

## Group definitions

[These tables](#) classify all World Bank member countries (188), and all other economies with populations of more than 30,000 (214 total).

**Geographic region:** Classifications and data reported for geographic regions are for low-income and middle-income economies only. Low-income and middle-income economies are sometimes referred to as developing economies. The use of the term is convenient; it is not intended to imply that all economies in the group are experiencing similar development or that other economies have reached a preferred or final stage of development. Classification by income does not necessarily reflect development status.

**Income group:** Economies are divided according to 2012 GNI per capita, calculated using the [World Bank Atlas method](#). The groups are: low income, \$1,035 or less; lower middle income, \$1,036 - \$4,085; upper middle income, \$4,086 - \$12,615; and high income, \$12,616 or more.

**Lending category:** IDA countries are those that had a per capita income in 2012 of less than \$1,205 and lack the financial ability to borrow from IBRD. IDA loans are deeply concessional—interest-free loans and grants for programs aimed at boosting economic growth and improving living conditions. IBRD loans are nonconcessional. Blend countries are eligible for IDA loans because of their low per capita incomes but are also eligible for IBRD loans because they are financially creditworthy.

*Notes:* Income classifications are set each year on July 1. These official analytical classifications are fixed during the World Bank's fiscal year (ending on June 30), thus countries remain in the categories in which they are classified irrespective of any revisions to their per capita income data. Taiwan, China, is also included in high income.

### Low-income economies (\$1,035 or less)

Afghanistan	Gambia, The	Myanmar
Bangladesh	Guinea	Nepal
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Niger
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Rwanda
Burundi	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Cambodia	Korea, Dem Rep.	Somalia
Central African Republic	Kyrgyz Republic	<b>South Sudan</b>
Chad	Liberia	Tajikistan
Comoros	Madagascar	Tanzania
Congo, Dem. Rep	Malawi	Togo
Eritrea	Mali	Uganda
Ethiopia	Mozambique	Zimbabwe

Lower-middle-income economies (\$1,036 to \$4,085)

Armenia	India	Samoa
Bhutan	Kiribati	São Tomé and Príncipe
Bolivia	Kosovo	Senegal
Cameroon	Lao PDR	Solomon Islands
Cabo Verde	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Congo, Rep.	<b>Mauritania</b>	Sudan
Côte d'Ivoire	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Swaziland
Djibouti	Moldova	Syrian Arab Republic
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Mongolia	Timor-Leste
El Salvador	Morocco	Ukraine
Georgia	Nicaragua	Uzbekistan
Ghana	Nigeria	Vanuatu
Guatemala	Pakistan	Vietnam
Guyana	Papua New Guinea	West Bank and Gaza
Honduras	Paraguay	Yemen, Rep.
Indonesia	Philippines	Zambia

Upper-middle-income economies (\$4,086 to \$12,615)

Angola	<b>Fiji</b>	Palau
<b>Albania</b>	Gabon	Panama
Algeria	Grenada	Peru
American Samoa	<b>Hungary</b>	Romania
Argentina	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Serbia
Azerbaijan	<b>Iraq</b>	Seychelles
Belarus	Jamaica	South Africa
<b>Belize</b>	Jordan	St. Lucia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Botswana	Lebanon	Suriname
Brazil	Libya	Thailand
Bulgaria	Macedonia, FYR	<b>Tonga</b>
China	Malaysia	Tunisia
Colombia	Maldives	Turkey
Costa Rica	<b>Marshall Islands</b>	Turkmenistan
Cuba	Mauritius	Tuvalu
Dominica	Mexico	Venezuela, RB
Dominican Republic	Montenegro	
Ecuador	Namibia	

## High-income economies (\$12,616 or more)

Andorra	French Polynesia	Norway
<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	Germany	Oman
Aruba	Greece	Poland
Australia	Greenland	Portugal
Austria	Guam	Puerto Rico
Bahamas, The	Hong Kong SAR, China	Qatar
Bahrain	Iceland	<b>Russian Federation</b>
Barbados	Ireland	San Marino
Belgium	Isle of Man	Saudi Arabia
Bermuda	Israel	Singapore
Brunei Darussalam	Italy	Sint Maarten
Canada	Japan	Slovak Republic
Cayman Islands	Korea, Rep.	Slovenia
Channel Islands	Kuwait	Spain
<b>Chile</b>	<b>Latvia</b>	St. Kitts and Nevis
Croatia	Liechtenstein	St. Martin
Curaçao	<b>Lithuania</b>	Sweden
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Macao SAR, China	Trinidad and Tobago
Denmark	Malta	Turks and Caicos Islands
Estonia	Monaco	United Arab Emirates
Equatorial Guinea	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Faeroe Islands	New Caledonia	United States
Finland	New Zealand	<b>Uruguay</b>
France	Northern Mariana Islands	Virgin Islands (U.S.)