

# Country codification in the EU LFS from 2020 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<sup>1</sup>. 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<sup>2</sup>:

- in the group 'Other European Countries'<sup>3</sup>:
  - 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,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.iso.org/iso-3166-country-codes.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/1201/oj>, pp. L329/42-53.

<sup>3</sup> 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<sup>4</sup>:

- PR – Puerto Rico,
- PS – Palestine.

#### **Changes introduced in the 2020 version:**

- United Kingdom: moved from “European Union” to “other European countries”.
- Czechia, Slovakia, North Macedonia: names changed.

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<sup>4</sup> These codes can be merged with others for analysis purposes later.

## **LFS country codification**

### **EUROPEAN UNION**

BE	Belgium
BG	Bulgaria
CZ	Czechia
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	Slovakia
FI	Finland
SE	Sweden

### **CANDIDATE AND EFTA COUNTRIES**

CH	Switzerland
HR	Croatia
IS	Iceland
LI	Liechtenstein
ME	Montenegro
MK	North 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  
UK United Kingdom  
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 Democratic Republic of the 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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