GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Donald J. TRUMP

Head of Government
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Government Type
constitutional federal republic

Capital
Washington, DC

Legislature
bicameral Congress consists of the Senate (100 seats) and the House of Representatives (435 seats)

Judiciary
US Supreme Court (consists of 9 justices - the chief justice and 8 associate justices)

GEOGRAPHY

Area
- total: 9,833,517 sq km (50 states and DC)
- land: 9,147,593 sq km (50 states and DC)
- water: 685,924 sq km (50 states and DC)

Climate
mostly temperate, but tropical in Hawaii and Florida, arctic in Alaska, semiarid in the great plains west of the Mississippi River, and arid in the Great Basin of the southwest

Natural Resources
coal, copper, lead, molybdenum, phosphates, rare earth elements, uranium, bauxite, gold, iron, mercury, nickel, potash, silver, tungsten, zinc, petroleum, natural gas, timber, arable land

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
326.6 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth Rate
0.81% (2017 est.)

Ethnic Groups
white 72.4%, black 12.6%, Asian 4.8%, Amerindian and Alaska native 0.9%, native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander 0.2%, other 6.2%, two or more races 2.9% (2010 estimate); note – the US Census Bureau does not consider Hispanic to be a race or ethnic group; 16.3% of the US population is Hispanic as of 2010

Language
- English 79%, Spanish 13%, other Indo-European 3.7%, Asian and Pacific island 3.4%, other 1% (2015 est.)

Religion
- Protestant 46.5%, Roman Catholic 20.8%, Jewish 1.9%, Mormon 1.6%, other Christian 0.9%, Muslim 0.9%, Jehovah's Witness 0.8%, Buddhist 0.7%, Hindu 0.7%, other 1.8%, unaffiliated 22.8%, don't know/refused 0.6% (2014 est.)

Urbanization
- urban population: 82.3% of total population (2018)
- rate of urbanization: 0.95% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
remains the most technologically powerful economy in the world—at the forefront in computers, pharmaceuticals, aerospace and military equipment—but its advantages have narrowed since WWII with output now falling behind China’s, as investment in infrastructure, science, industry, and human capital have lagged

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$19.36 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$59,500 (2017 est.)

Exports
- $1.576 trillion (2017 est.)
- Canada 18.3%, Mexico 15.7%, China 8.4%, Japan 4.4% (2017)

Imports
- $2.352 trillion (2017 est.)
- China 21.6%, Mexico 13.4%, Canada 12.8%, Japan 5.8%, Germany 5% (2017)

as of July 2018