An American Profile: The United States and Its People

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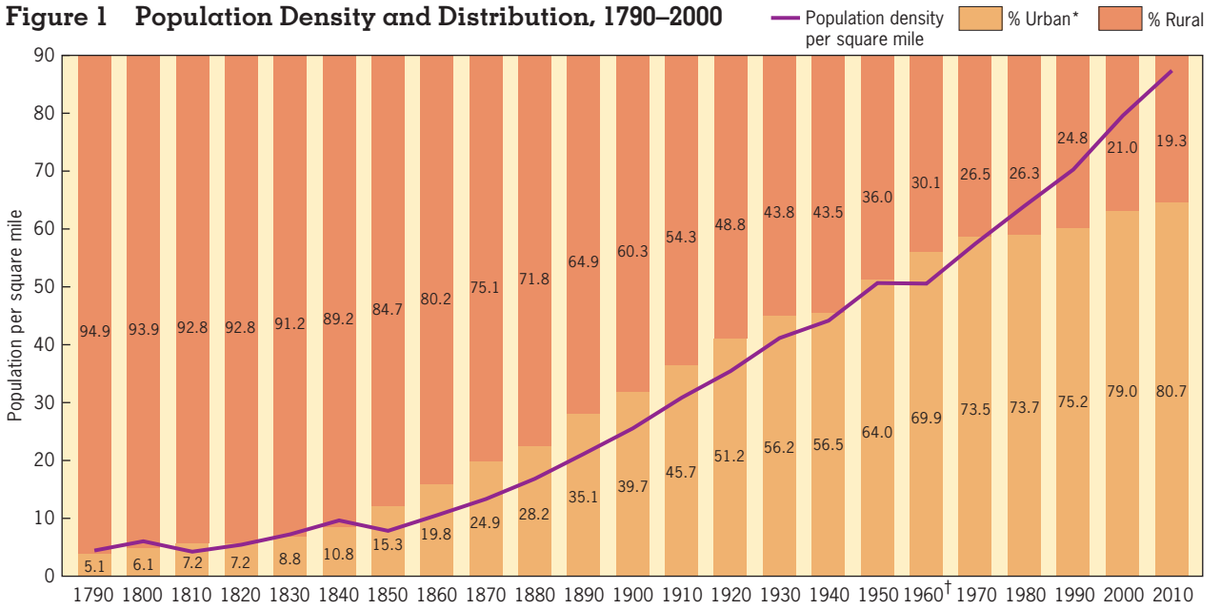
Table 1 Population, Percentage Change, and Racial Composition for the United States, 1790–2006

Census	Population of United States	Increase over Preceding Census		Racial Composition, Percent Distribution*			
		Number	Percentage	White	Black	Latino	Asian
1790	3,929,214			80.7	19.3	NA	NA
1800	5,308,483	1,379,269	35.1	81.1	18.9	NA	NA
1810	7,239,881	1,931,398	36.4	81.0	19.0	NA	NA
1820	9,638,453	2,398,572	33.1	81.6	18.4	NA	NA
1830	12,886,020	3,227,567	33.5	81.9	18.1	NA	NA
1840	17,069,453	4,203,443	32.7	83.2	16.8	NA	NA
1850	23,191,876	6,122,423	35.9	84.3	15.7	NA	NA
1860	31,443,321	8,251,445	35.6	85.6	14.1	NA	0.1
1870	39,818,449	8,375,128	26.6	86.2	13.5	NA	0.2
1880	50,189,209	10,370,760	26.0	86.5	13.1	NA	0.2
1890	62,979,766	12,790,557	25.5	87.5	11.9	NA	0.2
1900	76,212,168	13,232,402	21.0	87.9	11.6	NA	0.3
1910	92,228,496	16,016,328	21.0	88.9	10.7	NA	0.3
1920	106,021,537	13,793,041	15.5	89.7	9.9	NA	0.3
1930	123,202,624	17,181,087	16.2	89.8	9.7	NA	0.4
1940	132,164,569	8,961,945	7.3	89.9	9.8	NA	0.4
1950	151,325,798	19,161,229	14.5	89.5	10.0	NA	0.4
1960†	179,323,175	27,997,377	18.5	88.6	10.5	NA	0.5
1970	203,302,031	23,978,856	13.4	87.6	11.1	4.5	0.7
1980	226,542,199	23,240,168	11.4	85.9	11.8	6.4	1.5
1990	248,718,302	22,176,103	9.8	83.9	12.1	9.0	2.9
2000	281,421,906	32,703,604	13.1	75.1	12.3	12.5	3.6
2010	308,745,538	27,323,632	9.7	72.4	12.6	16.3	4.8
2013	316,128,839	7,383,301	2.4	77.7	13.2	17.1	5.3

