

Country Profile

G-20 advanced industrial and emerging countries


United States of America

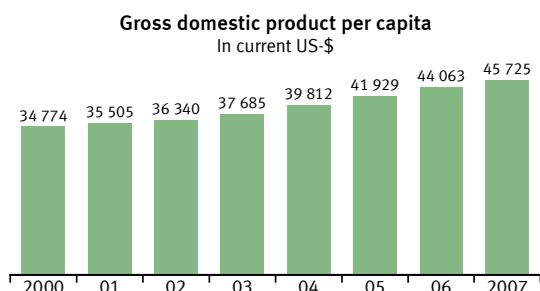


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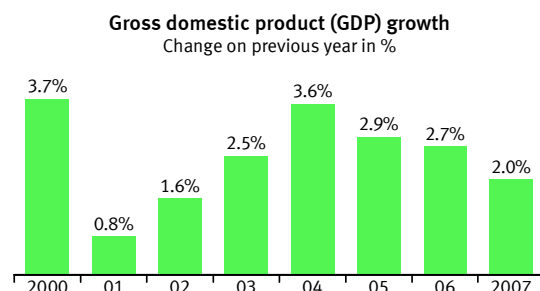
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General information

Capital city	Washington DC	
Currency	US-Dollar	
Official language	English	
Population (1 000)	301 621 (2007)	
Land area (km ²)	9 161 920	
Gross domestic product (current, bn US-\$)	13 808 (2007)	



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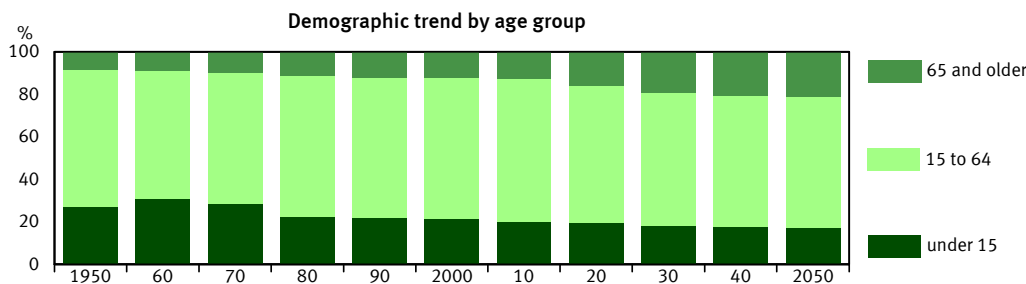
Economy and finance

	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007 ¹
Gross domestic product (GDP), current prices	bn US-\$	7 398	9 817	12 422	13 808
GDP per capita, current prices	US-\$	27 763	34 774	41 929	45 725
Economic development (GDP)	% change on previous year	2.5	3.7	2.9	2.0
Budget balance	% of GDP	-3.1	1.6	-3.3	-2.7
Public debt	% of GDP	69.1	54.2	60.7	60.7
Inflation rate (annual change of price index)	% change on previous year	2.8	3.4	3.4	2.9
Consumer price index, food	2000 = 100	88.4	100.0	113.6	120.9
Tax revenue	% of GDP	27.9	29.9	27.3	28.2
Exchange rate, annual average	US-\$ per €	1.31	0.92	1.24	1.37
Stock of inward foreign direct investment (FDI)	bn US-\$	535.6	1 256.9	1 634.1	2 093.0
Stock of outward foreign direct investment (FDI)	bn US-\$	699.0	1 316.2	2 241.7	2 791.3
Net flow: Inward FDI	bn US-\$	58.8	314.0	104.8	232.9
Net flow: Outward FDI	bn US-\$	92.1	142.6	15.4	313.8
Stock of FDI from Germany	mn US-\$	46.0	122.4	177.2	202.6
Gross value added: Agriculture	% of GDP	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.1
Gross value added: Industry	% of GDP	25.7	23.4	22.2	21.9
Gross value added: Services	% of GDP	72.8	75.5	76.8	77.1

¹ Gross value added, tax revenue and foreign direct investment data: 2006.

