

Country codification in the EU LFS from 2012 onwards

The code list applies to four EU LFS variables:

- Nationality (NATIONAL),
- Country of birth (COUNTRYB),
- Country of place of work (COUNTRYW) and
- Country of residence one year before survey (COUNTR1Y).

For European countries only individual alpha-2 country codes are valid, whereas for countries outside Europe numerical codes for country groupings (geographical regions) are also available. Those numerical codes are however for use in exceptional cases only – coding of individual country codes should be considered standard.

The countries of the European Union are listed according to their official order, and the countries outside Europe are grouped in geographical regions and further sorted according to the alphabetical order of their country codes.

The codes are mainly based on the ISO country codification¹. However, there exist some small deviations, e.g. for the United Kingdom the code UK instead of GB is used.

For comparison reasons with census results, the list has been extended in 2011 by territories and countries of citizenship included in the list to be used for the Census 2011²:

- in the group 'Other European Countries'³:
 - GG – Guernsey,
 - GI – Gibraltar,
 - IM – Isle of Man,
 - JE – Jersey,
- in the group '06 Other Africa':
 - KM – Comoros,
 - SH – Saint Helena,
 - YT – Mayotte,
- in the group '08 Central America and Caribbean':
 - AI – Anguilla,
 - AW – Aruba,
 - BL – Saint Barthélemy,
 - KN – Saint Kitts and Nevis,
 - KY – Cayman Islands,
 - LC – Saint Lucia,
 - MF – Saint Martin,
 - MS – Montserrat,

¹ http://www.iso.org/iso/country_codes/iso_3166_code_lists/english_country_names_and_code_elements.htm

² <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:329:0029:0068:EN:PDF> , pp. L329/42-53.

³ With exception of Sark.

- TC – Turks and Caicos Islands,
- VC – Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,
- VG – British Virgin Islands,
- in the group '09 South America':
 - FK – Falkland Islands (Malvinas),
 - TF – French Southern Territories,
- in the group '13 Australia, Oceania and Other Territories':
 - KI – Kiribati,
 - MH – Marshall Islands,
 - NR – Nauru,
 - PN – Pitcairn,
 - PW – Palau,
 - TO – Tonga,
 - TV – Tuvalu,
 - WF – Wallis and Futuna,
 - WS – Samoa.

For the same reason, additional codes have been (re-)introduced for territories not classifiable according to current borders (no longer existing countries) in the group 'Other European Countries':

- SU – Soviet Union,
- CS – Czechoslovakia,
- YU – Yugoslavia.

The three latter codes may however be used only if a coding according to current borders is not possible at all, and in any case exclusively for COUNTRYB.

With these extensions, the LFS country codification list should be nearly fully in line with the census list, the only exception being the fact that, for consistency reasons with the 2010 version, it still offers two additional codes not available in the census list⁴:

- PR – Puerto Rico,
- PS – Palestine.

Changes introduced in the 2012 version:

- Greece: the country code changes from GR to EL in line with NUTS 2010
- Sudan: split into SD for Sudan and SS for South Sudan

⁴ These codes can be merged with others for analysis purposes later.

LFS country codification

EUROPEAN UNION

BE	Belgium
BG	Bulgaria
CZ	Czech Republic
DK	Denmark
DE	Germany
EE	Estonia
IE	Ireland
EL	Greece
ES	Spain
FR	France
IT	Italy
CY	Cyprus
LV	Latvia
LT	Lithuania
LU	Luxembourg
HU	Hungary
MT	Malta
NL	Netherlands
AT	Austria
PL	Poland
PT	Portugal
RO	Romania
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovak Republic
FI	Finland
SE	Sweden
UK	United Kingdom

CANDIDATE AND EFTA COUNTRIES

CH	Switzerland
HR	Croatia
IS	Iceland
LI	Liechtenstein
ME	Montenegro
MK	FYR Macedonia
NO	Norway
TR	Turkey

OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

AD	Andorra	
AL	Albania	
BA	Bosnia Herzegovina	
BY	Belarus	
FO	Faroe Islands	only for variable COUNTRY (-B,-W,-1Y)
GG	Guernsey	
GI	Gibraltar	only for variable COUNTRY (-B,-W,-1Y)

IM	Isle of Man
JE	Jersey
MC	Monaco
MD	Republic of Moldova
RS	Serbia
RU	Russian Federation
SM	San Marino
UA	Ukraine
VA	Vatican City
XK	Kosovo (UNSCR1244)

