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| [Aztec Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aztec_Empire) | [Mesoamerica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesoamerica) | [Tenochtitlan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenochtitlan) | 1428 | 1521 | 93 | *The capital of* [*Mexico*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico)*,* [*Mexico City*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico_City)*, is built on the ruins of Tenochtitlan.* |
| [Babylonian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babylonian_Empire) | [Mesopotamia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesopotamia) | [Babylon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babylon) | -1900 BCE | -1600 BCE | 300 | *See also* [*Neo-Babylonian Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-Babylonian_Empire)*.* |
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| [Belgian Colonial Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgian_Colonial_Empire) | [Belgium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgium) | [Brussels](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brussels) | 1901 | 1962 | 61 | *Overseas possessions were referred to as "the colonies" rather than an empire*. |
| [Bornu Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bornu_Empire) | [Nigeria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigeria) | [Ngazargamu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ngazargamu) | 1387 | 1893 | 517 | *The continuation of the* [*Kanem Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanem_Empire). |
| [Empire of Brazil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_of_Brazil) | [Brazil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil) | [Rio de Janeiro](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rio_de_Janeiro) | 1822 | 1889 | 67 | *Established when the* [*Portuguese Royal Family*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House_of_Braganza) *went into exile in Brazil after the* [*French*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleonic_Wars) *occupation of* [*Portugal*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portugal)*.* |
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| [British Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Empire) | [Britain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Early_Modern_Britain) | [London](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London) | 1603 | 1997 | 396 | *End of Empire was formally recognized with the end of British presence in Hong Kong. Was the largest Empire in world history*. |
| [First Bulgarian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Bulgarian_Empire) | [Balkans](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balkans) | [Pliska](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pliska), (680-893) [Preslav](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preslav), (893-972) [Skopie](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skopie), (972-992) [Ohrid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohrid) (992-1018) | 680 | 1018 | 338 | *Founded by* [*Khan*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khan_%28title%29)[*Asparukh*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asparukh_of_Bulgaria)*. Under* [*Tsar*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tsar)[*Simeon I*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simeon_I_of_Bulgaria) *became the first powerful* [*Slavic*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slavic_peoples) *Empire. Falls to the Byzantine Empire under* [*Emperor*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emperor)[*Basil II*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basil_II)*.* |
| [Second Bulgarian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Bulgarian_Empire) | [Balkans](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balkans) | [Tarnovo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarnovo) | 1185 | 1422 | 237 | *Successor of the* [*First Bulgarian Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Bulgarian_Empire)*. Under the Tsars* [*Kaloyan*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaloyan_of_Bulgaria) *and* [*Ivan Asen II*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivan_Asen_II_of_Bulgaria) *became the most powerful state in the Balkans.* |
| [Buyid Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buyid_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Shiraz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiraz) | 934 | 1055 | 121 |  |
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| [Caliphate of Córdoba](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliphate_of_C%C3%B3rdoba)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Iberian Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iberian_Peninsula) | [Córdoba](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C%C3%B3rdoba%2C_Spain) | 756 | 1031 | 325 | *See also* [*Islamic Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliphate). |
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| [Chinese Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperial_Chinese) | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | Various, including [Beijing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beijing), [Nanjing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nanjing), [Hangzhou](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hangzhou), [Luoyang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luoyang), [Xi'an](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xi%27an), [Kaifeng](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaifeng), [Zhengzhou](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zhengzhou) | -221 BCE | 1912 | 2133 | *Weakened by Western Empires, and the court reluctance for reform, China became a republic in 1912, but continues to occupy most of the area occupied by the* [*Qing*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qing) *dynasty.* |
| [Chola Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chola_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Southern India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_India) | Various, including [Poompuhar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poompuhar), [Urayur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urayur), [Pazhaiyaarai](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pazhaiyaarai), [Thanjavur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanjavur), [Gangaikonda Cholapuram](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gangaikonda_Cholapuram) | -350 BCE | 1279 | 1600 | *A* [*Tamil*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu) *Empire.* |
| [Danish Colonial Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_Colonial_Empire) | [Denmark](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark) | [Copenhagen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copenhagen) | 1350 | 1953 | 600 | *See also* [*List of former Danish colonies*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_former_Danish_colonies). |
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| [Gallic Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gallic_Empire) | [Rhineland-Palatinate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhineland-Palatinate) | [Colonia Agrippina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cologne) | 260 | 274 | 14 | *Broke off from the* [*Roman Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Empire) *during the* [*Crisis of the Third Century*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crisis_of_the_Third_Century)*.* |
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| [Goguryeo Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goguryeo) | Northern part of [Korean Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Peninsula), [Manchuria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchuria) | [Jolbon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jolbon), [Gungnae](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gungnae), [Pyongyang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyongyang) | -37 BCE | 668 | 705 | *Predecessor of the* [*Balhae Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balhae_Empire)*.* |
| [Goryeo Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goryeo) | part of [Korean Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Peninsula) | [Gaegyeong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaegyeong), [Ganghwa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganghwa)[[*disambiguation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AWikiProject_Disambiguation/Fixing_links)] | 918 | 1392 | 474 | *unification of the* [*Korean Peninsula*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Peninsula)*. Succeeded by* [*Joseon Dynasty*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseon_Dynasty)*.* |
| [Göktürk Khaganate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%B6kt%C3%BCrk_Khaganate)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Inner Asia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inner_Asia) | [Ötüken](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%96t%C3%BCken) | 552 | 747 | 195 | *552-603 First empire, 603-658 Double empire, 658-681 Dark age, 681-747 Second empire.* |
| [Golden Horde](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Horde) | [Central Asia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Asia) | [Sarai Batu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarai_%28city%29) | 1240+ | 1502 | 260 | *Break-away state of the* [*Mongol Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongol_Empire)*.* |
| [Empire of Great Fulo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_of_Great_Fulo) | [Senegal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senegal) | [Tekrur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tekrur) | 1514 | 1776 | 262 |  |
| [Greater German Reich](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazi_Germany)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany) | [Berlin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin), (1933–1945) [Flensburg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flensburg) (1945) | 1933 | 1945 | 12 | *Nazi Germany signed a treaty (Tripartite Pact) with the* [*Japanese*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_Empire) *and* [*Italian*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_Colonial_Empire) *Empires.* |
| [Great Moravian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Moravian_Empire) | [Central Europe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Europe) | [Mikulčice-Valy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mikul%C4%8Dice) | 833 | 900 | 67 | *The word "Moravia" did not refer only to present-day* [*Moravia*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moravia)*.* |
| [Great Seljuq Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Seljuq_Empire) | [Aral Sea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aral_Sea), [Asia Minor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asia_Minor), [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Nishapur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nishapur) and later on [Rey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rey) | 1037 | 1194 | 157 | *Turkish empire, Predessor of the* [*Sultanate of Rum*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sultanate_of_Rum). |
| [Gupta Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gupta_Empire) | [Indian Subcontinent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Subcontinent) | [Pataliputra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pataliputra) | 320 | 550 | 230 |  |
| [Han Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Han_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Chang'an](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chang%27an), [Luoyang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luoyang), [Xuchang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xuchang) | -206 BCE | 220 | 426 |  |
| [Empire of Harsha](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harsha) | [Northern India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_India) | [Kannauj](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kannauj) | 606 | 647 | 41 | *Founded by* ***Harshavardhana****, collapsed after his death*. |
| [Hephthalite Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hephthalite_Empire) | [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan) | [Kabul](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kabul) | 420 | 567 | 147 |  |
| [Hittite Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hittite_Empire) | [Anatolia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anatolia) | [Hattusa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hattusa) | -1460 BCE | -1180 BCE | 280 | *See also* [*Neo-Hittite*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-Hittite)*.* |
| [Holy Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Roman_Empire) | [Central Europe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Europe) | [Vienna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vienna) | 962 | 1806 | 844 | *Officially known as the* ***Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation*** *from 1512 on.* |
| [Hotaki Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hotaki_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan) | [Isfahan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isfahan) | 1709 | 1738 | 29 |  |
| [Hoysala Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoysala_Empire) | [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) | [Belur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belur), [Halebidu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halebidu) | 1026 | 1343 | 317 |  |
| [Hunnic Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunnic_Empire) | [Eurasia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eurasia) | Not specified | 370 | 469 | 199 |  |
| [Ilkhanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ilkhanate)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Maragheh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maragheh), [Tabriz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tabriz), and [Soltaniyeh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soltaniyeh) | 1256 | 1335 | 79 | *Division of the* [*Mongol Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongol_Empire)*.* |
| [Imperial State of Iran](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pahlavi_Dynasty) | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Tehran](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tehran) | 1925 | 1979 | 64 | *Was the last Imperial dynasty of* [*Iran*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran)*.* |
| [Inca Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inca_Empire) ([*Tawantinsuyo*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tawantinsuyo)) | [Andes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andes) ([Peru](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peru), [Bolivia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolivia), [Ecuador](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecuador), parts of [Chile](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chile), [Argentina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Argentina) and [Colombia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colombia)) | [Cusco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cusco) | 1438 | 1533 | 95 | *The largest empire in* [*pre-Columbian*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pre-Columbian) *America.* |
| [Indian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Empire) | [Indian Subcontinent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Subcontinent) | [Calcutta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calcutta), (1858–1912) [New Delhi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Delhi) (1912–1947) | 1858 | 1947 | 89 | *Queen* [*Victora*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria_of_the_United_Kingdom) *was proclaimed* [*Empress of India*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empress_of_India) *in 1876*. |
| [Italian Colonial Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_Colonial_Empire) | [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy) | [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome) | 1885 | 1943 | 58 | *See also* [*Greater Italy*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greater_Italy). |
| [Japanese Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_Empire) | [Japan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan) | [Tokyo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tokyo) | 1868 | 1945 | 77 | *Emperor's government took control of the country in 1868. Regional hegemony in East Asia ended in 1945.* |
| [Jin Dynasty (265–420)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jin_Dynasty_%28265%E2%80%93420%29) | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Luoyang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luoyang), (265-311) [Chang'an](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chang%27an), (312-316) [Jiankang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jiankang) (317-420) | 265 | 420 | 155 | *Subdivided into two dynasties. Western Jìn Dynasty, (265-316) Eastern Jìn Dynasty (317-420).* |
| [Jin Dynasty (1115–1234)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jin_Dynasty_%281115%E2%80%931234%29) | [Northern China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_China)[[*disambiguation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AWikiProject_Disambiguation/Fixing_links)], [Manchuria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchuria) | [Huining](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Huining)[[*disambiguation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AWikiProject_Disambiguation/Fixing_links)], [Zhongdu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zhongdu), [Kaifeng](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaifeng) | 1115 | 1234 | 119 | *Also known as the* [*Jurchens*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jurchens)*, were the ancestors of the Manchus who established the Qing Dynasty.* |
| [Joseon Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseon_Dynasty) | [Korean Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Peninsula) | [Hanseong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanseong) | 1392 | 1897 | 505 | *Preceded* [*Goryeo Dynasty*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goryeo_Dynasty)*. Succeeded by* [*Korean Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Empire)*.* |
| [Kanem Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanem_Empire) | [Chad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chad) | [Njimi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Njimi) | 700 | 1387 | 687 |  |
| [Kara-Khanid Khanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kara-Khanid_Khanate)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Turkistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkistan) | [Kashgar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashgar) | 840 | 1212 | 372 | *First* [*Turkic*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkic_peoples) *dynasty to embrace Islam.* |
| [Khazar Khaganate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khazar_Khaganate)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Pontic steppe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pontic_steppe), [North Caucasus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Caucasus) | [Balanjar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balanjar), later [Atil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atil) | 700+ | 1000+ | 300 | *Founded by* [*Western Turks*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Turks)*, the members of the royal family embraced* [*Judaism*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judaism)*.* |
| [Khmer Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmer_Empire) | [Cambodia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambodia) | [Hariharalaya](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hariharalaya), (802-889) [Angkor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angkor) (889-1431) | 802 | 1431 | 629 | *Succeeded from the kingdom of* [*Chenla*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chenla)*.* |
| [Khilji Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khilji_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan) | [Kabul](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kabul), and [Delhi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delhi) | 1290 | 1320 | 30 |  |
| [Khwarezmid Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khwarezmid_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Urgench](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konye-Urgench) | 1077 | 1221 | 144 |  |
| [Korean Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Empire) | [Korean Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Peninsula) | [Hanseong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanseong) | 1897 | 1910 | 13 | *Preceded by* [*Joseon Dynasty*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseon_Dynasty)*.* |
| [Kushan Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kushan_Empire) | [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan) | Various, including [Mathura](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathura%2C_Uttar_Pradesh), [Peshawar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peshawar), [Begram](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Begram), [Taxila](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxila) | 105 | 250 | 145 |  |
| [Kushite Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kushite_Empire) | [Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt), [Nubia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nubia) | Not specified | -760 BCE | -656 BCE | 96 |  |
| [Latin Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latin_Empire) | [Thrace](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thrace), [Asia Minor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asia_Minor) | [Constantinople](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantinople) | 1204 | 1261 | 57 | *See also* [*Latinokratia*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frangokratia)*.* |
| [Liao Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liao_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Shangjing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_provinces_of_Liao) | 915 | 1125 | 210 |  |
| [Lodi Sultanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lodi_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan) | [Delhi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delhi) | 1451 | 1526 | 85 |  |
| [Macedonian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macedonian_Empire#Empire) | [Hellenistic Greece](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hellenistic_Greece) | [Pella](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pella) | -334 BCE | -323 BCE | 11 | *Founded by* [*Alexander the Great*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_the_Great)*.* |
| [Majapahit Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Majapahit_Empire) | [Malay Archipelago](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malay_Archipelago) | Majapahit, [Wilwatikta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trowulan) | 1293 | 1527 | 234 |  |
| [Mali Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mali_Empire) | [West Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Africa) | [Niani](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niani%2C_Mali) later [Ka-ba](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kangaba) | 1235 | 1610 | 375 | *A* [*Mandinka*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandinka_people) *empire founded by* [*Sundiata Keita*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sundiata_Keita)*.* |
| [Mamluk Sultanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mamluk_Sultanate_%28Cairo%29)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt), [Syria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria) | [Cairo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairo) | 1250 | 1517 | 267 | *See also* [*Islamic Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliphate). |
| [Manchukuo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchukuo) | [Manchuria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchuria) | [Hsinking](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hsinking) | 1932 | 1945 | 13 | *Created as a* [*Puppet state*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puppet_state) *of the* [*Japanese Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_Empire)*, with Emperor* [*Puyi*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puyi) *(the last emperor of the Qing Dynasty) installed as nominal regent and emperor*. |
| [Maratha Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maratha_Empire) | [Indian Subcontinent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Subcontinent) | [Raigad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raigad_fort), then later [Pune](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pune) | 1674 | 1820 | 148 | *Founded by* [*Shivaji*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shivaji) *Maharaj, also known as the Maratha Confederacy.* |
| [Mauryan Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mauryan_Empire) | [Ancient India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdoms_of_Ancient_India) | [Pataliputra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pataliputra) | -321 BCE | -185 BCE | 136 | *Founded by* [*Chandragupta Maurya*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chandragupta_Maurya)*.* [*Ashoka the Great*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashoka) *transformed it into the first* [*Buddhist*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism) *empire.* |
| [Mayan Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mayan_Empire) | [Yucatan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yucatan) | [Tikal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tikal), (1000 BCE -800) [Chichen Itza](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chichen_Itza) (800-1002) [Mayapan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mayapan) (1002-1492) | -2000 BCE | 1540 | 3540 | *Little is recorded from the first 3000 years of this period.[*[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)*]* |
