

# **United States at the FIFA World Cup**



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The United States men's national soccer team has played in several World Cup finals, with their best result occurring during their first appearance at the 1930 World Cup, when the United States finished in third place. [1] After the 1950 World Cup, in which the United States upset England in group play 1–0, the U.S. was absent from the finals until 1990. The United States has participated in every World Cup since 1990 until they failed to qualify for the 2018 competition after a loss to Trinidad and Tobago in 2017.

The World Cup is an international football competition contested by the men's national teams of the members of Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the sport's global governing body. The championship has been awarded every four years since the first tournament in 1930, except in 1942 and 1946, due to World War II. The current format of the World Cup involves 32 teams competing for the title, at venues within the host nation (or nations) over a period of about a month. The World Cup finals is the most widely viewed sporting event in the world, with an estimated 715 million people watching the 2006 tournament final. [2]

# Record at the FIFA World Cup

Year	Host	Round	Position	GP	w	D*	L	GF	GA
1930	•=	Semi-finals	3rd	3	2	0	1	7	6
1934	E E	Round of 16	16th	1	0	0	1	1	7
1938				With	drew				
1950	<b>♦</b>	Group stage	10th	3	1	0	2	4	8
1954	+								
1958	-								
1962	•								
1966	+								
1970	a			Did not	qualify				
1974									
1978	•								
1982	6								
1986	a								
1990		Group stage	23rd	3	0	0	3	2	8
1994		Round of 16	14th	4	1	1	2	3	4
1998		Group stage	32nd	3	0	0	3	1	5
2002	<b>(•)</b> •	Quarter-finals	8th	5	2	1	2	7	7
2006		Group stage	25th	3	0	1	2	2	6
2010	<b>&gt;=</b>	Round of 16	12th	4	1	2	1	5	5
2014	<b>♦</b>	Round of 16	15th	4	1	1	2	5	6
2018				Did not	qualify				
2022				To be de	termine	d			
2026			Qualified	as one o	f the Ho	ost Natio	ons		
	Total	10/21	-	33	8	6	19	37	62

## By Match

World Cup	Round	Opponent	Score	Result	Venue	Scorers
1930	Group stage	<b>■</b> Belgium	3-0	W	Montevideo	B. McGhee, T. Florie, B. Patenaude
1930		Paraguay	3–0	W	Montevideo	B. Patenaude (3)
	Semi-finals	Argentina	1-6	L	Montevideo	J. Brown
1934	Round of 16	<b>■■</b> Italy	1-7	L	Rome	A. Donelli
		Spain	1–3	L	Curitiba	G. Pariani
1950	Group stage	<b>→</b> England	1-0	W	Belo Horizonte	J. Gaetjens
		Chile	2–5	L	Recife	F. Wallace, J. Maca
		Czechoslovakia	1–5	L	Florence	P. Caligiuri
1990	Group stage	<b>■</b> Italy	0-1	L	Rome	_
		Austria	1–2	L	Florence	B. Murray
		Switzerland	1-1	D	Pontiac	E. Wynalda
<u>1994</u>	Group stage	Colombia	2–1	W	Pasadena	A. Escobar (o.g.), E. Stewart
		Romania	0-1	L	Pasadena	_
	Round of 16	Brazil	0-1	L	Stanford	_
		Germany	0–2	L	Paris	_
1998	Group stage	<u> Iran</u>	1–2	L	Lyon	B. McBride
		FR Yugoslavia	0-1	L	Nantes	_
2002	Crown stores	Portugal	3–2	W	Suwon	J. O'Brien, J. Costa (o.g.), B. McBride
	Group stage	South Korea	1-1	D	Daegu	C. Mathis
		Poland	1-3	L	Daejeon	L. Donovan
	Round of 16	■ • ■ Mexico	2–0	W	Jeonju	B. McBride,

