How many of the 47 LDCs met graduation thresholds in 2018?

2 Graduating LDCs

7 LDCs met two thresholds or income-only threshold for the second consecutive time

5 LDCs recommended for graduation
2 LDCs not recommended - deferred to 2021

3 LDCs met two thresholds for the first time

Must meet the eligibility criteria again in 2021 to be considered for graduation

14 LDCs met one threshold

Did not meet eligibility criteria

LDCs eligible for graduation, but CDP decision deferred to 2021

Nepal  
Timor-Leste

LDCs meeting graduation criteria for the first time
(Considered for graduation if meeting the eligibility criteria again in 2021)

Bangladesh  
Lao PDR  
Myanmar

Did you know?

Only 5 countries have graduated from the LDC category

Botswana (1994)  
Cabo Verde (2007)  
Samoa (2014)  
Maldives (2011)  
Equatorial Guinea (2017)

Graduating LDCs

Angola  
Vanuatu

Leaving the LDC category

Graduation thresholds for any two of the three graduation criteria (alternatively, income-only criterion) must be met in two consecutive triennial reviews to be considered for graduation

Per capita GNI

2018 graduation threshold: $1,230 or above
2018 income-only threshold: $2,460 or above

Economic vulnerability index (EVI)

2018 graduation threshold: 32 or below

Human assets index (HAI)

2018 graduation threshold: 66 or above

Source: Committee for Development Policy, triennial review data: https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/least-developed-country-category/ldc-data-retrieval.html