



Wealth of nations

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Target audience – World geography learners

Time required – 15 minutes

Activity	Study percentages of GDP in different economic sectors to explore patterns of development around the world.
Social studies standards	C3:D2.Eco.13.6-8. Explain why standards of living increase as productivity improves. C3:D2.Geo.4.6-8. Explain how cultural patterns and economic decisions influence environments and the daily lives of people in both nearby and distant places.
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate production by sector and GDP as a suitable measurement of economic development.• Define “developed” and “developing.”

Map URL: <http://esriurl.com/worldGeoInquiry12>

? Ask

Where do countries have the highest range of % GDP in agriculture?

- Click the link above to launch the map.
- With the Details button underlined, click the button, Show Contents.
- GDP is defined as the “value of all final goods and services produced within a nation in a given year.” The main categories are agriculture, services, and industry.
- Click the layer name, % GDP Agriculture. Click the button, Show Legend.
- ? Most countries with >40% of GDP in agriculture are located on which continent? [*Africa*]
- ? On which continents do all countries have ≤40% of GDP in agriculture? [*North America, South America, Europe, and Australia*]

! Acquire

How do countries' % GDP in agriculture compare to services?

- Turn off the layer, % GDP Agriculture. Click the % GDP Services layer name and show its legend.
- ? On which continents do all countries have >40% of GDP in services? [*North and South America, Australia*]
- ? Most countries with ≤40% of GDP in services are located on which continents? [*Africa and Asia*]
- ? What relationship do you see between the agriculture and services maps? [*Generally, where one is high, the other is low*]
- Turn off the layer, % GDP Services. Click the % GDP Industry layer name and show its legend.
- ? Which continent has the most countries with ≤20% of GDP in industry? [*Africa*]
- ? According to the three economic sector maps and your previous answers, where are most of the developing countries located? [*Africa*]

🔍 Explore

What do GDP factors look like for Ecuador and Saudi Arabia?

- In the map, find and click Ecuador.
- ? What percentage of Ecuador's GDP is in agriculture? Industry? Services? [*6.3%, 33.5%, 60.2%*]
- A country with a high percentage of its GDP in industry and services and lower percentage in agriculture is typically considered developed.
- ? According to the data, is Ecuador a developed or developing country? Explain. [*Developed*]
- In the map, find and click Saudi Arabia and Somalia.
- ? What percentage of Saudi Arabia's and Somalia's GDP is in agriculture? Industry? Services? [*Saudi Arabia: 3.3%, 67%, 29.8%; Somalia: 65%, 10%, 25%*]
- ? Would you classify Saudi Arabia and Somalia as developed or developing countries? [*Saudi Arabia: Developed, Somalia: Developing; students should note change in % GDP in agriculture*]

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Analyze

How does energy use affect a country's developed or developing status?

- The total amount of energy consumed in a given country is also an indicator of development. A low level of energy consumption signals a developing country.
- Turn off all layers. Turn on the layer, Energy Use KJ. View its legend.
- ? Which category Energy Use is there for Ecuador, Saudi Arabia, and Somalia? [*Ecuador: lowest; Saudi Arabia: second lowest; Somalia: lowest*]
- Typically, developing countries have a low GDP per capita. Developed countries are high in both GDP per capita and energy use.
- Turn off the layer, Energy Use. Turn on the layer, % GDP Per Capita. View its legend.
- ? Which category % GDP Per Capita is there for Ecuador, Saudi Arabia, and Somalia? [*Ecuador: lowest; Saudi Arabia: middle; Somalia: lowest*]

Act

Is economic sector criteria a good indicator of a country's developed or developing status?

- ? Based on the data that you collected on Ecuador, Saudi Arabia, and Somalia, are the economic sector criteria a good indicator of a country's economic status? Explain your answer. [*Answers will vary. Economic sector criteria appear to be good indicators of developing or developed status in some cases but not all*]

SEARCH BY LOCATION

- In the Find Address Or Place (search) field, type a place name or keyword.
- Choose a search result that appears below the field or click the Search button.

TURN A MAP LAYER ON AND OFF

- Make sure that the Details pane is selected, and then click Contents.
- To show individual map layers, select the check boxes next to the layer names.
- Hint: If a map layer name is light gray, zoom in or out on the map until the layer name is black. The layer can now be turned on.

Next Steps

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- Enrich the data in the map, exploring what types of occupations that the people in the population centers have.
- Explore the distance between rivers (buffers) and the locations of the world's most populated cities.

TEXT REFERENCES

This GIS map has been cross-referenced to material in sections of chapters from these middle school texts.

- *World Cultures and Geography* by McDougal Littell
- *My World Geography* by Pearson