

Table 1. For each country in the activity, basic statistics are given below about human wealth and well-being, deforestation, animals and birds that are threatened with extinction, and the energy consumed by individuals relative to individuals from other countries.

Country ¹	Income/per person/year	Income/per person/week	Births/person	Total country pop (Millions)	Ave. Age at death	% forests lost	# species threatened mammals	# species threatened birds	Energy consumption/per person/yr (joule * 10 ¹⁰)
North Am.									
- USA	\$22,356	\$430	2.1	263.14	75.9	95%	27	43	32
Latin Am.									
- Mexico	\$2,971	\$57	3.2	93.67	70.3	66%	25	35	5.6
- Venezuela	\$2,728	\$53	3.1	21.48	70.3	10%	19	34	10.2
Europe									
- Poland	\$1,787	\$34	2.1	38.74	71.7	99%	4	16	9.3
- Switzerland	\$33,850	\$651	1.7	6.96	78	99%	2	15	13.8
Asia									
- India	\$330	\$6	3.9	931.04	60.04	78%	39	72	0.9
- China	\$364	\$7	2.2	1,238.32	70.9	99%	40	83	2.3
- Viet Nam	\$102	\$2	3.9	73.81	63.8	76%	28	34	0.4
- Afghanistan	XX ²	XX ²	6.9	23.2	43.5	XX ²	13	13	0.5
- Japan	\$26,824	\$516	1.7	125.88	78.7	XX	5	31	14
- Philippines	\$728	\$14	3.9	69.26	65.0	XX	12	39	1.2
- Pakistan	\$383	\$7	6.2	134.97	59.0	86%	15	25	0.8
- Cambodia	\$202	\$4	4.5	9.45	51.1	78%	21	13	0.1
- Israel	\$12,293	\$236	2.9	5.88	76.5	XX	8	15	8.8
- Nepal	\$170	\$3	5.5	22.12	53.5	54%	22	20	0.1
- Iran	\$2,274	\$44	6.0	66.72	67.2	XX	15	20	4.8
- Kuwait	XX	XX	3.7	1.60	74.7	XX	5	7	5.8
Africa									
- Kenya	\$339	\$6.50	6.3	27.89	58.9	71%	17	18	0.3
- Morocco	\$1,077	\$20.70	2.1	28.26	71.7	XX	9	14	1.1
- South Africa	\$2,543	\$49	4.1	42.74	62.9	46%	25	13	7.0

Notes.

¹Data based on World Resources 1994-95 Report by the World Resources Institute and the United Nations Environment and Development Programmes. New York: Oxford University Press.

²XX = data not available.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in the United States.

In the United States, we've cut down 95% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 27 species of mammals and 43 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$22,356 each year. I am married and I have 2 children. I have \$430 a week to feed the 4 of us. A person from the United States uses 32 units of energy in a year — energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 32 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Mexico.

In Mexico, we've cut down 66% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 25 species of mammals and 35 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$2,971 each year. I am married and I have 3 children. I have \$57 a week to feed the 5 of us. A person from Mexico uses 5.6 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 5.6 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Venezuela.

In Venezuela, we've cut down only 10% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 19 species of mammals and 34 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$2,728/year. I am married and I have 3 children. I have \$53/week to feed the 5 of us. A person from Venezuela uses 10.2 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 10.2 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Poland.

In Poland, we've cut down 99% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 4 species of mammals and 16 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$1,787 each year. I am married and I have 2 children. I have \$34 a week to feed the 4 of us. A person from Poland uses 9.3 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 9.3 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Switzerland.

In Switzerland, we've cut down 99% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 2 species of mammals and 15 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$33,850 each year. I am married and I have 1 child. I have \$651 each week to feed the 3 of us. A person from Switzerland uses 13.8 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 13.8 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in India.

In India, we've cut down 78% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 39 species of mammals and 72 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$330 each year. I am married and I have 4 children. I have \$6 a week to feed the 6 of us. A person from India uses 0.9 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 0.9 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in China.

