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Subject: Re: Gold Medal Bug in IDL arithmetic?  
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Mon, 30 Aug 2004 00:23:15 GMT  
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andrew.cool@dsto.defence.gov.au (Andrew Cool) writes:

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I tried normalizing the medal count by gross domestic product, but for Australia I got +Inf. That must be a bug in IDL too.

Craig

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Subject: Re: Gold Medal Bug in IDL arithmetic?  
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Mon, 30 Aug 2004 15:24:18 GMT  
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"Andrew Cool" <andrew.cool@dsto.defence.gov.au> wrote in message  
news:c6d70400.0408291517.248509b8@posting.google.com...

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- > 'spose I better report a bug in IDL to RSI?

Fascinating, isn't it? For those interested, a Google search on [olympic medal per capita] brings up some good news results, and there's a great nations-of-the-world statistics site with maps for this kind of thing (e.g.: Sports - Olympic medals - Total (Sydney 2000) (per capita)) and much more:

<http://www.nationmaster.com/cat/Sports>

And now, back to our regularly scheduled programming...

Cheers,

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-Dick

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