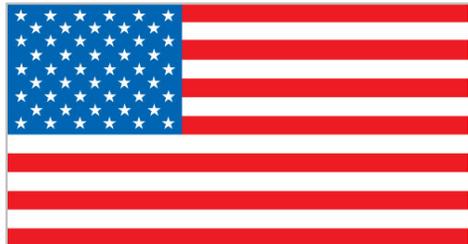




# UNITED STATES



## INTRODUCTION

Britain's American colonies broke with the mother country in 1776 and were recognized as the new nation of the United States of America following the Treaty of Paris in 1783. During the 19th and 20th centuries, 37 new states were added to the original 13 as the nation expanded across the North American continent and acquired a number of overseas possessions.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Joseph R. BIDEN Jr.

### Head of Government

President Joseph R. BIDEN Jr.

### Government Type

constitutional federal republic

### Capital

Washington, DC

### Legislature

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

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 9,833,517 sq km

Land: 9,147,593 sq km

Water: 685,924 sq km

### 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; low winter temperatures in the northwest

### 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

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

high-income, diversified North American economy; NATO leader; largest importer and second-largest exporter; home to leading financial exchanges; high and growing public debt; rising socioeconomic inequalities; historically low interest rates; hit by COVID-19

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$19.85 trillion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$60,200 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - petroleum, steel, motor vehicles, aerospace, telecommunications, chemicals, electronics, food processing, consumer goods, lumber, mining

**Agricultural products** - maize, milk, soybeans, wheat, sugarcane, sugar beets, poultry, potatoes, cotton, pork

**Exports** \$2.127 trillion (2020 est.)

refined and crude petroleum, cars/vehicle parts, integrated circuits, aircraft (2019)

**partners:** Canada 17%, Mexico 16%, China 7%, Japan 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$2.809 trillion (2020 est.)

cars, crude petroleum, computers, broadcasting equipment, packaged medicines (2019)

**partners:** China 18%, Mexico 15%, Canada 13%, Japan 6%, Germany 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

335 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.7% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

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 est.)

### Language

English only 78.2%, Spanish 13.4%, Chinese 1.1%, other 7.3% (2017 est.)

### Religion

Protestant 46.5%, Roman Catholic 20.8%, Jewish 1.9%, Church of Jesus Christ 1.6%, other 5.8%, unaffiliated 22.8%, unspecified 0.6% (2014 est.)

