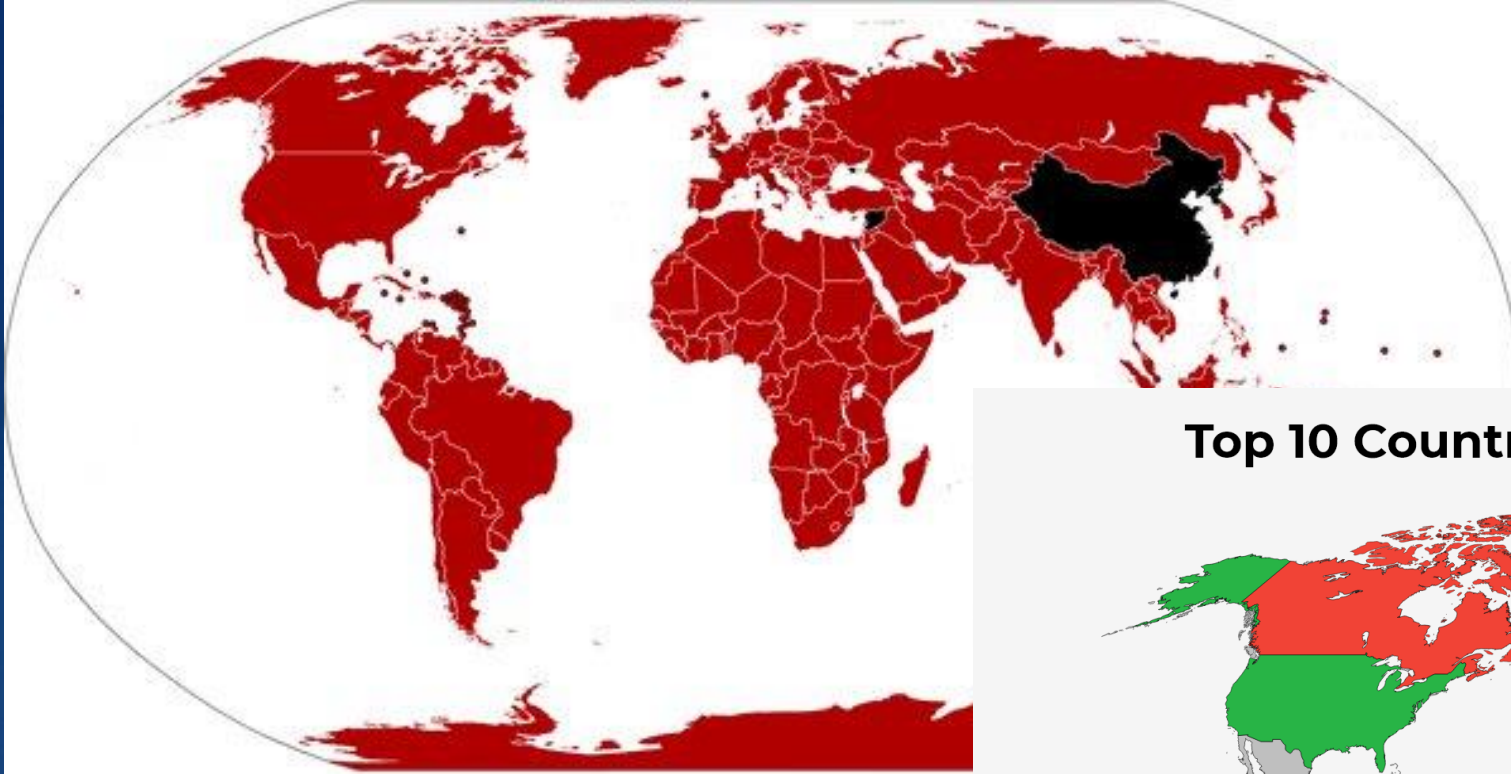


## 9. Kurdistan

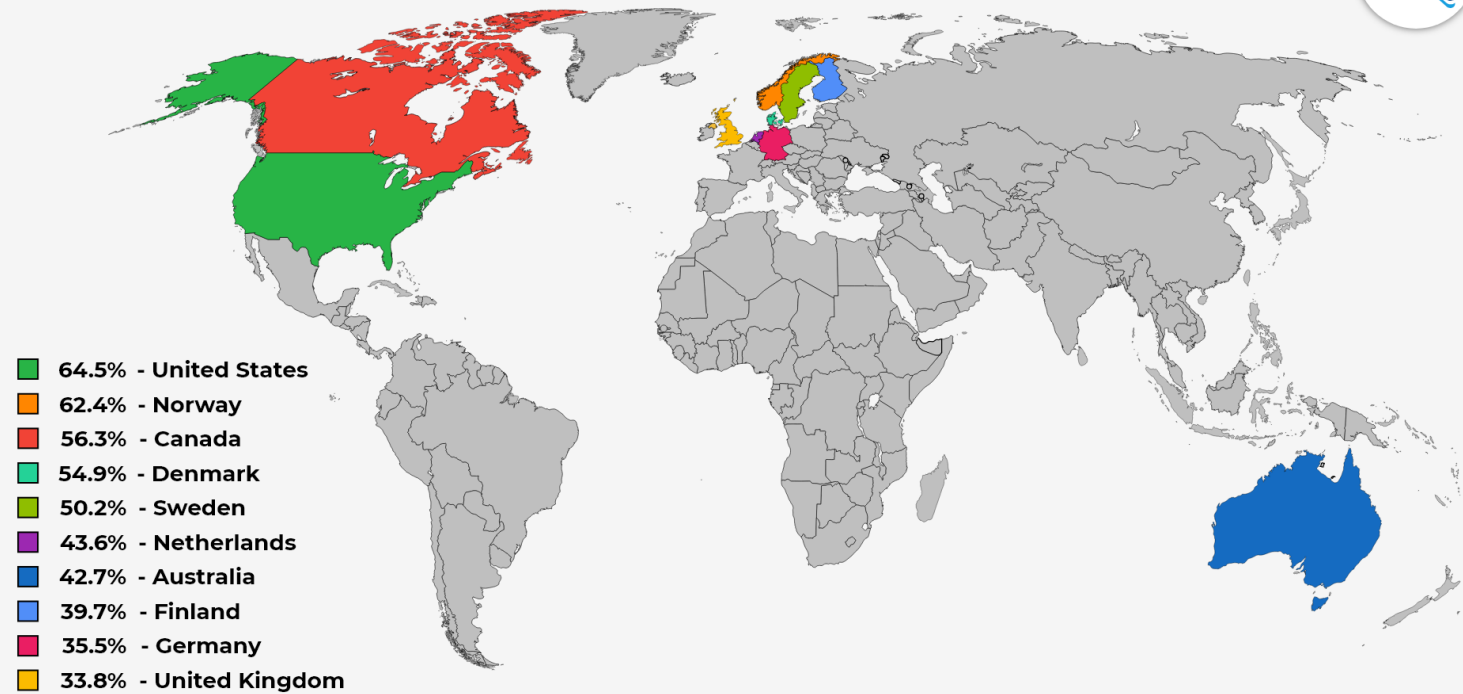
The Kurdistan Region of Iraq (Iraqi Kurdistan for short) is just part of the traditional homeland of the Kurds, the Middle East's fourth-largest ethnic group after Arabs, Persians, and Turks.



