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List of adjectival and demonymic forms for countries and nations

The following is a **list of adjectival and demonymic forms of countries and nations** in English and their demonymic equivalents. A country adjective describes something as being from that country, for example, "Italian cuisine" is "cuisine of Italy". A country demonym denotes the people or the inhabitants of or from there, for example, "Germans" are people of or from Germany. Note: Demonyms are given in plural forms. Singular forms simply remove the final *s* or, in the case of *-ese* endings, are the same as the plural forms. The ending *-men* has feminine equivalent *-women* (i.e. *Irishman*, *Scotswoman*). The French terminations *-ois* / *-ais* serve as both the singular and plural masculine; adding *e* (*-oise* / *-aise*) makes them singular feminine. The Spanish and Portuguese terminations *-o* usually denotes the masculine and is normally changed to feminine by dropping the *-o* and adding *-a*. The plural forms are usually *-os* and *-as* respectively.

Adjectives ending in -ish can be used as collective demonyms (e.g. the English, the Cornish). So can those ending in -ch / -tch (e.g. the French, the Dutch) provided they are pronounced with a 'ch' sound (e.g. the adjective Czech does not qualify).

Many place-name adjectives and many demonyms refer also to various other things, sometimes with and sometimes without one or more additional words. (Sometimes, the use of one or more additional words is optional.) Notable examples are <u>cuisines</u>, <u>cheeses</u>, <u>cat breeds</u>, <u>dog breeds</u>, and <u>horse breeds</u>. (See <u>List</u> of words derived from toponyms.)

In cases where two or more adjectival forms are given, there is often a subtle difference in usage between the two. This is particularly the case with <u>Central Asian</u> countries, where one form tends to relate to the nation and the other tends to relate to the predominant ethnic group (e.g. <u>Uzbek</u> is primarily an ethnicity, Uzbekistani relates to citizens of Uzbekistan).

In addition, several countries have a large number of sub-names for their citizens in the form of nicknames for people of certain different areas; these are usually related to something typical of the area. In Puerto Rico for example, people who come from the town of Bayamón are referred to as "Cowboy(s)" or "Cowgirl(s)"; those from Caguas are referred to as "Criollo(s)" or "Criolla(s)". Except in cases such as Spain, in which sub-names have been used interchangeably by others, sub-names belonging to some areas in a country are not listed here.

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Angola	Angolan	Angolans
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Antarctica ^[a]	Antarctic	Antarctic residents
Antigua and Barbuda	Antiguan or Barbudan	Antiguans or Barbudans
Argentina	Argentine, ^[1] Argentinian ^[2]	Argentines, Argentinians
Armenia	Armenian	Armenians
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Barbados	Barbadian	Barbadians
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Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Bolivian	Bolivians
Bonaire	Bonaire, Bonairean	Bonaire Dutch
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnian or Herzegovinian	Bosnians or Herzegovinians
Botswana	Motswana, Botswanan	Batswana (singular Motswana)
Bouvet Island	Bouvet Island	Bouvet Islanders
Brazil	Brazilian	Brazilians
British Indian Ocean Territory	BIOT	British
Brunei	Bruneian	Bruneians
Bulgaria	Bulgarian	Bulgarians

Country/entity name	Adjectivals	Demonyms
Burkina Faso	Burkinabé	Burkinabè/Burkinabé
Burma ^[b]	Burmese	Burmese, Burman
Burundi	Burundian	Burundians, Barundi
Cabo Verde ^[c]	Cabo Verdean	Cabo Verdeans
Cambodia	Cambodian	Cambodians
Cameroon	Cameroonian	Cameroonians
Canada	Canadian	Canadians
Cayman Islands	Caymanian	Caymanians
Central African Republic	Central African	Central Africans
Chad	Chadian	Chadians
Chile	Chilean	Chileans
China, People's Republic of	Chinese	Chinese
Christmas Island	Christmas Island	Christmas Islanders
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Cocos Island	Cocos Islanders
Colombia	Colombian	Colombians
Comoros	Comoran, Comorian	Comorans, Comorians
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Costa Rica	Costa Rican	Costa Ricans
Croatia	Croatian	Croatians, Croats
Cuba	Cuban	Cubans
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Cyprus	Cypriot	Cypriots
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Ecuador	Ecuadorian	Ecuadorians
Egypt	Egyptian	Egyptians
El Salvador	Salvadoran	Salvadorans, Salvadorians, Salvadoreans
England	English	English, Englishmen/Englishwomen
Equatorial Guinea	Equatorial Guinean, Equatoguinean	Equatorial Guineans, Equatoguineans

