**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

United States of America is a federal republic (federation of states with democratic form of goverment) composed of 50 states. 48 are located in the central North America between Mexico and Canada. Alaska is located in the northwestern part of North America and the state of Hawaii is an archipelago in the mid-Pacific.

First signs of inhabitation are at least 15,000 years old. The european colonisation began in the 16th century.

The United States emerged from [13 British colonies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirteen_Colonies) located along the [East Coast](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Coast_of_the_United_States). Disputes between [Great Britain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Great_Britain) and the colonies led to the [American Revolution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Revolution" \o "American Revolution). On July 4, 1776, as the colonies were fighting Great Britain in the [American Revolutionary War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Revolutionary_War" \o "American Revolutionary War), delegates from the 13 colonies unanimously adopted the [Declaration of Independence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence" \o "United States Declaration of Independence). The war ended in 1783 with [recognition of the independence of the United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Paris_(1783)" \o "Treaty of Paris (1783)) by the Kingdom of Great Britain, and was the first successful war of independence against a European [colonial empire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonial_empire" \o "Colonial empire).

The United States is a [developed country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Developed_country" \o "Developed country) and has the world's largest [economy by GDP](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_GDP_(nominal)" \o "List of countries by GDP (nominal)), benefiting from an abundance of [natural resources](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_resource) and high worker productivity. While the [U.S. economy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy_of_the_United_States) is considered [post-industrial](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Post-industrial_society), which means that the services are generating more wealth now than the industrial production, the country continues to be one of the world's largest manufacturers. Accounting for 34% of [global military spending](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_military_expenditures" \o "List of countries by military expenditures) and 23% of world GDP, it is the world's foremost [military](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Armed_Forces" \o "United States Armed Forces) and economic power, a prominent political and [cultural](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culture_of_the_United_States" \o "Culture of the United States) force, and a leader in [scientific research and technological innovations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science_and_technology_in_the_United_States" \o "Science and technology in the United States).

The United States is the world's third or fourth [largest nation by total area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_and_dependencies_by_area" \o "List of countries and dependencies by area) (land and water), ranking behind Russia and Canada and just above or below [China](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China" \o "China). The ranking varies depending on how two territories disputed by China and [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) are counted.

Population of the United States of America is about 321,5 millions of people consisting of 77% white, 13,2% afro-american, 5,3% asian, 1,2% native, 0,2% Hawaiian, 2,4% Multiracial.

There is no national language in USA, most common language in use is English.

The [First Amendment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Amendment_to_the_United_States_Constitution" \o "First Amendment to the United States Constitution) of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the [free exercise](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_Exercise_Clause) of religion and forbids Congress from passing laws respecting its [establishment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Establishment_Clause). [Christianity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity" \o "Christianity) is by far the most common religion practiced in the U.S., but other religions are followed, too.

The United States has an established structure of foreign relations. It is a permanent member of the [United Nations Security Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Security_Council), and New York City is home to the [United Nations Headquarters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Headquarters_of_the_United_Nations). It is a member of the [G7](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G7), [G20](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G-20_major_economies), and[Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organisation_for_Economic_Co-operation_and_Development). Almost all countries have [embassies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_diplomatic_missions_in_the_United_States" \o "List of diplomatic missions in the United States) in Washington, D.C., and many have [consulates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consul_(representative)" \o "Consul (representative)) around the country. Likewise, nearly all nations host [American diplomatic missions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_diplomatic_missions_of_the_United_States" \o "List of diplomatic missions of the United States). However, [Iran](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran%E2%80%93United_States_relations" \o "Iran–United States relations),[North Korea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Korea%E2%80%93United_States_relations), [Bhutan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_relations_of_Bhutan" \o "Foreign relations of Bhutan), and the [Republic of China](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiwan%E2%80%93United_States_relations) (Taiwan) do not have formal diplomatic relations with the United States (although the U.S. still maintains relations with Taiwan and supplies it with [military equipment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six_Assurances" \o "Six Assurances)).