NN	Recognized non-citizens	only for variable NATIONAL
CS	Czechoslovakia	only for variable COUNTRYB
SU	Soviet Union	only for variable COUNTRYB
YU	Yugoslavia	only for variable COUNTRYB

05 NORTH AFRICA

DZ	Algeria
EG	Egypt
LY	Libya
MA	Morocco
TN	Tunisia

06 OTHER AFRICA

AO	Angola
BF	Burkina Faso
BI	Burundi
BJ	Benin
BW	Botswana
CD	Republic Democratic of Congo
CF	Central African Republic
CG	Congo
CI	Ivory Coast
CM	Cameroon
CV	Cape Verde
DJ	Djibouti
ER	Eritrea
ET	Ethiopia
GA	Gabon
GH	Ghana
GM	Gambia
GN	Guinea
GQ	Equatorial Guinea
GW	Guinea-Bissau
KE	Kenya
KM	Comoros
LR	Liberia
LS	Lesotho
MG	Madagascar
ML	Mali

MR	Mauritania
MU	Mauritius
MW	Malawi
MZ	Mozambique
NA	Namibia
NE	Niger
NG	Nigeria
RW	Rwanda
SC	Seychelles
SD	Sudan
SH	Saint Helena
SL	Sierra Leone
SN	Senegal
SO	Somalia
SS	South Sudan
ST	Sao Tome and Principe
SZ	Swaziland
TD	Chad
TG	Togo
TZ	Tanzania
UG	Uganda
YT	Mayotte
ZA	South Africa
ZM	Zambia
ZW	Zimbabwe

07 NORTH AMERICA

BM	Bermuda	
CA	Canada	
GL	Greenland	only for variable COUNTRY (-B,-W,-1Y)
PM	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	
US	United States of America	

08 CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARRIBEAN

AG	Antigua and Barbuda
AI	Anguilla
AN	Netherlands Antilles
AW	Aruba
BB	Barbados
BL	Saint Barthelemy
BS	Bahamas
BZ	Belize
CR	Costa Rica
CU	Cuba
DM	Dominica
DO	Dominican Republic
GD	Grenada
GT	Guatemala
HN	Honduras
HT	Haiti

JM	Jamaica	
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
KY	Cayman Islands	
LC	Saint Lucia	
MF	Saint Martin	
MS	Montserrat	
MX	Mexico	
NI	Nicaragua	
PA	Panama	
PR	Puerto Rico	not in census list
SV	El Salvador	
TC	Turks and Caicos Islands	
TT	Trinidad and Tobago	
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
VG	British Virgin Islands	

09 SOUTH AMERICA

AR	Argentina
BO	Bolivia
BR	Brazil
CL	Chile
CO	Colombia
EC	Ecuador
FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
GY	Guyana
PE	Peru
PY	Paraguay
SR	Suriname
TF	French Southern Territories
UY	Uruguay
VE	Venezuela

10 EAST ASIA

CN	China
JP	Japan
KP	Dem. People's Republic of Korea (North)
KR	Republic of Korea (South)
MN	Mongolia
TW	Taiwan

11 NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST

AE	United Arab Emirates
AM	Armenia
AZ	Azerbaijan
BH	Bahrain
GE	Georgia
IL	Israel
IQ	Iraq
IR	Iran
JO	Jordan

KG	Kyrgyzstan	
KW	Kuwait	
KZ	Kazakhstan	
LB	Lebanon	
OM	Oman	
PS	Palestine	not in census list
QA	Qatar	
SA	Saudi Arabia	
SY	Syria	
TJ	Tajikistan	
TM	Turkmenistan	
UZ	Uzbekistan	
YE	Yemen	

12 SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST ASIA

AF	Afghanistan
BD	Bangladesh
BN	Brunei
BT	Bhutan
ID	Indonesia
IN	India
KH	Cambodia
LA	Laos
LK	Sri Lanka
MM	Myanmar
MV	Maldives
MY	Malaysia
NP	Nepal
PH	Philippines
PK	Pakistan
SG	Singapore
TH	Thailand
TL	East Timor
VN	Vietnam

13 AUSTRALIA, OCEANIA AND OTHER TERRITORIES

AU	Australia
FJ	Fiji
FM	Micronesia
KI	Kiribati
MH	Marshall Islands
NC	New Caledonia
NR	Nauru
NZ	New Zealand
PF	French Polynesia
PG	Papua New Guinea
PN	Pitcairn
PW	Palau
SB	Solomon Islands
TO	Tonga

TV	Tuvalu
VU	Vanuatu
WF	Wallis and Futuna
WS	Samoa

14 OTHER + STATELESS

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