

2011 Census Snapshot: Country of birth, Passports held and National identity

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Introduction

On 26th March 2013 ONS released further results from the 2011 Census for England and Wales. These included three univariate tables presenting more detailed breakdowns of write-in responses to questions at local authority (or higher) level; and one table presenting Approximated social grade for the complete OA hierarchy.

This snapshot presents results from the three write-in questions:

QS212EW Passports Held;

QS213EW Country of birth; and

QS214EW National identity

This analysis complements the initial analysis of Country of birth and Passports held that was published in December 2012 based on the Key Statistics tables released at that time.

Data from this release can be downloaded from the ONS website here: [London datastore](#)

GLA visualisations and analyses can be found on the GLA datastore here: [London datastore](#)

Key Findings

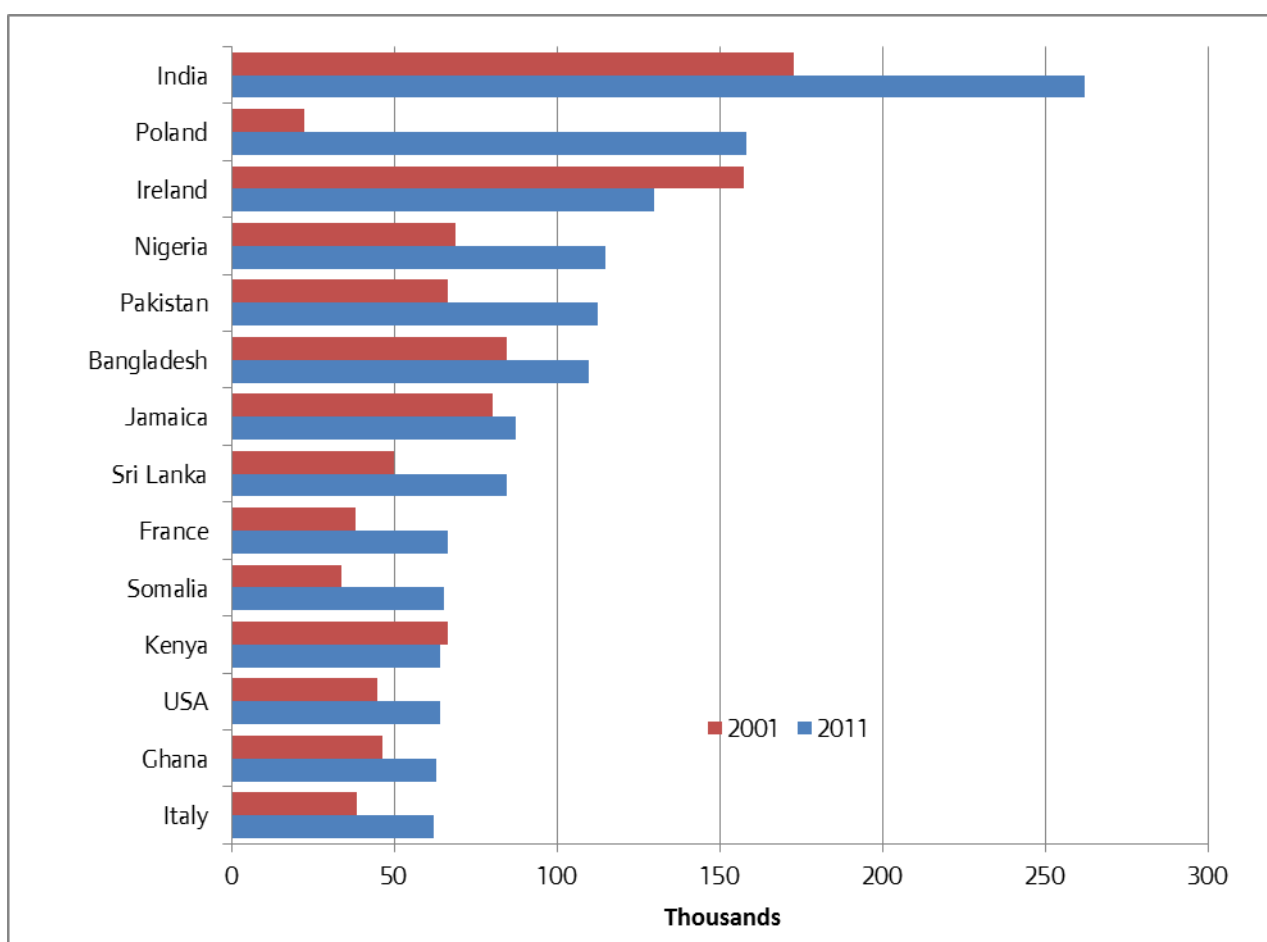
- 2011 Census showed nearly three million Londoners with a country of birth outside the UK, over a third of London's residents.
- The top non-UK country of birth was India with 262 thousand or 3.2 per cent of London residents. Seven other countries each made up one per cent or more of London's population: Poland, Republic of Ireland, Nigeria, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Jamaica and Sri Lanka.
- There were 369 thousand Londoners born in the twelve EU accession countries, over half of the total for the EU excluding UK and Ireland.
- Fourteen countries had more 40 thousand persons in London holding passports, headed by Poland (156 thousand passport holders), Republic of Ireland (141 thousand) and India (123 thousand).
- Poland was also the top non-UK national identity in London.