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Eritrea	Eritrean	Eritreans
Estonia	Estonian	Estonians
Eswatini (Swaziland) ^[g]	Swazi, Swati	Swazis
Ethiopia	Ethiopian	Ethiopians, Habesha
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Falkland Islands	Falkland Island	Falkland Islanders
Faroe Islands	Faroese	Faroese
Fiji	Fijian	Fijians
Finland	Finnish	Finns
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Gambia, The	Gambian	Gambians
Georgia	Georgian	Georgians
Germany	German	Germans
Ghana	Ghanaian	Ghanaians
Gibraltar	Gibraltar	Gibraltarians
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Greenland	Greenlandic	Greenlanders
Grenada	Grenadian	Grenadians
Guadeloupe	Guadeloupe	Guadeloupians, Guadeloupeans
Guam	Guamanian	Guamanians
Guatemala	Guatemalan	Guatemalans
Guernsey	Channel Island	Channel Islanders
Guinea	Guinean	Guineans
Guinea-Bissau	Bissau-Guinean	Bissau-Guineans
Guyana	Guyanese	Guyanese
<u>Haiti</u>	<u>Haitian</u>	Haitians
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	Heard Island or McDonald Islands	Heard Islanders or McDonald Islander
Honduras	Honduran	Hondurans
Hong Kong	Hong Kong, Cantonese, Hong Konger	Hongkongers, Hong Kongese
Hungary	Hungarian, Magyar	Hungarians, Magyars
Iceland	Icelandic	Icelanders

Country/entity name	Adjectivals	Demonyms
India	Indian	Indians
Indonesia	Indonesian	Indonesians
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Iranian, Persian	Iranians, Persians
Iraq	Iraqi	Iraqis
<u>Ireland^[j]</u>	Irish	Irish, Irishmen/Irishwomen
Isle of Man	Manx	Manx
Israel	Israeli, Israelite	Israelis
Italy	Italian	Italians
Ivory Coast ^[k]	Ivorian	Ivorians
Jamaica	Jamaican	Jamaicans
Jan Mayen	Jan Mayen	Jan Mayen residents
Japan	Japanese	Japanese
Jersey	Channel Island	Channel Islanders
Jordan	Jordanian	Jordanians
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstani, Kazakh	Kazakhstanis, Kazakhs
Kenya	Kenyan	Kenyans
Kiribati	Kiribati	<u>I-Kiribati</u>
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Korea, Republic of	South Korean	Koreans, South Koreans
Kosovo	Kosovar, Kosovan	Kosovars
Kuwait	Kuwaiti	Kuwaitis
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstani, Kyrgyz, Kirgiz, Kirghiz	Kyrgyzstanis, Kyrgyz, Kirgiz, Kirghiz
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Lao, Laotian	Laos, Laotians
Latvia	Latvian, Lettish	Latvians, Letts
Lebanon	Lebanese	Lebanese
Lesotho	Lesothan, <u>Basotho</u>	Basotho (singular Mosotho)
Liberia	Liberian	Liberians
Libya	Libyan	Libyans
Liechtenstein	Liechtensteiner	Liechtensteiners
Lithuania	Lithuanian	Lithuanians
Luxembourg	Luxembourg, Luxembourgish	Luxembourgers
Macau	Macanese	Macanese, Chinese
Madagascar	Malagasy	Malagasy
Malawi	Malawian	Malawians
Malaysia	Malaysian	Malaysians