*Not every racial group included (e.g., no Native Americans). Persons of Latino origin may be of any race. Data for 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2006 add up to more than 100% because those who identify themselves as "Latino" could still be counted as "White."
†First year for which figures include Alaska and Hawaii.
(Sources: Census Bureau, *Historical Statistics of the United States,* updated by relevant *Statistical Abstract of the United States.*)

Figure 1 Population Density and Distribution, 1790–2000



*The Bureau of the Census defines "urban" as communities of 2,500 or more inhabitants.
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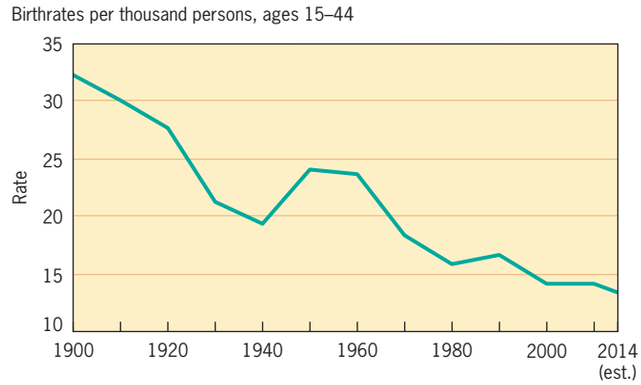
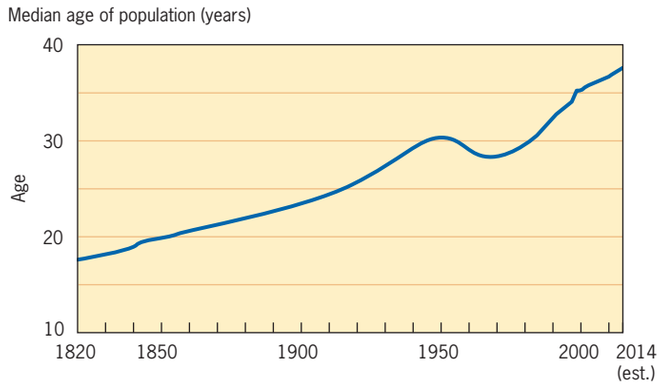
Figure 2 Changing Characteristics of the U.S. Population



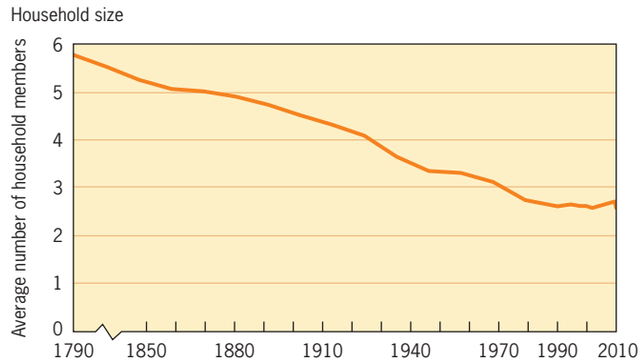
Globally, 2014 (est.)

China	12.2
France	12.5
India	19.9
Japan	8.1
Mexico	19.0
United Kingdom	12.2



Globally, 2014 (est.)

China	36.7
France	40.9
India	27
Japan	46.1
Mexico	27.3
United Kingdom	40.4



Globally, 2010

China	3.1
France	2.2
India	4.8
Japan	2.4
Mexico	3.9
United Kingdom	2.4

(Sources: B. R. Mitchell, *International Historical Statistics*, New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013; *The Economist, Pocket World in Figures,* 2008 ed. London: Profile Books Ltd., 2007; CIA World Factbook; *Historical Statistics of the United States;* and *Statistical Abstract of the United States,* relevant years.)

