# A Statistical Overview of Sendable Stamps 

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## Why a Database?

Because wasting a letter is a terrible thing.

- As someone who collects stamps regularly and has a large collection over 1,100 and counting - I created a spreadsheet with my sendable seals and the penpals I correspond with to avoid attaching duplicates when writing replies.
- Sending someone something they already have is a blatant lack of SLOWLY etiquette (patent pending).
- Stamps can be categorized in areas such as "Achievements \& Commemorations," "Sets," "Singles," and "Countries." For this non-scientific study, we'll focus on the latter.
- Country stamps represent $\mathbf{5 1}$ percent of attachables I can send to other users (528 of 1,035).

Key Points to Consider
528 stamps, 169 countries, lots of interesting data to chew on.

- Database considers stamps available by default means, i.e., acquiring them when accessing the app overseas, or buying them through the Time Machine and World Explorer.
- Since traveling abroad from Chile is expensive as hell, I'm not counting country-exclusive seals nor stamps gifted to yours truly. Seals available only on certain locations/dates, e.g. flag stamps, are also excluded from the database - I won't resort to cheating to get them like most losers do.
- 44 countries have $4+$ sendable stamps; 53 can send 2 or 3; and a whopping 72 only have 1 stamp.
- The big question: Are the SLOWLY Overlords (TM) showing a blatant continental bias when designing and adding stamps?



## Africa's Continental Table

| Country | Stamps | Share | Country | Stamps | Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Egypt | 4 | $9.30 \%$ | Libya | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Tanzania | 3 | $6.98 \%$ | Morocco | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| South Africa | 3 | $6.98 \%$ | Madagascar | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Algeria | 2 | $4.65 \%$ | Mali | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Botswana | 2 | $4.65 \%$ | Mauritius | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Swaziland | 2 | $4.65 \%$ | Namibia | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Ethiopia | 2 | $4.65 \%$ | Nigeria | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Angola | 1 | $2.33 \%$ | Rwanda | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Benin | 1 | $2.33 \%$ | Sudan | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Burkina Faso | 1 | $2.33 \%$ | Sierra Leone | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Cameroon | 1 | $2.33 \%$ | Senegal | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Congo DR | 1 | $2.33 \%$ | Togo | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Ghana | 1 | $2.33 \%$ | Tunisia | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Gambia | 1 | $2.33 \%$ | Uganda | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Guinea | 1 | $2.33 \%$ | Zambia | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Kenya | 1 | $2.33 \%$ | Zimbabwe | 1 | $2.33 \%$ |

43 sendable stamps for 32 countries.

Average of 1.34 stamps per country.

Despite being the 2nd-most populous continent at 17.6 percent of Earth's population, Africa has the 2nd-lowest amount of sendable seals.

Its proportion of 1 -stamp countries is also the highest of all continents.


## The Americas' Continental Table

| Country | Stamps | Share | Country | Stamps | Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Mexico | 9 | $9.09 \%$ | Honduras | 2 | $2.02 \%$ |
| United States | 9 | $9.09 \%$ | Jamaica | 2 | $2.02 \%$ |
| Brazil | 8 | $8.08 \%$ | Bahamas | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Canada | 6 | $6.06 \%$ | Belize | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Chile | 6 | $6.06 \%$ | Bermuda | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Peru | 6 | $6.06 \%$ | Costa Rica | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Argentina | 5 | $5.05 \%$ | Curaçao | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Colombia | 5 | $5.05 \%$ | Dominican | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Venezuela | 4 | $4.04 \%$ | Grenada | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Bolivia | 3 | $3.03 \%$ | Guyana | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Puerto Rico | 3 | $3.03 \%$ | Montserrat | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Uruguay | 3 | $3.03 \%$ | Nicaragua | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Barbados | 2 | $2.02 \%$ | Panama | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Cuba | 2 | $2.02 \%$ | Paraguay | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Ecuador | 2 | $2.02 \%$ | Saint Kitts \& Nevis | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| El Salvador | 2 | $2.02 \%$ | Saint Lucia | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Guatemala | 2 | $2.02 \%$ | Suriname | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |
| Haiti | 2 | $2.02 \%$ | Trinidad \& Tobago | 1 | $1.01 \%$ |

99 sendable stamps for 36 countries.

## Average of 2.75 stamps per country.

The Americas amount for 13 percent of Earth's population, but only have 18.75 percent of total sendables.

Also have the 2nd-highest proportion of 1-stamp countries.


