Washington D.C.



- formally the **District of Columbia,**
  commonly referred to as **Washington**, **the District**, or simply **D.C**
- capital of the United States
- founded on July 16, 1790
- not a part of any U.S. state and instead directly overseen by the federal government

Geography

- located in the humid subtropical climate zone
- located on the north bank of the Potomac River
- bordered by the states of Virginia to the southwest and Maryland to the other sides
- resident population of 601,723
- **Washington Metropolitan Area**, of which the District is a part, has a population of 5.4 million → eighth-largest metropolitan area in the country
- centers of all three branches of the U.S. federal government are located in the District

Government

- governed by a mayor and a 13-member city council
- However, the United States Congress has supreme authority over the city and may overturn local laws
- non-voting, Congressional delegate, but no senators

Historic sites and museum

- **National Mall** : large, open park area in the center of the city
- **Washington Monument/ Jefferson Pier :** Located in the center of the Mall
- **Lincoln Memorial :** monument to honor the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln