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**CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES BY REGION, INCOME GROUP
AND SUBREGION OF THE WORLD**

Africa

<i>Eastern Africa</i>	<i>Middle Africa</i>	<i>Northern Africa</i>	<i>Western Africa</i>
Burundi	Angola	Algeria	Benin
Comoros	Cameroon	Egypt	Burkina Faso
Djibouti	Central African Republic	Libya	Cabo Verde
Eritrea	Chad	Morocco	Côte d'Ivoire
Ethiopia	Congo	Sudan	Gambia
Kenya	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Tunisia	Ghana
Madagascar	Equatorial Guinea	Western Sahara	Guinea
Malawi	Gabon		Guinea-Bissau
Mauritius ¹	São Tomé and Príncipe		Liberia
Mayotte		<i>Southern Africa</i>	Mali
Mozambique			Mauritania
Réunion			Niger
Rwanda		Botswana	Nigeria
Seychelles		Lesotho	Saint Helena ² *
Somalia		Namibia	Senegal
South Sudan		South Africa	Sierra Leone
Uganda		Swaziland	Togo
United Republic of Tanzania ³			
Zambia			
Zimbabwe			

¹ Including Agalega, Rodrigues, and Saint Brandon.

² Including Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha.

³ Including Zanzibar.

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES (*continued*)

Asia

<i>Eastern Asia</i>	<i>South-Central Asia⁴</i>	<i>South-Eastern Asia</i>	<i>Western Asia</i>
	<i>Central Asia</i>		
China ⁵	Kazakhstan	Brunei Darussalam	Armenia
China, Hong Kong SAR ⁶	Kyrgyzstan	Cambodia	Azerbaijan ⁷
China, Macao SAR ⁸	Tajikistan	Indonesia	Bahrain
China, Taiwan Province of China	Turkmenistan	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Cyprus ⁹
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Uzbekistan	Malaysia ¹⁰	Georgia ¹¹
Japan	<i>Southern Asia</i>	Myanmar	Iraq
Mongolia		Philippines	Israel
Republic of Korea	Afghanistan	Singapore	Jordan
	Bangladesh	Thailand	Kuwait
	Bhutan	Timor-Leste	Lebanon
	India	Viet Nam	Oman
	Iran (Islamic Republic of)		Qatar
	Maldives		Saudi Arabia
	Nepal		State of Palestine ¹²
	Pakistan		Syrian Arab Republic
	Sri Lanka		Turkey
			United Arab Emirates
			Yemen

⁴ The regions Southern Asia and Central Asia are combined into South-Central Asia.

⁵ For statistical purposes, the data for China do not include Hong Kong and Macao, Special Administrative Regions (SAR) of China, and Taiwan Province of China.

⁶ As of 1 July 1997, Hong Kong became a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China.

⁷ Including Nagorno-Karabakh.

⁸ As of 20 December 1999, Macao became a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China.

⁹ Refers to the whole country.

¹⁰ Including Sabah and Sarawak.

¹¹ Including Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

¹² Including East Jerusalem.

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES (*continued*)

Europe

<i>Eastern Europe</i>	<i>Northern Europe</i>	<i>Southern Europe</i>	<i>Western Europe</i>
Belarus	Channel Islands ¹³	Albania	Austria
Bulgaria	Denmark	Andorra*	Belgium
Czechia	Estonia	Bosnia and Herzegovina	France
Hungary	Faeroe Islands*	Croatia	Germany
Poland	Finland ¹⁴	Gibraltar*	Liechtenstein*
Republic of Moldova ¹⁵	Iceland	Greece	Luxembourg
Romania	Ireland	Holy See ¹⁶ *	Monaco*
Russian Federation	Isle of Man*	Italy	Netherlands
Slovakia	Latvia	Malta	Switzerland
Ukraine ¹⁷	Lithuania	Montenegro	
	Norway ¹⁸	Portugal	
	Sweden	San Marino*	
	United Kingdom of Great	Serbia ¹⁹	
	Britain and Northern	Slovenia	
	Ireland ²⁰	Spain ²¹	
		The former Yugoslav	
		Republic of Macedonia ²²	

¹³ Refers to Guernsey, and Jersey.

¹⁴ Including Åland Islands.

¹⁵ Including Transnistria.

¹⁶ Refers to the Vatican City State.

¹⁷ Including Crimea.

¹⁸ Including Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands.

¹⁹ Including Kosovo.

²⁰ Also referred to as United Kingdom.

²¹ Including Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla.

²² Also referred to as TFYR Macedonia.

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES (*continued*)

Latin America and the Caribbean

<i>Caribbean</i>	<i>Central America</i>	<i>South America</i>
Anguilla*	Belize	Argentina
Antigua and Barbuda	Costa Rica	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Aruba	El Salvador	Brazil
Bahamas	Guatemala	Chile
Barbados	Honduras	Colombia
British Virgin Islands*	Mexico	Ecuador
Caribbean Netherlands* ²³	Nicaragua	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)* ²⁴
Cayman Islands*	Panama	French Guiana
Cuba		Guyana
Curaçao		Paraguay
Dominica*		Peru
Dominican Republic		Suriname
Grenada		Uruguay
Guadeloupe ²⁵		Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)
Haiti		
Jamaica		
Martinique		
Montserrat*		
Puerto Rico		
Saint Kitts and Nevis*		
Saint Lucia		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)*		
Trinidad and Tobago		
Turks and Caicos Islands*		
United States Virgin Islands		

²³ Refers to Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius.

²⁴ A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

²⁵ Including Saint-Barthélemy and Saint-Martin (French part).

