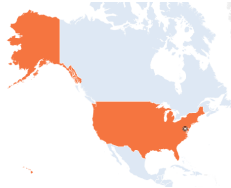


Introduction

The United States is a country located in North America bordering the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean. Neighboring countries are Canada and Mexico. The geography of the United States is varied with mountains in the west, a broad central plain, and low mountains in the east. The government system is a constitution-based federal republic with a strong democratic tradition; the chief of state and head of government is the president. The United States has an advanced mixed economy in which there is a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation. United States is a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).



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: <p>English only 78.2%, Spanish 13.4%, Chinese 1.1%, other 7.3% (2017 est.)</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Protestant 46.5%, Roman Catholic 20.8%, Mormon 1.6%, Jehovah's Witness 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%</p>

Calling Code: 1

Voltage: 120

Key Websites

Main Government Page: usa.gov

Commerce Ministry: commerce.gov

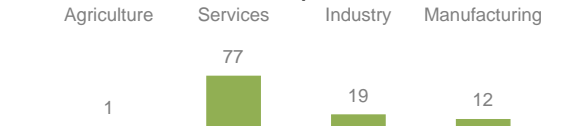
Export Promotion Agency: export.gov

Investment Promotion Agency: selectusa.gov

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	High Income
Level of Development:	Developed
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$19,390.60 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	2.27% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$59,531.66 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	11.60% (2016)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$466.25 billion (2017)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	2.13% (2017)
Labor force, total:	163,463,759 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	4.36% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$2,735.81 billion (2016)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$2,214.57 billion (2016)

GDP Composition %



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

Rankings

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	16 / 178
EY Globalization Index	25 / 60
Global Competitiveness Index	1 / 139
Global Enabling Trade Index	22 / 136
Global Manufacturing Competitiveness Index (GMCI)	2 / 40
Global Services Location Index	22 / 55
Index of Economic Freedom	18 / 180
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	14 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	1 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	27 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	5 / 139
Open Budget Index	7 / 115

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

- Flexibility in the labor market
- Full employment is also one of the objectives of the Federal Reserve
- The predominant role of the dollar in the global economy
- Nearly 60% of public debt held by residents
- Attractive market: leader in research & innovation, huge market
- Reduced corporate tax rates
- Increasing energy self-sufficiency

Weaknesses

- Low labor force participation rate
- Low geographic flexibility of households
- Polarisation of political landscape
- Lower fertility rate
- Obsolescence of many infrastructures
- Increasing inequalities

U.S. Embassy

N/A