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SEVEN COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD

UNITED STATES

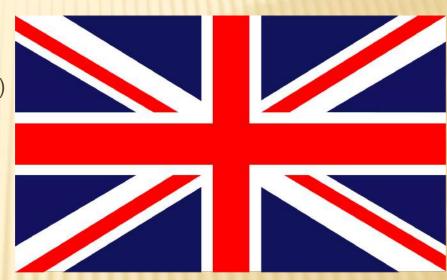
- Government: Federal Republic
- President: Barack H. Obama
- Vice President: Joseph Biden
- Land area: 3,539,225 sq mi (9,166,601 sq km)
- **Population:** 310,232,863 (growth rate: 0.9%)
- X Birth Rate: 13.8/1000
- Infant Mortality Rate: 6.1/1000
- Life Expectancy: 78.2
- X Density per sq mi: 85
- Capital: Washington, DC
- Monetary unit: dollar
- Languages: English 82%, Spanish 11%
- Religions: Protestant 52%, Roman Catholic 24%, Mormon 2%, Jewish 1%, Muslim 1%, none 10%
- Literacy rate: 99%





GREAT BRITAIN

- Government: Constitutional Monarchy and Parliamentary Democracy
- Sovereign: Queen Elizabeth II
- Prime Minister: David Cameron
- Land area: 93,278 sq mi (241,590 sq km)
- Population: 61,284,806 (growth rate: 0.2%)
- **Birth Rate: 10.6/1000**
- Infant Mortality Rate: 4.7/1000
- X Life Expectancy: 79.1
- Density per sq km: 246
- Capital: London
- Monetary unit: Pound sterling
- Languages: English, Welsh, Scots Gaelic
- Religions: Christian (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist) 71.6%, Muslim 2.7%, Hindu 1%, other 1.6%, unspecified or none 23.1%
- Literacy rate: 99%



RUSSIA

- X Government: Constitutional Federation
- President: Dmitry Medvedev
- President-elect: Vladimir Putin
- Prime Minister: Vladimir Putin
- Land area: 6,592,812 sq mi (17,075,400 sq km)
- Population: 139,390,205 (growth rate: -0.5%)
- Birth Rate: 11.1/1000
- Infant Mortality Rate: 10.3/1000
- Life Expectancy: 66.1
- Density per sq mi: 21
- Capital: Moscow
- Monetary unit: Russian ruble
- Languages: Russian, many minority languages
- Religions: Russian Orthodox 15%-20%, other Christian 2%, Islam 10%-15%
- Literacy rate: 100%

CHINA

X Government: Communist State

President: Hu Jintao

Prime Minister: Wen Jiabao

Land area: 3,600,927 sq mi (9,326,411 sq km)

Population: 1,336,718,015 (growth rate: 0.493%)

Birth Rate: 12.29/100

Infant Mortality Rate: 16.06/1000

Life Expectancy: 74.68

Capital: Beijing

Monetary unit: Yuan/Renminbi

Languages: Standard Chinese (Mandarin/Putonghua), Yue (Cantonese), Wu (Shanghaiese), Minbei (Fuzhou), Minnan (Hokkien-Taiwanese), Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects, minority languages note: Mongolian is official in Nei Mongol, Uighur is official in Xinjiang Uygur, and Tibetan is official in Xizang (Tibet)

Religions: Officially atheist; Daoist (Taoist), Buddhist, Christian 3%–4%, Muslim 1%–2%

Literacy rate: 92.2%



MEXICO

- Government: Federal Republic
- × President: Felipe Calderón
- Land area: 742,485 sq mi (1,923,039 sq km)
- Population: 112,468,855 (growth rate: 1.1%)
- X Birth Rate: 19.4/1000
- Infant Mortality Rate: 17.8/1000
- × Life expectancy: 76.2
- Density per sq km: 57
- Capital: Mexico City
- Monetary unit: Mexican Peso
- Languages: Spanish, various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional indigenous languages
- × Religions: nominally Roman Catholic 89%, Protestant 6%, other 5%
- Literacy rate: 91%



NIGERIA

- Government: Multiparty government transitioning from military to civilian rule
- President: Goodluck Jonathan
- Land area: 351,649 sq mi (910,771 sq km)
- Population: 152,217,341 (growth rate: 1.9%)
- X Birth Rate: 36.0/1000
- 💢 Infant Mortality Rate: 92.9/1000 🍕
- × Life Expectancy: 47.2
- Density per sq km: 151
- Capital: Abuja
- Monetary unit: Naira
- Languages: English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo, Fulani, and more than 200 others
- × Religions: Islam 50%, Christian 40%, indigenous beliefs 10%
- × Literacy rate: 68%



IRAN



- Government: Islamic Theocracy
- Chief of State: Ayatollah Ali Khamenei
- President: Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
- Land area: 631,659 sq mi (1,635,999 sq km)
- **Population:** 67,037,517 (growth rate: 0.9%)
- X Birth Rate: 17.3/1000
- Infant Mortality Rate: 34.6/1000



- × Life Expectancy: 71.4
- Density per sq km: 40
- X Capital: Tehran
- Monetary unit: Rial
- Languages: Persian and Persian dialects 58%, Turkic and Turkic dialects 26%, Kurdish 9%, Luri 2%, Balochi 1%, Arabic 1%, Turkish 1%, other 2%
- Religions: Islam 98% (Shi'a 89%, Sunni 9%); Zoroastrian, Jewish, Christian, and Baha'i 2%
- Literacy rate: 77%

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