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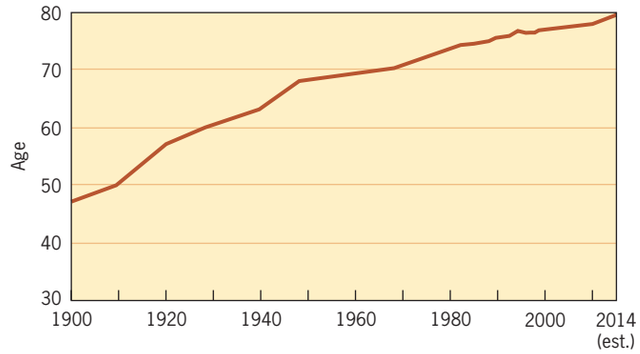
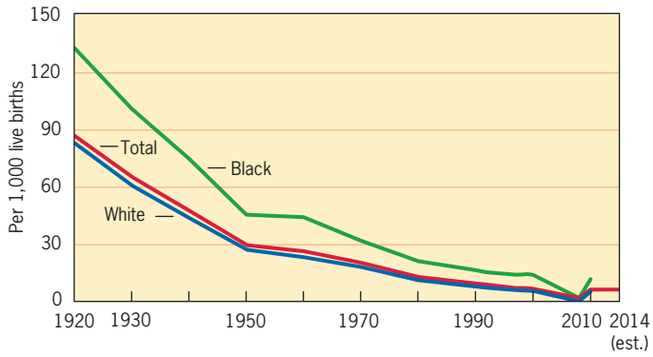
Life expectancy at birth



Globally, 2014 (est.)

China	75.2
France	81.7
India	69.8
Japan	84.5
Mexico	75.4
United Kingdom	80.4

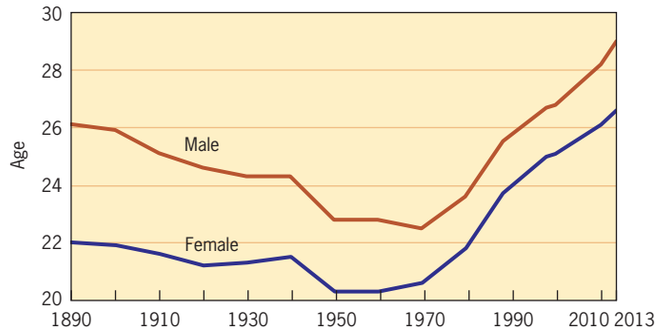
Infant mortality



Globally, 2014 (est.)

China	14.8
France	3.3
India	43.2
Japan	2.1
Mexico	12.6
United Kingdom	4.4

Median age at first marriage



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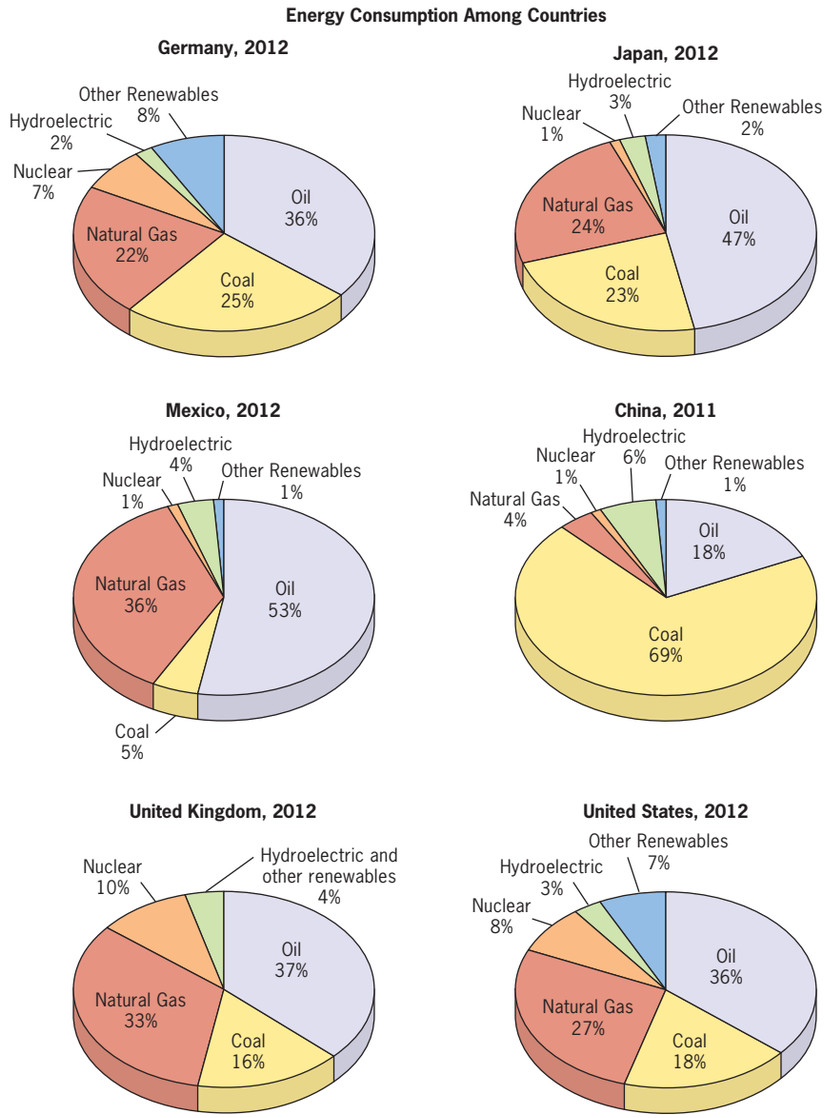