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Maldives	Maldivian	Maldivians
Mali	Malian, Malinese	Malians
Malta	Maltese	Maltese
Marshall Islands	Marshallese	Marshallese
Martinique	Martiniquais, Martinican	Martiniquais/Martiniquaises
Mauritania	Mauritanian	Mauritanians
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Mayotte	Mahoran	Mahorans
Mexico	Mexican	Mexicans
Micronesia, Federated States of	Micronesian	Micronesians
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Monaco	Monégasque, Monacan	Monégasques, Monacans
Mongolia	Mongolian	Mongolians, Mongols
Montenegro	Montenegrin	Montenegrins
Montserrat	Montserratian	Montserratians
Morocco	Moroccan	Moroccans
Mozambique	Mozambican	Mozambicans
Myanmar ^[l]	Myanma or Burmese	Myanmars
Namibia	Namibian	Namibians
Nauru	Nauruan	Nauruans
Nepal	Nepali, Nepalese	Nepalis, Nepalese
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New Caledonia	New Caledonian	New Caledonians
Nicaragua	Nicaraguan	Nicaraguans
Niger	Nigerien	Nigeriens
Nigeria	Nigerian	Nigerians
Niue	Niuean	Niueans
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island	Norfolk Islanders
North Macedonia	Macedonian	Macedonians
Northern Ireland	Northern Irish	Northern Irish, Northern Irishmen/Northern Irishwomen
Northern Mariana Islands	Northern Marianan	Northern Marianans
Norway	Norwegian	Norwegians
Oman	Omani	Omanis
Pakistan	Pakistani	Pakistanis
Palau	Palauan	Palauans

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Palestine	Palestinian	Palestinians
Panama	Panamanian	Panamanians
Papua New Guinea	Papua New Guinean, Papuan	Papua New Guineans, Papuans
Paraguay	Paraguayan	Paraguayans
Peru	Peruvian	Peruvians
Philippines	Filipino, Philippine	Filipinos/Filipinas
Pitcairn Islands	Pitcairn Island	Pitcairn Islanders
Poland	Polish	Poles
Portugal	Portuguese	Portuguese
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rican	Puerto Ricans
Qatar	Qatari	Qataris
Réunion	Réunionese, Réunionnais	Réunionese, Réunionnais/Réunionnaises
Romania	Romanian	Romanians
Russia ^[m]	Russian	Russians
Rwanda	Rwandan	Rwandans, Banyarwanda
Saba	Saba, Saban	Saba Dutch
Saint Barthélemy	Barthélemois	Barthélemois/Barthélemoises
Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	Saint Helenian	Saint Helenians
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Kittitian or Nevisian	Kittitians or Nevisians
Saint Lucia	Saint Lucian	Saint Lucians
Saint Martin	Saint-Martinoise	Saint-Martinois/Saint-Martinoises
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	Saint-Pierrais, Miquelonnais	Saint-Pierrais/Saint-Pierraises or Miquelonnais/Miquelonnaises
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Saint Vincentian, Vincentian	Saint Vincentians or Vincentians
Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic	Sahrawi, Western Saharan, Sahrawian	Sahrawis, Western Saharans
Samoa	Samoan	Samoans
San Marino	Sammarinese	Sammarinese
São Tomé and Príncipe	São Toméan	São Toméans
Saudi Arabia	Saudi, Saudi Arabian	Saudis, Saudi Arabians
Scotland	Scottish	Scots, Scotsmen, Scotswomen
Senegal	Senegalese	Senegalese
Serbia	Serbian	Serbs, Serbians
Seychelles	Seychellois	Seychellois/Seychelloises
Sierra Leone	Sierra Leonean	Sierra Leoneans
Singapore	Singapore, Singaporean ^{[3][4]}	Singaporeans ^{[3][4]}