Country of Birth

The 2011 census showed 2.998 million people in London were born in a country outside of the UK, over one in three London residents. For England and Wales outside London, 4.507 million persons were born outside the UK, less than one in ten.

The table below lists the fourteen countries that had more than 50 thousand London residents in 2011 and the corresponding populations in 2001.

Chart 1: Non-UK-born London residents: top countries of birth 2011 and 2001.



Sources: 2001 commissioned table C0413 and 2011 table QS203EW.

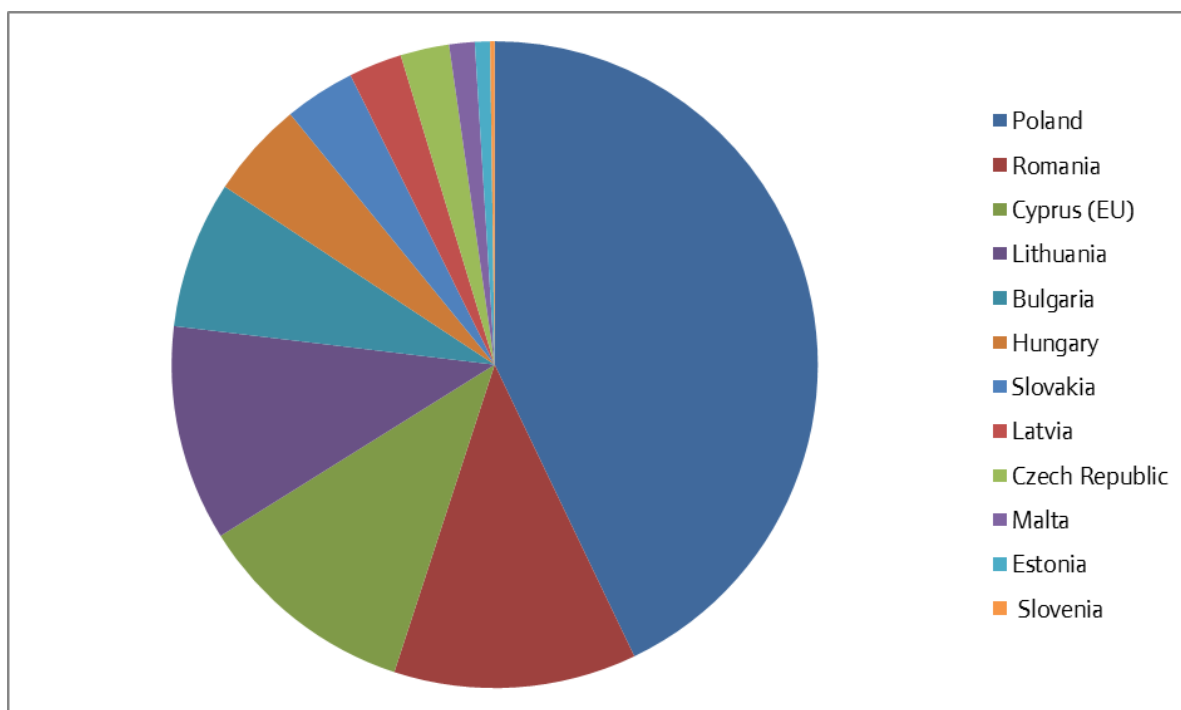
The top non-UK country of birth was India with 262 thousand or 3.2 per cent of London residents in 2011, up from 173 thousand in 2001. There were 158 thousand Polish-born London residents (1.9 per cent of all residents) and 130 thousand Irish-Republic-born (1.6 per cent). Nigerian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Jamaican and Sri Lankan-born persons each made up over 1 per cent of London's residents.

