

Most Effective Countries at Developing World Class Soccer Players

Soccer development is an elusive thing because just money and resources isn't propelling countries to develop the best players. For example, when looking into the top 100 FIFA ranked soccer players in the world, the United States has zero while Belgium has 8. Even the UK only has 2 players in the top 100. There are hubs that are known for developing talent like Brazil, Germany, and Argentina. After doing some research, these countries aren't the most effective at developing top 100 soccer players per capita. Countries like Uruguay and Belgium are leading the way right now. The hopes of this map are to learn where the most effective soccer development is happening so that soccer coaches can figure out what their doing, in effort to replicate it. All the countries with two or more players in the top 100 are European or South American with the exception of Senegal, which only had two. Only 29 countries had a player in the top 100 and only 15 countries have two or more players. The countries with only one player in the top 100 were cut out of this to remove outliers.

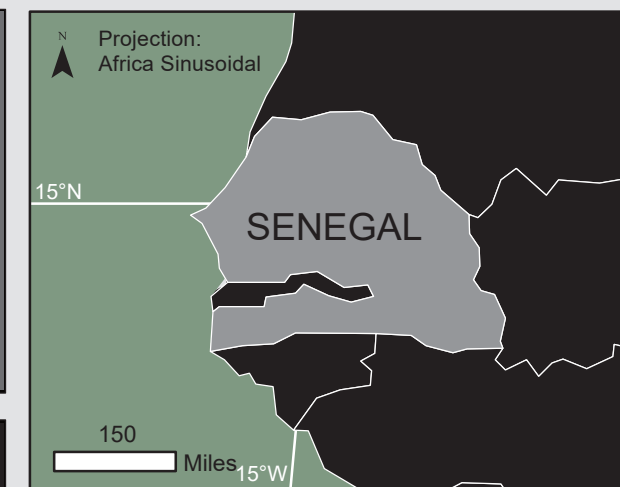
Countries with the Most in the Players in the Top 100 FIFA Player Rankings:

- 1) Spain: 13
- 2) Brazil: 13
- 3) France: 11
- 4) Germany: 9
- 5) Belgium: 8
- 6) Argentina: 6
- 7) Italy: 6
- 8) Uruguay: 4
- 9) Portugal: 3
- 10) Netherlands: 3



Countries with Highest Number of Top 100 Soccer Players Per Capita (Minimum 2 Players):

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| 1) Uruguay | 6) Spain | 11) Germany |
| 2) Slovenia | 7) Netherlands | 12) Italy |
| 3) Belgium | 8) France | 13) Brazil |
| 4) Croatia | 9) Argentina | 14) Poland |
| 5) Portugal | 10) Senegal | 15) UK |



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