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Population and migration	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Population	1 000	266 278	282 217	296 507	299 398
Population density	inhabitants per km ²	29.1	30.8	32.4	32.7
Population aged 15 years and under	% of total population	22.1	21.6	20.8	20.7
Population aged 15-64	% of total population	65.6	66.1	66.9	67.0
Population aged 65 years and older	% of total population	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.3
Foreign-born population	% of total population	10.6	12.2	12.9	.
Fertility rate, total	births per woman	1.98	2.06	2.05	2.05
Population change	% on previous year	+1.19	+1.13	+0.97	+0.97
Life expectancy at birth (m)	years	72.5	74.4	74.9	75.0
Life expectancy at birth (f)	years	78.9	79.8	80.7	80.8



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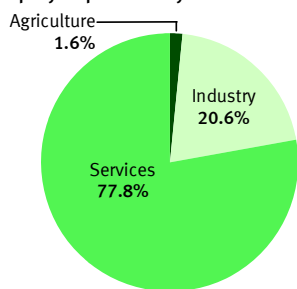
Health	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Health expenditure	% of GDP	13.3	13.2	15.2	15.3
Hospital beds	per 1 000 people	4.1	3.5	3.2	3.2
Physicians	per 1 000 people	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4
Infant mortality rate	per 1 000 live births	7.5	6.9	6.6	6.5

Education	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Public spending on education	% of GDP	.	5.1	5.3	.
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary	number	.	15.0	14.1	13.8
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary	number	.	14.6	14.9	14.6
Tertiary graduation rate	% of pop. at typ. grad. age	32.7	34.4	34.2	.
Graduates: science	% of tertiary graduates	.	8.84	9.37	8.91
Graduates: engineering, construction	% of tertiary graduates	.	8.33	7.43	7.18
Students from Germany	number	.	9 047	9 024	9 142

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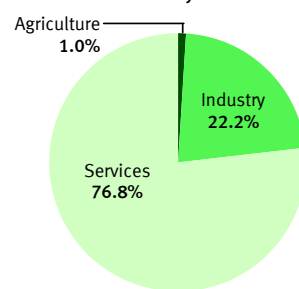
Labour force	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Labour force (aged 16+)	mn	132.3	140.9	149.3	153.1
Labour force participation rate (15-64)	%	76.5	76.9	75.8	75.6 ¹
Labour force participation rate (m, 15-64)	%	83.8	83.4	81.5	81.2 ¹
Labour force participation rate (f, 15-64)	%	69.4	70.4	70.1	70.1 ¹
Employment rate (15-64)	%	72.5	74.0	71.5	71.7
Employment rate (55-64)	%	55.1	57.7	60.8	61.8
Unemployed persons	1 000	7 404	5 692	7 591	7 078
ILO unemployment rate	%	5.6	4.0	5.1	4.6
Long-term unemployment rate	%	9.7	6.0	11.8	.
Unemployment rate (15-24 year-olds)	%	12.1	9.3	11.3	.
Average labour costs in manufacturing	US-\$ per hour	17.80 ²	19.65	23.81	24.18 ¹
Average working hours in manufacturing	hours per week	41.3	41.3	40.7	41.2

Employed persons by sector 2005, in %



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Gross value added by sector 2005, in %



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Living conditions	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Gross national income, atlas method	US-\$ per capita	27 910	34 400	43 210	46 040
Final consumption expenditure	US-\$ per capita	18 700	23 900	29 300	32 100
Expenditure on housing	% of consumption exp.	18.1	17.2	17.4	17.5
Expenditure on food and beverages	% of consumption exp.	7.8	7.0	6.9	6.9

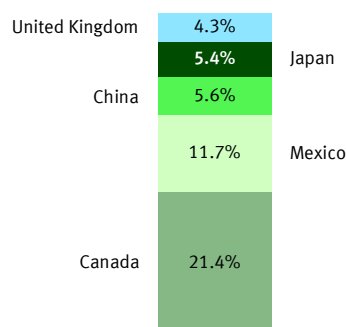
Business, production	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Production index of manufacturing industry	2000 = 100	80.4	103.7	107.2	111.4
Production: crude steel	mn tons	.	102.0	93.4	97.3
Production: passenger cars	1 000	6 351	5 542	4 327	3 934
Retail trade turnover index	2000 = 100	84.1	100.0	108.9	112.3
Producer price index, change	% on previous year	3.6	5.7	7.3	4.8

¹ 2006 – ² 1996.

