

Appendix 1

The World in 1960: The 25 Most Populous Countries

Country	Population Rank	GDP / Capita (nominal)	Structural Position in 1945
China	1	\$90	Third World
India	2	\$82	Third World
Soviet Union	3	\$991 [*]	Second World
USA	4	\$3,007	First World
Japan	5	\$479	First World
Indonesia	6	\$65 ^{**}	Third World
Germany	7	\$1,127 ^{***}	First World
Brazil	8	\$210	Third World
United Kingdom	9	\$1,381	First World
Italy	10	\$804	First World
Bangladesh	11	\$89	Third World
France	12	\$1,344	First World
Nigeria	13	\$93	Third World
Pakistan	14	\$82	Third World
Mexico	15	\$345	Third World
Vietnam	16	\$70 (N); \$110 (S) ^{****}	Third World
Spain	17	\$396	First World
Poland	18	\$573 ^{*****}	Second World
Turkey	19	\$509	Third World
Thailand	20	\$101	Third World
Egypt	21	\$191 ^{**}	Third World
Philippines	22	\$245	Third World
South Korea	23	\$158	Third World
Ethiopia	24	\$61 ^{**}	Third World
Iran	25	\$192	Third World

All data (including population ranking) from the World Bank Data Bank (databank.worldbank.org) unless otherwise stated.

^{*} This is derived from the US government estimate of the size of the Soviet economy as 38.1% of that of the United States (See "A Comparison of Soviet and US Gross National Products, 1960–1983," accessible via the CIA FOIA Reading Room, www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/docs/DOC_0000498181.pdf) and Soviet census data from 1959 (208,800,000, see www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/russian-federation/1959-07-01/soviet-population-today) as well as US GDP data from the World Bank.

^{**} Penn World Tables 9.1 (PWT91) (www.rug.nl/ggdc/productivity/pwt/)—output side, Year 1961

^{***} PWT91, 1960

^{****} These Vietnamese figures are drawn from contemporary CIA analysis: Economic Intelligence Report, A Comparison of the Economies of North and South Vietnam, December 1961, accessible via the CIA FOIA Reading Room, www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/docs/CIA-RDP79R01141A002200070001-8.pdf.

^{*****} Data provided by Branko Milanovic, who relied on World Bank World Development Indicators, and adjusted using PWT91 Price Index.

Appendix 2

The World Today: The 25 Most Populous Countries (plus South Korea) in 2018

Country	Population Rank	GDP / Capita (nominal)	Structural Position in 1945
China	1	\$9,771	Third World
India	2	\$2,016	Third World
United States	3	\$62,641	First World
Indonesia	4	\$3,894	Third World
Pakistan	5	\$1,473	Third World
Brazil	6	\$8,921	Third World
Nigeria	7	\$2,028	Third World
Bangladesh	8	\$1,698	Third World
Russia	9	\$11,289	Second World
Japan	10	\$39,287	First World
Mexico	11	\$9,698	Third World
Ethiopia	12	\$772	Third World
Philippines	13	\$3,103	Third World
Egypt	14	\$2,549	Third World
Vietnam	15	\$2,564	Third World
DR Congo	16	\$562	Third World
Germany	17	\$48,196	First World
Turkey	18	\$9,311	Third World
Iran	19	\$5,628*	Third World
Thailand	20	\$7,274	Third World
France	21	\$41,464	First World
United Kingdom	22	\$42,491	First World
Italy	23	\$34,318	First World
South Africa	24	\$6,374	Third World
Tanzania	25	\$1,051	Third World
South Korea	27	\$31,363	Third World

All data (including population ranking) is from the World Bank Data Bank, databank.worldbank.org.

South Korea is included because it is the rare exception of a large country moving from the Third World to First-World levels of wealth. See Robert Wade, "Escaping the periphery: the East Asian 'mystery' solved," United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research, September 2018, for discussion of the exceptional treatment South Korea and Taiwan were given by Washington due to their strategic importance in the Cold War.

* 2017