

# UNITED STATES

Region: North America (Global North)

Capital: Washington, DC

Population (2022): 332.9 million (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Land Area (km<sup>2</sup>): 9,147,420 (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Life Expectancy at Birth (Women): 80.73 years (42<sup>nd</sup>) Major Languages: English, Spanish

Governance System: Federal republic with presidential system

## ***Select Global Rankings***

GDP (2022): 1<sup>st</sup> (25,462,700 US\$ Millions)

Good Country Index: 46<sup>th</sup>

Human Development Index: 21<sup>st</sup> (Very High)

Human Freedom Index: 15<sup>th</sup>

Fragile States Index - Inverted: 39<sup>th</sup> (Cat. 4)

World Happiness Ranking: 15<sup>th</sup>

## ***Select Global Rankings (Gender-Focus)***

Gross National Income Per Capita (Women): 7<sup>th</sup>

Gender Inequality Index: 44<sup>th</sup>

Gender Social Norms Index: 10<sup>th</sup>

Global Gender Gap Index: 43<sup>rd</sup>

Women's Power Index: 75<sup>th</sup>

Women Peace & Security Index: 21<sup>st</sup>

Social Institutions and Gender Index (World Cup rank): 20<sup>th</sup>

## ***Elite Sport System Rankings***

2020 Summer Olympic Women's Medals (% of Total): 69 (61% of 113)

2022 Winter Olympic Women's Medals (% of Total): 15 (60% of 25)

Global Cup Ranking (Women): 1

## ***Football/World Cup Profile***

FIFA Region: CONCACAF

Qualification: Winner Qualifying Group A

FIFA Ranking: 1

World Cup Group: E

World Cup Appearance: 9<sup>th</sup>

Last World Cup Appearance: 2019

Best World Cup Performance(s): 4x Champions (1991, 1999, 2015, 2019)

## **USA in International (Gender) Affairs (by Grace Mayhew)**

The [United States of America](#) has been a ruling country of the Western world since its discovery, with complex historical events and struggles that have shaped the nation itself. The colonies within the USA gained independence through various policies being established through the democratic republic it is today. [Human rights issues](#) have been a prolonged issue that still exist today, with struggles to abolish slavery, genocide against [Native Americans](#), discrimination against women and people of colour, and pivotal movements that have gained various individuals rights to freedoms, as the land of the free establishes itself to be. Women gained voting rights in 1920 with the Nineteenth Amendment after pro-longed movements spanning the whole nation and years of dispute. Additionally, it was not until the 1950s-1960s that the Civil Rights Movement, one of the most powerful movements in history, shifted the prejudices of discrimination. Currently, the [USA has continued to struggle](#) with human rights issues, amongst them involves LGBTQ+ rights, gender equality, and racial justice.

The USA is currently a multi-cultural sphere with a variety [of languages](#), and English as its first, however it is home to over 400 languages. Further, the USA [subscribes](#) to various groups including the G7, G20, UN, and NATO, aiding globally with its immense prosperity. The USA has worked well and has various allyships to count for its economic standing, while sometimes carrying enemies along the way.

Overall, pertaining to the [nation's gender equity](#) stance the USA does have supporting roles and plans for targeting inequalities and working to ensure further remedy, but these issues are still at risk in the nation. In the [Gender Inequality Index](#), the USA ranked 21<sup>st</sup>, however [recent issues](#) within the USA regarding access to proper healthcare, gender violence, workplace discrimination, pay disparities, and further issues are still prevalent within the country. Specifically pertaining to pay parity, women annually [earn 83.7%](#) of what their male counterparts do, and these issues carryover into the sporting world. With more recent disputes for equal pay in the WWC, especially calling action to the NSO for the USA women's football team, [the U.S. Soccer Federation](#) recently announced for the equal pay between the men's and women's teams. Historically, the US Women's National Team has had many successes within the World Cup and their own league. Additionally, the women's team has seen record breaking [viewership over recent](#) seasons. With this in mind, the USWNT has had a prolonged fight for changes to the wage parities present in the sport, and finally some development has been made.