

Where Museums Cluster Thickest

About three-quarters of the World's Museums are concentrated in the shaded areas shown in this map. Within the European circle, of 600 miles radius from Bremen, are nearly one-half of the World's Museums

impossible for this table to be absolutely accurate, since national ideas of museums vary, and I, for one, find great difficulty in drawing the line between museums and certain Italian churches with their magnificent art collections, or Japanese temples and shrines, or even some of our English period houses such as Shakespeare's birthplace; but I think I can say that no pains have been spared to make the following table as accurate as possible.

values than any other. The figures for Great Britain would be much higher but for the fact that no fewer than two hundred

A WORLD COMPARISON OF MUSEUMS

Country	Population*	No. of museums	Main authority†	Approximate average population per museum
Sweden	6,150,000	180	Maec.	34,000
Germany	63,000,000	1,700	D.J.B., Maec.	37,000
Switzerland	4,100,000	96	"	42,600
Austria	6,600,000	140	"	47,000
Norway	2,810,000	58	Maec.	49,000
Holland	8,000,000	127	I.I.	64,000
France	41,800,000	650	"	64,000
New Zealand	1,461,000	21	M.A.	70,000
Great Britain & N. Ireland	44,500,000	583	"	76,000
Belgium	8,000,000	104	"	77,000
Denmark	3,560,000	46	Maec.	77,000
Canada	10,354,000	123	M.A.	84,000
Finland	3,640,000	46	Maec.	90,000
Czechoslovakia	14,730,000	163	D.J.B., Maec.	90,000
United States	137,000,000	1,370	A.A.M.	100,000
Italy	43,000,000	420	M.A.	102,000
Spain	21,000,000	200	"	105,000
Australia	6,000,000	50	"	120,000
Hungary	8,700,000	73	Maec.	121,000
Baltic States	5,116,000	32	"	160,000
South Africa	8,000,000	50	M.A.	160,000
Poland	31,000,000	155	I.I.	200,000
Irish Free State	3,000,000	14	M.A.	220,000
Balkans	46,500,000	177	Maec.	262,000
Japan	84,000,000	168	J.Y.B., M.A.	500,000
Russia in Europe	108,000,000	170	Maec.	641,000
South America	79,000,000	100	A.A.M.	790,000
Egypt	14,000,000	16	M.A.	850,000
Russia in Asia	29,750,000	30	Maec.	990,000
India	353,000,000	90	M.A.	3,900,000
China	449,000,000	100	"	4,490,000

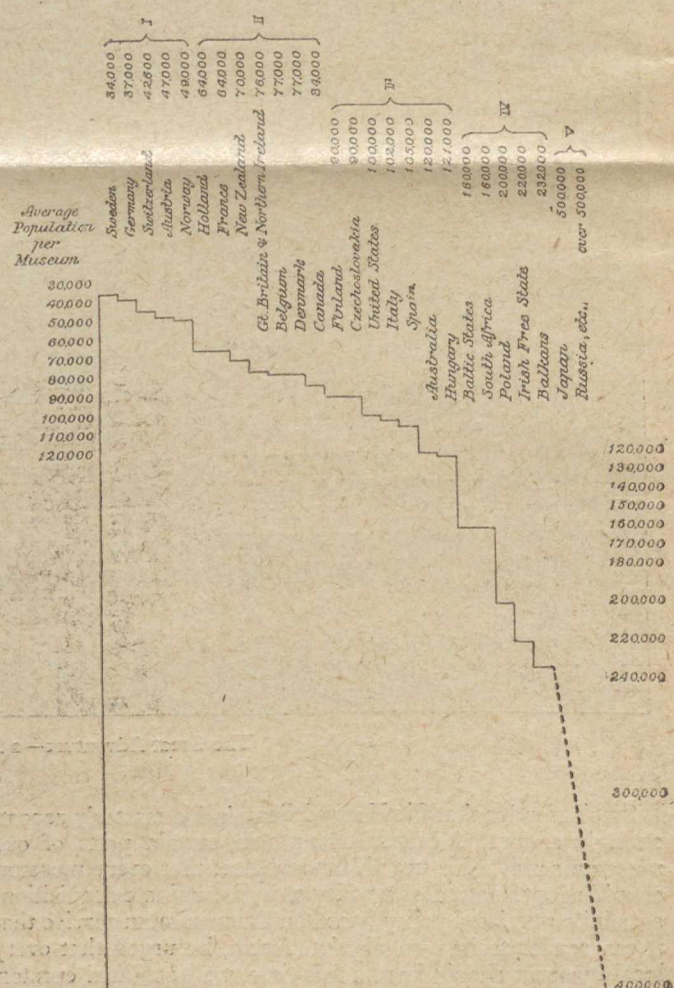


Diagram classifying the principal countries of the World according to their provision of museums

It is a shock to Americans and to Englishmen to find that Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Norway lead the way with a museum for every 40,000 inhabitants; the Teutonic peoples, in fact, have a keener sense of museum

towns of over 20,000 population have no museum service, a state of affairs that certainly is not to be found in Sweden or Germany. The most remarkable instances of a lack of adequate

*These figures are from Whitaker's Almanac, 1932, except France and Canada, for which later figures are available.

†M.A.—Museums Association; A.A.M.—American Association of Museums; I.I.—Institute of Intellectual Co-operation; D.J.B.—*Jahrbuch des Deutschen Museums*; J.Y.B.—*Year Book of Japanese Art*; Maec.—Maecenas; *Minerva* and *Europa* have also been utilised