

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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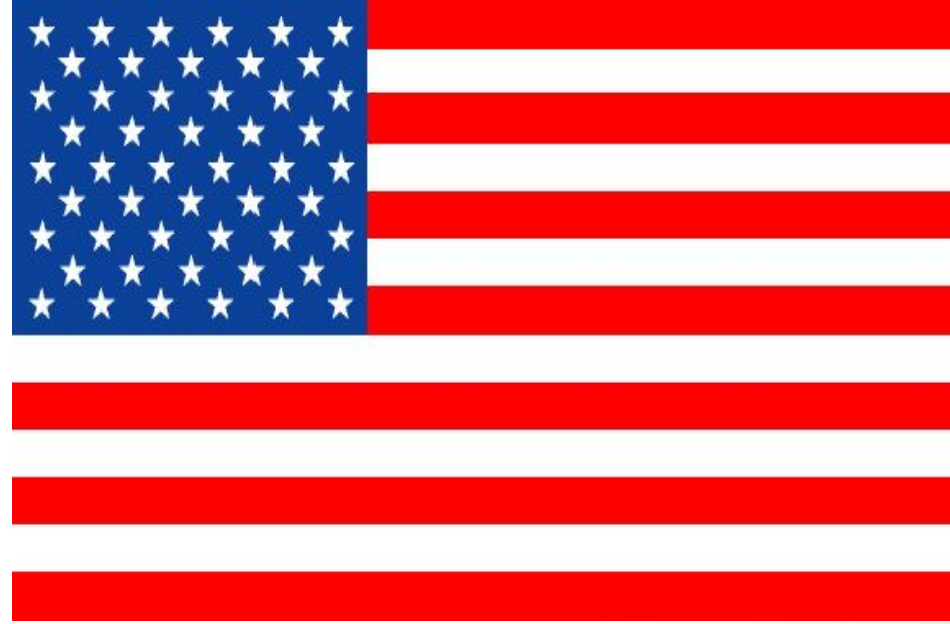
established by the Constitution	- образована на основании Конституции
"the Stars and Stripes and Old Glory"	- «звезды, полосы и древняя слава» (описание флага США)
stripe	- полоска
alternately	- чередуясь, через одну
proclaim	- провозглашать
courage	- храбрость
liberty	- свобода
loyalty	- верность, преданность
coat-of-arms	- герб
eagle	- орел
wings outspread	- распростертые крылья
bundle of rods	- пучок розог
administering	- управление
claw	- клюв
olive twig	- оливковая ветвь
motto	- надпись (на гербе)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The total area of the USA is over nine million square kilometers (9,364,000 sq. km).

