

Countries and U.S. States Comparisons and Rankings

The *World Geography & Culture Online* database features a tool to compare or to rank statistical information for countries or U.S. states. This feature can be accessed through the Resources tab on the top Navigation bar, from the upper right of the home page or from the country or state profile pages. One hundred and ninety-six countries can be compared and ranked. Fifty U.S. States and Washington, DC can be compared and ranked.

To Compare Countries or U.S. States:

The Countries Comparison and the U.S. States Comparison function similarly, but with different choices.

1. Select a statistic
2. Select countries or states to compare.
3. Click the Compare button.

Compare Countries

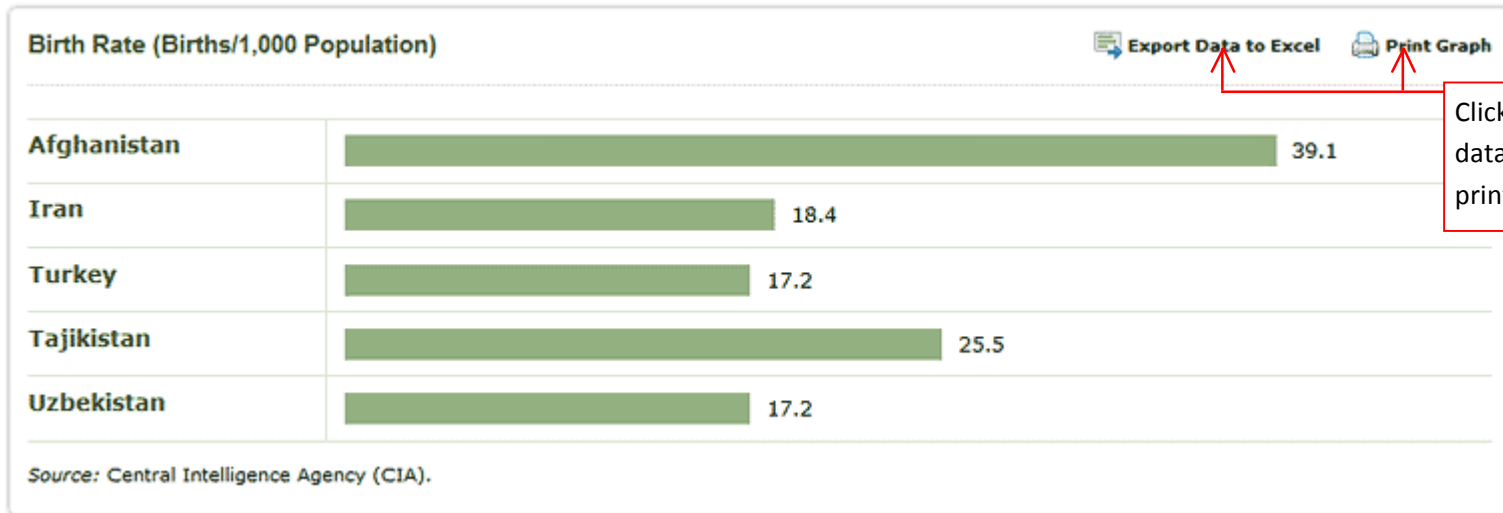
The screenshot shows the 'Compare Countries' interface with three numbered annotations:

- 1.** Points to the 'Select a Statistic' dropdown menu. A red box highlights the dropdown list, which includes options like Area, Birth Rate, Coastline, Death Rate, Electricity Consumption, Electricity Production, Exports, External Debt, GDP, GDP Growth Rate, GDP per Capita, Highest Point, HIV/AIDS Cases, HIV/AIDS Deaths, HIV/AIDS Prevalence, Imports, and Industrial Production Growth Rate.
- 2.** Points to the 'Add' button. A red box highlights the 'Add' button and the 'Remove' button. A text box explains: 'To add a country to your comparison, select it and then click Add. **Tip:** Right click to select more than one at a time.'
- 3.** Points to the 'Compare' button. A red box highlights the 'Compare' button. A text box explains: 'After choosing the countries or states that you want to compare, click the Compare button.'

The interface also includes a 'Select Countries to Compare' list with countries like Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, and Iran. The 'Your Selected Countries' list shows Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, and Iran.

Comparison Results:

After you click the Compare button, a graph is created below the selection boxes. The Countries or States are listed alphabetically.



