The population with the highest proportion of research and development employees is Finland. In Finland, for every thousand people (including children, the retired and unemployed), 7 people work in research and development.

In most territories in the world there are at least some people working in research and development. But in 80 of the 200 territories in the world, there are fewer than one thousand people working in this sector. There are 12 territories that have fewer than 20 people working in this sector - all except for Senegal have populations under 3 million. In the United States there are 1.2 million people doing research and development work.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide research and development employees working there.

“The Russian team will work longer hours without complaining. There is a shorter workday in Denmark. The Russian style is closer to the U.S. style. They want to overachieve.”

Alan Guthrie, 2006