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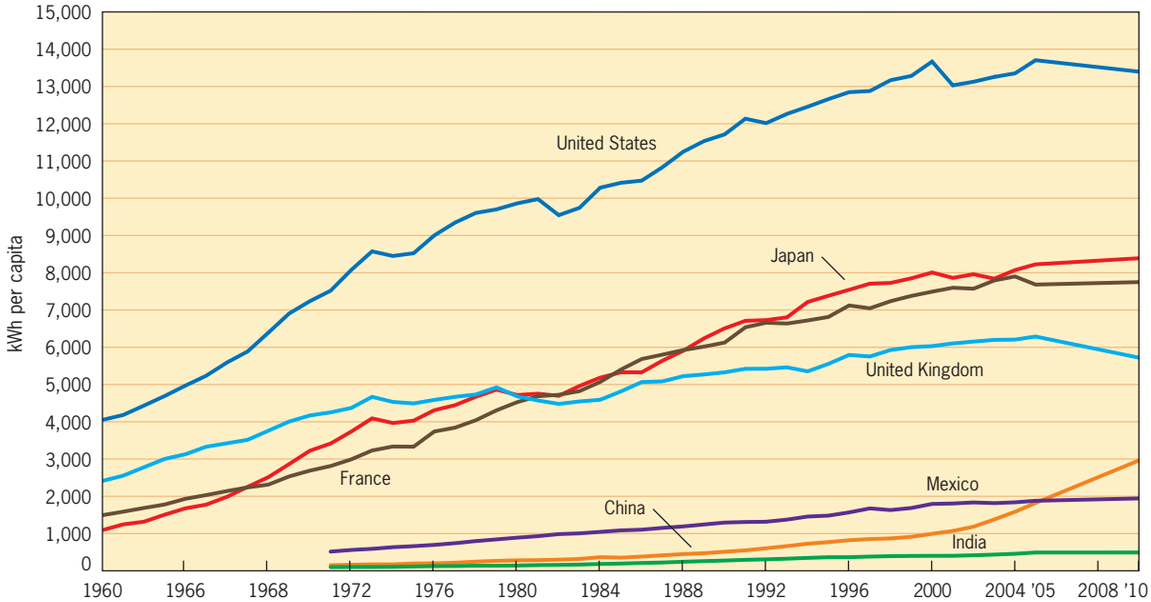
Energy Consumption Among Countries