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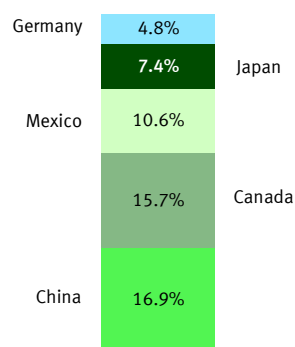
Agriculture	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Agricultural land	% of land area	45.9	45.2	45.3	.
Employment in agriculture	1 000	3 324	3 029	2 739	.
Index of agricultural export value	1999 to 2001 = 100	118	102	116	.
Index of agricultural production	1999 to 2001 = 100	89.0	101.2	106.3	105.1

Destination countries 2007
(% of all exports)



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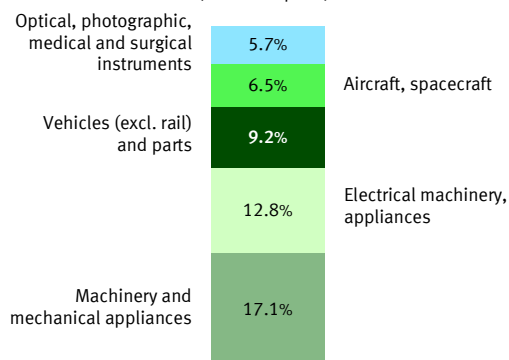
Origin countries 2007
(% of all imports)



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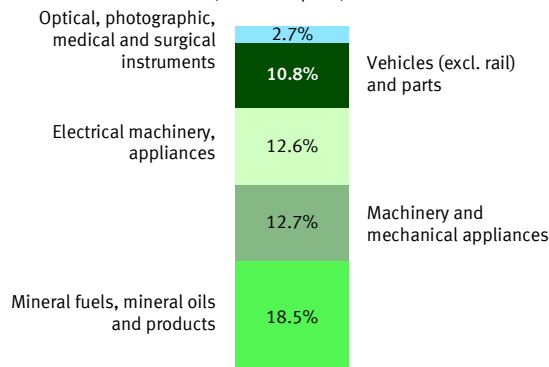
External trade	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Export of goods	bn US-\$	583	780	904	1 163
Import of goods	bn US-\$	771	1 258	1 732	2 017
Trade balance	bn US-\$	-188	-478	-828	-855
Exports to Germany	bn US-\$	22.4	29.2	34.1	49.6
Incl. machinery and mechanical appliances	bn US-\$	6.2	7.8	7.2	8.8
Share of exports to Germany	% of all exports	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.3
Imports from Germany	bn US-\$	38.0	60.2	86.9	96.6
Incl. vehicles and parts	bn US-\$	8.2	17.0	24.7	22.8
Share of imports from Germany	% of all imports	4.9	4.8	5.0	4.8

Selected exports by major commodity groups 2007
(% of all exports)



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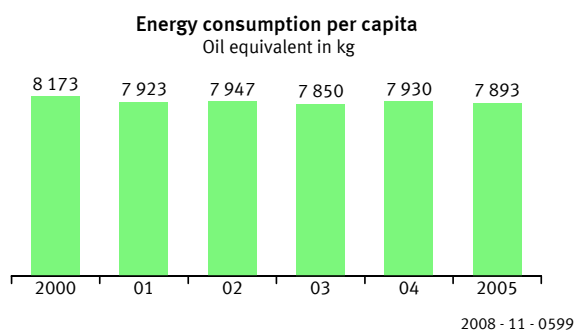
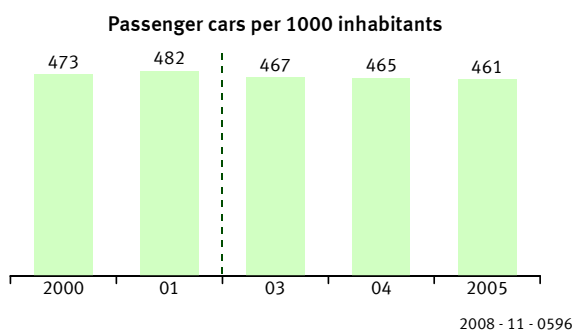
Selected imports by major commodity groups 2007
(% of all imports)



