UNITED STATES

Capital: Washington

GEODATA

Area 9 160 412 km²

Population 260.17 million (1994)

Population growth 1% (1994)

Major language English

Major religions Protestant (61%), Roman Catholic (25%), Jewish (2%), others (5%)

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Republic

Leader President William J. Clinton

Secretary of State Warren Christopher

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor

Democratic institutions Federal state, bicameral Congress

UN Human Development Index United States ranks 2nd among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP US\$7.248 trillion (1995)

GDP growth rate 2.1% (1995)

GDP per capita US\$27 600 (1995)

Inflation rate 2.8% (1995)

Unemployment rate 5.6% (1995)

Major exports

Machinery, motor vehicles, aircraft, grain, chemicals, textiles, agricultural goods and military supplies

Major imports

Petroleum and petroleum products, non-ferrous base metals. fertilizers, agricultural products, machinery, motor vehicles and various raw materials

Major exports to Canada

\$150.7 billion (1995), including motor vehicles and parts, computers, telecommunications equipment and plastic materials

Major imports from Canada

\$209.7 billion (1995), including motor vehicles and parts, softwood lumber, crude petroleum, natural gas and newsprint