| [Median Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median_Empire) | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Ecbatana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecbatana) | -625 BCE | -549 BCE | 76 | *First* [*Persian Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persian_Empire)*, Founded by* [*Deioces*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deioces)*.* |
| [First Mexican Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Mexican_Empire) | [Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico) | [Mexico City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico_City) | 1821 | 1823 | 2 | *Preceded the* Second Mexican Empire *which was short lived (1864–1867). See also* [*Mexican Imperial Orders*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican_Imperial_Orders)*.* |
| [Second Mexican Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Mexican_Empire) | [Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico) | [Mexico City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico_City) | 1864 | 1867 | 3 | *Succeeded the* First Mexican Empire *which was short lived (1821–1823). See also* [*Mexican Imperial Orders*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican_Imperial_Orders)*.* |
| [Micronesian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Micronesian_Empire) | [Micronesia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Micronesia), [Pacific Ocean](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Ocean) | [Yap](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yap) | 1000+ | 1500+ | 500 | *A decentralized chieftainship under the dominant influence of Gachapar village in Yap Island*. |
| [Ming Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ming_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Nanjing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nanjing), (1368–1421) [Beijing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beijing) (1421–1644) | 1368 | 1644 | 276 |  |
| [Mongol Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongol_Empire) | [Mongolia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongolia) | [Karakorum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karakorum_%28Mongolia%29) | 1206 | 1368 | 162 | *Split into four empires (*[*Yuan Dynasty*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yuan_Dynasty)*,* [*Ilkhanate*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ilkhanate)*,* [*Chagatai Khanate*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chagatai_Khanate) *and* [*Golden Horde*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Horde)*).* |
| [Mughal Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mughal_Empire) | [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India), [Pakistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan) | [Agra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agra) and [Delhi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delhi) | 1526 | 1858 | 332 | *Founded by* [*Babur*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babur)*. "Mughal" is a* [*Persian*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persian_language) *word for the* [*Mongols*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongols)*.* |
| [Nanda Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nanda_Empire) | [Indian Subcontinent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Subcontinent) | [Pataliputra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pataliputra) | -450 BCE | -350 BCE | 100 | [*Dravidian*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dravidian_peoples) *Empire.* |
| [Neo-Assyrian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-Assyrian_Empire) | [Mesopotamia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesopotamia) | [Assur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assur), later [Nineveh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nineveh) | -934 BCE | -609 BCE | 325 | *See also* [*Assyrian Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assyrian_Empire)*.* |
| [Neo-Babylonian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-Babylonian_Empire) | [Mesopotamia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesopotamia) | [Babylon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babylon) | -626 BCE | -539 BCE | 87 | *See also* [*Babylonian Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babylonian_Empire)*.* |
| [Nguyễn Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nguy%E1%BB%85n_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Vietnam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam) | [Phú Xuân](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ph%C3%BA_Xu%C3%A2n) | 1802 | 1945 | 143 | *Was the last ruling* [*Vietnamese Dynasty*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Vietnamese_monarchs). |
| [Empire of Nicaea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_of_Nicaea) | [Bithynia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bithynia) | [Nicaea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C4%B0znik) | 1204 | 1261 | 57 | *Successor state of the* [*Byzantine Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Byzantine_Empire)*.* |
| [Northern Yuan Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Yuan_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Mongolia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongolia) | [Shangdu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shangdu), [Yingchang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yingchang), [Karakorum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karakorum) | 1368 | 1635 | 267 | *Created after the expulsion of the Yuan Dynasty from China in 1368*. |
| [Ottoman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ottoman_Empire) | [Anatolia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anatolia) | [Söğüt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C3%B6%C4%9F%C3%BCt), [Bursa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bursa%2C_Turkey), [Edirne](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edirne) and lastly [Constantinople](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantinople) | 1299 | 1922 | 623 | *Predecessor of the* [*Republic of Turkey*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Turkey)*.* |
| [Oyo Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oyo_Empire) | Southwestern [Nigeria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigeria) | Oyo-Ile | 1400 | 1905 | 505 |  |
| [Pala Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pala_Empire) | [Bengal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bengal) | [Pataliputra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pataliputra) | 750 | 1174 | 424 |  |
| [Palmyrene Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palmyrene_Empire) | [Syria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria_%28Roman_province%29) | [Palmyra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palmyra) | 260 | 273 | 13 | *Broke off from the* [*Roman Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Empire) *during the* [*Crisis of the Third Century*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crisis_of_the_Third_Century)*.* |
| [Pandyan Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pandyan_Empire) | [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) | [Madurai](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madurai) | 50+ | 1350+ | 1300 | *Considered by contemporary historians as being the richest country in the world.* |
| [Parthian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parthian_Empire) | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | Various, including [Asaak](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asaak), [Hecatompylos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hecatompylos), [Ecbatana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecbatana), [Ctesiphon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ctesiphon), [Nisa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nisa%2C_Turkmenistan) | -247 BCE | 224 | 471 | *Third* [*Persian Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persian_Empire)*, Founded by* [*Arsaces I*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arsaces_I). |
| [Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish%E2%80%93Lithuanian_Commonwealth)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Poland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poland), [Lithuania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lithuania) | [Warsaw](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warsaw), [Vilnius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vilnius) | 1569 | 1795 | 226 | *Was formed by the* [*Union of Lublin*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_of_Lublin) *in 1569, between the* [*Kingdom of Poland*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Poland_%281385%E2%80%931569%29) *and the* [*Grand Duchy of Lithuania*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Duchy_of_Lithuania)*.* |
| [Portuguese Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_Empire) | [Portugal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portugal) | [Lisbon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lisbon), [Rio de Janeiro](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rio_de_Janeiro) (1815–1821) | 1415 | 1975 | 584 | *Was the earliest and longest lived of the* [*colonial*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonialism)[*Western European*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Europe) *empires. See also* [*United Kingdom of Portugal, Brazil and the Algarves*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom_of_Portugal%2C_Brazil_and_the_Algarves)*.* |
| [Ptolemaic Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ptolemaic_Empire) | [Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | [Alexandria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandria) | -305 BCE | -30 BCE | 275 | *See also* [*Diadochi*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diadochi)*.* |
| [Qajar Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qajar_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Tehran](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tehran) | 1794 | 1925 | 131 |  |
| [Qin Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qin_Dynasty) | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Xianyang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xianyang) | -221 BCE | -206 BCE | 15 | *First dynasty of the Imperial Period.* |
| [Qing Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qing_Dynasty) | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Shenyang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shenyang), [Beijing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beijing) | 1644 | 1912 | 268 | *Last dynasty of the Imperial Period.* |
| [Rashidun Caliph](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rashidun_Caliph)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Saudi Arabia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia) | [Medina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medina) later to [Kufa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kufa) | 632 | 661 | 29 | *Predecessor of the* [*Umayyad Caliphate*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umayyad_Caliphate)*, See also* [*Islamic Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliphate). |
| [Rashtrakuta Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rashtrakuta_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) | [Manyakheta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manyakheta) | 753 | 982 | 239 |  |
| [Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Empire) | [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy) | [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome) | -27 BCE | 1453 | 1480 | [*Eastern Roman Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Roman_Empire)*. 503 years for the* [*Western Roman Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Roman_Empire)*, ending in 503.* |
| [Rouran Khaganate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rouran_Khaganate)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Inner China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inner_China) | Not specified | 330 | 555 | 275 |  |
| [Russian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Empire) | [Russia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia) | [Saint Petersburg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Petersburg) | 1721 | 1917 | 196 | *Successor state of the* [*Tsardom of Russia*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tsardom_of_Russia)*.* |
| [Safavid Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Safavid_Dynasty) | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Tabriz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tabriz), [Qazvin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qazvin), [Esfahan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esfahan) | 1501 | 1736 | 235 |  |
| [Saffarid Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saffarid_Dynasty) | [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan) | [Zaranj](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zaranj) | 861 | 1003 | 152 |  |
| [Sassanid Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sassanid_Dynasty) | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Ctesiphon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ctesiphon) | 224 | 651 | 427 | *Fourth* [*Persian Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persian_Empire)*.* |
| [Satavahana Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satavahana_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) | [Kotilingala](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karimnagar) | -230 BCE | 220 | 450 |  |
| [Samanid Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samanid_Dynasty) | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Balkh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balkh), [Bukhara](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bukhara) | 819 | 999 | 180 |  |
| [Scandinavian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scandinavian_Empire) | [Scandinavia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scandinavia) | Not specified | 1016 | 1035 | 19 | *See also* [*Viking expansion*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viking_expansion)*.* |
| [Seleucid Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seleucid_Empire) | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia), [Mesopotamia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesopotamia), [Syria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria) | [Seleucia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seleucia), then [Antioch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antioch) | -312 BCE | -63 BCE | 249 | *See also* [*Diadochi*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diadochi)*.* |
| [Serbian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serbian_Empire) | [Serbia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serbia) | [Skopje](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skopje), [Prizren](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prizren) | 1346 | 1371 | 25 | *Founded by* [*Stephen Uroš IV*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Uro%C5%A1_IV_Du%C5%A1an_of_Serbia) *(Dušan the Mighty), fell into feudal disarray after his death.* |
| [Shu Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shu_Han) | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Chengdu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chengdu) | 221 | 263 | 42 | *See also* [*Three Kingdoms*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three_Kingdoms). |
| [Sikh Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikh_Empire) | [Punjab region](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punjab_region) | [Amritsar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amritsar) | 1733 | 1849 | 116 | *Preceded the* [*British Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Empire) *in the* [*Indian subcontinent*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_subcontinent)*.* |
| [Silla Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silla_Dynasty) | [South Korea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Korea) | [Gyeongju](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gyeongju) | -57 BCE | 935 | 992 | *Preceded the* [*Jinhan confederacy*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jinhan_confederacy) *around* [*Nakdong River*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nakdong_River) *Valley. Succeeded by* [*Goryeo*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goryeo) |
| [Song Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Song_Dynasty) | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Bianjing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bianjing), (960-1127) [Lin'an](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lin%27an)[[*disambiguation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AWikiProject_Disambiguation/Fixing_links)] (1127–1279) | 960 | 1279 | 319 |  |
| [Songhai Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Songhai_Empire) | [West Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Africa) | [Gao](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gao) | 1340 | 1591 | 251 | *Former vassal of the* [*Mali Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mali_Empire) *which became one of the largest African empires in history.* |
| [Soviet Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soviet_Empire) | [Soviet Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soviet_Union) | [Moscow](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moscow) | 1922 | 1989 | 67 | *Claimed to be Anti-Imperialist.* |
| [Spanish Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Empire) | [Iberian Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iberian_Peninsula) | [Madrid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madrid) | 1402 | 1975 | 573 | *Was founded with the recapture of the Canary Islands from the Moors. Was one of the first* [*global empires*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_empire)*.* |
| [Sui Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sui_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Chang'an](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chang%27an) | 581 | 618 | 37 |  |
| [Sunga Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunga_Empire) | [Indian Subcontinent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Subcontinent) | [Pataliputra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pataliputra), [Vidisa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vidisa) | -185 BCE | -73 BCE | 112 | [*Magadha*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magadha) *dynasty that controlled North-central and Eastern India.* |
| [Swedish Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swedish_Empire) | [Scandinavia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scandinavia) | [Stockholm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stockholm) | 1611 | 1718 | 107 | *See also* [*Swedish overseas colonies*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swedish_overseas_colonies)*.* |
| [Tahirid Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tahirid_Dynasty) | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Nishapur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nishapur) | 821 | 873 | 52 |  |
| [Tang Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tang_Dynasty) | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Chang'an](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chang%27an), (618-904) [Luoyang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luoyang) (904-907) | 618 | 907 | 289 | *Founded By* [*Li Yuan*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Li_Yuan) *(aka.* [*Emperor Gaozu of Tang*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emperor_Gaozu_of_Tang)*)*. |
| [Tay Son Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tay_Son_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Vietnam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam) | [Thanglong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanoi) | 1778 | 1802 | 24 | *The empire is the glory of Emperor Quang Trung.* |
| [Tibetan Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibetan_Empire) | [Tibet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibet) | [Lhasa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lhasa) | 700+ | 1100+ | 400 |  |
| [Timurid Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timurid_Empire) | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) and [Central Asia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Asia) | [Samarkand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samarkand) and later on [Herat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herat) | 1370 | 1526 | 156 | *Persianized form of the* [*Mongolian*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongolia) *word kürügän,* [*Turko-Mongol Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turko-Mongol). |
| [Turgesh Khaganate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turgesh)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Turkistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkistan) | [Balasagun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balasagun) | 699 | 766 | 67 | *Founded as a successor of West Turkish empire.* |
| [Umayyad Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umayyad_Caliphate)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Syria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria) | [Damascus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Damascus), [Córdoba](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C%C3%B3rdoba%2C_Spain) (Capital-in-exile) | 661 | 750 | 89 | *Successor of the* [*Rashidun Caliphate*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rashidun_Caliphate)*, See also* [*Islamic Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliphate). |
| [Uyghur Khaganate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uyghur_Khaganate)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Central Asia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Asia) | [Ordubaliq](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordu-Baliq) | 742 | 848 | 106 | *742-848 Founded as a successor of* [*Göktürk Khaganate*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%B6kt%C3%BCrk_Khaganate)*, 848-1036* ***Gansu state****, 856-1209* ***Turfan state.*** |
| [Vijayanagara Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vijayanagara_Empire) | [South India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_India) | [Vijayanagara](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vijayanagara) | 1336 | 1646 | 310 | *The founding of the original kingdom was based on the principality of* [*Anegondi*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anegondi)*.* |
| [Wari Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wari_Empire) | [Peru](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peru), [Bolivia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolivia) | [Huari](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Huari%2C_Peru)/[Tiwanaku](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiwanaku) | 500+ | 1100+ | 600 | *It is a matter of conflict as to whether it was a real organized state that could be called an empire. If so, it would be considered the first empire in the Americas*. |
| [Wei Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cao_Wei) | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Luoyang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luoyang) | 220 | 265 | 45 | *See also* [*Three Kingdoms*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three_Kingdoms). |
| [Western Chalukya Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Chalukya_Empire) | [South India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_India) | [Manyakheta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manyakheta), [Basavakalyan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basavakalyan) | 973 | 1189 | 212 |  |
| [Western Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Roman_Empire) | [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy) | [Mediolanum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediolanum), [Ravenna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ravenna) | 395 | 476 | 129 | *The western half of the* [*Roman Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Empire). |
| [Eastern Wu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Wu)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Wuchang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wuchang%2C_Heilongjiang), [Jianye](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jianye)[[*disambiguation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AWikiProject_Disambiguation/Fixing_links)] | 229 | 280 | 51 | *See also* [*Three Kingdoms*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three_Kingdoms). |
| [Western Xia Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Xia_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Xingqing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yinchuan) | 1038 | 1227 | 189 | *Also called the* [*Tangut*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tangut) *Dynasty.* |
| [Xin Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xin_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Chang'an](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chang%27an) | 9 | 23 | 14 | *The Xin Dynasty had only one ruling Emperor.* |
| [Yuan Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yuan_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China), [Mongolia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongolia) | [Dadu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khanbaliq) | 1271 | 1368 | 97 | *Division of the* [*Mongol Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongol_Empire)*. The Yuan emperors had nominal supremacy over western khanates.*. |
| [Zand Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zand_Dynasty)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | [Shiraz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiraz) | 1750 | 1794 | 44 |  |
| [Zulu Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zulu_Empire) | West [Zimbabwe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zimbabwe) + [South Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa) | [KwaBulawayo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KwaBulawayo) later [Ulundi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ulundi) | 1818 | 1897 | 79 |  |

