

Section 15.—Area and Population of the World.

Statistics showing the areas and the populations of the various continents, and details of each country, are presented in Table 52. There is a wide difference between the dates of the latest censuses of different countries and since the aim of bringing these statistics together is for comparative purposes, it was necessary to fix populations as at a common date. Dec. 31, 1931, was chosen because this is the closest date common to the chief census dates of the important countries and because estimates as at that date were available from reliable sources. This date is not sufficiently remote from the censuses to cause misgiving as to the accuracy of the figures simply because they are estimates. In a number of cases, notably in parts of Asia and Africa, the figures are not as accurate as they are, for instance, in the western world, since complete censuses do not everywhere exist, but the approximations given are considered to be the best available.

52.—Area and Population of the World, by Continents and Countries, 1931.

NOTE.—The source of the following figures is the "League of Nations Year Book, 1932-33" estimates as at Dec. 31, 1931, except in the cases of: the British Empire, where the source is the "Statistical Abstract for the British Empire, 1931" Dec. 31 estimates; of China proper where the source is the "Statesman's Year Book, 1933"; and of Manchuria where the source is the "Manchurian Year Book, 1933". The Continental and World totals have not been adjusted, but are as given in the League of Nations Year Book.

Country.	Population.	Area in Square Miles.	Country.	Population.	Area in Square Miles.
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Continents—			Europe—concluded.		
Europe.....	510,350	4,412,000	Luxemburg.....	301	1,000
Asia.....	1,105,400	16,178,000	Malta.....	244	100
Africa.....	143,400	11,566,000	Iceland.....	110	39,800
North and Central America and West Indies.....	170,460	8,654,000	Monaco.....	25	8
South America.....	84,956	7,055,000	Gibraltar.....	17	2
Oceania.....	9,920	3,301,000	San Marino.....	13	39
			Liechtenstein.....	12	77
			Andorra.....	5	200
Grand Totals.....	2,024,500	51,166,000	Asia—		
Europe—			China proper.....	458,780	1,953,300
Russia in Europe.....	128,800	2,316,200	India.....	355,800	1,805,300
Germany.....	64,776	181,100	Japan.....	65,500	147,500
United Kingdom (including Channel islands and isle of Man).....	46,342	94,100	Netherlands East Indies.....	61,900	733,600
France.....	41,950	212,700	Russia in Asia.....	34,400	5,860,200
Italy (including Fiume).....	41,477	119,700	Manchuria.....	29,575	439,000
Poland.....	32,176	149,800	French Indo-China.....	21,600	284,600
Spain (including Canary islands).....	23,800	194,200	Korea (Jap. Chosen).....	21,450	85,300
Roumania.....	18,300	113,900	Turkey in Asia.....	13,600	285,300
Czechoslovakia.....	14,823	54,100	Philippine islands.....	12,504	114,300
Yugoslavia.....	14,080	96,100	Siam.....	12,100	200,000
Hungary.....	8,743	35,900	Persia.....	9,000	627,800
Belgium.....	8,159	11,600	Afghanistan.....	7,000	251,000
Netherlands.....	8,062	13,100	Arabia (Independent).....	7,000	1,003,900
Portugal (including Azores and Madeira).....	6,930	36,000	Nepal.....	5,600	54,100
Austria.....	6,733	32,400	Ceylon.....	5,367	25,300
Greece.....	6,480	50,200	Iraq.....	3,300	116,600
Sweden.....	6,162	173,000	Syria and Lebanon.....	2,800	77,200
Bulgaria.....	6,067	39,800	Federated Malay States	1,671	27,400
Switzerland.....	4,095	15,800	Unfederated Malay States.....	1,490	22,000
Denmark.....	3,578	16,600	Palestine and Transjordanian.....	1,340	25,800
Finland.....	3,493	149,800	Straits Settlements.....	1,085	1,500
Irish Free State.....	2,957	26,600	British North Borneo, Brunei and Sarawak.....	902	75,600
Norway.....	2,831	124,700	Hong Kong.....	879	300
Lithuania.....	2,393	21,600	Timor.....	480	7,300
Latvia.....	1,920	25,500	Cyprus.....	350	3,600
Estonia.....	1,119	18,500	French India.....	270	200
Turkey in Europe.....	1,100	9,300	Bhutan.....	250	19,300
Albania.....	1,040	10,800	Kwang Chau Wan.....	250	300
Danzig.....	405	700	Macao.....	170	4
			Bahrein islands.....	120	200
			Aden (including Perim).....	51	80
			Socotra.....	12	1,400