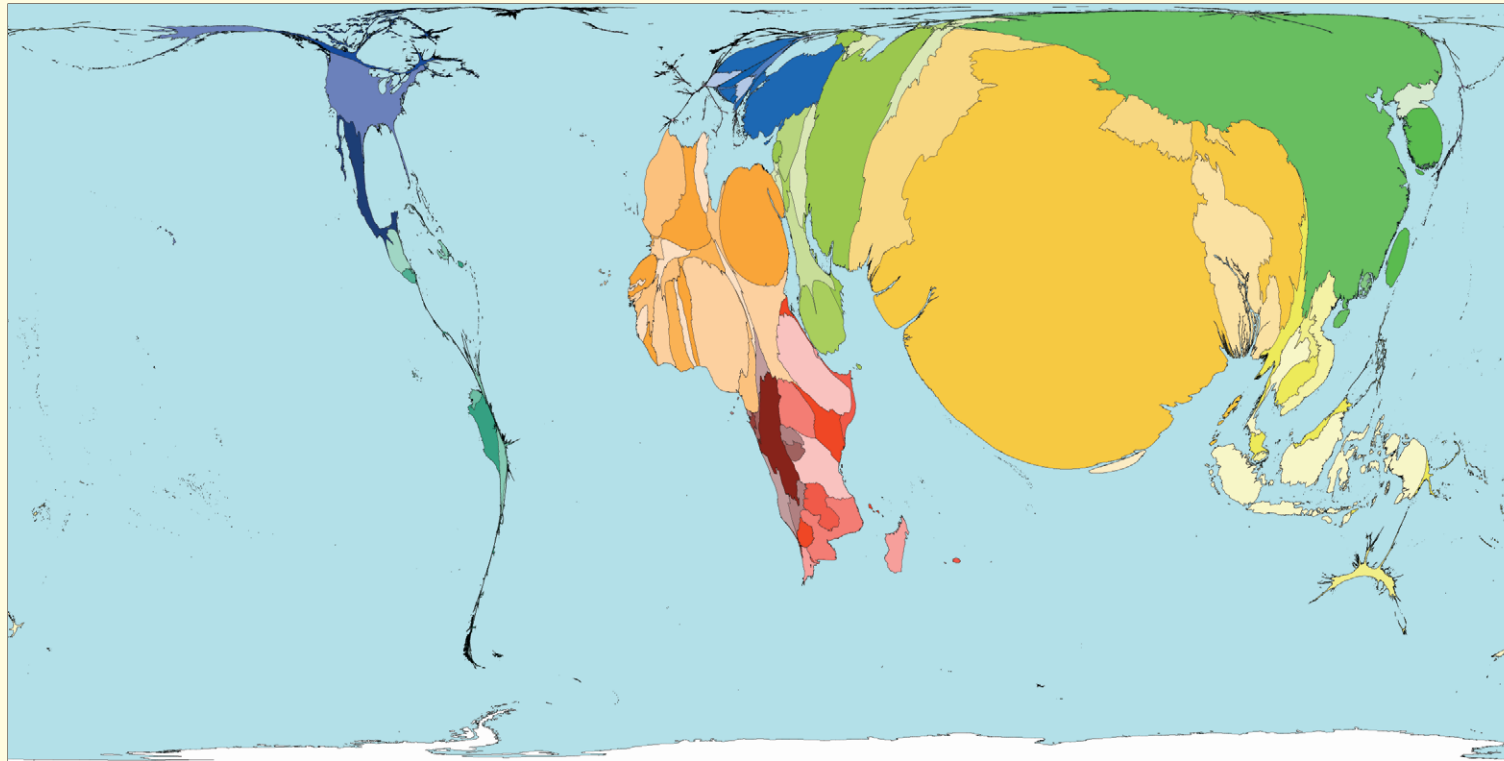


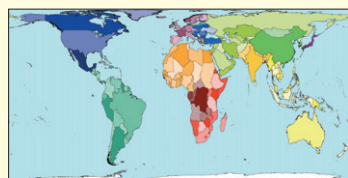
Illiterate Women



In South American and Western European territories men and women have very similar levels of literacy. Elsewhere, particularly in India, China, Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, there are much larger numbers of women who cannot read or write compared to men living there.

Male and female literacy rates in Yemen are 69% and 28%, in Nepal they are 62% and 26%, in Mozambique they are 62% and 31%, and in the Central African Republic they are 64% and 34%, respectively.

Territory size is proportional to the number of illiterate women aged 15 years and over, minus the number of illiterate men of the same age in the same territory. Only territories with greater female illiteracy have an area.

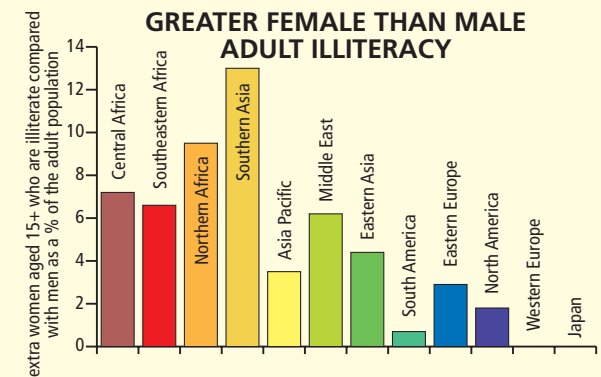


Land area

MOST FEMALE ADULT ILLITERACY COMPARED WITH MALE ADULT ILLITERACY

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Yemen	20.5	11	Morocco	12.4
2	Nepal	17.6	12	Egypt	12.0
3	Mozambique	15.1	13	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	11.0
4	Central African Republic	15.1	14	Lao People's D Republic	10.9
5	Benin	14.3	15	Sudan	10.8
6	Togo	14.2	16	Cambodia	10.1
7	India	13.5	17	Tunisia	10.1
8	Malawi	13.1	18	Mauritania	9.9
9	Pakistan	13.0	19	Bangladesh	9.7
10	Bhutan	13.0	19	Uganda	9.7

extra women aged 15+ who are illiterate compared to men who are illiterate, as a percentage of total adult population*



Technical notes

- Data are from the United Nations Development Programme's 2004 Human Development Report.
- Illiteracy is not being able to read, write and understand a short simple statement. Here, all people aged over 15 years are mapped.
- *The Islamic Republic of Iran is excluded from the table due to inconsistencies in the data.
- See website for further information.

"... illiteracy is essentially a manifestation of social inequality, the unequal distribution of power and resources in society."

Bharati Silawal-Giri, 2003