Country/entity name	Adjectivals	Demonyms
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Sint Maarten	Sint Maarten	Sint Maartener
Slovakia	Slovak	Slovaks, Slovakians
Slovenia	Slovenian, Slovene	Slovenes, Slovenians
Solomon Islands	Solomon Island	Solomon Islanders
Somalia	Somali	Somalis
Somaliland	Somalilander	Somalilanders
South Africa	South African	South Africans
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	South Georgia Island, South Sandwich Island	South Georgia Islanders or South Sandwich Islanders
South Ossetia	South Ossetian	South Ossetians
South Sudan	South Sudanese	South Sudanese
Spain	Spanish	Spaniards
Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan	Sri Lankans
Sudan	Sudanese	Sudanese
Suriname	Surinamese	Surinamers
Svalbard	Svalbard resident	Svalbard residents
Sweden	Swedish	Swedes
Switzerland	Swiss	Swiss
Syrian Arab Republic	Syrian	Syrians
Taiwan (Republic of China) ^[n]	Taiwanese, Formosan	Taiwanese, Formosan
Tajikistan	Tajikistani	Tajikistanis, Tajiks
Tanzania	Tanzanian	Tanzanians
Thailand	Thai	Thai
Timor-Leste ^[o]	Timorese	Timorese
Togo	Togolese	Togolese
Tokelau	Tokelauan	Tokelauans
Tonga	Tongan	Tongans
Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidadian or Tobagonian	Trinidadians or Tobagonians
Tunisia	Tunisian	Tunisians
Turkey	Turkish	Turks
Turkmenistan	Turkmen	Turkmens
Turks and Caicos Islands	Turks and Caicos Island	Turks and Caicos Islanders
Tuvalu	Tuvaluan	Tuvaluans
Uganda	Ugandan	Ugandans
Ukraine	Ukrainian	Ukrainians

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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	British, United Kingdom, UK	Britons, British
United States of America	American, [p] United States, U.S.	Americans ^[p]
Uruguay	Uruguayan	Uruguayans
Uzbekistan	Uzbekistani, Uzbek	<u>Uzbekistanis</u> , <u>Uzbeks</u>
Vanuatu	Ni-Vanuatu, Vanuatuan	<u>Ni-Vanuatu</u>
Vatican City State	Vatican	<u>Vatican citizens</u>
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Venezuelan	Venezuelans
Vietnam	Vietnamese	Vietnamese people
Virgin Islands, British	British Virgin Island	British Virgin Islanders
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Wales	Welsh	Welshmen/Welshwomen, Walian
Wallis and Futuna	Wallis and Futuna, Wallisian, Futunan	Wallis and Futuna Islanders, Wallisians or Futunans
Western Sahara	Sahrawi, Sahrawian, Sahraouian	Sahrawis, Sahraouis
Yemen	Yemeni	Yemenis
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Zanzibar	Zanzibari	Zanzibaris
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Notes

- a. <u>Antarctica</u> is the southernmost <u>continent</u> and not a <u>country</u>. The <u>Antarctic Treaty System</u> governs Antarctica, the Southern Ocean, and all territory south of the 60th parallel south.
- b. The official name of Burma is the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- c. The Republic of Cabo Verde was formerly known as Cape Verde.
- d. The third syllable of Dominican (from Dominica) is stressed.
- e. The second syllable of Dominican (from the Dominican Republic) is stressed.
- f. East Timor is now officially known as the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.
- g. Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland.
- h. The European Union is a politico-economic union of sovereign states.
- i. The <u>demonym European</u> may be used to designate either a citizen of a member state of the European Union or a resident of the greater European subcontinent.
- j. There is no adjective or demonym that distinguishes the Republic of Ireland from the entire island of Ireland. When distinction from Northern Ireland is necessary, the colloquial Southern Irish or Southerner is sometimes used; some people in the Republic of Ireland may find this offensive, though others in Northern Ireland may find it equally offensive in not distinguishing the Republic of Ireland from the island. As an alternative, an adjectival phrase may be used—for instance, "a law of the Republic of Ireland"—or, as a last resort, the name "Republic of Ireland" may be used as if it were an adjective (as in "a Republic of Ireland law").
- k. The Ivory Coast is now officially known as the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.
- I. The official name of <u>Myanmar</u> is the <u>Republic of the Union of Myanmar</u>, although the nation is still commonly known as <u>Burma</u>.
- m. The official name of Russia is the Russian Federation.
- n. The Republic of China, established in 1912, consists not only of the claimed by the People's Republic of China (PRC) but also of a small section of Fujian Province and referred to simply known as "Taiwan" after the 1970s. The People's Republic of China which is currently recognized by many countries and intergovernmental organizations (most prominently, the United Nations) as the rightful (de jure) sovereign state ruling over both Mainland China and the Taiwan region.
- o. The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste was formerly known as East Timor.
- p. Citizens of the <u>United States of America</u> are known as <u>Americans</u>, although any resident of the <u>Americas</u> may share this <u>demonym</u>. Many other <u>names for United States citizens</u> have been proposed to avoid confusion.

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