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These governments and confederations have sometimes referred to as "empires". Some did not fit the modern definition of [empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire) (the [Delian League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delian_League)), others were self-proclaimed by their first and often last ruler, and others were efforts to turn an existing government into an empire, which failed.

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| **"Empire"↓** | **Origin↓** | **Capital↓** | **From↓** | **To↓** | **Duration↓** | **Note↓** |
| [Athenian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athenian_Empire) ([Delian League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delian_League)) | [Ancient Greece](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Greece) | [Delos island](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delos) | -478 BCE | -404 BCE | 74 | *Also known as Delian League. It was an association of Greek* [*city-states*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City-state). |
| [Second Athenian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Athenian_Empire) | [Ancient Greece](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Greece) | [Athens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athens) | -378 BCE | -355 BCE | 23 | *Second Athenian Empire, headed by Athens primarily for self-defense against the growth of* [*Sparta*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sparta) *and the* [*Persian Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persian_Empire). |
| [Central African Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_African_Empire) | [Central African Republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_African_Republic) | [Bangui](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangui) | 1976 | 1979 | 3 | *President* [*Jean-Bédel Bokassa*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-B%C3%A9del_Bokassa) *declared himself Emperor Bokassa I.* |
| [Empire of China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_of_China_%281915%E2%80%931916%29) | [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | [Beijing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beijing) | 1915 | 1916 | 1 | *Was a short-lived attempt by* [*Yuan Shikai*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yuan_Shikai) *to reinstate the Imperial Monarchy*. |
| [Empire of Haiti](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_of_Haiti_%281804-1806%29) | [North America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_America) | [Port-au-Prince](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port-au-Prince) | 1804 | 1806 | 2 | *First Haitian Empire,* [*Jean-Jacques Dessalines*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Jacques_Dessalines) *declared himself Emperor Jacques I.* |
| [Empire of Haiti](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_of_Haiti_%281849-1859%29) | [North America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_America) | [Port-au-Prince](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port-au-Prince) | 1849 | 1859 | 10 | *Second Haitian Empire,* [*Faustin Soulouque*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faustin_Soulouque) *is proclaimed Emperor Faustin I.* |
| [Irish Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Irish_Empire&action=edit&redlink=1) | [Ireland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ireland) | [Armagh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armagh) | 1005 | 1014 | 9 | [*Brian Boru*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian_B%C3%B3ruma) *is declared "Imperator Scottorum" or "Emperor of the Irish".* |
| [Grand Duchy of Lithuania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Duchy_of_Lithuania)[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | [Lithuania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lithuania) | [Vilnius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vilnius) | 1200+ | 1569 | 369 | *Was the largest state in Europe in the 15th century*. |
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| [Empire of Trebizond](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_of_Trebizond) | [Black Sea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sea) | [Trebizond](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trebizond) | 1204 | 1461 | 257 | *Successor state of the* [*Byzantine Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Byzantine_Empire)*.* |
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There are various notions of size that can be applied; for each of these notions it is the case that for most historical empires only estimates can be given for the maximal value in time attained for that particular notion of size, and usually there is furthermore no clear consensus among historians regarding the best estimate – if only because there is often no unambiguous information about an empire's historical boundaries. Thus, the values given here should generally be interpreted as being only indicative, and not as determining a precise ranking.

