**7 continents of the world**

The widely recognized all the 7 continents are listed by size below, from biggest to smallest.

* **ASIA** includes 50 countries, and it is the most populated continent, the 60% of the total population of the Earth live here.
* **AFRICA** comprises 54 countries. It is the hottest continent and home of the world's largest desert, the Sahara, occupying the 25% of the total area of Africa.
* **NORTH AMERICA** includes 23 countries led by the USA as the largest economy in the world.
* **SOUTH AMERICA** comprises 12 countries. Here is located the largest forest, the Amazon rainforest, which covers 30% of the South America total area.
* **ANTARCTICA** is the coldest continent in the world, completely covered with ice. There are no permanent inhabitants, except of scientists maintaining research stations in Antarctica.
* **EUROPE** comprises 51 countries. It is the most developed economically continent with the European Union as the biggest economic and political union in the world.
* **AUSTRALIA** includes 14 countries. It is the least populated continent after Antarctica, only 0.2% of the total Earth population live here.

| Continents by area from largest to smallest | | | |
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| **#** | **Continent** | **Area (km2)** | **Area (mi2)** |
| 1 | Asia | 44,579,000 | 17,212,000 |
| 2 | Africa | 30,370,000 | 11,726,000 |
| 3 | North America | 24,709,000 | 9,540,000 |
| 4 | South America | 17,840,000 | 6,890,000 |
| 5 | Antarctica | 14,000,000 | 5,405,000 |
| 6 | Europe | 10,180,000 | 3,930,000 |
| 7 | Australia | 8,600,000 | 3,320,000 |

| Continents by population from largest to smallest | | | |
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| **#** | **Continent** | **PopulationFebruary 2021** | **Population Prospects2050** |
| 1 | Asia | 4,660,419,200 | 5,351,916,300 |
| 2 | Africa | 1,358,827,200 | 1,850,475,700 |
| 3 | Europe | 747,115,400 | 700,676,200 |
| 4 | North America | 594,301,300 | 662,334,900 |
| 5 | South America | 432,488,800 | 509,254,300 |
| 6 | Australia | 42,961,500 | 49,423,700 |
| 7 | Antarctica | no permanent population | no data |