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	Population	Pop. Rise %/Year				% of Pop. Under 15	Life Expectancy	HDI		Population	Pop. Rise %/Year				% of Pop. Under 15	Life Expectancy	HDI
Afghanistan	251,772	22	Kabul	Pashtu, Afghan Persian, Turkic, others	Transitional democracy, territory disputed by factions; President Hamid Karzai	1919	43/13	\$1,000	Singapore	239	100	Singapore	Chinese, Malay, Tamil, English	Dominant party; Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong	1965	97/89	\$52,200
	29,100,000	2.1				44	44/44	0.352		5,100,000	0.6				18	79/84	0.944
Armenia	11,506	64	Yerevan	Armenian, Russian, others	Presidential-parliamentary democracy (transitional); President Serzh Sarkisyan	1991	99/99	\$5,500	Sri Lanka	25,332	15	Colombo	Tamil, Sinhala, English	Presidential-parliamentary democracy; President Mahinda Rajapakse	1948	92/89	\$4,500
	3,100,000	0.6				20	68/75	0.798		20,700,000	1.2				26	72/76	0.759
Azerbaijan	33,436	54	Baku	Azeri, Russian, Armenian, others	Dominant party; President Ilham Aliyev	1991	99/98	\$10,400	Taiwan	13,969	78	Taipei	Mandarin Chinese, Taiwanese, others	Presidential-parliamentary democracy; President Ma Ying-jeou	1949	96	\$32,000
	9,000,000	1.1				23	70/75	0.788		23,200,000	0.2				16	75/82	NA
Bangladesh	55,598	25	Dhaka	Bengali, English	Presidential-parliamentary (transitional); Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajed	1971	54/41	\$1,500	Tajikistan	55,251	26	Dushanbe	Tajik, Russian	Dominant party; President Emomalii Rakhmon	1991	99/99	\$1,900
	164,400,000	1.5				32	65/67	0.543		7,600,000	2.4				38	64/69	0.688
Bhutan	18,147	32	Thimphu	Dzongkha, Tibetan, and Nepalese dialects	Parliamentary democracy in transition from monarchy; Prime Minister Jigmi Thinley	1949	60/34	\$4,700	Thailand	198,116	31	Bangkok	Thai, English, regional dialects	Transitional after military coup; Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva	1238	95/91	\$8,200
	700,000	1.7				31	67/68	0.619		68,100,000	0.6				22	66/72	0.783
Brunei	2,228	72	Bandar Seri Begawan	Malay, English, Chinese	Monarchy; Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah	1984	95/90	\$51,200	Timor-Leste (East Timor)	5,741	22	Dili	Tetun, Portuguese, Indonesian, English	Presidential-parliamentary democracy (transitional); Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão	2002	59	\$2,400
	400,000	1.3				27	75/80	0.920		1,200,000	3.1				45	60/62	0.489
Cambodia	69,900	20	Phnom Penh	Khmer, French	Dominant party; Prime Minister Hun Sen	1949	85/64	\$1,900	Turkmenistan	188,456	47	Ashgabat	Turkmen, Uzbek, Russian, others	Presidential dictatorship; President Gurbanguly Berdimukhammedov	1991	99/98	\$6,700
	15,100,000	1.6				35	59/63	0.593		5,200,000	1.4				31	61/69	0.739
China	3,696,100	47	Beijing	Mandarin, other Chinese languages, other languages	Communist one-party state; President Hu Jintao	1912	96/88	\$6,600	Uzbekistan	172,741	36	Tashkent	Uzbek, Russian, Tajik, others	Presidential dictatorship; President Islam Karimov	1991	99/99	\$2,800
	1,338,100,000	0.5				18	72/76	0.772		28,100,000	1.8				33	65/71	0.710
Georgia	26,911	53	Tbilisi	Georgian, Russian, Armenian, Azeri, Ossetian, others	Presidential-parliamentary democracy; President Mikheil Saakashvili	1991	99/99	\$4,400	Vietnam	128,066	28	Hanoi	Vietnamese, French, Chinese, English, Khmer, others	Communist one-party state; Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung	1945	94/87	\$2,900
	4,600,000	0.3				17	69/79	0.778		88,900,000	1.2				25	72/76	0.725
India	1,269,340	29	New Delhi	Hindi, English, Bengali, many others	Parliamentary democracy; Prime Minister Manmohan Singh	1947	73/48	\$3,100									
	1,188,800,000	1.5				32	63/65	0.612									
Indonesia	735,355	43	Jakarta	Bahasa Indonesian, English, Dutch, others	Parliamentary democracy; President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono	1945	94/87	\$4,000									
	235,500,000	1.4				28	69/73	0.734									
Japan	145,869	86	Tokyo	Japanese	Parliamentary democracy; Prime Minister Naoto Kan	660 b.c.	99/99	\$32,700	Australia	2,988,888	82	Canberra	English, aboriginal languages	Parliamentary democracy; Prime Minister Julia Gillard	1901	99/99	\$40,000
	127,400,000	0				13	79/86	0.960		22,400,000	0.7				19	79/84	0.970
Kazakhstan	1,049,151	54	Astana	Kazakh, Russian, Ukrainian, others	Dominant party; President Nursultan Nazarbayev	1991	99/99	\$11,800	Fiji	7,054	51	Suva	English, Fijian, Hindustani	Military; Interim Prime Minister Commodore Voreqe Bainimarama	1970	96/92	\$3,900