Poland showed the greatest increase in numbers compared to 2001, up 136 thousand from only 22 thousand, India was up 90 thousand while Nigeria and Pakistan were both up 46 thousand. The number of Republic of Ireland-born residents in London in 2011 was 28 thousand fewer than in 2001 and Kenyan-born residents were two thousand fewer.

European Accession countries

Table QS213EW includes over 170 countries of birth including all of the 27 European Union countries. In 2011, 711 thousand London residents were born in an EU country other than UK and Ireland of which more than half, 369 thousand, were born in the 12 countries that joined the EU after 2001. The distribution of the populations these Accession countries is shown below.

Chart 2: Non-UK-born London residents: EU Accession countries of birth.

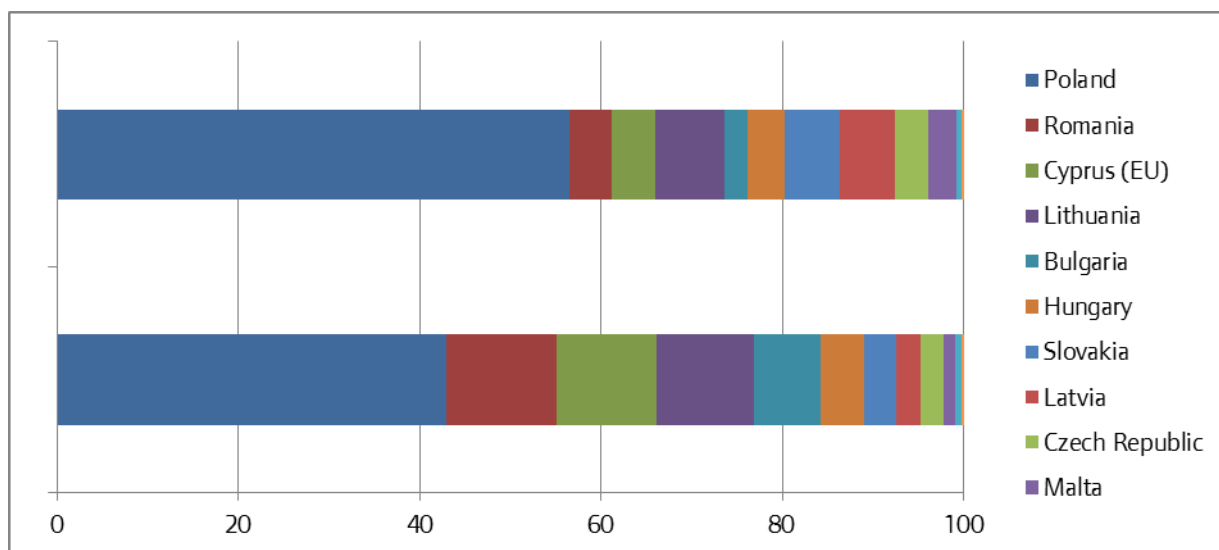


Source: Table QS213EW

Persons born in Poland make up by far the largest group, 43 per cent, of accession country residents, followed by Romania (12 per cent) and Cyprus and Lithuania (both 11 per cent), however Polish-born persons make up a smaller proportion of the accession total in London than for England and Wales overall and proportions of people born in the other accession countries are correspondingly higher in London. Chart 3 on the following page shows the proportions of Romanian, Cypriot and Bulgarian-born residents are more than twice as large in London than in England and Wales excluding London. Nearly 60 per cent of all Bulgarian-born persons in England and Wales live in London and over half of Romanian and Cypriot-born do so.

Table QS213EW lists over 170 countries of birth, all of which had populations of 20 or more residents in London. The full list of these countries is given in appendix 1.

Chart 3: Residents born in EU Accession countries: London, rest of England & Wales, 2011