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The only claims on mainland [Antarctica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antarctica) are included in the area of the British Empire.

Due to the historical trend of increasing [population](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_population) and [GDP](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GDP), the list of largest empires in these categories is highly dependent on which relatively recent political entities are defined as empires. The measures of population and GDP as a percentage of the world total take into account this historical growth, although decent GDP data is only available for the last few centuries, accurate only for the last decades.

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Compilations of history’s largest empires (in both geographical size and population) often vary due to differing definitions of imperial borders throughout history and across distinct historical traditions. Imperial domains have been variously defined in terms of direct administrative rule from a common ruling authority, military presence, colonization and settlement, collection of tribute, economic dependence, or even incorporation into a common trading or ideological network. Many imperial domains have therefore enjoyed varying degrees of autonomy, self-rule, or even outright independence (though sometimes with a dependent or protectorate relationship to a stronger power). Some regions claimed by an imperial authority have been large, yet arid and very sparsely populated lands without much administrative control whatsoever. Therefore, empires can vary in size according to these designations, often quite significantly.

For example in [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India), which experienced varying levels of European contact and imperial forays since [Vasco da Gama’s](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vasco_da_Gama) expeditions in 1497-1498, French, Dutch, Portuguese and especially British authorities claimed authority over increasing portions of the Indian Subcontinent. This process culminated in the period of the [British Raj](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Raj) (and its smaller French and Portuguese counterparts) after 1857. Nevertheless, even then approximately half of Indian territory consisted of [Princely States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princely_States) under de facto and de jure rule of local [rajas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raja) and [maharajas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharaja). While the Indian princes often sought protection and mediation from the European maritime powers, they minted their own coins, issued their own edicts, and otherwise ruled of their own accord; furthermore, the Indian independence Act, which ended the British presence by 1948, did not apply to the Princely States, which required separate negotiations with the new Indian nation as independent states in themselves. Thus, although many European maps showed nearly the whole of India as a predominantly British colony in the late 19th century, close to 50% was functionally independent.

Another issue is that many of history’s empires have ruled over vast and mostly uninhabited territorial expanses, sparsely populated by largely autonomous tribes, and with little in the way of direct administration or settlement by an imperial power. For example, various Mongol khanates from the 13th century established dominion over arid [steppes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steppe) in [Central Asia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Asia) and [Siberia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siberia) that were difficult to control from a central authority, as was the case with the expansionist [Tsardom of Russia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tsardom_of_Russia) empires from the 17th century, which established control in the same regions. In both cases, administrative structures and settlements were gradually introduced into the regions—with Russian settlers, for example, initiating forts and frontier cities in the 19th century in particular—and so the size of each empire in any given decade would depend on how strict one’s criteria are in regard to the presence of true settlement and administration. Likewise, in more recent history, almost half the land expanse that is often regarded as part of the British Empire (and also much of the historical French Empire in [North America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_America)), consisted of essentially barren and uninhabitable terrain in [Canada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada) and the interior of [Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia), which was often difficult to even map, let alone settle and administer. Even today, the population of those regions (particularly in [Nunavut](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nunavut) and the [Northwest Territories](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwest_Territories) of Canada) consists largely of sparse settlements of self-governing indigenous peoples, with little in the way of submission to a central ruling authority.

During the Muslim conquests of the 7th and early 8th centuries, [Rashidun armies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rashidun_army) established the [Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliphate), or Islamic Empire, one of the largest empires ever. The 7th century saw the introduction of Islam in the Arabian Peninsula, where The [Prophet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_prophet) [Muhammad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muhammad) established a new unified political polity in the [Arabian peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabian_peninsula) which under the subsequent [Rashidun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rashidun) and [Umayyad Caliphates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umayyad_Caliphate) saw a century of rapid expansion of [Arab](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab) power well beyond the Arabian peninsula in the form of a vast [Muslim](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim) Arab Empire with an area of influence that stretched from northwest [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_subcontinent), across [Central Asia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Asia), the [Middle East](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_East), [North Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Africa), southern [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy), and the [Iberian Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iberian_Peninsula), to the [Pyrenees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyrenees). However, internal feuding among ruling figures in the empire led it to fragment into several states under separate administrations, such as the [Umayyads](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umayyads) (whose rule continued in Spain after it collapsed elsewhere), [Abbasids](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abbasids), [Ayyubids](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayyubids), [Mamluks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mamluks) and many others. These were in addition to a variety of other Muslim states in [Sudan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sudan), [Indonesia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indonesia) and elsewhere that later arose outside of the main Islamic Empires, through trade and other contacts. Thus, the size of these empires vary depending on how “membership” in the empire is defined—as being under a single administration, accepting a particular ruler or following the dictates of the Caliph (which technically, [Sunni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunni) [Muslims](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim) in general were expected to do).

Similarly, the Mongol Empire lost its unity upon the death of the [Great Khan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Khan) [Möngke](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C3%B6ngke_Khan) during fighting in China in 1259, with the [Golden Horde’s](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Horde) [Berke Khan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berke_Khan) and the [Il-Khanate’s](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Il-Khanate) [Hulegu Khan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hulegu_Khan) even [taking up arms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berke-Hulagu_war) against each other and supporting rival factions for selection of the Great Khan. However, upon the death of Berke—a Muslim—the religious impetus for conflict among the khanates subsided, with the Mongols again supposedly loyal to the new Great Khan [Kublai](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kublai_Khan) before fragmenting yet again later. If the khanates are considered to have been a unified Mongol Empire under Kublai—stretching from [Korea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korea) and [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) in the east through [Siberia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siberia) and [Central Asia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Asia) and into [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) and [Eastern Europe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Europe) in the west—it would easily be the world’s largest in terms of both land area and population (as a percentage of the world total). A related question arises with the granting of [dominion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominion) and [commonwealth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commonwealth) statuses among former imperial domains, in which the domains acquire a high degree of self-rule, equivalent to independence in some estimations. For example, [Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia) attained dominion status in 1901 which may or may not have indicated a departure from the British Empire, depending on interpretation of the status.

Finally, many of history’s empires have had unusual arrangements among multiple powers, such as joint rule by several authorities, layers of rule (with different powers assuming different levels of administrative authority), territorial division with blurred boundaries or other forms of empire without a single obvious central authority. For example, the [Manchus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchus), who established the [Qing Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qing_Dynasty) in 17th-century China, also conquered nomadic lands to the north, including [Mongolia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongolia). The Manchus increasingly merged with the Chinese population over the centuries, so that the administration took on both Manchu and Chinese features with no clear division among them. The Mongol chieftains of [Outer Mongolia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outer_Mongolia) in particular, pledged loyalty to the Manchus but retained substantial autonomy, and when the Qing Dynasty collapsed in the early 20th century, the status of Outer Mongolia relative to the new Chinese state became unclear. Britain had a very complicated arrangement with Egypt and Sudan. Egyptian forces battled the British in the [Alexandria Expedition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fraser_campaign) in 1807, but in the wake of this, British officials exerted varying degrees of sway in Egypt especially by the late 19th century, with the French also assuming a role in the [Suez Canal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suez_Canal) territory. Sudan, in turn, was technically a colony of the Egyptians, but the British exerted de facto sway on Sudan indirectly via Egypt. Thus, accounts vary on the imperial status (or lack thereof) of both Egypt and Sudan. Lastly, in the wake of the [Bolshevik Revolution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolshevik_Revolution), many nations took on a [Communist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Communist) character and attached themselves to the global Communist center of the [Soviet Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soviet_Union). Mongolia, [North Korea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Korea), and China following Communist victory in the [Chinese civil war](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_civil_war), all took guidance from the Soviet Union especially in the years just after their Communist transformations. The Soviet Union also exercised varying control over Eastern Europe via the [Warsaw Pact](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warsaw_Pact) even though the Pact countries were formally independent, while Communist nations in [Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Africa) and [Latin America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latin_America) also sought Soviet guidance. Therefore, the lists of largest empires below represent merely a sample of possible rankings depending on the specific criteria used to define an empire.

**[**[**edit**](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_largest_empires&action=edit&section=3)**] European colonial empires**

The first global empires were a product of the [European](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Europe) [Age of Exploration](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Age_of_Exploration) that began with a race of exploration between the then most advanced maritime powers, [Portugal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portugal) and [Spain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain), in the 15th century. The initial impulse behind these maritime empires and those that followed was trade, driven by the new ideas and the capitalism that grew out of the European [Renaissance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renaissance). Agreements were also reached to divide the world up between them in [1479](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Alc%C3%A1%C3%A7ovas), [1493](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inter_caetera), and [1494](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Tordesillas).

[Portugal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portugal) began establishing the first global trade network and [empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_Empire) under the leadership of [Henry the Navigator](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_the_Navigator). Portugal would eventually establish colonial domains from [Brazil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil), in [South America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_America), to several colonies in [Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Africa) (namely [Portuguese Guinea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_Guinea), [Cape Verde](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_Verde), [São Tomé and Príncipe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C3%A3o_Tom%C3%A9_and_Pr%C3%ADncipe), [Angola](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angola) and [Mozambique](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozambique)), in [Portuguese India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_India) (most importantly [Bombay](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombay) and [Goa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goa)), in [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) ([Macau](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macau)), and [Oceania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oceania) (most importantly [Timor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timor), namely [East Timor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Timor)), amongst many other smaller or short-lived possessions (see [Evolution of the Portuguese Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evolution_of_the_Portuguese_Empire)).

During its peak, the [Spanish Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Empire) had possession of the [Netherlands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netherlands), [Luxembourg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luxembourg), [Belgium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgium), most of [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy), parts of [Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany), parts of [France](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France), and many colonies in the Americas, Africa, Asia and Oceania. With the conquest of inland [Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico), [Peru](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peru), and the [Philippines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines) in the 16th century, [Spain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain) established overseas dominions on a scale and world distribution that had never been approached by its predecessors (the Mongol Empire had been larger but was restricted to Eurasia). Possessions in Europe, Africa, the [Atlantic Ocean](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_Ocean), the [Americas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Americas), the [Pacific Ocean](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Ocean), and the [Far East](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Far_East) qualified the [Spanish Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Empire) as attaining a global presence in this sense.