World Cup	Round	Opponent	Score	Result	Venue	Scorers
						L. Donovan
	Quarter-finals	Germany	0-1	L	Ulsan	_
		Czech Republic	0–3	L	Gelsenkirchen	_
2006	Group stage	<b>■</b> Italy	1-1	D	Kaiserslautern	C. Zaccardo (o.g.)
		<u>Ghana</u>	1–2	L	Nuremberg	C. Dempsey
		<b>-├</b> - England	1-1	D	Rustenburg	C. Dempsey
2010	Group stage	Slovenia	2–2	D	Johannesburg	L. Donovan, M. Bradley
		<u>Algeria</u>	1-0	W	Pretoria	L. Donovan
	Round of 16	<u>Ghana</u>	<u>1–2 (a.e.t.)</u>	L	Rustenburg	L. Donovan
		<u></u> Ghana	2–1	W	Natal	C. Dempsey, J. Brooks
2014	Group stage	Portugal	2–2	D	Manaus	J. Jones, C. Dempsey
		Germany	0-1	L	Recife	_
	Round of 16	Belgium	<u>1–2</u> ( <u>a.e.t.</u> )	L	Salvador	J. Green

## **Record by Opponent**

FIFA World Cup matches (by team)								
Opponent Wins Draws Losses Total Goals Scored Goals Conceded								
Algeria	1	0	0	1	1	0		
Argentina	0	0	1	1	1	6		
Austria	0	0	1	1	1	2		
Belgium	1	0	1	2	4	2		
Srazil	0	0	1	1	0	1		
<u>Chile</u>	0	0	1	1	2	5		
Colombia	1	0	0	1	2	1		
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1	0	3		
<b>Czechoslovakia</b>	0	0	1	1	1	5		
<b>—</b> England	1	1	0	2	2	1		

FIFA World Cup matches (by team)									
Opponent	Opponent Wins Draws Losses Total Goals Scored Goals Conceded								
FR Yugoslavia	0	0	1	1	0	1			
Germany	0	0	3	3	0	4			
<b>G</b> hana	1	0	2	3	4	5			
<u> </u>	0	0	1	1	1	2			
<b>Italy</b>	0	1	2	3	2	9			
Mexico	1	0	0	1	2	0			
Paraguay	1	0	0	1	3	0			
Poland	0	0	1	1	1	3			
Portugal	1	1	0	2	5	4			
Romania	0	0	1	1	0	1			
Slovenia	0	1	0	1	2	2			
South Korea	0	1	0	1	1	1			
<b>Spain</b>	0	0	1	1	1	3			
Switzerland	0	1	0	1	1	1			

## **Individual tournament results**

## **Uruguay 1930 FIFA World Cup**

## **Group 4 final standings**

Team	Pld	W	D	Ļ	GF	GA	GD	Pts
United States	2	2	0	0	6	0	+6	4
Paraguay	2	1	0	1	1	3	-2	2
Belgium	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0

#### **Games**

All times local (UYT)

July 13, 1930 3:00 p.m. Group 4

United States

3–0

**Belgium** 

Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=201/match=1090/index.html#nosticky)

Estadio Parque Central, Montevideo Attendance: 18,346

Referee: José Macías (Argentina)

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United States



Estadio Parque Central, Montevideo 2:45 p.m. Group 4

Report (https:// www.fifa.com/w orldcup/matche s/round=201/m atch=1097/inde x.html#nostick y)

Attendance: 18,306 Referee: José Macías

(Argentina)

July 26, 1930 2:45 p.m. Semifinal Argentina ==

6-1

United States

Report (https:// Referee: John Langenus www.fifa.com/w (Belgium) orldcup/matche s/round=202/m atch=1088/inde x.html#nostick

Estadio Centenario, Montevideo Attendance: 72,886

## Italy 1934 FIFA World Cup

#### Game

May 27, 1934 4:30 p.m. (CEST) Round of 16 Italy 👊

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y)

United States

Report (https:// www.fifa.com/w orldcup/matche s/round=204/m atch=1135/inde x.html#nostick y)

Stadio Nazionale PNF, Rome

Attendance: 25,000 Referee: Rene Mercet (Switzerland)

## **Brazil 1950 FIFA World Cup**

### **Group 2 final standings**

Team	Pld	W	D	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
+ England	3	1	0	2	2	2	2
Chile	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
United States	3	1	0	2	4	8	2

#### **Games**

All times local BRT (UTC-03)

June 25, 1950 3:00 p.m.