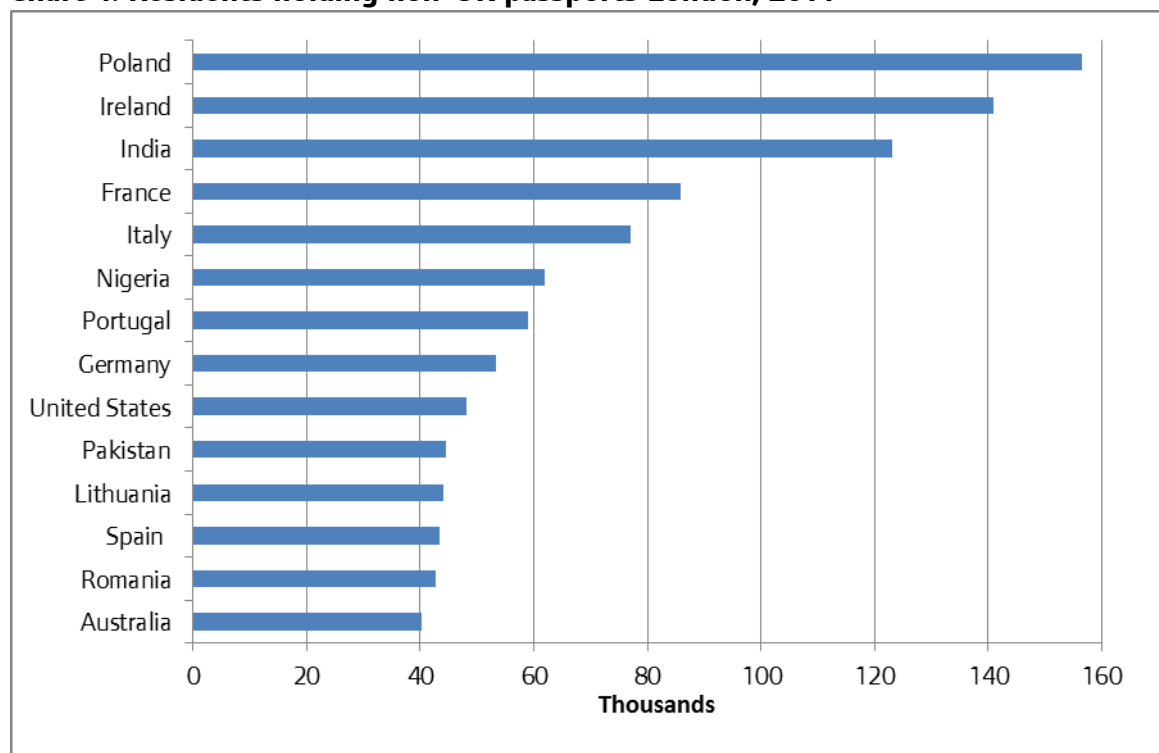


Source: Table QS213EW

Persons holding passports

Table QS212EW recorded 1,715 thousand London residents holding non-UK passports. Chart 4 below shows the fourteen countries for which there were 40 thousand or more passport holders resident in London in 2011. Poland was the top country with 156 thousand passport holders, ahead of Ireland (141 thousand) and India (123 thousand).

Chart 4: Residents holding non-UK passports London, 2011



Source: Table QS212EW

A total of 7,536 thousand London residents held 7,792 thousand passports - some people held two or more passports. Table QS205EW presented counts of passports held so holders of more than one passport could be counted twice. Table however QS212EW counts each person only once so it is a table of persons who hold passports rather than passports held.

Persons holding both a UK passport and another are classified as UK in QS212EW, and persons holding both Irish and another are classified as Ireland. Table QS212EW thus understates the numbers of people who hold non-UK passports. The differences are summarised in table 1.

Table 1 : Differences between passports held and persons holding passports, England and Wales and London

