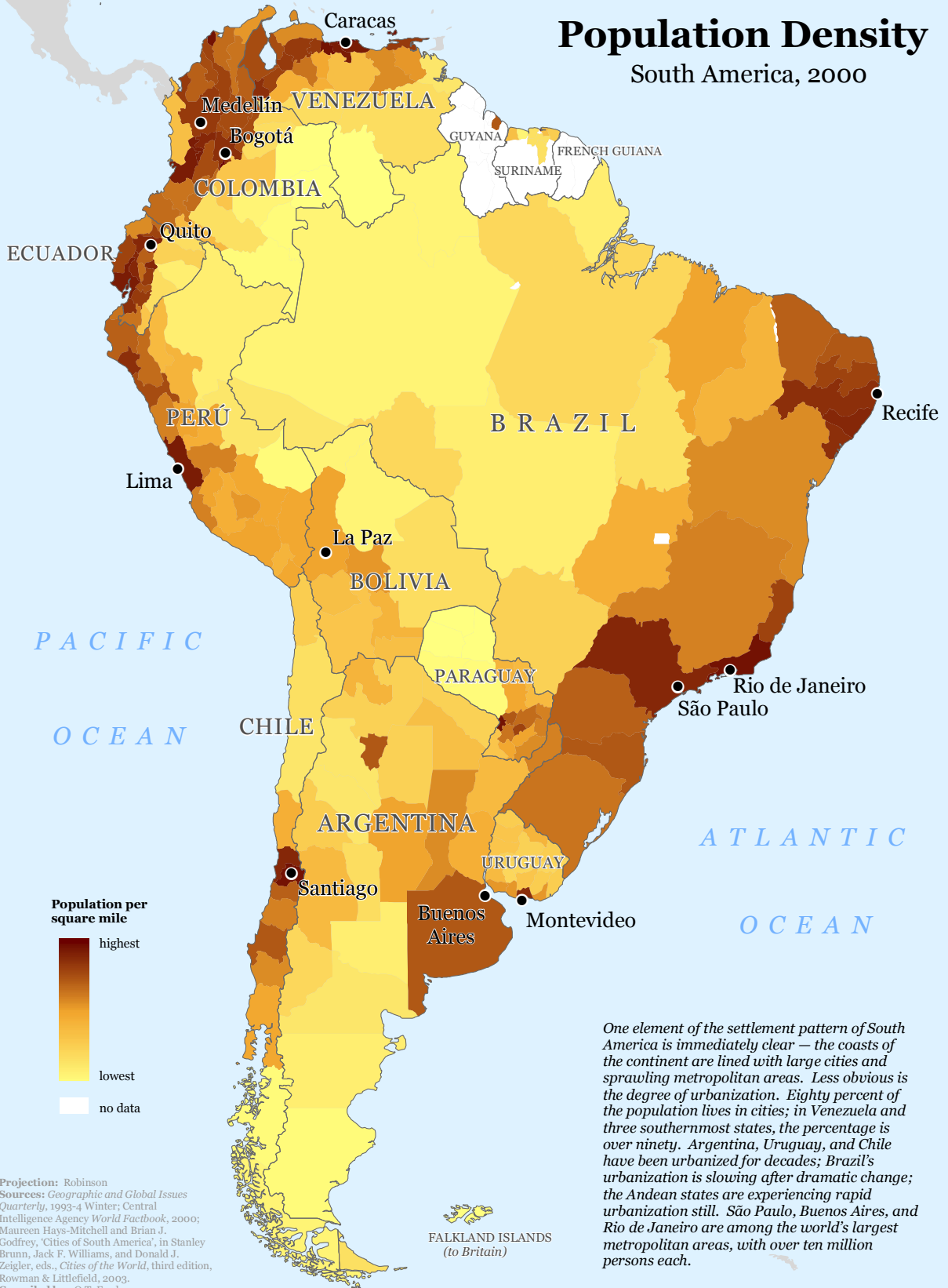
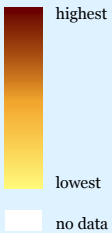


Population Density

South America, 2000



Population per square mile



One element of the settlement pattern of South America is immediately clear — the coasts of the continent are lined with large cities and sprawling metropolitan areas. Less obvious is the degree of urbanization. Eighty percent of the population lives in cities; in Venezuela and three southernmost states, the percentage is over ninety. Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile have been urbanized for decades; Brazil's urbanization is slowing after dramatic change; the Andean states are experiencing rapid urbanization still. São Paulo, Buenos Aires, and Rio de Janeiro are among the world's largest metropolitan areas, with over ten million persons each.

Projection: Robinson
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