Spain 🌉

3-1 Report (https://

www.fifa.com/w

orldcup/matche s/round=208/m atch=1208/inde

United States

Estádio Durival de Britto,

Curitiba Attendance: 9,511

Referee: Mario Vianna (Brazil)

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June 29, 1950 3:00 p.m. United States

1-0

– England

Report (https:// www.fifa.com/w orldcup/matche s/round=208/m atch=1202/inde x.html#nostick y)

Estádio Independência, Belo

Horizonte

Attendance: 10,151 Referee: Generoso Dattilo

(Italy)

July 2, 1950 3:00 p.m. Chile \_\_\_

United States 5-2

Report (https:// www.fifa.com/w orldcup/matche s/round=208/m atch=1194/inde

x.html#nostick <u>y)</u>

Estádio Ilha do Retiro, Recife

Attendance: 8,501

Referee: Mario Gardelli (Brazil)

### Italy 1990 FIFA World Cup

#### **Group A final standings**

Team	Pld	W	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Italy	3	3	0	0	4	0	+4	6
Czechoslovakia	3	2	0	1	6	3	+3	4
Austria	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	2
United States	3	0	0	3	2	8	-6	0

#### **Games**

All times local (CEST/UTC+2)

June 10, 1990 5:00 p.m. Group A

United States

1-5 Report (https://

www.fifa.com/w

orldcup/matche s/round=322/m atch=355/inde x.html#nostick <u>y)</u>

Czechoslovakia

Stadio Comunale, Florence Attendance: 33,266

Referee: Kurt Röthlisberger

(Switzerland)

June 14, 1990

Italy |

1-0

United States

Stadio Olimpico, Rome Attendance: 73,423 Referee: Edgardo Codesal

(Mexico)

9:00 p.m. Group A

Report (https:// www.fifa.com/w orldcup/matche s/round=322/m atch=265/inde

x.html#nostick y)

June 19, 1990 9:00 p.m.

Group A

Austria ===

2-1 Report (https://

www.fifa.com/w

United States

Stadio Comunale, Florence

Attendance: 34,857 Referee: Jamal Al Sharif (Syria) orldcup/matche s/round=322/m atch=48/index. html#nosticky)

## United States 1994 FIFA World Cup

## **Group A final standings**

Template:1994 FIFA World Cup Group A

## Ranking of third-placed teams

Template:1994 FIFA World Cup 3rd place teams

#### Games

Games		
June 18, 1994 11:30 a.m. <u>EDT</u> Group A	United States 1–1 Switzerland  Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=337/match=3051/index.html#nosticky)  Switzerland	Pontiac Silverdome, Pontiac Attendance: 73,425 Referee: Francisco Oscar Lamolina (Argentina)
June 22, 1994 7:30 p.m. <u>PDT</u> Group A	United States 2–1 Colombia  Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=337/match=3063/index.html#nosticky)	Rose Bowl, Pasadena Attendance: 93,869 Referee: <u>Fabio Baldas</u> ( <u>Italy</u> )
June 26, 1994 4:00 p.m. <u>PDT</u> Group A	United States  O-1  Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=337/match=3073/index.html#nosticky)  Promania  Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=337/match=3073/index.html#nosticky)	Rose Bowl, Pasadena Attendance: 93,869 Referee: Mario van der Ende (Netherlands)

July 4, 1994 12:30 p.m. <u>PDT</u> Round of 16 Brazil 📀

1-0

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United States

Report (https:// www.fifa.com/w orldcup/matche s/round=338/m atch=3090/inde x.html#nostick Stanford Stadium, Stanford Attendance: 84,147

Referee: Joël Quiniou (France)

### France 1998 FIFA World Cup

#### **Group F final standings**

Template:1998 FIFA World Cup Group F

#### Games

All times local (CEST/UTC+2)

