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The Extent of the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth, or Commonwealth of Nations, to give it its full title, is a free association of nine sovereign independent states together with their colonies, protectorates, protected states and mandated and trust territories. Including the dependent territories, the Commonwealth covers roughly a quarter of the world's land surface and contains about a quarter of its population.

Independent Commonwealth Countries

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

Area: 94,205 square miles
Population: 52 million.

Canada: (Confederation 1867)

Area: 3,845,144 square miles
Population: 16.5 million.

Australia: (Federation 1901)

Area: 2,974,581 square miles
Population: 9.5 million.

New Zealand: (Dominion 1908)

Area: 103,736 square miles
Population: 2,250,000.

South Africa: (Union 1910)

Area: 472,494 square miles
Population: 14 million.

India: (Independence 1947; Republic 1950)

Area: 1,138,814 square miles
Population: 377 million.

Pakistan: (Independence 1947; Republic 1956)

Area: 360,780 square miles
Population: 82 million.