CO_2 Emissions Among Countries

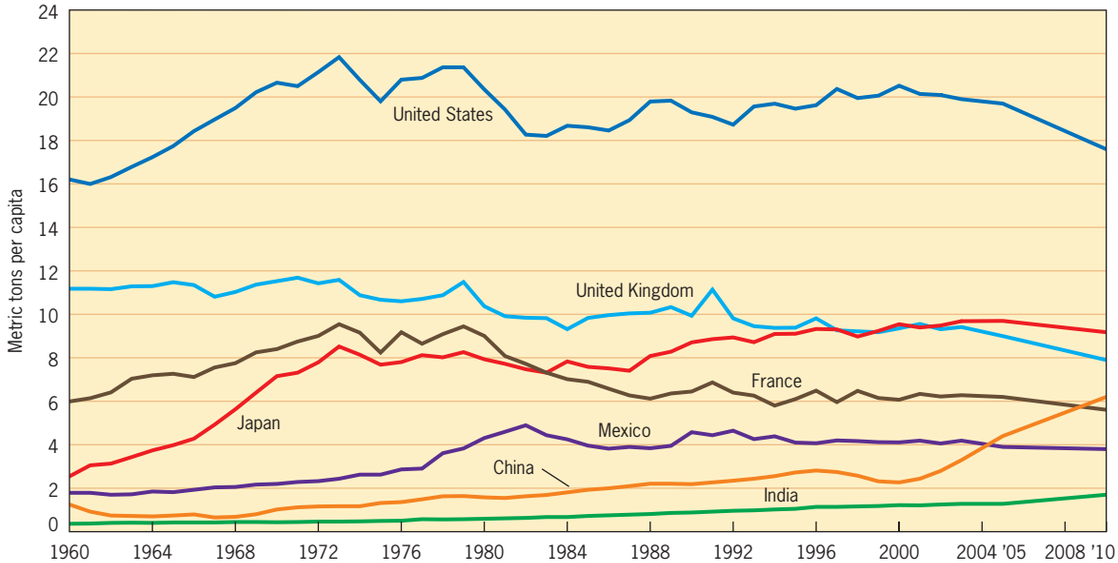


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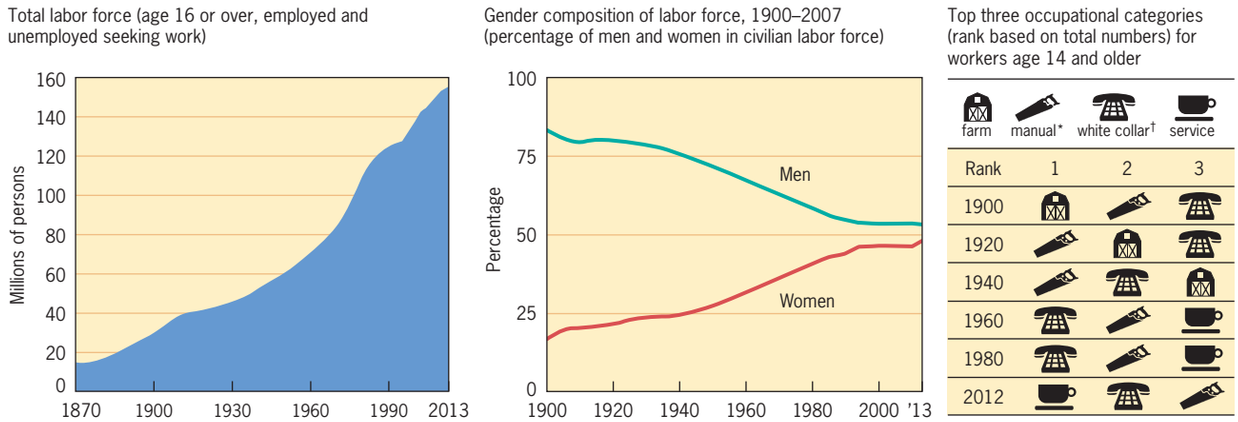
Figure 4 Characteristics of the U.S. Labor Force, 1900–2007



*Manual workers = operators, fabricators, and laborers plus precision production, craft, and repair.
†White-collar workers = managerial and professional plus technical, sales, and administrative support.
(Sources: *Historical Statistics of the United States and Statistical Abstract of the United States*, relevant years, and Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Handbook of Labor Statistics*, relevant years.)

Figure 5 Leading Economic Sectors (various years)