June 15, 1998 2-0 United States Parc des Princes, Paris Germany === Attendance: 45,500 9:00 p.m. Report (https:// Referee: Said Belgola Group F www.fifa.com/w (Morocco) orldcup/matche s/round=1014/ match=8738/in dex.html#nostic ky) June 21, 1998 United States Stade de Gerland, Lyon 1-2 💶 Iran Attendance: 39,100 9:00 p.m. Report (https:// Referee: Urs Meier Group F www.fifa.com/w (Switzerland) orldcup/matche s/round=1014/ match=8754/in dex.html#nostic ky) June 25, 1998 Stade de la Beaujoire, Nantes United States FR Yugoslavia 0-1 Attendance: 35,500 9:00 p.m. Report (https:// Referee: Gamal Al-Ghandour Group F www.fifa.com/w (Egypt) orldcup/matche s/round=1014/ match=8768/in dex.html#nostic ky)

## South Korea-Japan 2002 FIFA World Cup

## **Group D final standings**

Template:2002 FIFA World Cup Group D

#### **Games**

## All times local (UTC+9)

June 5, 2002 6:00 p.m. Group D	United States	3–2 Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=43950100/match=4395016/index.html#nosticky)	<b>ĕ</b> Portugal	Suwon World Cup Stadium,  Suwon  Attendance: 37,306  Referee: Byron Moreno (Ecuador)
June 10, 2002 3:30 p.m. Group D	South Korea 🔅	1–1 Report (https:// www.fifa.com/w orldcup/matche s/round=43950 100/match=439 50030/index.ht ml#nosticky)	United States	Daegu World Cup Stadium,  Daegu Attendance: 60,778 Referee: Urs Meier (Switzerland)
June 14, 2002 8:30 p.m. Group D	<u>Poland</u>	3–1 Report (https:// www.fifa.com/w orldcup/matche s/round=43950 100/match=439 50048/index.ht ml#nosticky)	United States	Daejeon World Cup Stadium,  Daejeon Attendance: 26,482 Referee: Lu Jun (China)
June 17, 2002 3:30 p.m. Round of 16	<u>Mexico</u> <b>■</b> ∗■	0–2 Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=43950200/match=4395053/index.html#nosticky)	United States	Jeonju World Cup Stadium,  Jeonju Attendance: 36,380 Referee: Vítor Melo Pereira (Portugal)
June 21, 2002 8:30 p.m. QF	Germany <b>—</b>	1–0 Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=43950300/match=4395058/index.html#nosticky)	United States	Munsu Cup Stadium, <u>Ulsan</u> Attendance: 37,337 Referee: <u>Hugh Dallas</u> (Scotland)

## **Germany 2006 FIFA World Cup**

## **Group E final standings**

Template:2006 FIFA World Cup Group E

#### **Games**

All times local (CEST/UTC+2)

June 12, 2006 6:00 p.m. Group E	Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=97410100/match=9741010100/index.html#nosticky)	FIFA WM Stadion Gelsenkirchen, Gelsenkirchen Attendance: 52,000 Referee: Carlos Amarilla (Paraguay)
June 17, 12006 9:00 p.m. Group E	Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=97410100/match=9741010025/index.html#nosticky)	Fritz-Walter-Stadion, Kaiserslautern Attendance: 46,000 Referee: Jorge Larrionda (Uruguay)
June 22, 2006 4:00 p.m. Group E	Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=97410100/match=9741010042/index.html#nosticky)	FIFA WM Stadion Nürnberg, Nuremberg Attendance: 41,000 Referee: Markus Merk (Germany)

## **South Africa 2010 FIFA World Cup**

## **Group C final standings**

Template:2010 FIFA World Cup Group C

### Games

All times local (<u>UTC+02</u>)

June 12, 2010 8:30 p.m. Group C	England — 1–1 United States  Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=24972 2/match=30006 1466/index.htm  #nosticky	Royal Bafokeng Stadium, Rustenburg Attendance: 38,646 Referee: Carlos Simon (Brazil)[3]
June 18, 2010 4:00 p.m. Group C	Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=249722/match=300061463/index.html#nosticky)	Ellis Park Stadium, Johannesburg Attendance: 45,573 Referee: Koman Coulibaly (Mali) <sup>[4]</sup>
June 23, 2010	United States 1-0 Algeria	Loftus Versfeld Stadium, Pretoria