From 1580 to 1640 the [Portuguese Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_Empire) and the [Spanish Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Empire) were conjoined in a [personal union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_union) of its [Habsburg monarchs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippine_Dynasty), during the period of the [Iberian Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iberian_Union), though the empires continued to be administered separately.

Subsequent global empires included the [French](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_colonial_empire), [Dutch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_Empire), and [British](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Empire) empires. The latter, consolidated during the period of British maritime hegemony in the 19th century, became the largest of all empires by virtue of the improved transportation technologies of the time. At its height, the [British Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Empire) covered a quarter of the [Earth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth)'s land area and comprised a quarter of its population. [Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany) and [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy) were unified later than the other major European countries and so they joined other European powers in establishing colonies overseas only during the "[Scramble for Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scramble_for_Africa)" in the 19th century. By the 1860s, the [Russian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Empire) — continued as the [Soviet Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soviet_Union) — became the largest contiguous state in the world. [Russia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia) continues this distinction, despite having "lost" its Soviet periphery (Russia today includes slightly over half the world's longitudes).

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Anachronous map of the [Portuguese Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_Empire)

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Anachronous map of the overseas [Spanish Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Empire)

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Anachronous map of the [Dutch Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_Empire)

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Map of the [British Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Empire) in 1919

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Anachronous map of the [French Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_colonial_empires)

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Map of the [German Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_colonial_empire) in 1914

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Map of the [Italian Colonial Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_Colonial_Empire) in 1939

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A map of the [Russian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Empire)

**[**[**edit**](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_largest_empires&action=edit&section=4)**] Largest empires by land area and population**

For context, note that the total land area of the [Earth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth) is just under 149 million km2.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-0)

**[**[**edit**](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_largest_empires&action=edit&section=5)**] All empires at their greatest extent**

*This list contains at least one* [*incomplete section*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AWikiProject_Lists#Incomplete_lists)*; you can help by* [*expanding it*](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_largest_empires&action=edit).