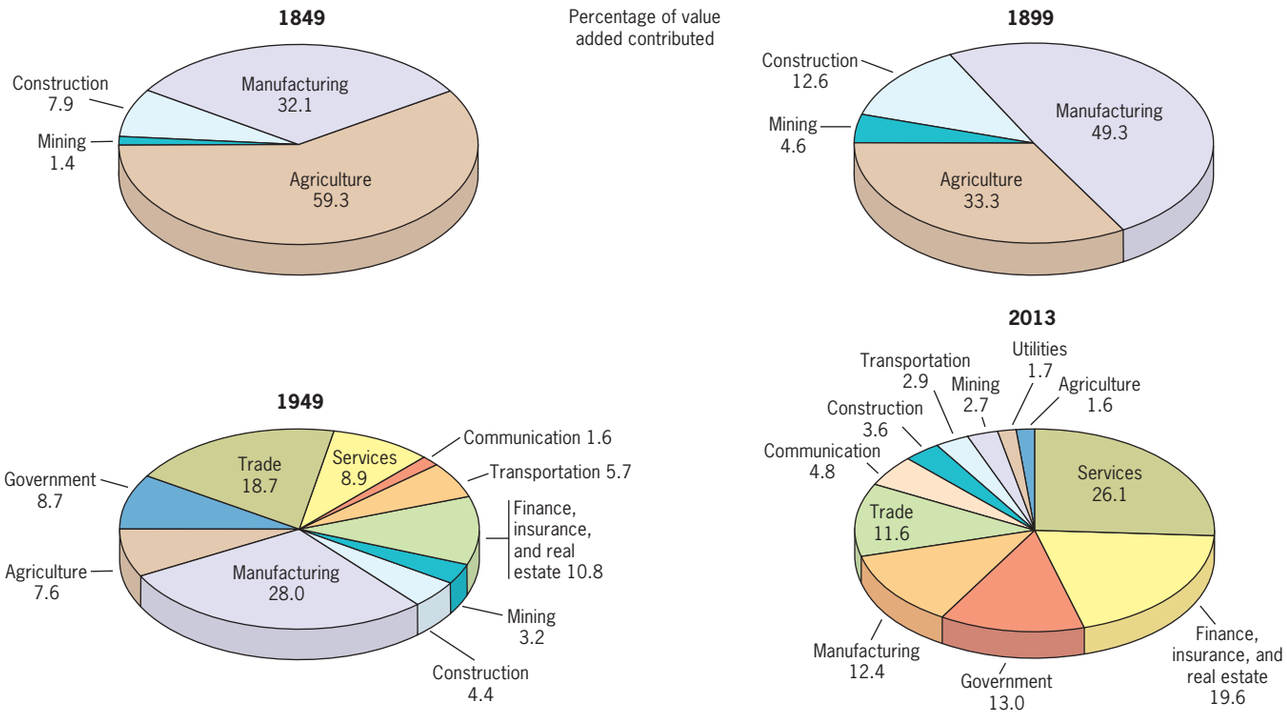


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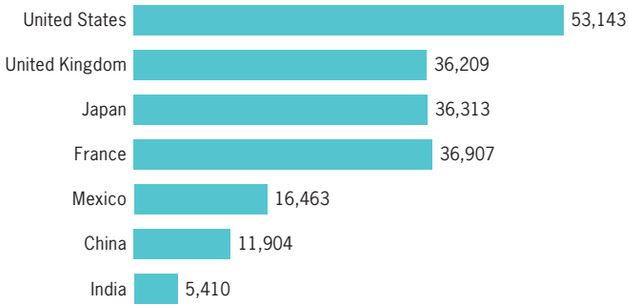
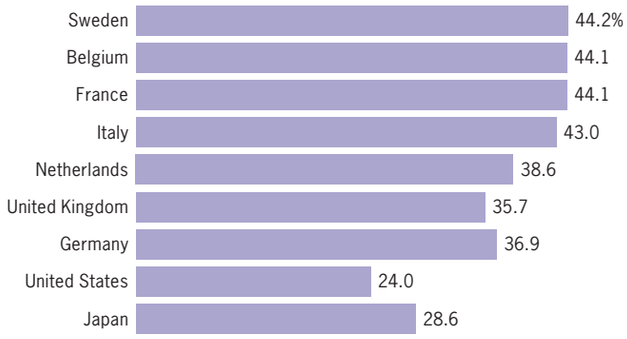
Figure 6 Gross Domestic Product Per Capita by Country, 2013



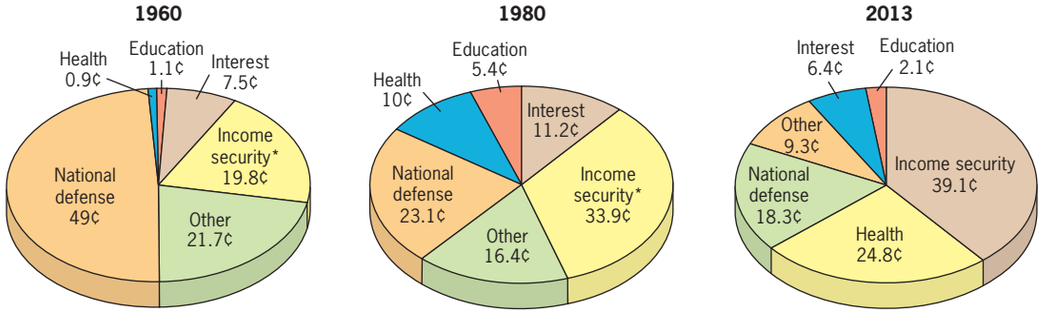
(Source: The World Bank.)