	16,300,000	1.4				24	63/74	0.804		900,000	1.7				29	66/71	0.741
Korea, North	46,541	60	Pyongyang	Korean	Communist dictatorship; General Secretary Kim Jong IL	1945	99/99	\$1,900	Kiribati	282	44	Tarawa	English, Gilbertese	Presidential-legislative democracy; President Anote Tong	1979	NA	\$6,100
	22,800,000	0.5				22	61/66	NA		100,000	1.8				36	59/63	NA
Korea, South	38,324	82	Seoul	Korean, English	Presidential-parliamentary democracy; President Lee Myung Bak	1945	99/97	\$28,100	Marshall Islands	69	68	Majuro	English, Marshallese dialects, Japanese	Parliamentary democracy and traditional chiefs; President Jurelang Zedkaia	1986	94/94	\$2,500
	48,900,000	0.4				17	77/83	0.937		100,000	2.8				41	64/67	NA
Kyrgyzstan	76,641	35	Bishkek	Kirghiz, Russian	Presidential-parliamentary (transitional after coup); President Roza Otunbayeva	1991	99/98	\$2,200	Micronesia	270	22	Palikir	English, Trukese, Pohnpein, Yapese, Kosraean	Parliamentary democracy; President Emanuel Mori	1986	91/88	\$2,200
	5,300,000	1.6				29	64/72	0.710		100,000	1.9				37	67/68	NA
Laos	91,429	27	Vientiane	Lao, French, English, others	Communist one-party state; President Choummaly Sayasone	1949	83/63	\$2,100	Nauru	9	100	Yaren District	Nauruan, English	Parliamentary democracy; Interim President Marcus Stephen (during state of emergency)	1968	NA	\$5,000
	6,400,000	2.1				39	63/66	0.619		10,000	1.9				39	55/57	NA
Malaysia	127,317	63	Kuala Lumpur	Malay, English, Chinese languages, many others	Dominant party; Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak	1957	92/85	\$14,900	New Zealand	104,452	86	Wellington	English, Maori	Parliamentary democracy; Prime Minister John Key	1907	99/99	\$27,400
	28,900,000	1.6				32	72/77	0.829		4,400,000	0.8				21	78/82	0.950
Maldives	116	35	Malé	Maldivian Divehi, English	Presidential-parliamentary democracy (transitional); President Mohamed Nasheed	1965	96/96	\$4,300	Palau	178	78	Melekeok	English, Sonsorol'ese, Palauan, others	Presidential-legislative democracy and traditional chiefs; President Johnson Toribiong	1994	93/90	\$8,100
	300,000	1.9				30	72/74	0.771		20,000	0.6				24	66/72	NA
Mongolia	604,826	60	Ulaanbaatar	Khalkha Mongolian, Turkic, Russian, Chinese	Presidential-parliamentary democracy; Prime Minister Sükhbaataryn Batbold	1921	98/98	\$3,100	Papua New Guinea	178,703	13	Port Moresby	English, pidgin English, Motu, many others	Parliamentary democracy; Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare	1975	63/51	\$2,300
	2,800,000	1.9				33	63/70	0.727		6,800,000	2.2				40	57/62	0.541
Myanmar (Burma)	261,228	31	Naypyidaw Myodaw	Burmese, others	Military rule; General Than Shwe	1948	94/86	\$1,100	Samoa	1,097	22	Apia	Samoan, English	Parliamentary democracy and traditional chiefs; Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi	1962	99/99	\$5,400
	53,400,000	0.9				27	56/60	0.586		200,000	2.0				40	72/74	0.771
Nepal	56,826	17	Kathmandu	Nepali, others	Parliamentary democracy (transitional from monarchy); Acting Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal ¹³	1768	63/35	\$1,200	Solomon Islands	11,158	17	Honiara	Melanesian pidgin, English, others	Parliamentary democracy; Prime Minister Danny Philip	1978	NA	\$2,500
	28,000,000	1.9				37	64/65	0.553		500,000	2.5				41	62/63	0.610
Pakistan	307,375	35	Islamabad	Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi, Siraiki, English, others	Presidential-parliamentary (transitional from military); President Asif Ali Zardari	1947	63/36	\$2,500	Tonga	290	23	Nuku'alofa	Tongan, English	Monarchy; King George Tupou V	1970	99/99	\$6,300
	184,800,000	2.3				38	66/67	0.572		100,000	2.2				38	67/73	0.768
Philippines	115,830	63	Manila	Filipino, English	Presidential-legislative democracy; President Benigno Aquino III	1898	93/93	\$3,300	Tuvalu	10	47	Funafuti	Tuvaluan, English	Parliamentary democracy; Prime Minister Apisai Ielemia	1978	NA	\$1,600
	94,000,000	2.1				33	70/74	0.751		10,000	1.4				32	62/65	NA
Russia ¹⁴	6,592,819	73	Moscow	Russian, others	Dominant party; President Dmitri Medvedev	1991	99/99	\$15,100	Vanuatu	4,707	24	Port-Vila	English, French, Bislama	Parliamentary democracy; Prime Minister Edward Natapei	1980	74	\$5,300
	141,900,000	−0.2				15	62/74	0.817		200,000	2.5				40	66/69	0.693

¹³RESIGNED IN JUNE BUT STILL IN OFFICE AS OF PRESS TIME
¹⁴RUSSIA IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE EUROPE TABLE.