## Asia's Continental Table

| Country | Stamps | Share | Country | Stamps | Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| India | 19 | $10.92 \%$ | Laos | 2 | $1.15 \%$ |
| Japan | 19 | $10.92 \%$ | Myanmar | 2 | $1.15 \%$ |
| South Korea | 13 | $7.47 \%$ | Pakistan | 2 | $1.15 \%$ |
| Thailand | 12 | $6.90 \%$ | Saudi Arabia | 2 | $1.15 \%$ |
| Philippines | 11 | $6.32 \%$ | Singapore | 2 | $1.15 \%$ |
| Indonesia | 7 | $4.02 \%$ | Syria | 2 | $1.15 \%$ |
| China | 7 | $4.02 \%$ | Afghanistan | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Nepal | 7 | $4.02 \%$ | Bahrein | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Cambodia | 5 | $2.87 \%$ | Brunei | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Iran | 4 | $2.30 \%$ | Iraq | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Kyrgyzstan | 4 | $2.30 \%$ | Jordan | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Kazakhstan | 4 | $2.30 \%$ | North Korea | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Turkmenistan | 4 | $2.30 \%$ | Kuwait | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Vietnam | 4 | $2.30 \%$ | Lebanon | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| UAE | 3 | $1.72 \%$ | Macau SAR | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Bhutan | 3 | $1.72 \%$ | Maldives | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Hong Kong SAR | 3 | $1.72 \%$ | Oman | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Israel | 3 | $1.72 \%$ | Palestine | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Sri Lanka | 3 | $1.72 \%$ | Qatar | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Mongolia | 3 | $1.72 \%$ | Uzbekistan | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Malaysia | 3 | $1.72 \%$ | East Timor | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Taiwan | 3 | $1.72 \%$ | Yemen | 1 | $0.57 \%$ |
| Bangladesh | 2 | $1.15 \%$ |  |  |  |

174 sendable stamps for 45 countries.

Average of 3.87 stamps per country.

Asia has 32.95 percent of total sendables, with an evident Overlord preference for India and the Far East. The rest of the continent might as well be an afterthought.

3rd-highest concentration of 1 stamp countries.


## Europe's Continental Table

| Country | Stamps | Share | Country | Stamps | Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Great Britain | 18 | $9.23 \%$ | Norway | 3 | $1.54 \%$ |
| Spain | 12 | $6.15 \%$ | Russia | 3 | $1.54 \%$ |
| Italy | 10 | $5.13 \%$ | Slovenia | 3 | $1.54 \%$ |
| Germany | 9 | $4.62 \%$ | Austria | 2 | $1.03 \%$ |
| France | 9 | $4.62 \%$ | Azerbaijan | 2 | $1.03 \%$ |
| Netherlands | 9 | $4.62 \%$ | Bosnia \& Herz. | 2 | $1.03 \%$ |
| Portugal | 9 | $4.62 \%$ | Bulgaria | 2 | $1.03 \%$ |
| Sweden | 7 | $3.59 \%$ | Estonia | 2 | $1.03 \%$ |
| Turkey | 7 | $3.59 \%$ | Croatia | 2 | $1.03 \%$ |
| Poland | 6 | $3.08 \%$ | Latvia | 2 | $1.03 \%$ |
| Romania | 6 | $3.08 \%$ | Luxembourg | 2 | $1.03 \%$ |
| Belgium | 5 | $2.56 \%$ | Slovakia | 2 | $1.03 \%$ |
| Denmark | 5 | $2.56 \%$ | Ukraine | 2 | $1.03 \%$ |
| Hungary | 5 | $2.56 \%$ | Albania | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Switzerland | 4 | $2.05 \%$ | Cyprus | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Finland | 4 | $2.05 \%$ | European Union | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Ireland | 4 | $2.05 \%$ | Faroe Islands | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Serbia | 4 | $2.05 \%$ | Greenland | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Armenia | 3 | $1.54 \%$ | Greece | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Belarus | 3 | $1.54 \%$ | Liechtenstein | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Czech Republic | 3 | $1.54 \%$ | Moldova | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Georgia | 3 | $1.54 \%$ | Macedonia | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Iceland | 3 | $1.54 \%$ | Malta | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Lithuania | 3 | $1.54 \%$ | Vatican City | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
| Montenegro | 3 | $1.54 \%$ | Kosovo | 1 | $0.51 \%$ |
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## 195 sendable stamps for 50 countries.

## Average of 3.9 stamps per country.

Europe has some of the most prolific sendables. The UK alone has as many as US and MX combined, while its top 3 are 5 seals short of South America's 12 countries as a unit!