Figure 7 Comparative Tax Burdens (percentage of gross domestic product paid as taxes in major industrial countries, 2011)



(Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.)

Figure 8 The Federal Budget Dollar and How It Is Spent, by Major Category



*Includes Social Security payments to the elderly and disabled, unemployment compensation, and welfare. Note the shifting emphasis in the budget from defense spending to health and income security; the interest payment trend is no longer evident

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Figure 9 The U.S. Balance of Trade, 1900–2013

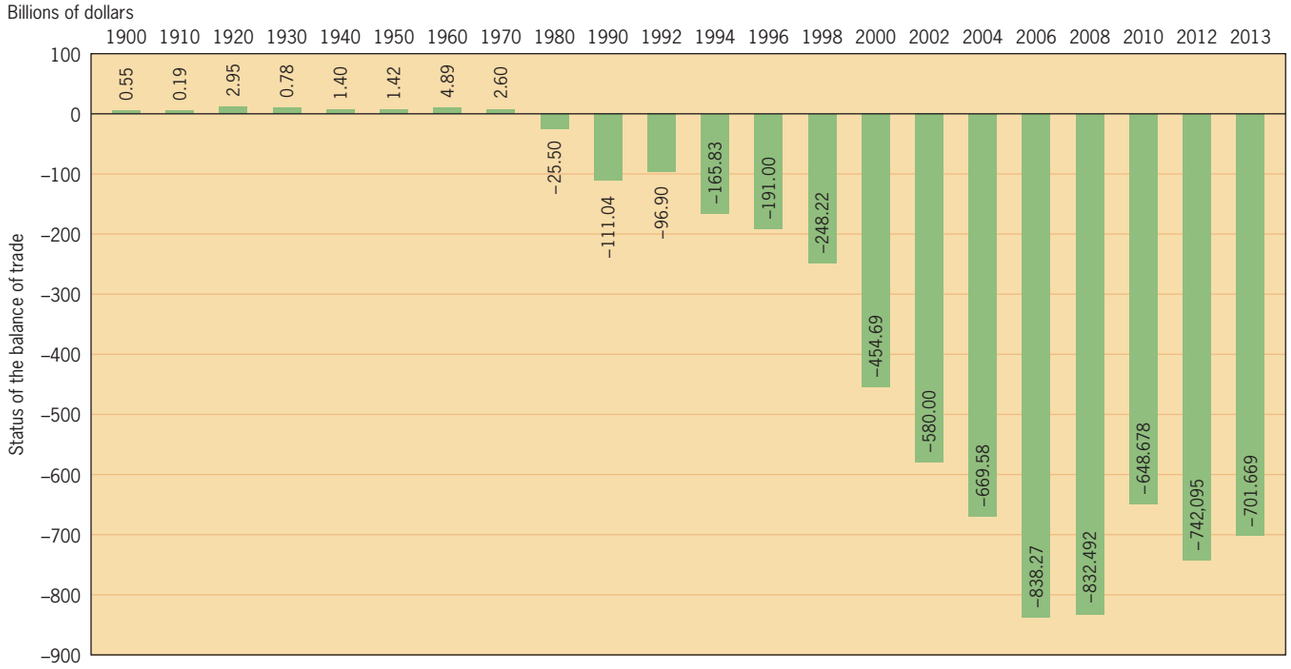

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Figure 10 Tariff Levies on Dutiable Imports, 1821–2010 (ratio of duties to value of dutiable imports)

