

Developing Online Courses in Nursing Education, Fourth Edition

Developing countries are countries whose standard of living, income, economic and industrial development remain more or less below average. A further downgrade takes place vis-à-vis the least developed countries of the fourth world According to the IMF definition, there are 152 developing countries with a current population of around 6.74 billion. At 85.43 percent, this is a considerable proportion of the world's population. It includes the whole of Central and South America, the whole of Africa, almost all Asian countries and numerous other island states.

Explanation of the term "Developing Country"

Average per capita income

Diversification of export goods (some countries export a lot, but only a few different products. In some Gulf states in particular, well over half of all exports consist of crude oil products. If a country's economy is based on only one industrial sector, this is not a stable situation, according to the International Monetary Fund.)

Degree of participation in the international financial system

Income below 995 US dollars: Low-income countries

Income below 3,895 US dollars: Lower middle-income countries

Income below 12,055 US dollars: Upper middle-income countries

Income above 12,056 US dollars: High-income countries

Designation as Third World

Key figures in comparison

Developing countries	World	USA	Total population	6.7 bn	7.9 bn	331.9 m	GNP per capita	5,580 USD	12,023 USD	70,930 USD	Government debt (% of GDP)	57.1 %	93.9 %	119.0 %	Expenditure on education (% of GDP)	4.0 %	4.3 %	6.1 %	Unemployment rate	6.7 %	6.2 %	5.5 %	Literacy rate	83.4 %	86.8 %	0.0 %	Electricity access	89.0 %	90.4 %	100.0 %	Birth rate	18.5 ‰	17.2 ‰	10.9 ‰	Life expectancy	70.9 years	72.3 years	77.3 years
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The definition of a developing (or developed) country is not always clear. Although the United Nations determines which countries are among the least developed countries, it has not itself adopted criteria for developing countries. Nevertheless, with the "Human Development Index," they provide an important underlying value. This index combines the framework conditions of daily life such as nutrition, medical care, education and income into a comparable index. Probably the most widespread interpretation of the term "developing country" is that of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Here, states are classified on the basis of three criteria: A further classification,

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which is occasionally equated with a developing country, was created by the World Bank with a pure classification according to average annual income. These are the levels: Colloquially, developing countries are also referred to as "Third World" countries, especially in wealthy industrialized nations. In the countries concerned themselves, this classification is often considered defamatory. The content of this designation is also controversial, since the model of the three worlds was originally used to express political affiliation after the Cold War. The first world is represented by the NATO states, the second world includes the Eastern bloc states, and the third world includes all other states from a political point of view. (All figures weighted according to population share.)* Aruba is not an independent and sovereign country, but territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Further information on the definition of a country can be found in our article [What is a country?](#)

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