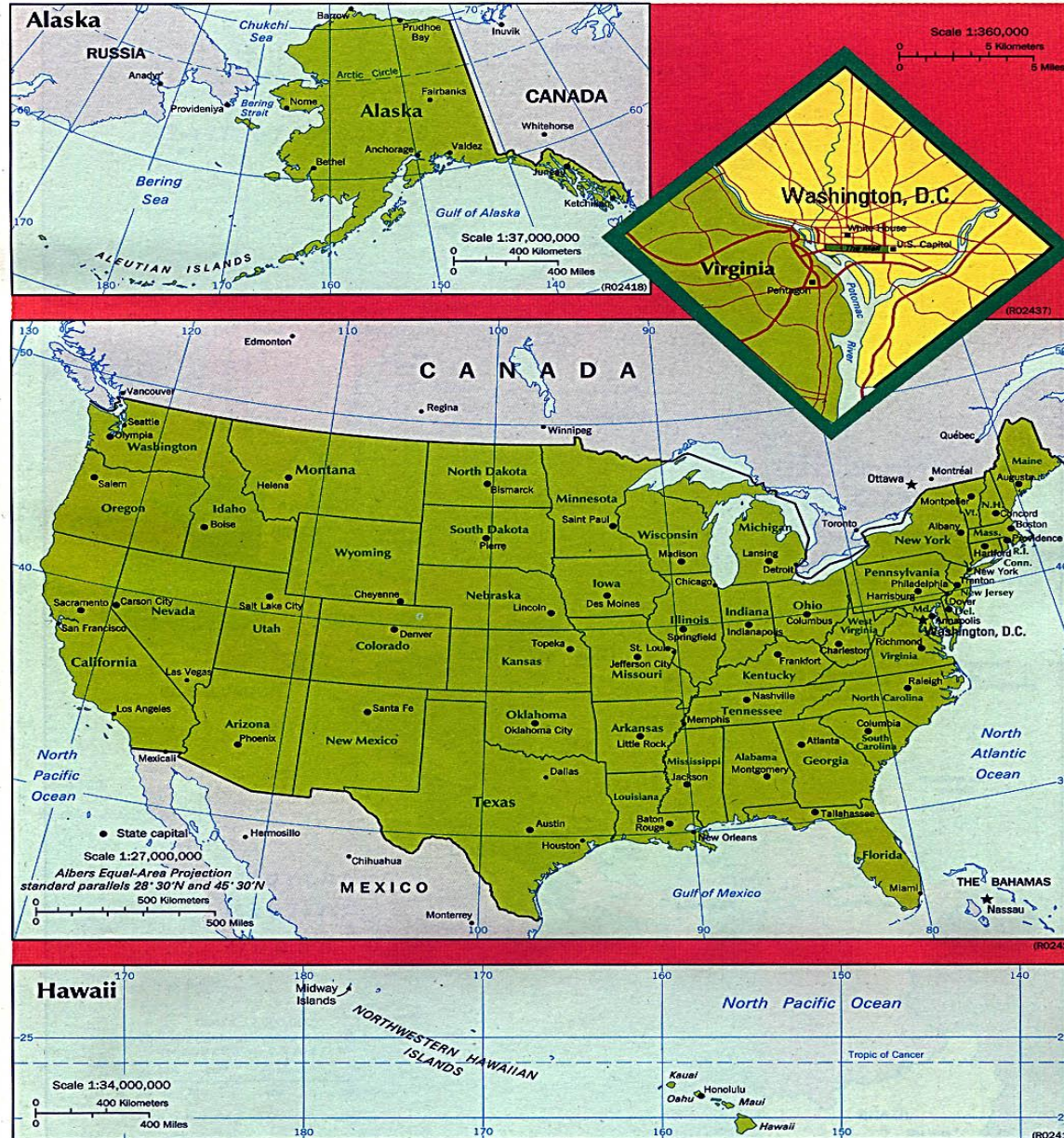
The population of the country is over 321 million people.

The capital is Washington, D.C.



Location

United States



The United States proper (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) is situated in the central part of the North American continent. It stretches from the Atlantic Ocean in the east to the Pacific Ocean in the west, from Canada in the North to Mexico, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Gulf of California in the south. The continental part of the USA consists of four physical geographical parts: two highland and two lowland regions. The highland regions are the Appalachian Mountains in the east, and the Cordillera and the Rocky Mountains in the west.

