

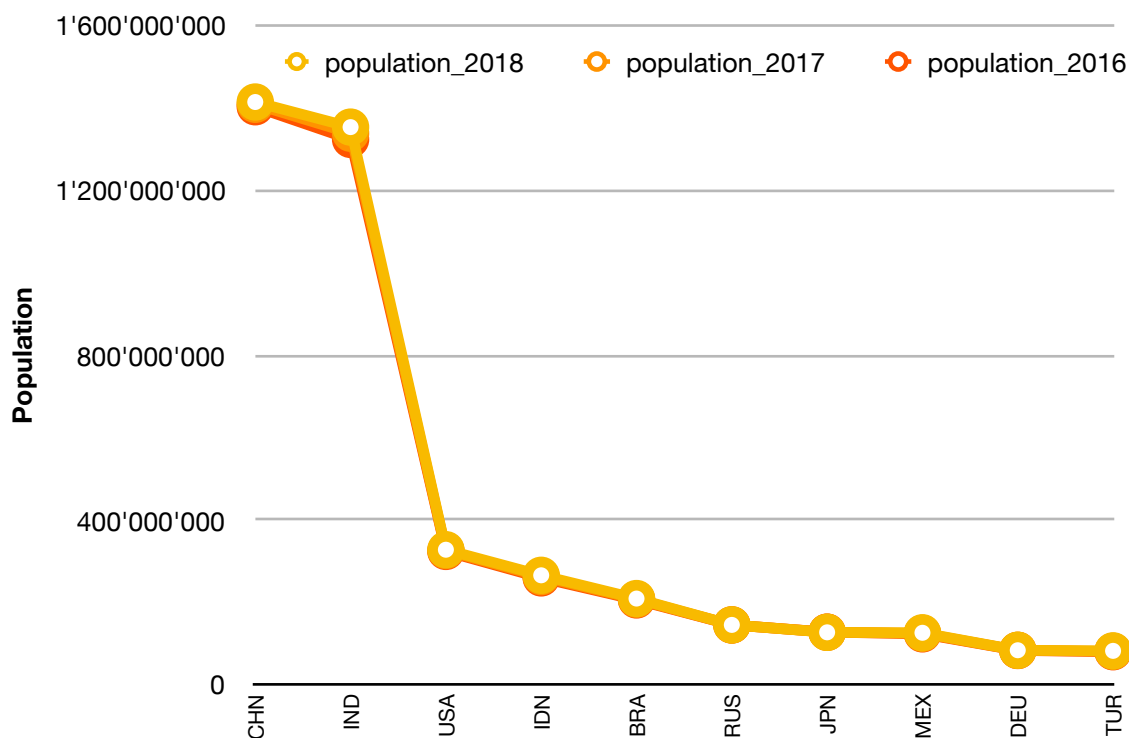
# Why some countries are wealthier than others?

## Scope - Initial information

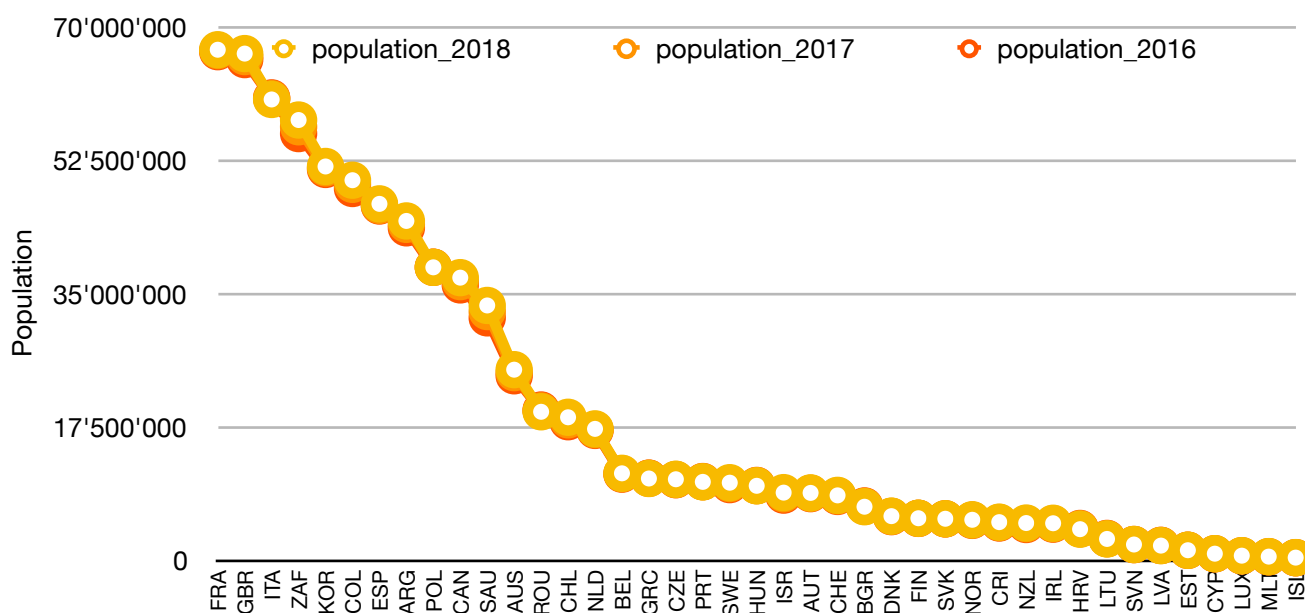
**Definition:** The wealth of a country is typically defined by the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita (GDP / population of the country).

