

**Comparing the Largest Nations in the World**      **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Population density is the amount of people per measured unit. Population density is determined by dividing the area of the country of interest by its population. In this way we can see the ratio of a nation's size to its population. The higher the population the density, the closer, on average, people live to each other in a given country.

	Area (sq miles)	Population
Russia	6,323,142	144,000,000
China	3,624,807	1,404,000,000
United States	3,531,837	312,000,000
Canada	3,511,022	35,200,000
Brazil	3,227,095	201,000,000
Australia	2,966,151	24,900,000
India	1,147,955	1,324,000,000
Argentina	1,056,641	43,600,000
Kazakhstan	1,042,360	18,120,000
Algeria	919,595	40,400,000

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On the next page, calculate the population densities of the other nine nations. Ask your teacher whether or not you can use a calculator.

Fill in the chart below:

Nation	Population Density
Brazil	62.3
Canada	
United States	
Russia	
China	
Australia	
India	
Argentina	
Kazakhstan	
Algeria	

Answers:

Nation	Population Density
Brazil	62.3
Canada	10.0
United States	88.4
Russia	22.8
China	387.4
Australia	8.4
India	1154.3
Argentina	41.3
Kazakhstan	17.4
Algeria	43.93