Geography

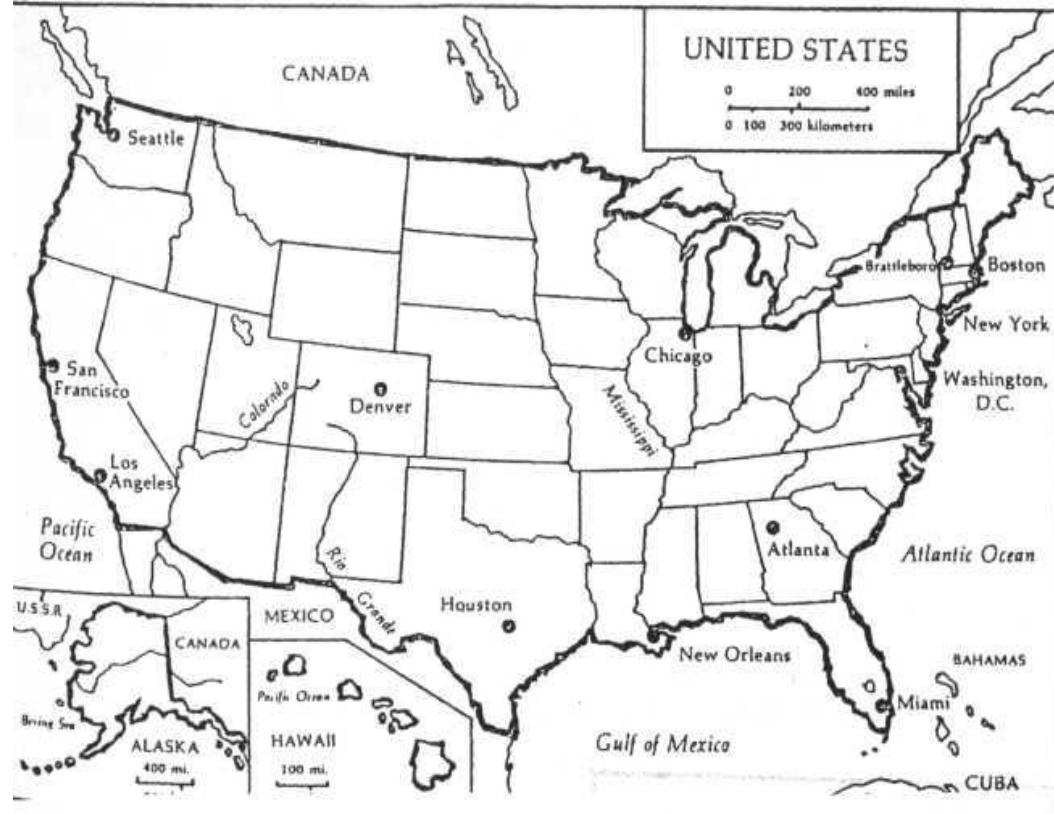


Today the United States is the fourth largest country in the world, in both size and population. It covers an area of 3,618,465 square miles. The U.S. is divided into 50 states. Those which border one another on the continent are grouped into seven regions: New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont), Middle Atlantic States (New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania), Southern States (Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia), Midwestern States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin), Rocky Mountain States (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming), Southwestern States (Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas) and Pacific Coast States (California, Oregon, Washington). In addition, Hawaii and Alaska are grouped separately.

The face of the land

The Mississippi is one of the world's great continental rivers. The Missouri is its chief western branch.

For miles, the waters of the two rivers flow on side by side, without mixing. Those from the west are brown because they wash away the soil in areas of sparse vegetation. The waters from the east are clear and blue. They come from hills and valleys where plentiful forest and plant cover has kept the soil from being washed away.



North of the Central Lowland, extending for almost 994 miles, are the five Great Lakes which the United States shares with Canada.

CLIMATE AND WEATHER



Climatic regions:

- Moderate
- Subtropical

Climatic zones:

- The northernmost zone
- The Mason-Dixon Line
- Substantial humid region
- California's Mediterranean climatic zone

POPULATION



At first, the settlers pushed westward in thin lines along the rivers; then they began to fill the intervening spaces throughout the middle of the country. And there, dramatically, the movement of the population jumped to the Pacific.

As of the census taken in the year 2000 the population of the United States was 281, 421, 906.

Native Americans comprise less than one half of one percent of the total population.

SIMILARITIES AND SPECIFIC FEATURES OF AMERICA

1. Like other countries the United States changes quickly.
2. The number of senior citizens increases.
3. Americans are moving across the country.
4. There are homeless people, hungry children, and crime in the country.
5. Unemployment is a problem.
6. American women work more now, but still do not have the same opportunities for equal salaries and career as men.
7. Americans try to be independent.
8. Young people get married later.
9. Racial discrimination is illegal.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

- The native Americans
- The British
- African-Americans
- Immigrants from Northern and Western Europe

