Nearly 90% of the territories mapped are net medicine importers. There is huge variation in the spending per person on imported medicines. The highest spending per person is in Luxembourg, where US$ 406 is spent on net imports of medicines per person, per year.

At the other extreme, in Tajikistan, only 9 US cents are spent per person on net imports of medicines. This does not necessarily mean that there is very little medicine in Tajikistan, because there might also be domestic production of medicines and even exports of these. But for this territory that is not significant.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide net imports of medicines (in US$) that are received there. Net imports are imports minus exports. When exports are larger than imports the territory is not shown.

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Phil Bloomer, 2005