UNITED STATES

Capital: Washington

GEODATA

Area

9.629.091 km²

Major languages

English, Spanish

Major religious groups

Protestant (56%).

Roman Catholic (28%), Jewish (2%)

Surrounding countries

Canada, Mexico

Population

278.1 million (2001 est.)

Population growth rate

0.9% (2001 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives;

multiparty

Leader

President George W. Bush

Secretary of State

Colin L. Powell

Secretary of the Treasury

Paul H. O'Neill

UN Human Development Index (2002)

The United States ranks 6th among 173 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$10.1 trillion US (2001)

GDP growth rate

0.3% (2001)

GDP per capita

\$34,870 US (2001, PPP)

Inflation rate 1.6% (2001)

Unemployment rate

4.8% (2001)

Main exports

Machinery and equipment, motor vehicles, aircraft, wheat, chemicals, plastic resins, plastic materials, plastic manufactured products, agricultural products, military supplies

Main imports

Petroleum and petroleum products, non-ferrous base metals, fertilizer, agricultural products, machinery and equipment, motor vehicles, raw materials

Canadian imports from the United States

Goods: \$255 billion (2001), including motor vehicles and parts, computers, telecommunications equipment, chemicals, instrumentation and equipment, paper and paperboard Services: \$40.1 billion (2001)

Canadian exports to the United States

Goods: \$350.9 billion (2001), including motor vehicles and parts, aircraft, softwood lumber, crude petroleum, natural gas, newsprint, aluminum, metals and ores

Services: \$33.5 billion (2001)

Canadian Representative

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