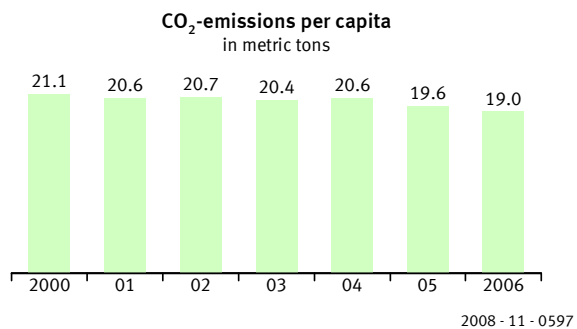
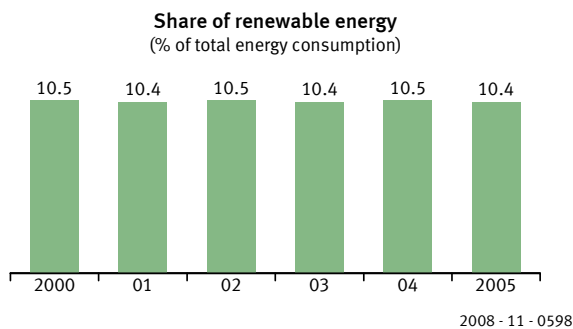
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Transport	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Passenger cars	per 1 000 inhabitants	485	473	461	.
Investment in road transport	% of transport investment
Investment in rail transport	% of transport investment
Goods transport by road	% of total goods transport	30.4	33.0	33.4	.
Goods transport by rail	% of total goods transport	38.2	42.7	44.8	.
Goods transport by waterways	% of total goods transport	10.5	8.4	7.1	.
Passenger transport by road	% of passenger transport	90.3	89.2	89.3	.
Passenger transport by rail	% of passenger transport	0.6	0.6	0.6	.



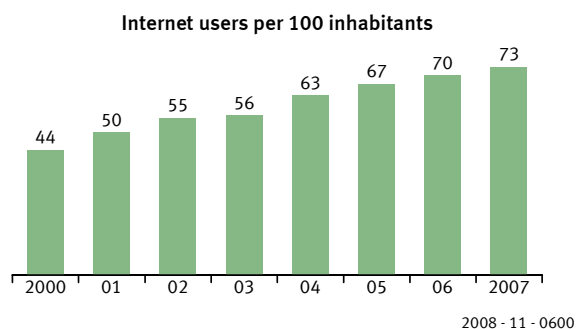
Environment, energy	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
CO ₂ emissions	metric tons per capita	19.5	21.1	19.6	19.0
Energy consumption	kg oil equivalent per capita	7 849	8 173	7 893	.
Gross electricity consumption	kWh per capita	12 660	13 668	13 648	13 515
Share of renewable energy	% of energy consumption	10.8	10.5	10.4	.
Forest area	% of total land area	32.8	33.0	33.1	.



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Science, research, technology	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Research and development (R&D) expenditure	% of GDP	2.58 ¹	2.74	2.62	2.61
Human resources in R&D	per mn inhabitants	4 202 ¹	4 528	4 651	.
Resident patent applications	per mn inhabitants	466	584	701	742
Internet users	per 100 inhabitants	9.4	43.9	66.7	70.2
Mobile phone users	per 100 inhabitants	12.7	38.8	71.9	80.8

¹ 1997



Methodology and sources

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Population, Migration ■ UNPOP, World Bank

Health ■ OECD, World Bank

Education ■ UNESCO, OECD

Labour ■ ILO, World Bank, Eurostat, OECD

Living conditions ■ World Bank, Eurostat, OECD, own calculations

Business, production ■ National sources, UN (MBS), OECD

Agriculture ■ World Bank, FAOSTAT

External trade ■ UN Comtrade

Transport ■ World Bank, OECD/ITF, national sources, World Bank

Environment, energy ■ World Bank, IEA

Science, research, technology ■ UNESCO, World Bank, ITU

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