

Currency Across the Globe

A Comparative Look: A country's currency is an excellent indicator of its financial health and practices. Below is a chart containing the currency, national debt, and per-capita income (how much the average person in that country makes a year). This may be used as a resource in the context of the upcoming activities. When presenting this to youth have them take a look at the chart below and look for differences between the nations featured. Discuss how these figures match up with what they already know about these countries:

Country	Currency	National Debt (2009)	Per Capita Income (US dollar equivalent, 2008 est.)	Interesting Facts
Australia	Dollar subdivided into 100 cents	\$920,000,000,000	\$38,1000	
Brazil	Real subdivided into 100 <i>centavos</i>	\$216,100,000,000	\$10,100	
China	Renminbi units are the Yuan (元), Jiao (角), and Fen (分): 1 Yuan = 10 Jiao = 100 Fen.	\$347,100,000,000	\$6,000	The Chinese invented paper money in the 9th century.
Ethiopia	Birr Subdivided into 100 santim	\$4,229,000,000	\$800	
European Union (Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia,	Euro is the official currency of 16 of the 27 Member States of the European Union (EU).		US\$7,000 to US\$69,000	



Slovenia and Spain)				
Guatemala	Quetzal subdivided into 100 cents	\$7,489,000,000	\$5,200	
Japan	Yen Large quantities of yen are often counted in multiples of 10,000.	\$2,132,000,000,000	\$34,200	The yen is the third most-traded currency in the foreign exchange market, after United States dollar and the euro.
India	Rupee subdivided into 100 <i>paise</i> (singular <i>paisa</i>)	\$223,900,000,000	\$2,800	
Indonesia	Rupiah subdivided into 100 <i>sen</i> ,	\$150,700,000,000	\$3,900	Inflation has resulted in coins and banknotes denominated in <i>sen</i> as obsolete.
Mexico	Peso subdivided into 100 <i>centavos</i>	\$177,000,000,000	\$14,200	The peso was the first currency in the world to use the "\$" sign.
Nigeria	Naira subdivided into 100 <i>kobo</i>	\$9,689,000,000	\$2,300	
Russia	Ruble subdivided into 100 <i>kopeks</i>	\$369,200,000,000	\$15,800	
South Africa	Rand subdivided into 100 <i>cents</i>	\$73,840,000,000	\$10,000	
United Kingdom	Pound sterling	\$9,088,000,000,000	\$36,600	
United States	Dollar subdivided into 100 cents	\$13,450,000,000,000	\$41,000	