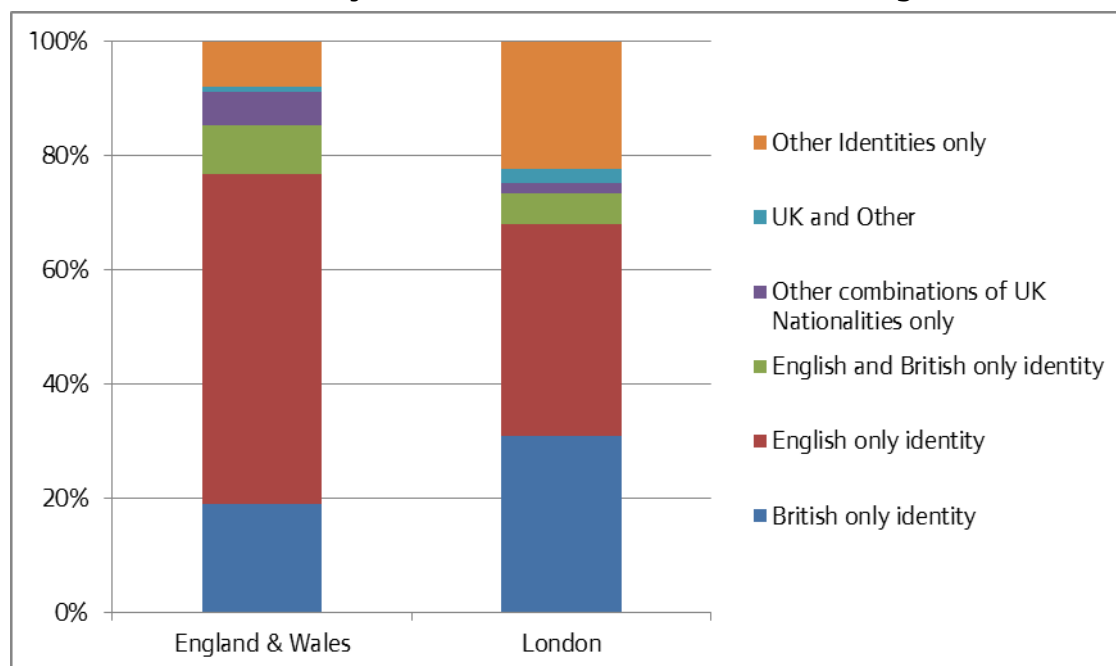
| | England and Wales | London |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| All usual residents | 56,075,912 | 8,173,941 |
| with no passport | 9,458,051 | 638,343 |
| residents holding passports | 46,617,861 | 7,535,598 |
| Total passports held | 47,243,999 | 7,791,983 |
| difference: | | |
| passports less holders | 626,138 | 256,385 |
| Republic of Ireland | 36,676 | 10,818 |
| Rest of Europe | 105,907 | 48,412 |
| Africa | 118,332 | 56,370 |
| Middle East and Asia | 116,908 | 43,436 |
| Americas and the Caribbean | 139,325 | 57,408 |
| Oceania and other | 108,990 | 39,941 |

Sources: Tables QS205EW and QS212EW

National Identity

Chart 5 shows that the majority recorded their national identity as English only (3,035 thousand, 37 per cent of London residents) or British only (2,527 thousand, 31 per cent). Just over two million London residents recorded identities other than UK identities (25 per cent of all residents), of which 191 thousand recorded UK and non-UK identities. Table QS214EW provided a detailed breakdown of the national identity for the 1,830 thousand Londoners who recorded only a non-UK identity.

Chart 5: National Identity of residents in London and rest of England & Wales, 2011