4:00 p.m. Report (https:// Attendance: 35,827 www.fifa.com/w Referee: Frank De Bleeckere Group C orldcup/matche (Belgium) s/round=24972 2/match=30006 1461/index.htm l#nosticky) Royal Bafokeng Stadium, June 26, 2010 1–2 (a.e.t.) **T** Ghana United States 8:30 p.m. Rustenburg Report (https:// Attendance: 34,976 Round of 16 www.fifa.com/w Referee: Viktor Kassai orldcup/matche (Hungary) s/round=24971 7/match=30006 1503/index.htm l#nosticky)

## **Brazil 2014 FIFA World Cup**

#### **Group G final standings**

Template:2014 FIFA World Cup Group G table

#### Games

Games		
June 16, 2014 7:00 p.m. <u>UTC-3</u> Group G	Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=25593 1/match=30018 6512/index.htm 1#nosticky)	Arena das Dunas, Natal Attendance: 39,760 Referee: Jonas Eriksson (Sweden)
June 22, 2014 6:00 p.m. <u>UTC-4</u> Group G	United States  2-2  Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=25593 1/match=30018 6483/index.htm l#nosticky)	Arena da Amazônia, Manaus Attendance: 40,123 Referee: <u>Néstor Pitana</u> ( <u>Argentina</u> )
June 26, 2014 1:00 p.m. <u>UTC-3</u> Group G	United States  O-1  Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=25593 1/match=30018 6469/index.htm l#nosticky)  Germany  Germany	Arena Pernambuco, Recife Attendance: 41,876 Referee: <u>Ravshan Irmatov</u> ( <u>Uzbekistan</u> )
July 1, 2014 5:00 p.m. <u>UTC-3</u> Round of 16	Belgium 2–1 (a.e.t.) United States  Report (https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=25595	Arena Fonte Nova, Salvador Attendance: 51,227 Referee: Djamel Haimoudi (Algeria)

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# **Record players**

No.	Name	Matches	World Cups				
1	Landon Donovan	12	2002, 2006 and 2010				
2	Cobi Jones	11	1994, 1998 and 2002				
	Earnie Stewart	11	1994, 1998 and 2002				
	DaMarcus Beasley	11	2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014				
5	Brian McBride	10	1998, 2002 and 2006				
	Claudio Reyna	10	1998, 2002 and 2006				
	Clint Dempsey	10	2006, 2010 and 2014				
8	Tab Ramos	9	1990, 1994 and 1998				
	Eddie Pope	9	1998, 2002 and 2006				
	Marcelo Balboa	8	1990, 1994 and 1998				
10	Eric Wynalda	8	1990, 1994 and 1998				
	Michael Bradley	8	2010 and 2014				
	Tim Howard	8	2010 and 2014				

# **Top Goalscorers**

Player	Goals	1930	1934	1950	1990	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	2014
<u>Landon</u> <u>Donovan</u>	5							2		3	
Bert Patenaude	4	4									
Clint Dempsey	4								1	1	2
Brian McBride	3						1	2			
Michael Bradley	1									1	
Jim Brown	1	1									
Paul Caligiuri	1				1						
Aldo Donelli	1		1								
Tom Florie	1	1									
Joe Gaetjens	1			1							
Total	37	7	1	4	2	3	1	7	2	5	5

Player	Goals	1930	1934	1950	1990	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	2014
Julian Green	1										1
Joe Maca	1			1							
Clint Mathis	1							1			
Bart McGhee	1	1									
Bruce Murray	1				1						
John O'Brien	1							1			
Gino Pariani	1			1							
Earnie Stewart	1					1					
Frank Wallace	1			1							
<u>Eric</u> Wynalda	1					1					
John Brooks	1										1
Jermaine Jones	1										1
Own goals	3					1		1	1		
Total	37	7	1	4	2	3	1	7	2	5	5

## Own goals scored for opponents

Jeff Agoos (scored for Portugal in 2002)

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