Even with nearly $1 / 4$ of the continent at 1 -stamp level, it still has the least neglect.


## Oceania’s Continental Table

| Country | Stamps | Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Australia | 7 | $41.18 \%$ |
| New Zealand | 5 | $29.41 \%$ |
| Papua New Guinea | 2 | $11.76 \%$ |
| Fiji | 1 | $5.88 \%$ |
| Guam | 1 | $5.88 \%$ |
| Tonga | 1 | $5.88 \%$ |

17 sendable stamps for 6 countries.

Average of 2.83 stamps per country.

Oceania's situation mirrors Asia's - apart from AU and $N Z$, the rest of the map reads "Here be Dragons."

Though 1-stamp countries account for half of the total, the sample is too small to be ranked.

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& \text { Let's remember } \\
& \text { the big question: }
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Are the Slowly Overlords (TM) showing a blatant continental bias when designing and adding stamps?


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\text { Let's examine } \\
\text { some additional } \\
\text { stats for proof. }
\end{gathered}
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## Total Sendable Stamps by Continent

 Eurasian favoritism detected.| Continent | Total <br> Stamps |
| :--- | :---: |
| Africa | 43 |
| The Americas | 99 |
| Asia | 174 |
| Europe | 195 |
| Oceania | 17 |



## Top Six Senders by Continent

 Identified for the sake of transparency.| Continent | Total Combined <br> Stamps |
| :--- | :---: |
| Africa (BW, DZ, EG, TZ, SZ, ZA) | 16 |
| The Americas (BR, CA, CL, PE, MX, US) | 44 |
| Asia (CN, IN, JP, KR, PH, TH) | 81 |
| Europe (DE, ES, FR, GB, IT, NL) | 67 |
| Oceania (AU, FJ, GU, PG, NZ, TO) | 17 |

Asia and Europe have 2/3 of top senders worldwide.

Asia, on its own, outnumbers the other three continents combined.

Europe outnumbers the Americas plus either Africa or Oceania combined.

Top Six Senders by Continent
Now with 100\% more truth-infused graphs made to trigger the devs.


## Countries by Number of Sendables

 Eurasian favoritism detected yet again.| 4+ Stamps | Countries |
| :--- | :---: |
| Africa | 1 |
| The Americas | 9 |
| Asia | 14 |
| Europe | 18 |
| Oceania | 2 |


| 2-3 Stamps | Countries |
| :--- | :---: |
| Africa | 6 |
| The Americas | 11 |
| Asia | 15 |
| Europe | 20 |
| Oceania | 1 |


| 1 Stamp | Countries |
| :--- | :---: |
| Africa | 25 |
| The Americas | 16 |
| Asia | 16 |
| Europe | 12 |
| Oceania | 3 |

Africa, the Americas, and Oceania have 74 countries between them, yet they only possess 30.12 percent of sendable stamps on my database.

## Countries by Number of Sendables

If the Overlords had any shame, they'd commit ritual suicide doing this to the rest of the world.

4+ Stamps
Africa
Americas
Asia
Europe
Oceania

2-3 Stamps


Africa
Americas
Asia
Europe
Oceania

1 Stamp


Africa
Americas
Asia
Europe
Oceania

# Non-Scientific Conclusions 

- The Overlords aren't even trying to hide their Eurasian favoritism, with about 70 percent of sendables focused on those two continents. Their combined population is about 5.44 billion. Still, Africa has more people than every continent except Asia, and the Americas handily beat Europe by some 535 million.
- Still, Europe and Asia receive new stamp sets and singles more often and way faster than everyone else, e.g. typical food/culture sets or the "Castles" series, which helps explain the disparity to some extent. Another possible factor limiting third-world and southern hemisphere use of Slowly could be the quality of Internet access, albeit rural Europe and Asia aren't immune to said problem.
- Despite publicly available data, the Overlords stubbornly insist on ignoring their own feedback site, where numerous stamp requests from non-Eurasian nations pile up gathering dust despite having more upvotes than many completed ones.
- If the devs insist on stuffing the bellies of the same countries over and over, they'll never grow a fanbase elsewhere - Slowly will become a meaningless anecdote or remain in the shadows for 2.47 billion of current/potential members. Either Kevin Wong et al. have zero business sense, or are way too lazy to look beyond their immediate horizon.
- And no, the lack of available personnel isn't a valid excuse. You can still outsource design work, which is key for stamps, at affordable rates when you have an app boasting 8+ million installs.


# Will the situation remain unchanged a year from now? That's a story I'll tell in due time. 

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