

17.6 World Population in Millions and Wealth in Billions of Dollars

Source: GeoHive (<http://www.geohive.com/charts>)

Task: This chart allows you to compare total population, percent of world population, wealth in billions of dollars, and percent of global wealth for each of the inhabited continents. Write an essay describing the data and potential problems it may indicate.

Continent	Population (2002) (in millions)	% world population	Wealth (GNP)	% world GNP
Africa	794	13.1%	495.4	1.8%
Asia	3,672	60.6%	7,172.6	25.5%
Oceania	31	.5%	442.4	1.6%
Europe	727	12.0%	9,606.3	34.2%
N. America	314	5.2%	8,933.6	31.8%
S. America	519	8.6%	1,430.7	5.1%
World Total	6,057	100%	28,081	100%