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Java ([Indonesian](#): *Jawa*) is an [island](#) of [Indonesia](#). With a population of 135 million (excluding the 3.6 million on the island of [Madura](#) which is administered as part of the provinces of Java), Java is the world's most populous island, and one of the most [densely-populated](#) places on the globe. Java is the home of 60 percent of the Indonesian population. The Indonesian [capital](#) city, [Jakarta](#), is located on western Java. Much of Indonesian history took place on Java. It was the center of powerful [Hindu-Buddhist](#) empires, the [Islamic sultanates](#), and the core of the [colonial Dutch East Indies](#). Java was also the center of the [Indonesian struggle for independence](#) during the 1930s and 40s. Java was also occupied by the [Imperial Japanese Army](#) from 1942 through the defeat of the [Japanese Empire](#) in 1945, and this put a temporary end to all thoughts of [independence](#). Java dominates Indonesia's social, political, and economic life.