# NETFLIX availability

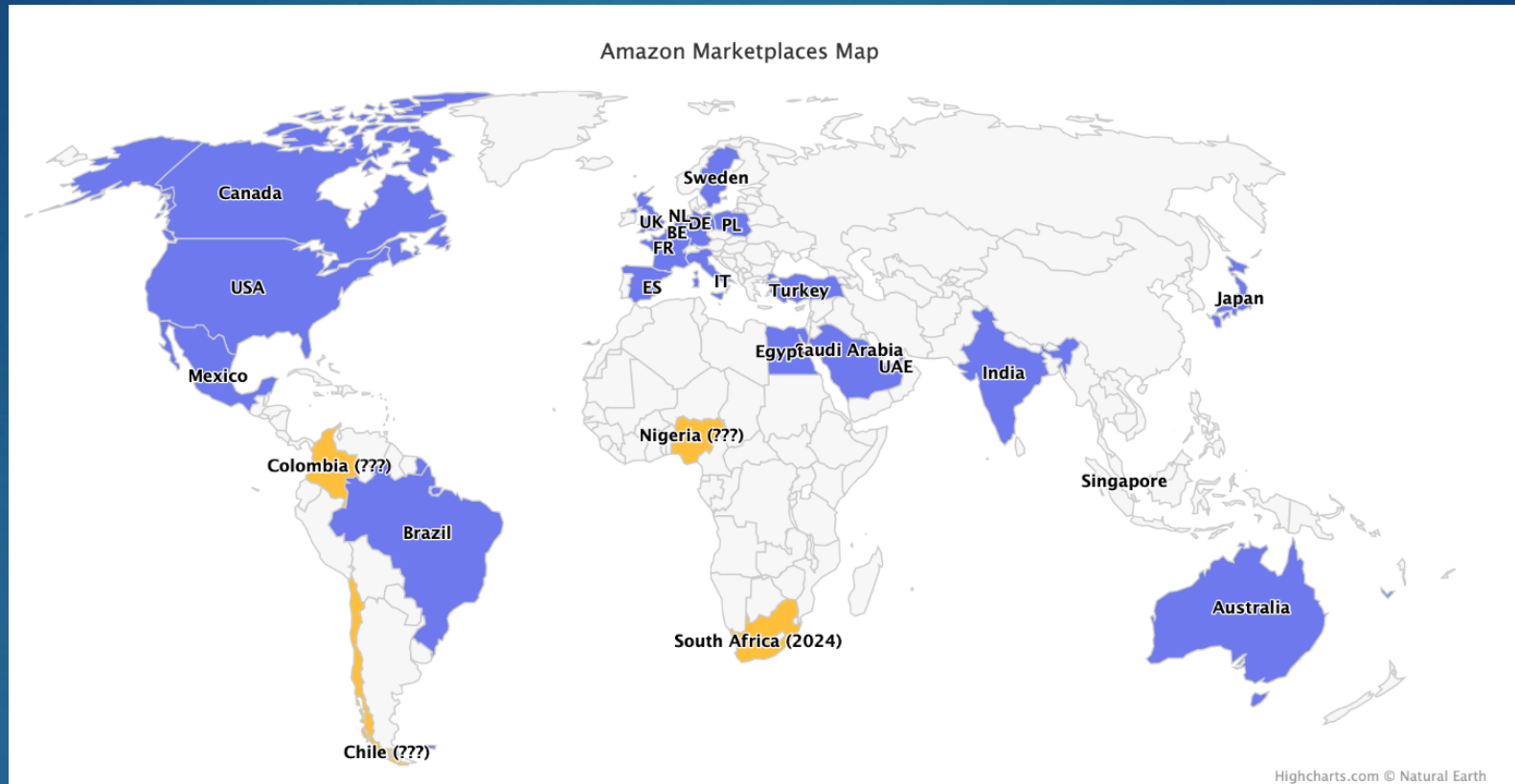


## Top 10 Countries by Netflix User Penetration



# AMAZON MARKETPLACE availability

## 2023



Brazil, Mexico, and Australia are [Amazon's fastest-growing international markets](#). Amazon's web traffic has nearly tripled in Brazil in three years, and in Mexico and Australia, it more than doubled. It launched in Mexico in 2015 and Brazil and Australia in 2017. The launch in Turkey that followed in 2018 has grown strong, too. However, the next eight have remained tiny because Amazon is launching in increasingly smaller and often competitive markets - the eight account for just 2% of all web traffic on Amazon.

# AMAZON Prime Video 2024

Type..

Genre..

Title A Country Christmas

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Duration..

### Total Shows by Country

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### Cast

Joey Lauren Adams, Trace Adkins, Kevin Pollak

### Total Ratings

2,117	13+
1,547	16+
1,268	ALL
1,243	18+
1,010	R
393	PG-13
385	7+
253	PG
223	NR
208	TV-14
169	TV-PG
105	TV-NR

### Description

When Santa Claus loses his magical powers and becomes stranded in their barn, two children from a small farming community help him save Christmas before it's too late.

