



COUNTRY STUDY

USA

Geographical location of the United States

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The United States of America at 3.8 million square miles it is the world's third- or fourth-largest country by total area.







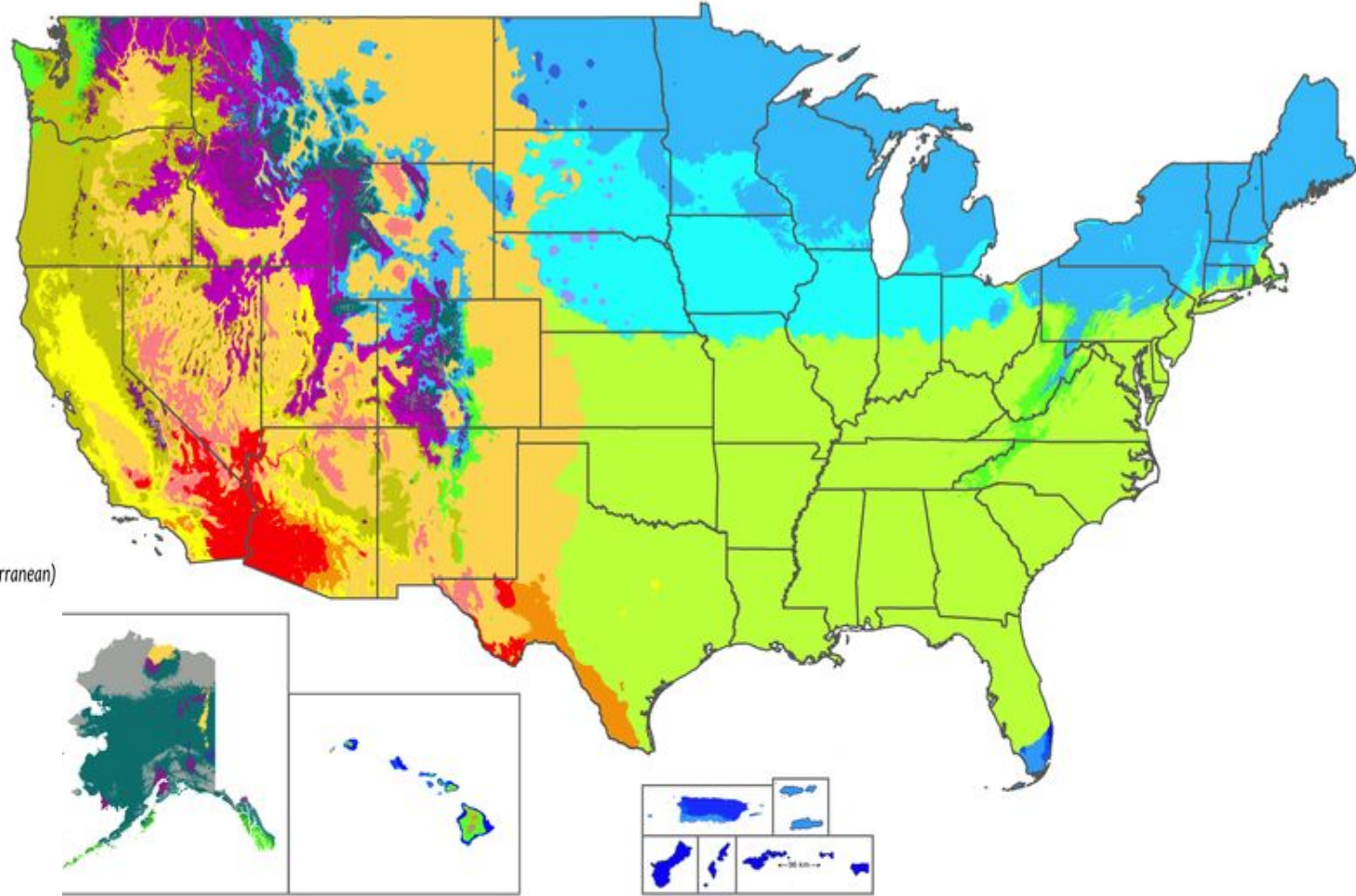
Precipitation varies widely across the United States, from a low of 2.3 inches per year in California's Death Valley to a high of 460 inches on Hawaii's Mount Waialeale. Nevada ranks as the driest state, with an average annual precipitation of 9.5 inches, and Hawaii is the wettest, at 70.3 inches.

Average Annual Precipitation (in inches) 1961-1990

180.1-200	35.1-40
140.1-180	30.1-35
120.1-140	25.1-30
100.1-120	20.1-25
80.1-100	15.1-20
70.1-80	10.1-15
60.1-70	5.1-10
50.1-60	5 and less
40.1-50	

Albers equal area projection
 0 100 200 300 mi
 0 100 200 300 km

Köppen climate types of the United States



Köppen climate type

EF (Ice-cap)	Dsb (Warm-summer mediterranean continental)	Csa (Hot-summer mediterranean)
ET (Tundra)	Dsa (Hot-summer mediterranean continental)	BSk (Cold semi-arid)
Dfc (Subarctic)	Cfc (Subpolar oceanic)	BSh (Hot semi-arid)
Dfb (Warm-summer humid continental)	Cfb (Oceanic)	BWk (Cold desert)
Dfa (Hot-summer humid continental)	Cfa (Humid subtropical)	BWh (Hot desert)
Dwc (Subarctic)	Cwb (Subtropical highland)	Aw (Savanna)
Dwb (Warm-summer humid continental)	Cwa (Humid subtropical)	Am (Monsoon)
Dwa (Hot-summer humid continental)	Csc (Cold-summer mediterranean)	Af (Rainforest)
Dsc (Dry-summer subarctic)	Csb (Warm-summer mediterranean)	

*Isotherm used to distinguish temperate (C) and continental (D) climates is -3°C

Data sources: Köppen types calculated from data from PRISM Climate Group, Oregon State University, <http://prism.oregonstate.edu>;
Outline map from US Census Bureau

Thank you for your attention

