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**Location:** Northern America  
**Capital City:** Washington, DC (-5 GMT)  
**Chief of State:** President Donald J. Trump  
**Head of Govt.:** President Donald J. Trump  
**Currency:** United States Dollar (USD)  
**Major Languages:** English only 78.2%, Spanish 13.4%, Chinese 1.1%, other 7.3%  
**Primary Religions:** Protestant 46.5%, Roman Catholic 20.8%, Mormon 1.6%, Jehovah’s Witnesses 0.8%, other Christian 0.9%, Jewish 1.9%, Muslim 0.9%, Buddhist 0.7%, Hindu 0.7%, other 1.8%, unaffiliated 22.8%, don’t know/refused 0.6%  
**Calling Code:** 1  
**Voltage:** 120

### Key Economic Facts

**Income Level (by per capita GNI):** High Income  
**Level of Development:** Developed  
**GDP, PPP (current international $):** $19,485.39 billion (2017)  
**GDP growth (annual %):** 2.22% (2017)  
**GDP per capita, PPP (current international $):** $59,927.93 (2017)  
**Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):** 11.55% (2016)  
**Current account balance (BoP, current US$):** -$449.14 billion (2017)  
**Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):** 2.13% (2017)  
**Labor force, total:** 164,867,943 (2018)  
**Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):** 3.93% (2018)  
**Imports of goods and services (current US$):** $2,928.60 billion (2017)  
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### GDP Composition %

- **Agriculture:** 1%  
- **Services:** 77%  
- **Industry:** 19%  
- **Manufacturing:** 12%  

*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

### Rankings

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### Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

**Country rating:** A2 - The political and economic situation is good. A basically stable and efficient business environment nonetheless leaves room for improvement. Corporate default probability is low on average.  
**Business Climate rating:** A1 - The business environment is very good. Corporate financial information is available and reliable. Debt collection is efficient. Institutional quality is very good. Intercompany transactions run smoothly in environments rated A1.

#### Strengths
- Flexible labor market
- Full employment is one of the Federal Reserve’s objectives
- Dollar’s predominant role in the global economy
- Almost 60% of public debt held by residents
- Highly attractive: leader in research & innovation, huge market
- Reduced corporate tax rates
- Increasing energy self-sufficiency

#### Weaknesses
- Low labor market participation
- Households not very geographically flexible
- High household debt (131% of gross disposable income)
- Polarised political landscape
- Lower fertility rate
- Outdated infrastructure
- Increasing inequalities

**U.S. Embassy**

N/A