

## Country Examples and their footprint per person

People in different countries of the world cause different sized Ecological Footprints. The more energy they consume and the more goods they consume, the larger is their footprint. However, the countries of the world are also of different sizes. Therefore, people in the respective country have more or less area available for their footprint. If the country consumes more resources than are available, the country is a "debtor". If permanently more resources is consumed than it is available, a major problem arises over time.

Ranking related to the Ecological Footprint	Country	Ecological footprint per person in gha (Footprint Network)	Biocapacity per person in gha	Ecological reserve (creditor) Ecological deficit (debtor)	Earths needed (statista)
1	<b>Qatar</b>	14,4	1,0	-13,4	8,5*
3	<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	8,9	0,6	-8,3	5,2*
7	<b>United States of America</b>	8,1	3,6	-4,5	5
12	<b>Denmark</b>	6,8	4,2	-2,6	4*
14	<b>Australia</b>	5,0	12,3	7,3	4,1
32	<b>Russian Federation</b>	5,2	7,0	1,8	3,2
37	<b>Germany</b>	4,8	1,6	-3,2	3
41	<b>Switzerland</b>	4,6	1,0	-3,6	2,8
43	<b>Japan</b>	4,8	0,6	-4,2	2,8
45	<b>France</b>	4,4	2,4	-2	2,7
46	<b>Italy</b>	4,4	0,9	-3,5	2,7
49	<b>United Kingdom</b>	4,4	1,1	-3,3	2,7
56	<b>Portugal</b>	4,1	1,3	-2,8	2,5
58	<b>Spain</b>	4,0	1,4	-2,6	2,5
68	<b>China</b>	3,6	1,0	-2,6	2,2
	<b>Worldwide</b>	2,7	1,7	-1,0	1,75
89	<b>Brazil</b>	2,8	8,7	5,9	1,7
153	<b>Sudan</b>	1,2	1,1	-0,1	0,7*
158	<b>India</b>	1,2	0,4	-0,8	0,7
161	<b>Nigeria</b>	1,2	0,7	-0,5	0,7*
167	<b>Ethiopia</b>	1,0	0,6	-0,4	0,6*
176	<b>Bangladesh</b>	0,8	0,4	-0,4	0,5
179	<b>Rwanda</b>	0,8	0,4	-0,4	0,5*
186	<b>Eritrea</b>	0,5	1,6	1,1	0,3*

\* subsequently calculated values

The figures are based on the rounded data from 2019.

### Work order:

- Investigate in which countries more resources is consumed than it is available and in which country less land is consumed.
- Which countries have a small footprint and yet consume more land than they have available?
- Describe the consequences for the global lack of space.
- Pick up position on the following statement:

*A country that has a small Ecological Footprint and consumes less resources than an "earth", manages more sustainable than other countries.*

### Source and further information:

[http://data.footprintnetwork.org/?\\_ga=2.186668392.179556901.1593521543-129397019.1591370396#/](http://data.footprintnetwork.org/?_ga=2.186668392.179556901.1593521543-129397019.1591370396#/)

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