

UNITED STATES

Capital: Washington D.C.

GEODATA

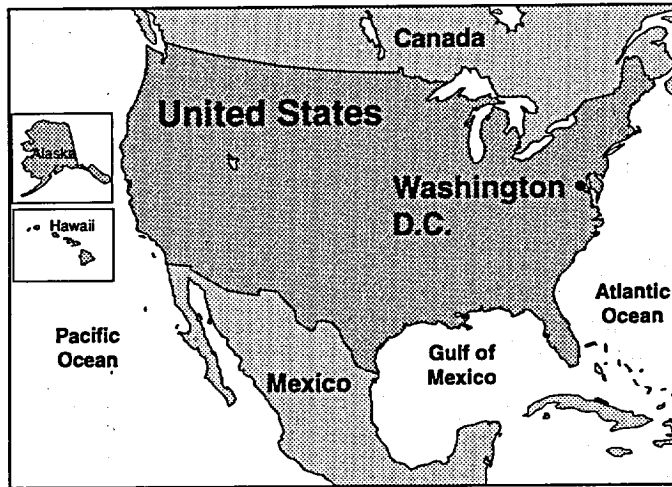
Area
9,166,000 km²

Population
266.9 million (1996)

Population growth
1% (1996)

Major languages
English, Spanish

Major religions
Protestant (61%), Roman Catholic (28%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Republic

Leader
President Bill Clinton

Secretary of the Treasury
Robert Rubin

Democratic institutions
Federal state, bicameral congress

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

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ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP
\$7.26 trillion US (1996)

Real GDP growth rate
2.5% (1996)

GDP per capita on a PPP basis
\$28,385 US (1996)

Inflation rate
2.9% (1996)

Unemployment rate
5.4% (1996)

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 and various raw materials

Main exports to Canada
\$176 billion Cdn (1996), including motor vehicles and parts, computers, telecommunications equipment and plastic materials

Main imports from Canada
\$217 billion Cdn (1996), including motor vehicles and parts, softwood lumber, crude petroleum, natural gas and newsprint