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES (*continued*)

Northern America

Bermuda*
 Canada
 Greenland*
 Saint Pierre and Miquelon*
 United States of America

Oceania

<i>Australia/New Zealand</i>	<i>Melanesia</i>	<i>Micronesia</i>	<i>Polynesia</i> ²⁶
Australia ²⁷	Fiji	Guam	American Samoa*
New Zealand	New Caledonia	Kiribati	Cook Islands*
	Papua New Guinea	Marshall Islands*	French Polynesia
	Solomon Islands	Micronesia	Niue*
	Vanuatu	(Federated States of)	Samoa
		Nauru*	Tokelau*
		Northern Mariana Islands*	Tonga
		Palau*	Tuvalu*
			Wallis and Futuna Islands*

Sub-Saharan Africa

Angola	Côte d'Ivoire	Guinea-Bissau	Namibia	South Africa
Benin	Democratic Republic	Kenya	Niger	South Sudan
Botswana	of the Congo	Lesotho	Nigeria	Swaziland
Burkina Faso	Djibouti	Liberia	Réunion	Togo
Burundi	Equatorial Guinea	Madagascar	Rwanda	Uganda
Cameroon	Eritrea	Malawi	Saint Helena	United Republic
Cabo Verde	Ethiopia	Mali	São Tomé and Príncipe	of Tanzania
Central African Republic	Gabon	Mauritania	Senegal	Zambia
Chad	Gambia	Mauritius	Seychelles	Zimbabwe
Comoros	Ghana	Mayotte	Sierra Leone	
Congo	Guinea	Mozambique	Somalia	

²⁶ Including Pitcairn.

²⁷ Including Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and Norfolk Island.

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES (*continued*)

Least developed countries

Afghanistan	Guinea	São Tomé and Príncipe
Angola	Guinea-Bissau	Senegal
Bangladesh	Haiti	Sierra Leone
Benin	Kiribati	Solomon Islands
Bhutan	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Somalia
Burkina Faso	Lesotho	South Sudan
Burundi	Liberia	Sudan
Cambodia	Madagascar	Timor-Leste
Central African Republic	Malawi	Togo
Chad	Mali	Tuvalu
Comoros	Mauritania	Uganda
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mozambique	United Republic of Tanzania
Djibouti	Myanmar	Vanuatu
Eritrea	Nepal	Yemen
Ethiopia	Niger	Zambia
Gambia	Rwanda	

NOTE: Countries with a population of less than 90,000 in 2017 are indicated by an asterisk (*).

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES (*continued*)

High-income countries

Andorra	France	Oman
Antigua and Barbuda	French Polynesia	Palau
Aruba	Germany	Poland
Australia	Gibraltar	Portugal
Austria	Greece	Puerto Rico
Bahamas	Greenland	Qatar
Bahrain	Guam	Republic of Korea
Barbados	Hungary	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belgium	Iceland	San Marino
Bermuda	Ireland	Saudi Arabia
British Virgin Islands	Isle of Man	Seychelles
Brunei Darussalam	Israel	Singapore
Canada	Italy	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
Cayman Islands	Japan	Slovakia
Channel Islands	Kuwait	Slovenia
Chile	Latvia	Spain
China, Hong Kong SAR	Liechtenstein	Sweden
China, Macao SAR	Lithuania	Switzerland
China, Taiwan Province of China	Luxembourg	Trinidad and Tobago
Curaçao	Malta	Turks and Caicos Islands
Cyprus	Monaco	United Arab Emirates
Czechia	Netherlands	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island
Denmark	New Caledonia	United States of America
Estonia	New Zealand	United States Virgin Islands
Faroe Islands	Northern Mariana Islands	Uruguay
Finland	Norway	

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES (*continued*)

Upper-middle-income countries

Albania	Equatorial Guinea	Panama
Algeria	Fiji	Paraguay
American Samoa	Gabon	Peru
Argentina	Grenada	Romania
Azerbaijan	Guyana	Russian Federation
Belarus	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Lucia
Belize	Iraq	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jamaica	Samoa
Botswana	Kazakhstan	Serbia
Brazil	Lebanon	South Africa
Bulgaria	Libya	Suriname
China	Malaysia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Colombia	Maldives	Thailand
Costa Rica	Marshall Islands	Tonga
Croatia	Mauritius	Turkey
Cuba	Mexico	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Montenegro	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Namibia	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)
Ecuador	Nauru	

Lower-middle-income countries

Angola	Indonesia	Sao Tome and Principe
Armenia	Jordan	Solomon Islands
Bangladesh	Kenya	Sri Lanka
Bhutan	Kiribati	State of Palestine
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Kyrgyzstan	Sudan
Cabo Verde	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Swaziland
Cambodia	Lesotho	Syrian Arab Republic
Cameroon	Mauritania	Tajikistan
Congo	Micronesia (Fed. States of)	Timor-Leste
Côte d'Ivoire	Mongolia	Tunisia
Djibouti	Morocco	Ukraine
Egypt	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
El Salvador	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Georgia	Nigeria	Viet Nam
Ghana	Pakistan	Yemen
Guatemala	Papua New Guinea	Zambia
Honduras	Philippines	
India	Republic of Moldova	

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES (*continued*)

Low-income countries

Afghanistan	Gambia	Rwanda
Benin	Guinea	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Haiti	Somalia
Central African Republic	Liberia	South Sudan
Chad	Madagascar	Togo
Comoros	Malawi	Uganda
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mali	United Republic of Tanzania
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mozambique	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Nepal	
Ethiopia	Niger	