

BHUTAN: NAMGAY FAMILY



**MATERIAL WORLD**  
A GLOBAL FAMILY PORTRAIT

In the 1990s, adult citizens of the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan had to wear the traditional clothing of Bhutan or they might have been fined by the government.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 752,388  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 134  
GDP per Capita: \$2,773.58  
Years of Schooling (YFS): 11/12  
Adult Literacy (YFA): 53%/73.1%  
Children per Woman: 1.90  
Life Expectancy: 70.4 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 724 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 12  
Most Valued Possession: Religious books



Shinko, Bhutan

CUBA: COSTA FAMILY



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Situated only ninety miles off the coast of Florida, Cuba had been cut off diplomatically and economically from the USA since the Cuban Revolution in 1959 until 2015.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 11,147,407  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 73  
GDP per Capita: \$4,075.90  
Years of Schooling (YFS): 14/13  
Adult Literacy (YFA): 99.9%/99.9%  
Children per Woman: 2.21  
Life Expectancy: 78.8 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 900 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 9  
Most Valued Possession: Family



Havana, Cuba

ICELAND: THORODDSEN FAMILY



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Iceland meets nearly all of its energy needs by tapping the heat of its over 130 volcanoes and the flow of the rivers on their slopes.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 335,747  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 6  
GDP per Capita: \$59,976.90  
Years of Schooling (YFS): 20/18  
Adult Literacy (YFA): 99.9%/99.9%  
Children per Woman: 2.00  
Life Expectancy: 83.1 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 2000 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 6  
Most Valued Possession: Musical instruments, horses



Hnagarfjörður, Iceland

JAPAN: UKITA FAMILY



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The life expectancy of this island nation's people is among the highest in the world.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 126,453,398  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 39  
GDP per Capita: \$38,900.60  
Years of Schooling (YFS): 15/15  
Adult Literacy (YFA): 99.9%/99.9%  
Children per Woman: 1.41  
Life Expectancy: 85.3 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 1421 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 4  
Most Valued Possession: Family, various heirlooms



Tokyo, Japan

KUWAIT: ABDULLA FAMILY



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Oil-rich Kuwait is 91 percent desert, imports 98 percent of its food, and gets 90 percent of its potable water from desalinated seawater.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 2,875,422  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 56  
GDP per Capita: \$27,859.90  
Years of Schooling (YFS): 14/13  
Adult Literacy (YFA): 98.5%/96.4%  
Children per Woman: 2.40  
Life Expectancy: 78.2 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 4850 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 8  
Most Valued Possession: Photograph of son in U.S.



Kuwait City, Kuwait

MALI: NATOMO FAMILY



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Mali is 93 percent Muslim, and it is not uncommon for a Malian man to have more than one wife.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 17,885,345  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 182  
GDP per Capita: \$736.26  
Years of Schooling (YFS): 2.2/2.4/4.5/1%  
Adult Literacy (YFA): 22.2%/4.5%  
Children per Woman: 6.01  
Life Expectancy: 60.3 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 990 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 10  
Most Valued Possession: Bicycle



Kouakourou, Mali

MEXICO: CASTILLO BALDERAS FAMILY



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When Columbus "discovered" America, one of the most densely populated places in the world was Mexico's central basin, with 25 million people.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 122,812,795  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 74  
GDP per Capita: \$8,268.69  
Years of Schooling (F/M): 11/13  
Adult Literacy (F/M): 93.5%/95.5%  
Children per Woman: 2.26  
Life Expectancy: 76.1 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 700 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 6  
Mean Valued Possession: Television



Guadalajara, Mexico

MONGOLIA: REGZEN FAMILY



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The majority of Mongolians now live in cities, but even there many still live in round portable houses called "gers" from their nomadic days.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 3,082,815  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 92  
GDP per Capita: \$2,606.95  
Years of Schooling (F/M): 14/14  
Adult Literacy (F/M): 98.6%/98.2%  
Children per Woman: 2.29  
Life Expectancy: 69.9 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 200 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 6  
Mean Valued Possession: Television, Buddha statue



Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

SAMOA: LAGAVALE FAMILY



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The traditional homes of Samoa's communal peoples are called "fales" and have palm frond pillars rather than solid walls.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 208,108  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 104  
GDP per Capita: \$4,030.00  
Years of Schooling (F/M): N/A  
Adult Literacy (F/M): 98.8%/99.1%  
Children per Woman: 2.70  
Life Expectancy: 74 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 720 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 9  
Mean Valued Possession: Pig, handwoven mats



Poutasi, Samoa

SOUTH AFRICA: QAMPIE FAMILY



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South Africa is now governed by its black majority. But until the early 1990s, the white minority ruled, and races were segregated under a policy called apartheid.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 54,841,552  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 113  
GDP per Capita: \$5,284.60  
Years of Schooling (F/M): 12/12  
Adult Literacy (F/M): 95.4%/95.4%  
Children per Woman: 2.29  
Life Expectancy: 63.9 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 400 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 7  
Mean Valued Possession: Family



Soweto, South Africa

THAILAND: KUANKAEW FAMILY



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The Thai national anthem is played every day at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on every village public address system and all TV and radio channels.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 68,414,135  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 83  
GDP per Capita: \$5,769.69  
Years of Schooling (F/M): 16/16  
Adult Literacy (F/M): 97.2%/94.7%  
Children per Woman: 1.52  
Life Expectancy: 74.9 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 728 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 5  
Mean Valued Possession: Motor scooter



Ban Muang Wa, Thailand

UNITED STATES: SKEEN FAMILY



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Though only accounting for about 4 percent of the world's population, Americans consume 17 percent of the world's total energy.

**Country Stats**  
Population: 326,625,791  
HDI Rank (out of 189): 18  
GDP per Capita: \$52,636.00  
Years of Schooling (F/M): 17/16  
Adult Literacy (F/M): 99.2%/99.0%  
Children per Woman: 1.87  
Life Expectancy: 80 years

**Family Stats**  
Dwelling Size: 1600 sq. ft.  
Number in Household: 4  
Mean Valued Possession: Bible



Pearland, Texas, USA