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The countries in this table are categorised according to the [scheme for geographic subregions](#) used by the United Nations, and data included are per sources in cross-referenced articles. Where they differ, provisos are clearly indicated.

| Name of region ^[31] and territory, with flag | Area (km ²) | Population (1 July 2002 est.) | Population density (per km ²) | Capital |
|--|--|---|---|------------------------------|
| Eastern Africa: | | | | |
|  Burundi | 27,830 | 6,373,002 | 229.0 | Bujumbura |
|  Comoros | 2,170 | 614,382 | 283.1 | Moroni |
|  Djibouti | 23,000 | 472,810 | 20.6 | Djibouti |
|  Eritrea | 121,320 | 4,465,651 | 36.8 | Asmara |
|  Ethiopia | 1,127,127 | 67,673,031 | 60.0 | Addis Ababa |
|  Kenya | 582,650 | 31,138,735 | 53.4 | Nairobi |
|  Madagascar | 587,040 | 16,473,477 | 28.1 | Antananarivo |
|  Malawi | 118,480 | 10,701,824 | 90.3 | Lilongwe |
|  Mauritius | 2,040 | 1,200,206 | 588.3 | Port Louis |
|  Mayotte (France) | 374 | 170,879 | 456.9 | Mamoudzou |
|  Mozambique | 801,590 | 19,607,519 | 24.5 | Maputo |
|  Réunion (France) | 2,512 | 743,981 | 296.2 | Saint-Denis |
|  Rwanda | 26,338 | 7,398,074 | 280.9 | Kigali |
|  Seychelles | 455 | 80,098 | 176.0 | Victoria |
|  Somalia | 637,657 | 7,753,310 | 12.2 | Mogadishu |
|  Tanzania | 945,087 | 37,187,939 | 39.3 | Dodoma |
|  Uganda | 236,040 | 24,699,073 | 104.6 | Kampala |
|  Zambia | 752,614 | 9,959,037 | 13.2 | Lusaka |
|  Zimbabwe | 390,580 | 11,376,676 | 29.1 | Harare |
| Middle Africa: | | | | |
|  Angola | 1,246,700 | 10,593,171 | 8.5 | Luanda |
|  Cameroon | 475,440 | 16,184,748 | 34.0 | Yaoundé |
|  Central African Republic | 622,984 | 3,642,739 | 5.8 | Bangui |

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|--|-----------|------------|---------|--|
|  Chad | 1,284,000 | 8,997,237 | 7.0 | N'Djamena |
|  Congo | 342,000 | 2,958,448 | 8.7 | Brazzaville |
|  Democratic Republic of the Congo | 2,345,410 | 55,225,478 | 23.5 | Kinshasa |
|  Equatorial Guinea | 28,051 | 498,144 | 17.8 | Malabo |
|  Gabon | 267,667 | 1,233,353 | 4.6 | Libreville |
|  São Tomé and Príncipe | 1,001 | 170,372 | 170.2 | São Tomé |
| <u>Northern Africa:</u> | | | | |
|  Algeria | 2,381,740 | 32,277,942 | 13.6 | Algiers |
|  Egypt ^[32] | 1,001,450 | 70,712,345 | 70.6 | Cairo |
|  Libya | 1,759,540 | 5,368,585 | 3.1 | Tripoli |
|  Morocco | 446,550 | 31,167,783 | 69.8 | Rabat |
|  Sudan | 2,505,810 | 37,090,298 | 14.8 | Khartoum |
|  Tunisia | 163,610 | 9,815,644 | 60.0 | Tunis |
|  Western Sahara ^[33] | 266,000 | 256,177 | 1.0 | El Aaiún |
| <i>European dependencies in Northern Africa:</i> | | | | |
|  Canary Islands (Spain) ^[34] | 7,492 | 1,694,477 | 226.2 | Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Santa Cruz de Tenerife |
|  Ceuta (Spain) ^[35] | 20 | 71,505 | 3,575.2 | — |
|  Madeira Islands (Portugal) ^[36] | 797 | 245,000 | 307.4 | Funchal |
|  Melilla (Spain) ^[37] | 12 | 66,411 | 5,534.2 | — |
| <u>Southern Africa:</u> | | | | |
|  Botswana | 600,370 | 1,591,232 | 2.7 | Gaborone |
|  Lesotho | 30,355 | 2,207,954 | 72.7 | Maseru |
|  Namibia | 825,418 | 1,820,916 | 2.2 | Windhoek |
|  South Africa | 1,219,912 | 43,647,658 | 35.8 | Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Pretoria ^[38] |
|  Swaziland | 17,363 | 1,123,605 | 64.7 | Mbabane |
| <u>Western Africa:</u> | | | | |
|  Benin | 112,620 | 6,787,625 | 60.3 | Porto-Novo |
|  Burkina Faso | 274,200 | 12,603,185 | 46.0 | Ouagadougou |
|  Cape Verde | 4,033 | 408,760 | 101.4 | Praia |

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|---|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|
|  Côte d'Ivoire | 322,460 | 16,804,784 | 52.1 | Abidjan , Yamoussoukro ^[39] |
|  Gambia | 11,300 | 1,455,842 | 128.8 | Banjul |
|  Ghana | 239,460 | 20,244,154 | 84.5 | Accra |
|  Guinea | 245,857 | 7,775,065 | 31.6 | Conakry |
|  Guinea-Bissau | 36,120 | 1,345,479 | 37.3 | Bissau |
|  Liberia | 111,370 | 3,288,198 | 29.5 | Monrovia |
|  Mali | 1,240,000 | 11,340,480 | 9.1 | Bamako |
|  Mauritania | 1,030,700 | 2,828,858 | 2.7 | Nouakchott |
|  Niger | 1,267,000 | 10,639,744 | 8.4 | Niamey |
|  Nigeria | 923,768 | 129,934,911 | 140.7 | Abuja |
|  Saint Helena (UK) | 410 | 7,317 | 17.8 | Jamestown |
|  Senegal | 196,190 | 10,589,571 | 54.0 | Dakar |
|  Sierra Leone | 71,740 | 5,614,743 | 78.3 | Freetown |
|  Togo | 56,785 | 5,285,501 | 93.1 | Lomé |
| Total | 30,368,609 | 843,705,143 | 27.8 | |

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32. [^] [Egypt](#) is generally considered a [transcontinental country](#) in Northern Africa (UN region) and Western Asia; population and area figures are for African portion only, west of the [Suez Canal](#).
33. [^] [Western Sahara](#) is disputed between the [Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic](#), who administer a [minority](#) of the territory, and Morocco, who [occupy the remainder](#).
34. [^] The [Spanish Canary Islands](#), of which [Las Palmas de Gran Canaria](#) are [Santa Cruz de Tenerife](#) are co-capitals, are often considered part of Northern Africa due to their relative proximity to [Morocco](#) and [Western Sahara](#); population and area figures are for 2001.
35. [^] The [Spanish exclave](#) of [Ceuta](#) is surrounded on land by Morocco in Northern Africa; population and area figures are for 2001.
36. [^] The [Portuguese Madeira Islands](#) are often considered part of Northern Africa due to their relative proximity to Morocco; population and area figures are for 2001.
37. [^] The [Spanish exclave](#) of [Melilla](#) is surrounded on land by Morocco in Northern Africa; population and area figures are for 2001.
38. [^] [Bloemfontein](#) is the judicial capital of [South Africa](#), while [Cape Town](#) is its legislative seat, and [Pretoria](#) is the country's administrative seat.
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