In China, we've cut down 99% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 40 species of mammals and 83 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$364 each year. I am married and I have 2 children. I have \$7 a week to feed the 4 of us. A person from China uses 2.3 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 2.3 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Viet Nam.

In Viet Nam, we've cut down 76% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 28 species of mammals and 34 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$102 each year. I am married and I have 4 children. I have \$2 a week to feed the 6 of us. A person from Viet Nam uses 0.4 units of energy in a year. Compared to the other countries, people from Viet Nam—like me—use 0.4% of all the energy used up by humans on the planet Earth in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 0.4 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Afghanistan.

In Afghanistan, we don't have records of how much of our forest we have cut down. There are 13 species of mammals and 13 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. I am a refugee, so I don't have a home and I don't make any money. I am married and I have 7 children. I rely on food aid from the United Nations and other groups to feed the 9 of us. A person from Afghanistan uses 0.5 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 0.5 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Japan.

In Japan, we don't have records of how much of the forests we have cut down, but I know that there are 5 species of mammals and 13 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$26,824 each year. I am married and I have 2 children. I have \$516 a week to feed the 4 of us. A person from Japan uses 14 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 14 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Philippines.

In the Philippines, we don't have records of how much of the forests we have cut down, but I know that there are 12 species of mammals and 39 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$728 each year. I am married and I have 4 children. I have \$14 a week to feed the 6 of us. A person from the Philippines uses 1.2 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 1.2 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Pakistan.

In Pakistan, we've cut down 86% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 15 species of mammals and 25 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$383 each year. I am married and I have 6 children. I have \$7 a week to feed the 8 of us. A person from Pakistan uses 0.8 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 0.8 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Cambodia.

In Cambodia, we've cut down 78% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 21 species of mammals and 13 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$202 each year. I am married and I have 5 children. I have \$4 a week to feed the 7 of us. A person from Cambodia uses 0.1 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 0.1 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Israel.

In Israel, we don't know how much of the forests we have cut down, but I know that there are 8 species of mammals and 15 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$12,293 each year. I am married and I have 3 children. I have \$236 a week to feed the 5 of us. A person from Israel uses 8.8 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 8.8 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Nepal.

In Nepal, we've cut down 54% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 22 species of mammals and 20 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$170 each year. I am married and I have 6 children. I have \$3 a week to feed the 8 of us. A person from Nepal uses 0.1 units of energy in a—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 0.1 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Iran.

In Iran, we don't know how much of the forests we have cut down, but I do know that there are 15 species of mammals and 20 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$2,274 each year. I am married and I have 6 children. I have \$44 a week to feed the 8 of us. A person from Iran uses 4.8 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 4.8 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Kuwait.

In Kuwait, we don't know how much of the forests we have cut down, but I do know that there are 5 species of mammals and 7 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. We don't have records of how much money an average person in Kuwait makes per year. I am married and I have 4 children and it is a struggle to feed and clothe all 6 of us. A person from Kuwait uses 5.8 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 5.8 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Kenya

In Kenya, we've cut down 71% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 17 species of mammals and 18 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$339 each year. I am married and I have 6 children. I have \$6.50 a week to feed the 8 of us. A person from Kenya uses 0.3 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 0.3 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in Morocco.

In Morocco, there are 9 species of mammals and 14 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$1,077 each year. I am married and I have 2 children. I have \$20.70 a week to feed the 4 of us. A person from Morocco uses 1.1 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 1.1 energy units.

Hi, my name is _____ (your name) _____, and I live in South Africa.

In South Africa, we've cut down 46% of the original forests that were here before agriculture. There are 25 species of mammals and 13 species of birds that are threatened by extinction in my country. In my job I make \$2,543 each year. I am married and I have 4 children. I have \$49 a week to feed the 6 of us. A person from South Africa uses 7 units of energy in a year—energy like gasoline, logs for heat and cooking, and electricity. That's why I get to take 7 energy units.