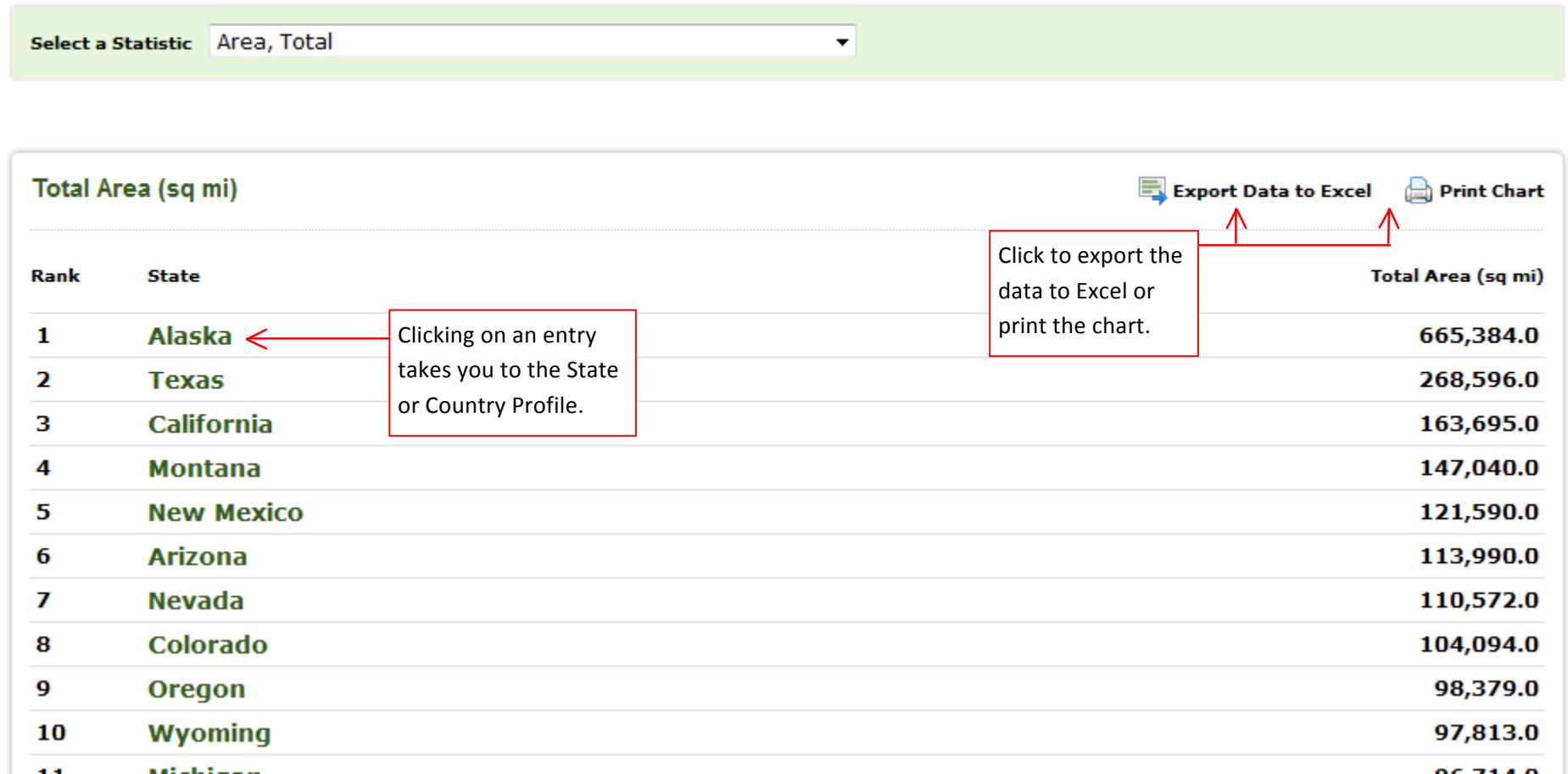
The data can be exported to Excel or the graph can be printed by clicking the links to the right of the graph title. If you choose to print the graph, make sure that the setting “Print background colors and images” is checked in the Page Setup of your browser printer settings.

To Rank Countries or U.S. States:

The Country Rankings and the U.S. State Rankings function similarly to each other, but with different choices of statistics.

1. Select a statistic
2. The ranking results will automatically appear.

Rank States



The data can be exported to Excel or the chart can be printed by clicking the links to the right of the chart title.