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Country classification

„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 2005 GNI per capita, calculated using the World Bank. The groups are:

low income, \$875 or less;

lower middle income, \$876 – \$3,465;

upper middle income, \$3,466 – \$10,725; and

high income, \$10,726 or more.“

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