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 codification\(^1\). 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 2011\(^2\):

- 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](http://www.iso.org/iso/country_codes/iso_3166_code_lists/english_country_names_and_code_elements.htm)
\(^3\) 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 list:

- 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

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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)
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- **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

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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,-Y)
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
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PY  Paraguay
SR  Suriname
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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
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MY Malaysia
NP Nepal
PH Philippines
PK Pakistan
SG Singapore
TH Thailand
TL East Timor
VN Vietnam

13 AUSTRALIA, OCEANIA AND OTHER TERRITORIES
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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
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VU  Vanuatu
WF  Wallis and Futuna
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