

Welcome to NORTH AMERICA

NORTH AMERICA FACTS & FIGURES

The North American continent contains more than 9 million square miles of land, stretching from Panama to Greenland; from the Aleutian Islands to the Caribbean Islands.

North America is the third-largest continent. (Asia is the largest; Africa is the second largest.)

Over 565 million people live in North America. The United States has the highest population, with over 320 million people, followed by Mexico (120 million) and Canada (35 million).

Canada and the United States dominate the map of North America, but more than two dozen other countries and territories make up what is referred to as Middle America, which includes Mexico, Central America, and the many islands of the West Indies.

Highest Point:

Denali (Mount McKinley), Alaska:
20,320 feet
(6,194 m)

Lowest Point:

Death Valley,
California: 282
ft (86 m) below
sea level

Largest Country:

Canada: 3,885,101
sq mi (9,984,670
sq km)

Largest Lake:

Lake Superior,
U.S.-Canada:
31,701 sq mi
(82,100 sq km)

Longest River:

Mississippi-
Missouri: 3,710
miles (5,971
km)

Deepest Lake:

Great Slave Lake,
Northwest
Territories: 2,015
feet (614 m)

Largest Island:

Greenland (also the
world's largest):
836,000 sq mi
(2,166,000 sq km)

Smallest Country:

St. Kitts and Nevis:
104 sq mi
(269 sq km)

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