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| **Empire↓** | **Land area (million km2)↓** | **Contiguous[**[***original research?***](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ANo_original_research)**]↓** | **Era↓** | **Population (million)↓** | **% of world population↓** |
| 11a | 0 | a | -9999 | 0 | 0 |
| [British Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Empire) | 33.7 | No | 1922[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-1) | 458 (in 1938)[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Harrison-2) | 23.1% (458 million out of 2.295 billion in 1938)[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Harrison-2) |
| [Mongol Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongol_Empire) | 33.0 | Yes | 1270 or 1309[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-3) | 110.0 (in the 13th century)[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-4) | 25.6% (110.0 million out of 429 million[[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Biraben-5) in the 13th century) |
| [Russian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Empire) | 23.7 | Yes | 1866[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) | 176.4 in 1913 | 9.8% (176.4 million out of 1.791 billion[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) in 1913) |
| [Spanish Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Empire) | 20.0 | No | 1740-1790 approx[[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Gordon-9) | 68.2 [[11]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-10) | 12.3% (68.2 million out of 556 million[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) in the 17th century) |
| [Qing Empire, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qing_Dynasty) | 14.7 | Yes | 1790[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) | 432.2 in 1851.[[12]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-11) | 36.6% (381.0 million out of 1.041 billion in 1820)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) |
| [Yuan Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yuan_Dynasty) | 14.0 | Yes | 1310[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) | 59.8 in 1291.[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Durand-12)[[14]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-13) | 17.1% (59.8 million out of 350 million in 1290) |
| [Umayyad Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umayyad_Caliphate) | 13.0 | Yes | 720 or 750[[15]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Blankinship-14) | 62.0 (in the 8th century)[[16]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-15) | 29.5% (62.0 million out of 210 million[[17]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-McEvedy-16) in the 7th century AD) |
| [Second French Colonial Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Colonial_Empire) | 13.0 | No | 1938[[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Gordon-9) | 112.9 in 1938 | 5.1% (112.9 million out of 2.295 billion in 1938) |
| [Abbasid Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abbasid_Caliphate) | 11.1 | Yes | 750[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  | 20.0% (50.0 million out of 250 million in 850)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) |
| [Portuguese Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_Empire) | 10.4 | No | 1815[[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Gordon-9) |  |  |
| [Rashidun Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rashidun_Caliphate) | 9.0 | Yes | 654[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7)[[18]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Rashidun_Caliphate-17) |  | 19.1% (40.3 million out of 210 million in 7th century) |
| [Empire of Brazil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_of_Brazil) | 8.5 | Yes | 1880, similar to the [Federative Republic of Brazil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil) of today [[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Gordon-9) |  |  |
| [Achaemenid Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Achaemenid_Empire), [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | 8.0 | Yes | BC 480[[19]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Vasseghi-18) | 49.4 (in the 5th century BC)[[20]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Cook-19) | 44.0% (49.4 million out of 112.4 million[[21]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-ipc-20) in the 5th century BC/480 BC)[[20]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Cook-19) |
| [Japanese Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_Empire) | 7.4 | No | 1942[[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Gordon-9) | 134.8 in 1938 | 5.9% (134.8 million out of 2.295 billion[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) in 1938) |
| [Han Empire, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Han_Dynasty) | 6.5 | Yes | 100[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) | 74.0 in 2[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Durand-12)[[23]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-22) | 26.0% (59.6 million out of 230 million[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) in 2 AD) |
| [Ming Empire, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ming_Dynasty) | 6.5 | Yes | 1450[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) | 110.0 in 1600.[[24]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Biraben2005-23)[[25]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-24) | 28.8% (160.0 million out of 556.2 million in 1600)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) |
| [Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Empire) | 6.5 | Yes | 117[[26]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Christy-25) | 80.0 (in 2nd century AD)[[27]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Frank-26)[[28]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-27) | 35.9% (80.0 million out of 223 million[[27]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Frank-26) in the 2nd century AD) |
| [Nazi Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazi_Germany) | 6.4 | Yes | 1942 | 75.4 million out of 2.295 billion in 1938 |  |
| [Göktürk Khaganate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%B6kt%C3%BCrk_Khaganate) | 6.0 | Yes | 557[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Golden Horde Khanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Horde) | 6.0 | Yes | 1310[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Uyghur Khaganate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uyghur_Khaganate) | 5.5 | Yes | 800[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Tang Empire, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tang_Dynasty) | 5.4 | Yes | 715[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) | 53.0 in 755[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Durand-12)[[29]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-28) | 28.0% (70.0 million out of 250 million in 850 AD)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) |
| [Macedon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macedon) | 5.2 | Yes | BC 323[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Ottoman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ottoman_Empire) | 5.2 | Yes | 1683[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) | 7.1% (39.0 million out of 556 million[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) in the 17th century) |  |
| [Fatimid Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatimid_Caliphate) | 5.1 | Yes | 969[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Maurya Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurya_Empire) | 5.0 | Yes | BC 250[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) | 50.0 in the 2nd century BC | 33.3% (50.0 million out of 150 million in the 2nd century BC[[31]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Richard_Jones_1978_p._342-351-30)) |
| [Northern Yuan Dynasty, Mongolia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Yuan) | 5.0 | Yes | 1550[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [First Mexican Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Mexican_Empire) | 4.9 | Yes | 1822[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Xin Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xin_Dynasty) | 4.7 | Yes | 10[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Tufan Tibet Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibetan_Empire) | 4.6 | Yes | 800[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Timurid Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timurid_Empire) | 4.6 | Yes | 1405[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Mughal Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mughal_Empire) | 4.6 | Yes | 1690[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) | 175.0 in 1700 | 29.2% (175.0 million out of 600 million[[32]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Thomlinson-31) in 1700) |
| [Xiongnu Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xiongnu_Empire) | 4.03 | Yes | BC 176[[33]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Revilla-32) |  |  |
| [Pala Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pala_Empire) | 4.0 | Yes | 850 |  | 24.0% (60.0 million out of 250 million in 850)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) |
| [Hunnic Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunnic_Empire) | 4.0 | Yes | 441[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Hepthalite Khanate White Huns, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hepthalite) | 4.0 | Yes | 490[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Eastern Turks Khanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%B6kt%C3%BCrk) | 4.0 | Yes | 624[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Afsharid Dynasty, Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afsharid_Dynasty) | 4.0 | Yes | 1747[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Western Turks Khanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%B6kt%C3%BCrk) | 4.0 | Yes | 630[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Rouran Khaganate Juan-juan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rouran) | 4.0 | Yes | 405[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Karkota Dynasty Kashmir, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lalitaditya_Muktapida) | 4.0 | Yes | 750[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Seleucid Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seleucid_Empire) | 3.9 | Yes | BC 301[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Great Seljuq Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Seljuq_Empire) | 3.9 | Yes | 1080[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Italian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_Empire) | 3.8 | No | 1940[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | 51.9 in 1938 | 2.3% (51.9 million out of 2.295 billion in 1938) |
| [Kushan Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kushan_Empire) | 3.8 | Yes | 200[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  | 19.0% (42.37 million out of 223 million in 140)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) |
| [Ilkhanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ilkhanate) | 3.75 | Yes | 1310[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Dutch Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_Empire) | 3.7 | No | 1940[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | 60.0 in 1940. | 3.5% (60.0 million out of 1.700 billion in 1907) |
| [Chola Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chola_Dynasty) | 3.6 | Yes | 1050[[34]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-bharatadesam.com-33)[[35]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-ReferenceA-34) |  |  |
| [Khwarazmian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khw%C4%81razm-Sh%C4%81h_dynasty) | 3.6 | Yes | 1218[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Sassanid Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sassanid_Empire), [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | 3.5 | Yes | 550[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) | 78.0 (in the 7th century AD) | 37.1% (78.0 million out of 210 million[[17]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-McEvedy-16) in the 7th century AD) |
| [Gupta Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gupta_Empire) | 3.5 | Yes | 400[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  | 26.36% (58.0 million out of 220 million in 400 AD) [[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Harrison-2) |
| [Chagatai Khanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chagatai_Khanate) | 3.5 | Yes | 1310 or 1350[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Safavid Dynasty, Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Safavid_Dynasty) | 3.5 | Yes | 1512[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [German Colonial Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Colonial_Empire) | 3.5 | No | 1914[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | 64.9 in 1914 | 3.7% (64.9 million out of 1.753 billion in 1910) |
| [Western Jin Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Jin_Dynasty) | 3.5 | Yes | 300[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) | 48.0 in 1195.[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Durand-12)[[36]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-35) |  |
| [Shaybanid Uzbek Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shaybanid_Dynasty) | 3.5 | Yes | 1510[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Byzantine Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Byzantine_Empire) | 3.5 | Yes | 555[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Song Dynasty Northern Song, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Song_Dynasty) | 3.5 | Yes | 1100[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) | 123.0 in 1103[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Durand-12)[[37]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-36) | 22.0% (59.0 million out of 268 million in 1000)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) |
| [Ghaznavid Empire, Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghaznavid_Empire) | 3.4 | Yes | 1029[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [First French Colonial Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_colonial_empire) | 3.4 | No | 1670[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Almoravid Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Almoravid_Caliphate) | 3.3 | Yes | 1147[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Tughlaq Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tughlaq_Dynasty) | 3.2 | Yes | 1320[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  | 18.91% (70.0 million out of 370 million in 1330)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) |
| [Ghurids Sultanate, Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghurids) | 3.2 | Yes | 1200[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Sui Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sui_Dynasty) | 3.1 | Yes | 610[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) | 53.0 in 606[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Durand-12)[[38]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-37) |  |
| [Khazar Khanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khazar_Khanate) | 3.0 | Yes | 850[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Kalmar Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalmar_Union) | 3.0 | Yes | 1397[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Kievan Rus'](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kievan_Rus%27) | 3.0 | Yes | 1050[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Kara-Khanid Khanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kara-Khanid_Khanate) | 3.0 | Yes | 1025[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Qajar Dynasty, Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qajar_Dynasty) | 3.0 | Yes | 1796[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Danish colonial empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_colonial_empire) | 3.0 | No | 1800[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Grand Duchy of Moscow](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Duchy_of_Moscow) | 3.0 | Yes | 1505[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Samanid Dynasty, Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samanids) | 2.85 | Yes | 928[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Median Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median_Empire) | 2.8 | Yes | BC 585[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Qin Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qin_Dynasty) | 2.8 | Yes | BC 206[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Parthian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parthian_Empire), [Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia) | 2.8 | Yes | 1[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Eastern Jin Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Jin_Dynasty) | 2.8 | Yes | 347[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Liu Song Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liu_Song_Dynasty) | 2.8 | Yes | 420[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Khilji Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khilji_Dynasty) | 2.7 | Yes | 1312 or 1320[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Ayyubid Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayyubid_dynasty) | 2.7 | Yes | 1190[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Majapahit Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Majapahit_Empire) | 2.7 | No | 1389[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Liao Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liao_Dynasty) | 2.6 | Yes | 947[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Indo-Greek Yavana Kingdom,India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menander_I) | 2.5 | Yes | BC 150[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Bactrian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bactrian_Empire) | 2.5 | Yes | BC 184[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Later Zhao Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Later_Zhao) | 2.5 | Yes | 329[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Maratha Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maratha_Empire) | 2.5 | Yes | 1760[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Belgian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgian_Empire) | 2.5 | No | 1914[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Kara-Khitan Khanate Western Liao](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kara-Khitan_Khanate) | 2.5 | Yes | 1210[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Jin Dynasty Jurchen, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jin_Dynasty_%281115%E2%80%931234%29) | 2.3 | Yes | 1126[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Southern Qi Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Qi) | 2.3 | Yes | 502[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Southern Song Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Song_Dynasty) | 2.1 | Yes | 1127[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) | 73.0 in 1193.[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Durand-12)[[39]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-38) |  |
