

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

283.8 million (March 2001 est.)

Population growth rate

0.9% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Secretary of State

Colin L. Powell

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives;
multiparty

Secretary of the Treasury

Paul H. O'Neill

UN Human Development Index (2001)

The United States ranks 6th among 162 countries

Leader

President George W. Bush

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$9.32 trillion US (1999)

Inflation rate

3.4% (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

5% (2000)

Unemployment rate

4% (2000)

GDP per capita

\$34,000 US (2000)

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

Main exports to Canada

Goods: \$180 billion (2000), including motor vehicles and parts, computers, telecommunications equipment, plastic resins, plastic materials, plastic manufactured products

Services: \$27 billion (2000)

Main imports from Canada

Goods: \$242 billion (2000), including motor vehicles and parts, softwood lumber, crude petroleum, natural gas, newsprint

Services: \$22 billion (2000)

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