

Country codification in the EU LFS from 2011 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 compared to the 2010 version 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,

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.

- MS – Montserrat,
 - 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.

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
GR 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
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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