

WASHINGTON

Washington D.C., located on the East Coast, is the **capital** of the **United States**, founded on July 16, 1790. The District has a total area of 68.3 square miles (177 km²), of which 61.4 square miles (159 km²) is land and 6.9 square miles (18 km²) (10.16%) is water. The majority of the District's territory consisted of farm land and tree-covered hills.

The **Washington Metropolitan Area**, of which the District is a part, has a population of 5.3 million, the eighth-largest metropolitan area in the country. The centers of all three branches of the federal government of the **United States** are located in the District, as are many of the nation's monuments and museums. **Washington, D.C.**, hosts 174 foreign embassies as well as the headquarters of the **WorldBank**, the **International Monetary Fund** (IMF), the **Organization of American States** (OAS), the **Inter-American Development Bank**, and the **Pan American Health Organization** (PAHO). The headquarters of other institutions such as trade unions, lobbying groups, and professional associations are also located in the District.



White House : Official residence and principal workplace of the **President of the United States**. It was built between 1792 and 1800 of white-painted Aquia sandstone in the late Georgian style.



Lincoln Memorial : **United States Presidential memorial** built to honor the 16th President of the United States, **Abraham Lincoln**. The memorial has been the site of many famous speeches, including **Martin Luther King's** "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered on August 28, 1963 during the rally at the end of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

National Mall : The National Mall is an open-area national parkin downtown **Washington, D.C**

Capitol: The **United States Capitol** is a building that serves as the seat of government for the United States Congress, the legislative branch of the **U.S. federal government**.

Washington Monument : A large, tall, sand-colored obelisk, to commemorate the first U.S. president, George Washington.

National Gallery of Art : National art museum, located on the **National Mall**. The museum was established in 1938 by the **United States Congress**.

National Air and Space Museum: This museum maintains the largest collection of **aircraft** and **spacecraft** in the world. It is also a vital center for research into the history, science, and technology of aviation and space flight, as well as planetary science and terrestrial geology and geophysics.

Jefferson Memorial : Dedicated to **Thomas Jefferson**, an American Founding Father and the third president of the United States. Neoclassical building, composed of circular marble steps, a portico, a circular colonnade of Ionic order columns, and a shallow dome.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden : It was conceived as the United States' museum of contemporary and modern art. Outside the museum is a sculpture garden, featuring works by artists including **Auguste Rodin** and **Alexander Calder**.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial : Dedicated on May 2, 1997, the monument, spread over 7.5 acres (30,000 m²), traces 12 years of the history of the United States through a sequence of four outdoor rooms, one for each of FDR's terms of office.

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