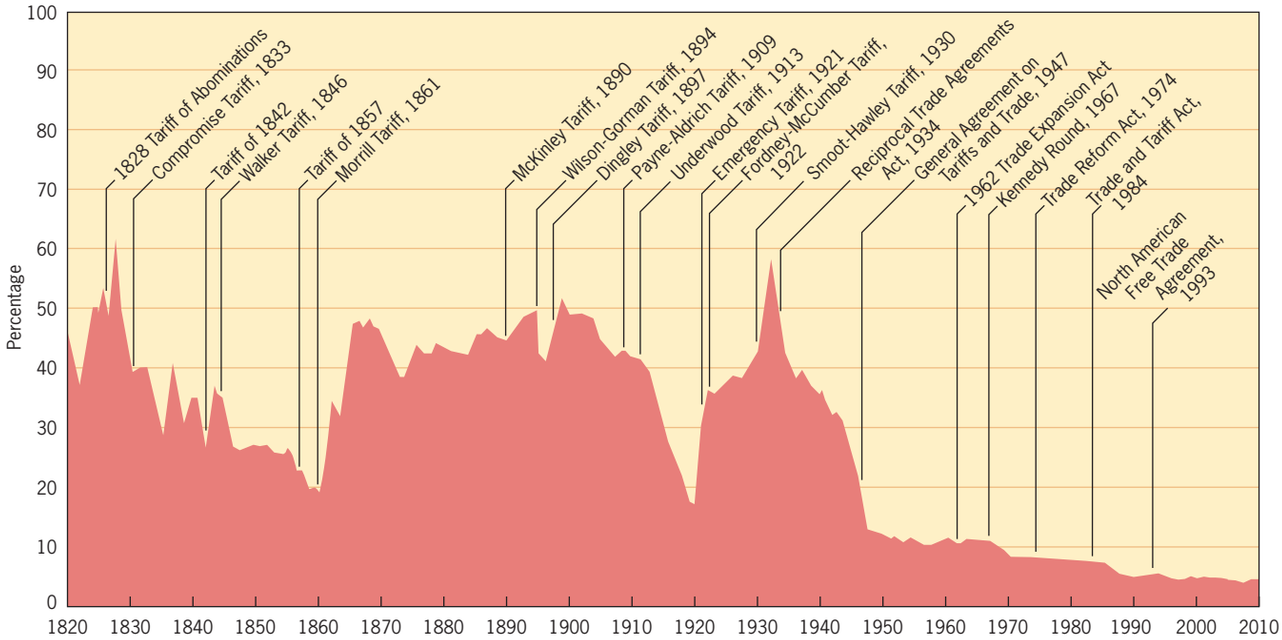

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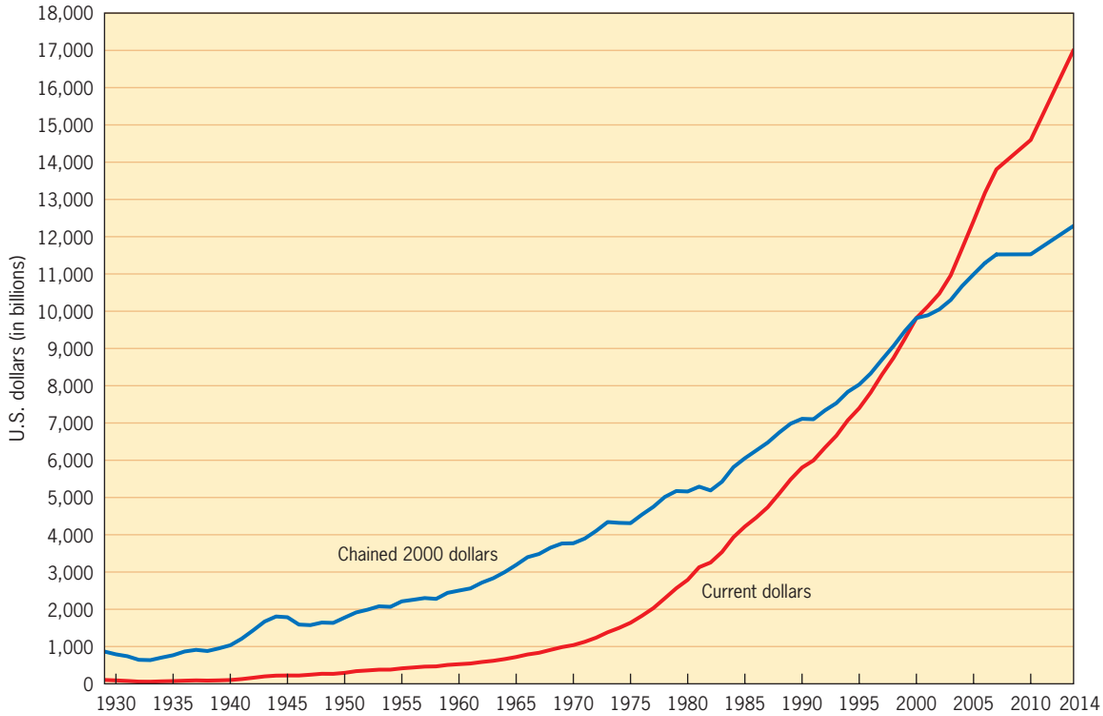
Figure 11 Gross Domestic Product in Current and Chained 2000 Dollars*



*Chained dollars based on U.S. Department of Commerce measure for expressing real dollars adjusted to inflation. Uses year 2000 as base year.
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