

# World Bank country classification

The World Bank classifies countries into four groups according to income levels (based on 2008 GNI *per capita*):

- **Economically less developed countries:**
  - o low income, with GNI *per capita* of US\$975 or less
  - o lower middle income, with GNI *per capita* of \$976–\$3855
  - o upper middle income, with GNI *per capita* of \$3856–\$11 905.
- **Economically more developed countries:**
  - o high income, with GNI *per capita* of \$11 906 or more.

**Table 16** World Bank country groups by 2008 GNI *per capita*

## Low income economies

Afghanistan	Ethiopia	Madagascar	Sierra Leone
Bangladesh	Gambia, The	Malawi	Somalia
Benin	Ghana	Mali	Tajikistan
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Mauritania	Tanzania
Burundi	Guinea-Bissau	Mongolia	Togo
Cambodia	Haiti	Mozambique	Uganda
Central African Rep.	Kenya	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Chad	Korea, Dem. Rep.	Nepal	Vietnam
Comoros	Kyrgyz Rep.	Niger	Yemen, Rep.
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Lao PDR	Rwanda	Zambia
Eritrea	Liberia	Senegal	Zimbabwe

## Lower middle income economies

Albania	Guatemala	Marshall Islands	Sudan
Angola	Guyana	Micronesia, Fed. Sts	Swaziland
Armenia	Honduras	Morocco	Syrian Arab Republic
Bhutan	India	Nicaragua	Thailand
Bolivia	Indonesia	Nigeria	Timor-Leste
Cameroon	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Pakistan	Tonga
Cape Verde	Iraq	Palau	Tunisia
China	Jordan	Papua New Guinea	Turkmenistan
Congo, Rep.	Kazakhstan	Paraguay	Ukraine
Côte d'Ivoire	Kiribati	Philippines	Vanuatu
Djibouti	Kosovo	Samoa	West Bank and Gaza
Ecuador	Lesotho	São Tomé and Príncipe	
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Macedonia, FYR	Solomon Islands	
El Salvador	Maldives	Sri Lanka	

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## Upper middle income economies

Algeria	Costa Rica	Lithuania	Romania
American Samoa	Cuba	Malaysia	Russian Federation
Argentina	Dominica	Mamibia	Serbia
Azerbaijan	Dominican Republic	Mauritius	Seychelles
Belarus	Fiji	Mayotte	South Africa
Belize	Gabon	Mexico	St Kitts and Nevis
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Georgia	Moldova	St Lucia
Botswana	Grenada	Montenegro	St Vincent and Grenadines
Brazil	Jamaica	Northern Mariana Islands	Suriname
Bulgaria	Latvia	Panama	Turkey
Chile	Lebanon	Peru	Uruguay
Colombia	Libya	Poland	Venezuela, RB

## High income economies

Andorra	Denmark	Israel	Puerto Rico
Antigua and Barbuda	Equitorial Guinea	Italy	Qatar
Aruba	Estonia	Japan	San Marino
Australia	Estonia	Korea, Rep.	Saudi Arabia
Austria	Faroe Islands	Kuwait	Singapore
Bahamas, The	Finland	Liechtenstein	Slovak Republic
Bahrain	France	Luxembourg	Slovenia
Barbados	French Polynesia	Macao, China	Spain
Belgium	Germany	Malta	Sweden
Bermuda	Greece	Monaco	Switzerland
Brunei	Greenland	Netherlands	Taiwan, China
Canada	Guam	Netherlands Antilles	Trinidad and Tobago
Cayman Islands	Hong Kong, China	New Caledonia	United Arab Emirates
Channel Islands	Hungary	New Zealand	United Kingdom
Croatia	Iceland	Norway	United States
Cyprus	Ireland	Oman	Virgin Islands (US)
Czech Republic	Isle of Man	Portugal	

Source: The World Bank, *World Development Report*, 2010.