| [Bahriyya Mamluks, Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahri_dynasty) | 2.1 | Yes | 1300[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Burjiyya Mamluks, Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burji_dynasty) | 2.1 | Yes | 1400[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [First French Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_French_Empire) | 2.1 | Yes | 1813[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Wei Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wei_Dynasty) | 2.0 | Yes | 263[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Earlier Zhao Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Han_Zhao) | 2.0 | Yes | 316[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) | 64 in 156[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Durand-12)[[40]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-39) |  |
| [Former Qin Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Former_Qin) | 2.0 | Yes | 376[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Western Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Roman_Empire) | 2.0 | Yes | 395[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Northern Wei Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Wei_Dynasty) | 2.0 | Yes | 450[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Saffarid Dynasty, Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saffarid_dynasty) | 2.0 | Yes | 900[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Almohad Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Almohad_Caliphate) | 2.0 | Yes | 1200[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Satavahana Dynasty Salivahana, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satavahana_Dynasty) | 2.0 | Yes | 90 AD[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Inca Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inca_Empire) | 2.0 | Yes | 1527[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Gurjara Pratihara Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gurjara_Pratihara) | 1.8 | Yes | 860[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Sibir Khanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sibir_Khanate) | 1.8 | Yes | 1520[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Rashtrakuta Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rashtrakuta_Dynasty) | 1.7 | Yes | 805[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Buyid Sultanate, Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buyid_dynasty) | 1.6 | Yes | 980[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Mamluk Sultanate, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mamluk_Sultanate) | 1.6 | Yes | 1228[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Indo-Parthians Pahalvas Kingdom, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indo-Parthian_kingdom) | 1.5 | Yes | 50[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Wu Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Wu) | 1.5 | Yes | 221[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Northern Zhou Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Zhou_Dynasty) | 1.5 | Yes | 577[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Nanda Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nanda_Dynasty) | 1.5 | Yes | BC 350 or 321[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21)[[41]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978a-40) |  |  |
| [Indo-Scythians Shaka Kingdom, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indo-scythians) | 1.5 | Yes | BC 100[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Tulunids Emirate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tulunids) | 1.5 | Yes | 900[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Idrisid Dynasty, Morocco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Idrisid_dynasty) | 1.5 | Yes | 828[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Suri Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suri_Dynasty) | 1.5 | Yes | 1545 AD[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Neo-Assyrian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-Assyrian_Empire) | 1.4 | Yes | BC 670[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Songhai Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Songhai_Empire) | 1.4 | Yes | 1500[[42]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Hunwick-41) |  |  |
| [Harsha Empire Pusyabhutis, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harsha) | 1.35 | Yes | 625 or 648[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Liang Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liang_Dynasty) | 1.3 | Yes | 502 or 549[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Western Wei Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Wei_Dynasty) | 1.3 | Yes | 557[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Later Liang Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Later_Liang_Dynasty) | 1.3 | Yes | 923[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Later Tang Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Later_Tang_Dynasty) | 1.3 | Yes | 923[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Mali Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mali_Empire) | 1.29 | Yes | 1312[[43]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Hempstone.2C_page_312-42) |  | 10.0% (45.0 million out of 450 million[[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-43) in the mid-15th century) |
| [Shang Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shang_Dynasty) | 1.25 | Yes | BC 1122[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Western Zhou Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Zhou_Dynasty) | 1.25 | Yes | BC 1122[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Aksumite Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aksumite_Empire) | 1.25 | Yes | 350[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Carolingian Dynasty, Francia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carolingian_Dynasty) | 1.2 | Yes | 814[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Polish-Lithuanian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish%E2%80%93Lithuanian_Commonwealth) | 1.2 | Yes | 1650[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Srivijaya Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Srivijaya) | 1.2 | Yes | 1200[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Sunga Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunga_Empire) | 1.2 | Yes | BC 150[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Kingdom of Kush Meroë 25th Dynasty, Sudan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Kush) | 1.2 | Yes | BC 700[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Thai Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Thailand_%281768%E2%80%931932%29) [Siam Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siam_Empire) | 1.12 | Yes | 1782[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Chalukya Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chalukya_Dynasty) | 1.1 | Yes | 636[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Swedish Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swedish_Empire) | 1.1 | No | 1658[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Lodhi Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lodhi_Dynasty) | 1.1 | Yes | 1517[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [18th Dynasty, Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eighteenth_dynasty_of_Egypt) | 1.0 | Yes | BC 1450[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [New Kingdom in Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Kingdom) | 1.0 | Yes | BC 1300[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Ptolemaic Dynasty, Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ptolemaic_Dynasty) | 1.0 | No | BC 301[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Eastern Wei Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Wei_Dynasty) | 1.0 | Yes | 550[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Northern Qi Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Qi_Dynasty) | 1.0 | Yes | 550[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Tahirid Dynasty, Persia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tahirid_dynasty) | 1.0 | Yes | 800[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Kalachuri Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalachuri) | 1.0 | Yes | 1050[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Holy Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Roman_Empire) | 1.0 | Yes | 1050[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Western Xia Dynasty Tangut, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Xia_Dynasty) | 1.0 | Yes | 1100[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Western Chalukya Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Chalukya_Empire) | 1.0 | Yes | 1121[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Khmer Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmer_Empire) | 1.0 | Yes | 1290[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Avars Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eurasian_Avars) | 1.0 | Yes | 600[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Kanem Empire, Chad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanem_Empire) | 1.0 | Yes | 1200[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Maha-Meghavahana Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maha-Meghavahana_Dynasty) | 0.9 | Yes | BC 10[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Konbaung Dynasty, Burma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konbaung_dynasty) | 0.9 | Yes | 1800 AD[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Volga Bulgars Khanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volga_Bulgaria) | 0.9 | Yes | 1100[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6)[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Akkadian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akkadian_Empire) | 0.8 | Yes | BC 2250[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Later Jin Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Later_Jin_Dynasty_%28Five_Dynasties%29) | 0.8 | Yes | 936[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Ghana Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghana_Empire) | 0.8 | Yes | 1067[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Pagan Kingdom Bagan, Burma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pagan_Kingdom) | 0.8 | Yes | 1200[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Western Satraps Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Satrap), India | 0.8 | Yes | 100[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Himyarite Kingdom, Yemen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himyarite_Kingdom) | 0.8 | Yes | 400 AD[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Balhae Kingdom, Korea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balhae) | 0.8 | Yes | 830[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-uconn-6) |  |  |
| [Khanate of Kazan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khanate_of_Kazan) | 0.7 | Yes | 1540[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Merovingian Dynasty, Francia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merovingian_Dynasty) | 0.7 | Yes | 558[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Bulgarian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulgarian_Empire) | 0.7 | Yes | 900[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Shu Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shu_Han) | 0.7 | Yes | 221[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Yadava Gauli Kingdom, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seuna_Yadavas_of_Devagiri) | 0.7 | Yes | 1250[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Paramara Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paramara) | 0.7 | Yes | 1050[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Kingdom of Dali Hou li,China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Dali) | 0.7 | Yes | 1200[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Vijayanagara Tuluvas Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vijayanagara_Empire) | 0.7 | Yes | 1529[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  | 5.0% (25.0 million out of 500 million[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8) in the 16th century) |
| [Kingdom of Nanzhao, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Nanzhao) | 0.7 | Yes | 830[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Austro-Hungarian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austro-Hungarian_Empire) | 0.676615 | Yes | [[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] | 52.8 in 1914 | 2.9% (51.3 million out of 1.753 billion in 1910) |
| [15th Dynasty Hyksos, Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fifteenth_dynasty_of_Egypt) | 0.65 | Yes | BC 1650[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [26th Dynasty, Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/26th_Dynasty) | 0.65 | Yes | BC 550[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Vakataka Kingdom, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vakataka) | 0.65 | Yes | 450 AD[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Visigoths Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visigothic_kingdom) | 0.6 | Yes | 580[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Caliphate of Córdoba](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliphate_of_C%C3%B3rdoba) | 0.6 | Yes | 1000[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Rai Dynasty Chachas Sindh,India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rai_Dynasty) | 0.6 | Yes | 675 AD[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Maukhari Kannauj Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maukhari) | 0.6 | Yes | 600 AD[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Bahmani Sultanate, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahmani_Sultanate) | 0.6 | Yes | 1470 AD[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Nizams Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nizam) | 0.6 | Yes | 1740 AD[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Sikh Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikh_Empire) | 0.5609 | Yes | 1845[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Middle Kingdom, Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_Kingdom_of_Egypt) | 0.5 | Yes | BC 1850[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Lydian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lydian_Empire) | 0.5 | Yes | BC 585[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Neo-Babylonian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-Babylonian_Empire) | 0.5 | Yes | BC 562[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Kosala Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kosala) | 0.5 | Yes | BC 543[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Shishunaga Dynasty,India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shishunaga_dynasty) | 0.5 | Yes | BC 510[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Chu Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chu_%28state%29) | 0.5 | Yes | BC 350[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Pandyan Dynasty, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pandyan_Dynasty) | 0.5 | Yes | 1251[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Later Han Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Later_Han_Dynasty_%28Five_Dynasties%29) | 0.5 | Yes | 947[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Kangju Empire Transoxiana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kangju) | 0.5 | Yes | BC 100[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Ostrogothic Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ostrogothic_Kingdom) | 0.5 | Yes | 510 AD[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Goguryeo Kingdom, Korea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goguryeo) | 0.45 | Yes | 476[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Xia Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xia_Dynasty) based on the hypothesis that prehistorical cities of Erlitou culture were once united | 0.45 | Yes | BC 1800[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [New Kingdom, Hittite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Kingdom) | 0.45 | Yes | BC 1250 or 1220[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Crimean Khanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crimean_Khanate) | 0.4 | Yes | 1500[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Armenian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_Empire) | 0.4 | Yes | BC 83[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Old Kingdom, Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Kingdom) | 0.4 | Yes | BC 2400[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Middle Kingdom, Assyria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_Assyrian_period) under Tiglath-Pileser I | 0.4 | Yes | BC 1080[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Latin Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latin_Empire) | 0.35 | Yes | 1204[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1979-21) |  |  |
| [Harappan Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harrapa) | 0.3 | Yes | BC 1800[[41]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978a-40) |  |  |
| [Mitanni Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mitanni) | 0.3 | Yes | BC 1450[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Carthaginian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carthage) | 0.3 | No | BC 220[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [1st Dynasty, Babylon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Babylonian_Dynasty) | 0.25 | Yes | BC 1690[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Serbian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serbian_Empire) | 0.25 | Yes | 1350[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed)] |  |  |
| [Aztec Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aztec_Empire) | 0.22 | Yes | 1520[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1997-7) |  |  |
| [Middle Elamite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elam) | 0.2 | Yes | BC 1160[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [2nd Dynasty, Isin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isin) | 0.2 | Yes | BC 1130[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Urartu Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urartu) | 0.2 | Yes | BC 800[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Phrygian Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phrygian_Dynasty) | 0.2 | Yes | BC 750[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Old Kingdom, Assyria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assyria) | 0.15 | Yes | BC 1730[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
| [Eastern Zhou Dynasty, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Zhou_Dynasty) | 0.15 | Yes | BC 770[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Taagepera1978b-29) |  |  |
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[Achaemenid Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Achaemenid_Empire) around 490 BC shortly before its greatest extent.