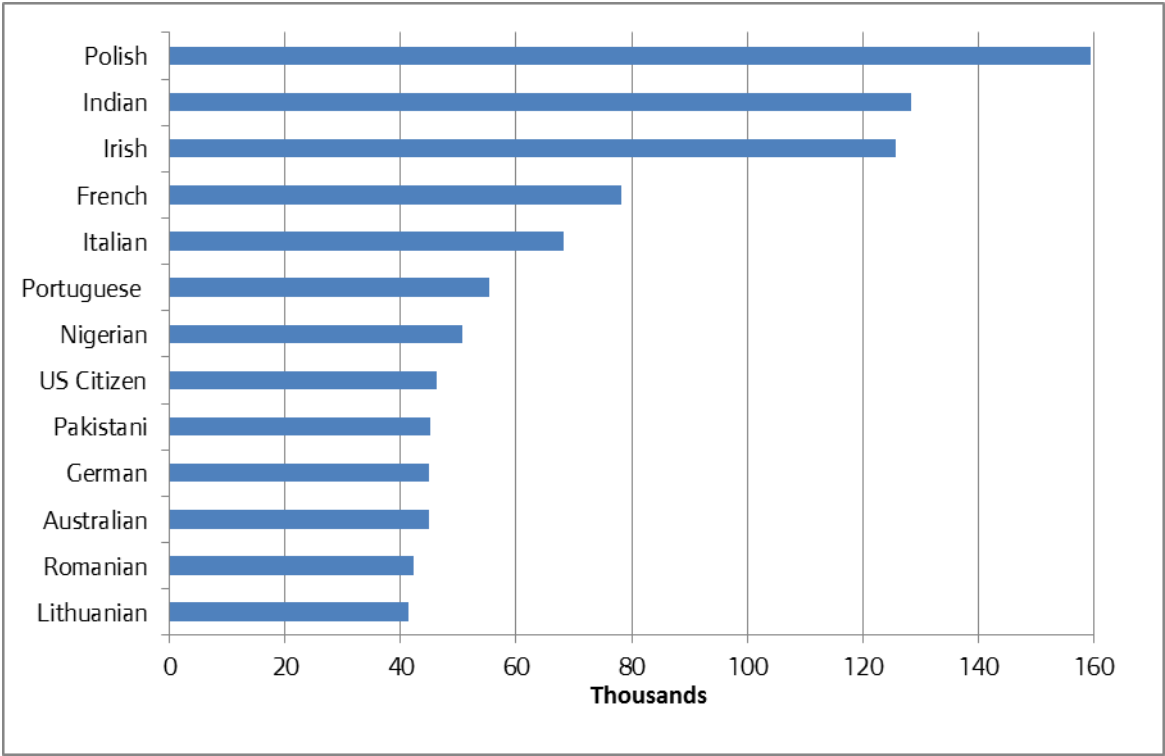


Source: Table QS214EW

Unlike country of birth and passports held, national identity asked census respondents for their own assessment of what national group or groups they felt an affinity with, so it is a subjective measure of identity. Chart 6, however, shows the distribution of the top non-UK national identities in London to be quite similar to the distribution of passports held.

There were 13 national identities with over 40 thousand persons in London shown in table 6. Polish was the most reported identity (159 thousand), followed by Indian (128 thousand) and Irish (126 thousand) compared to 156 thousand, 123 thousand and 141 thousand passports for these countries. The 15 thousand difference between numbers reported for Irish passports and identity was the largest for any non-UK country. Nigeria was the only other country with over ten thousand more passports than identities, (11 thousand). Three countries saw over ten thousand fewer many passports than identities: Somalia (24 thousand), Turkey (15 thousand) and Sri Lanka (10 thousand).

Chart 6: Residents with top non-UK National Identities London, 2011



Source: Table QS214EW

Appendix 1:

Countries listed in Table QS213EW

British Isles

England
Northern Ireland
Scotland
Wales
Great Britain not otherwise specified
United Kingdom not otherwise specified
Guernsey
Jersey
Channel Islands not otherwise specified
Isle of Man
Ireland

Rest of EU15

Austria
Belgium
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Gibraltar
Greece
Italy
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores)
Spain (including Canary Islands)
Sweden
Other member countries in March 2001

EU accession countries

Bulgaria
Cyprus (European Union)
Czech Republic
Estonia
Hungary
Latvia
Lithuania
Malta
Poland
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Czechoslovakia not otherwise specified

EU accession countries

Bulgaria
Cyprus (European Union)
Czech Republic
Estonia
Hungary
Latvia
Lithuania
Malta
Poland
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Czechoslovakia not otherwise specified

Rest of Europe

Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Croatia
Cyprus (non-European Union)
Georgia
Iceland
Kosovo
Macedonia
Moldova
Montenegro
Norway
Russia
Serbia
Switzerland
Turkey
Ukraine
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics not otherwise specified
Yugoslavia not otherwise specified
Other rest of Europe

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North Africa

Algeria
Egypt
Libya
Morocco
Sudan
Tunisia
Other North Africa

Central and Western Africa

Angola
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Congo
Congo (Democratic Republic)
The Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Ivory Coast
Liberia
Nigeria
Senegal
Sierra Leone
St Helena
Togo
Other Central and Western Africa

South and Eastern Africa

Botswana
Burundi
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Kenya
Madagascar
Malawi
Mauritius
Mozambique
Namibia
Rwanda
Seychelles
Somalia
South Africa
Swaziland
Tanzania
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe
Other South and Eastern Africa

Africa not otherwise specified

Middle East

Bahrain
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Occupied Palestinian Territories
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
United Arab Emirates
Yemen
Middle East not otherwise specified

Eastern Asia

China
Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China)
Japan
Korea (North)
Korea (South)
Macao (Special Administrative Region of China)
Mongolia
Taiwan

Southern Asia

Afghanistan
Bangladesh
India
Nepal
Pakistan
Sri Lanka
Other Southern Asia

South-East Asia

Brunei
Burma
Cambodia
Indonesia
Malaysia
Philippines
Singapore
Thailand
Vietnam
Other South-East Asia

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Central Asia

Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Uzbekistan
Other Central Asia

North America

Bermuda
Canada
United States
Other North America

Central America

Belize
Mexico
Other Central America

South America

Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Guyana
Peru
Uruguay
Venezuela
Other South America

Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda
The Bahamas
Barbados
Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Grenada
Jamaica
Montserrat
St Kitts and Nevis
St Lucia
St Vincent and the Grenadines
Trinidad and Tobago
Other Caribbean

Antarctica

Australasia

Australia
New Zealand
Other Australasia

Oceania

Fiji
Papua New Guinea
Other Oceania

Other

