

# UNITED STATES

Capital: Washington

## GEODATA

### Area

9,809,431 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

269.4 million (1996)

### Population growth rate

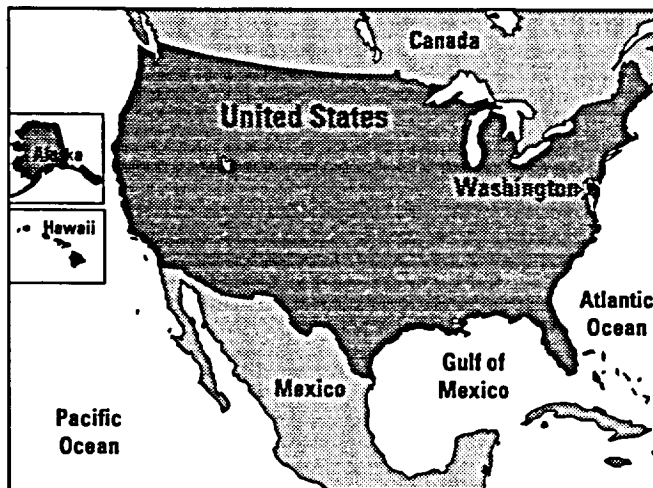
1% (1996)

### Major languages

English, Spanish

### Major religious groups

Protestant (61%), Roman Catholic (28%),  
Jewish (2%)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Federal republic

### Democratic institutions

Bicameral congress

### Leader

President Bill Clinton

### Secretary of State

Madeleine K. Albright

### Secretary of the Treasury

Robert Rubin

### UN Human Development Index (1998)

United States ranks 4th among 174 countries

## ECONOMIC DATA

### Nominal GDP

\$7.2 trillion US (1997)

### Real GDP growth rate

3.8% (1997)

### Inflation rate

2.3% (1997)

### Unemployment rate

4.6% (February 1998)

### Main exports

Machinery and equipment, motor vehicles, aircraft, wheat, chemicals, plastics, agricultural goods and military supplies

### Main imports

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

### Main exports to Canada

\$212 billion (balance of payments basis, 1997), including motor vehicles and parts, computers, telecommunications equipment, plastic materials

### Main imports from Canada

\$244 billion (balance of payments basis, 1997), including motor vehicles and parts, softwood lumber, crude petroleum, natural gas, newsprint

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