

UNITED STATES

Capital: Washington

GEODATA

Area

9,629,091 km²

Population

270 million (1998)

Population growth rate

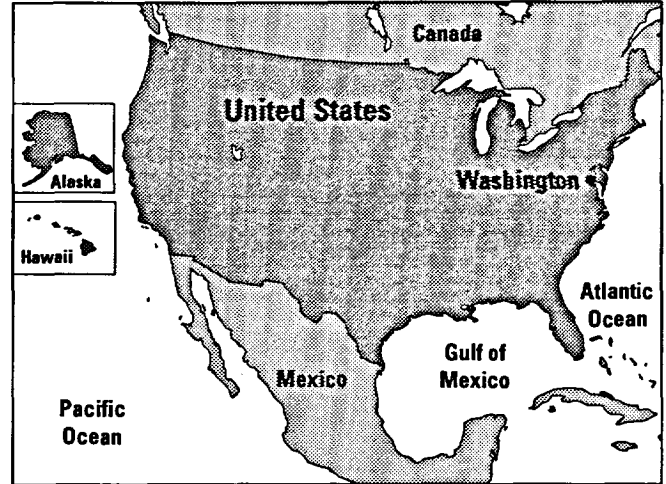
0.9% (1998)

Major languages

English, Spanish

Major religious groups

Protestant (56%), 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

Lawrence H. Summers

UN Human Development Index (1999)

United States ranks 3rd among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$8.5 trillion US (1998)

Real GDP growth rate

3.9% (1998)

GDP per capita

\$31,519 US (1998)

Inflation rate

1.6% (1998)

Unemployment rate

4.3% (April 1999)

Main exports

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

\$266 billion (balance of payments basis, 1998),
including motor vehicles and parts, computers,
telecommunications equipment, plastic materials

Main imports from Canada

\$297 billion (balance of payments basis, 1998),
including motor vehicles and parts, softwood lumber,
crude petroleum, natural gas, newsprint

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