

## COMPARATIVE CASE: THE UNITED STATES, 2009

1. What are the three most important economic activities that people in the country are engaged in?  
1<sup>st</sup> **Services (79.6%)**      2<sup>nd</sup> **Industry (19.2%)**      3<sup>rd</sup> **Agriculture (1.2%)**
2. What is the unemployment rate? **7.2%**
3. What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)? **\$14.26 trillion**
4. What is the GDP per capita? **\$46,900**
5. What is the economic growth rate? **1.1%**
6. What is the country's external debt? **\$13.64 trillion**
7. List three of the country's major exports.
  - A. **Capital goods (transistors, aircraft, motor vehicle parts, computers)**
  - B. **Industrial supplies (such as organic chemicals)**
  - C. **Consumer goods (automobiles, medicines)**
8. List three of the country's major imports.
  - A. **Industrial supplies (crude oil)**
  - B. **Consumer goods (automobiles, clothing, toys)**
  - C. **Capital goods (computers, telecommunications equipment, motor vehicle parts)**
9. List the country's top three major trading partners.
 

<b>A. Canada</b>	<b>B. China</b>	<b>C. Mexico</b>
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10. List three of the country's major industries.
 

<b>A. Petroleum refining</b>	<b>B. Steel</b>	<b>C. Motor vehicles</b>
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11. List three of the country's chief agricultural products.
 

<b>A. Wheat</b>	<b>B. Corn</b>	<b>C. Fruits &amp; vegetables</b>
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12. What regional economic organizations does the United States belong to?  
**NAFTA, APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation), IADB (Inter-American Development Bank), AfDB (African Development Bank Group), and many others.**
13. How many refugees and internally displaced persons are in the country?  
**In 2008, the United States admitted nearly 60,200 refugees.**
14. What is the percentage of people living below the poverty line? **12%**
15. How many kilometers or miles of paved road does the country have? **4,209,835 km (2,615,870 miles)**  
Expressways? **75,040 km (46,627 miles)**
16. How many airports does the country have? **14,951**
17. What is the life expectancy in the country? **78 years**
18. What is the country's literacy rate? **99%**
19. Approximately how many people are Internet users? **223 million**    Percentage of population? **73%**

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Sources: Central Intelligence Agency, *The World Factbook 2009*; Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Office of Admissions – Refugee Processing Center, *Summary of Refugee Admissions, Fiscal Year 2008*.