

References

What is New?

Что нового?

This year, the number of countries with data about GDP and GDP per capita is increased to 262. The number of countries with data about population remains 296. The additional new country with data about GDP and GDP per capita is Rotuma Island.

Generally, I include into my list of countries independent states and dependent territories which have at least some population. The list of dependent territories is taken from different year editions of the CIA *World Factbook* and from English and Russian Wikipedia. The list of independent states is trickier. Some of the states, which I included into this category (like frozen conflict states of the former U.S.S.R. and Northern Cyprus), are recognized only by a handful of states. In the extreme, Donetsk People's Republic, Luhansk People's Republic, and Somaliland are not recognized by anybody. The standard used is the sovereignty doctrine, which does not require international recognition, but requires the existence of separate governments and control over their territories (see, for example: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_sovereign_states). I happen to think that some of the potential addressees of this book, like members of the U.S. Congress, may be interested in exactly the hard-to-find data about the economic potential of this kind of states.