**Scope:** The countries included in the analysis are listed below, ordered by population in 2018.

**fig. 1.1 - Top10 countries by population in 2018**



**fig. 1.2 - Rest of countries ordered by population in 2018**

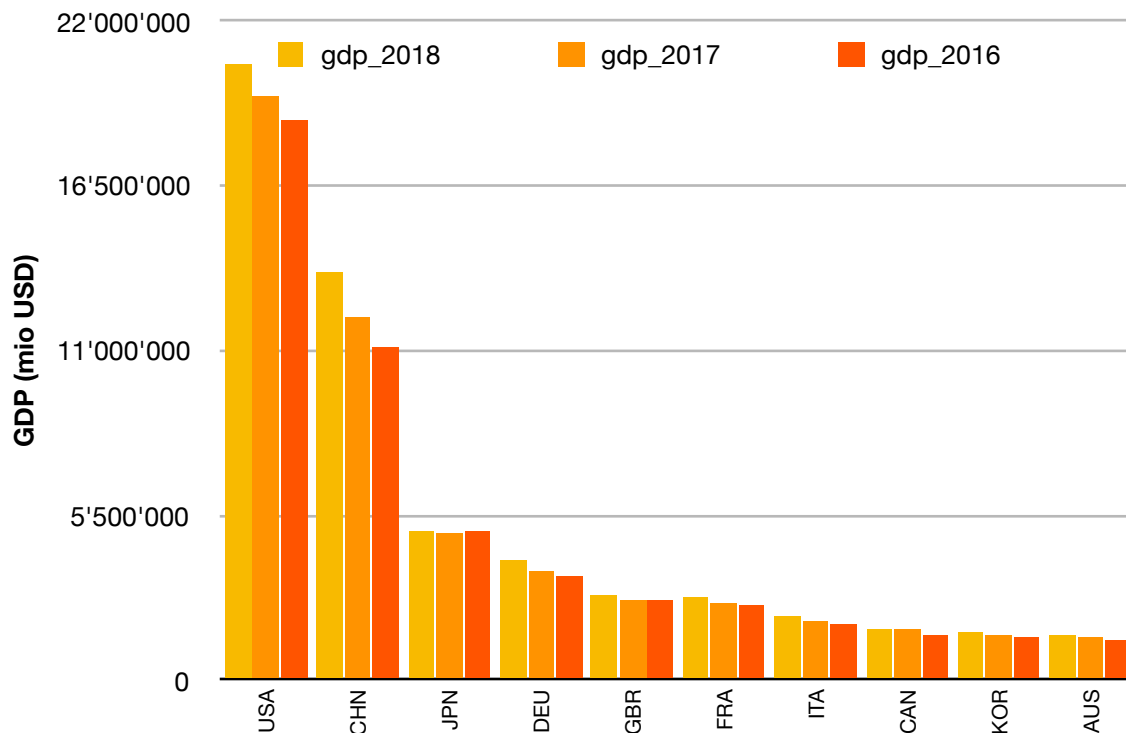


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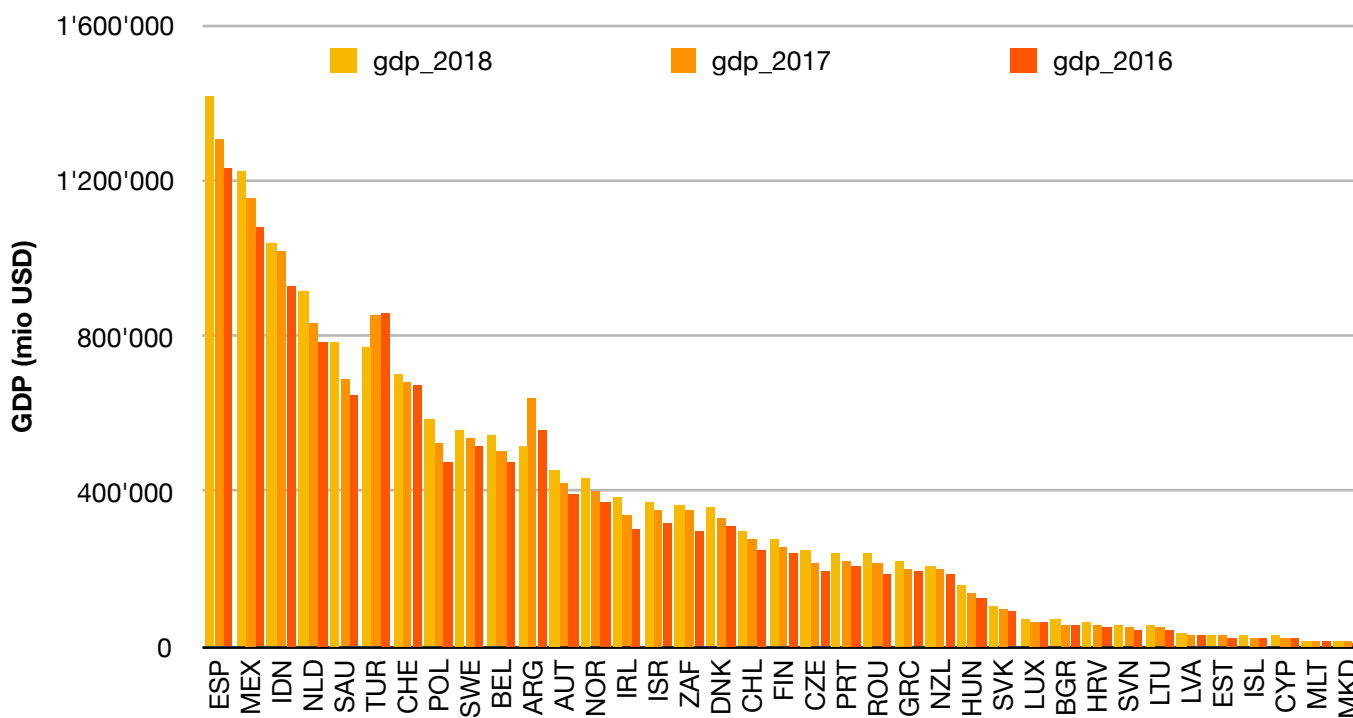
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The GDP of the countries in scope are listed below. US is the country with highest GDP, followed by China and, at bigger distance, by Japan and the four big European markets Germany, United Kingdom, France and Italy. The differences between US, China and the rest of countries have increased in the last three years.

