



UNITED STATES

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United States

United States of America

Area: 3,618,760 sq. mi.

Population: 260,513,000

Capital: Washington, DC

Main Cities: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco

Languages: English, Spanish, and over 30 other languages

Religions: Protestant, Roman Catholic, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism

Currency: 1 US dollar = 100 cents **GNP per capita:** \$10,000

Profile: The original 13 colonies declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776. After the Civil War (1861-65), rapid industrialization transformed the US as the world's leading economy, a position it maintained until the late 1970s. In the 21st century, the United States faces the challenge of redefining its role in the international community.