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The [Han Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Han_Dynasty) in the year 2 AD

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[Macedonian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macedon#Empire) at its greatest extent.

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The [Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Empire) at its peak in 117 AD

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[Mongol Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongol_Empire) at its greatest extent.

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The expansion of the [Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliphate).

Expansion under [Muhammad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muhammad), 622-632

Expansion during the [Rashidun Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rashidun_Caliphate), 632-661

Expansion during the [Umayyad Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umayyad_Caliphate), 661-750

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[Ming Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ming_Empire) at its greatest extent.

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[Chola Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chola_Empire) under [Rajendra Chola](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajendra_Chola) c. 1030 C.E.

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[Sassanid Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sassanid_Empire) at its greatest extent.

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[Russian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Empire) at its greatest extent.

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[Spanish Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Empire) at its greatest extent.

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[Qing Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qing_Dynasty) at its greatest extent.

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[Ottoman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ottoman_Empire) territories acquired between 1300 and 1683.

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[GDP](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gross_Domestic_Product) estimates in the following list are mostly given for empires in [modern times](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modern_Times_%28history%29), from the 18th to 20th centuries. All dollar amounts are in 1990 [USD](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_dollar).

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5. [Qing Empire, China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qing_Dynasty) - $241.3 billion (GDP decline to 1912, immediately before its downfall)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8)
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11. [Mughal Empire, India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mughal_Empire) - $90.8 billion (GDP decline in 1700)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#cite_note-Maddison-8)
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