**fig. 1.3 - Top10 countries by GDP in 2018**



**fig. 1.4 - Rest of countries ordered by GDP in 2018**

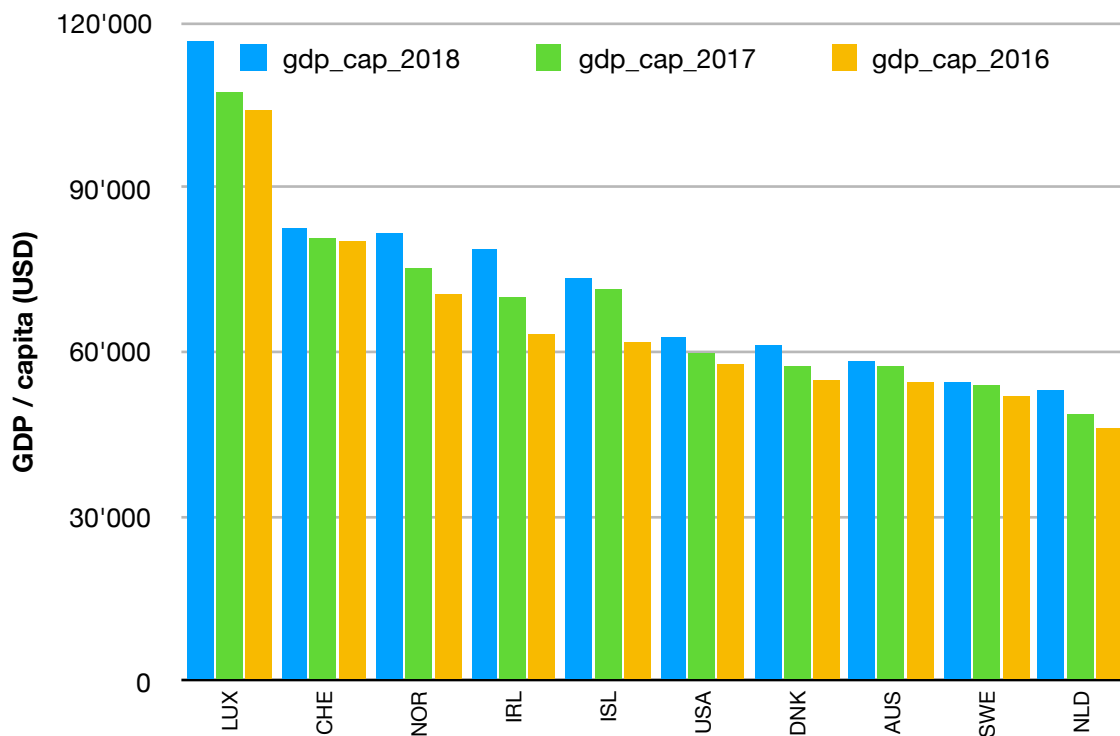


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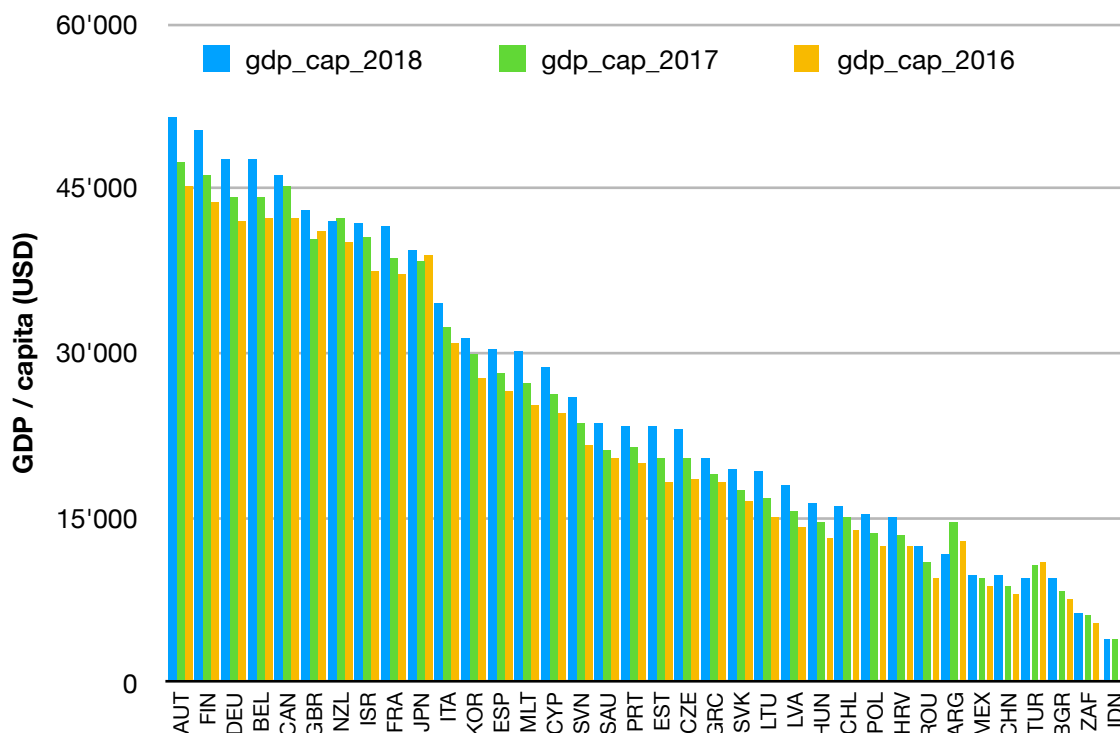
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The GDP per capita of the countries in scope are listed below. Luxembourg is an extremely small country with a specific economy. Therefore, Switzerland was the wealthiest country in 2018, closely followed by Norway and Ireland.

**fig. 1.5 - Top10 countries by GDP / capita in 2018**



**fig. 1.6 - Rest of countries ordered by GDP / capita in 2018**



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