### Top 10 Genre

Drama	986
Comedy	536
Drama, Suspense	399
Comedy, Drama	377
Animation, Kids	356
Documentary	350
Kids	334
Action, Drama	297
Documentary, Special Intere..	296
TV Shows	263

### Shows by Type

TV Show  
19.18%

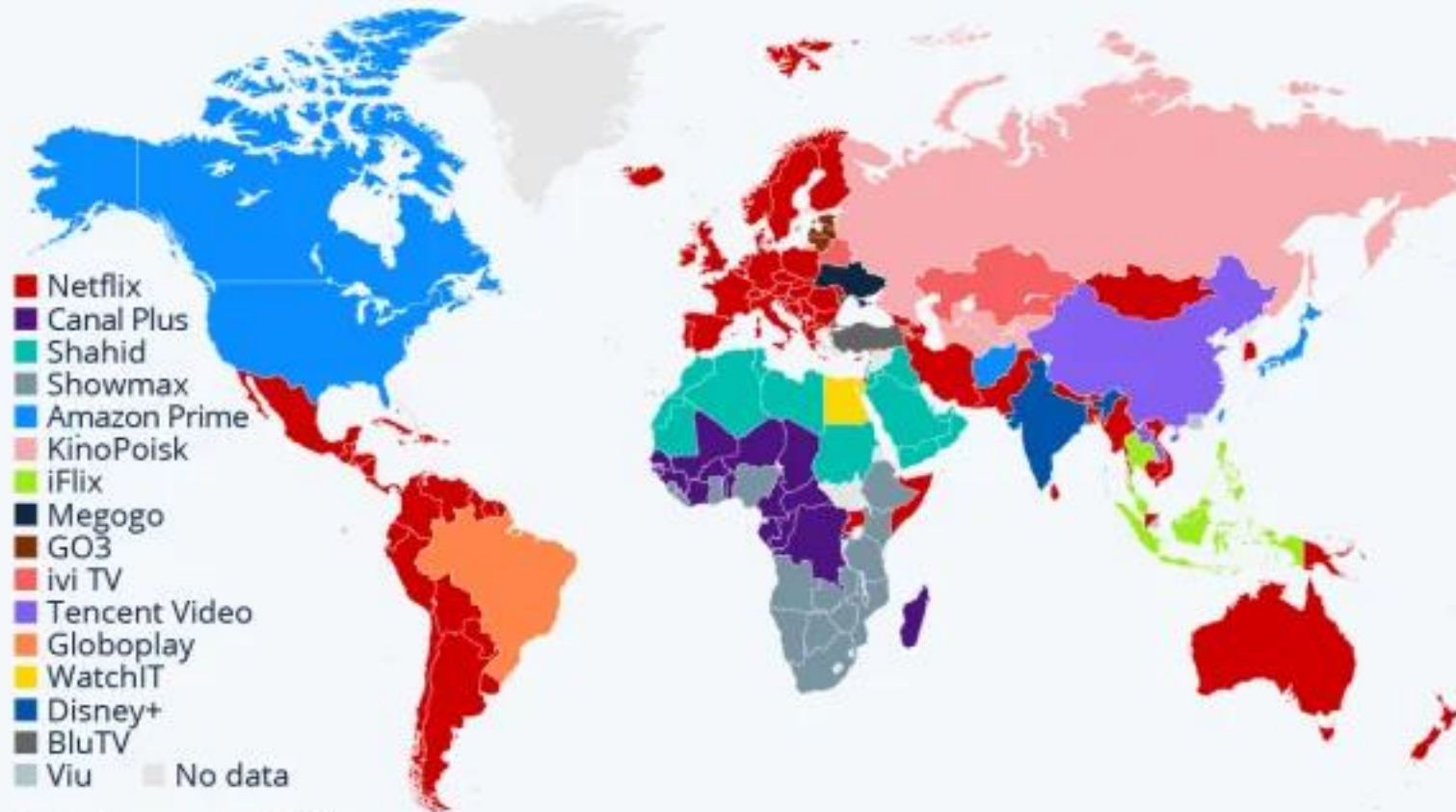
Movie  
80.82%

### Shows by Release Year and Type

# Global Streaming Services

## The Most Popular Streaming Services in Each Country

Streaming services with the highest number of subscribers by country in 2022\*



\* Or latest available

Source: FlixPatrol

# NEW digital online “marketplaces”

## Global marketplaces evolving rapidly

The World's Top Online Marketplaces



This map shows the top marketplaces all across the world and interestingly 54 out of 100 of those marketplaces didn't exist just a few years ago.

# POWER of LEARNING!

## Even a 5-year old can do it...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0POHnKF2pH4>



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