

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 1 October 2003 (previously a Member State from 4 November 1946 to 31 December 1984)
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires in 2019)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Legal Committee (term expires at the beginning of the 40th session of the General Conference in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (member designated by UNESCO Director-General: Mr Steven Duggan)
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Mr Chris Hegadorn, Chargé d’Affaires *a.i.*, Deputy Permanent Delegate (since 23 January 2017)
 - Staff: Mr Michael Garuckis, First Secretary (Political Affairs)
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Crystal Nix-Hines (August 2014 – January 2017)
5. **US National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 1946, re-established on 20 October 2004
 - Acting Executive Director: Mr Paul T. Mungai
6. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:**
 - Ms Judith Pizar, UNESCO Special Envoy for Cultural Diplomacy (2017)
 - Ms Laura Bush, UNESCO Honorary Ambassador for the Decade of Literacy in the context of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003)
 - Mr Forest Whitaker, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Peace and Reconciliation (2011)
 - Mr Herbie Hancock, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2011)
 - Mrs Esther Coopersmith, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Intercultural Dialogue (2009)
 - Mr Marcus Miller (jazz musician, composer and producer), UNESCO Artist for Peace (2013)
 - Mr Navarre Scott Momaday (writer, poet, painter, professor), UNESCO Artist for Peace (2004)
 - Ms Marisa Berenson (actress), UNESCO Artist for Peace (2001)
 - Prof. Jonathan D. Moreno, member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (2012-2019)
 - Prof. Zhenan Bao (Department of Chemical Engineering, Stanford University), laureate of the 17th L’Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2017)
 - Mr Steven Duggan, Member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
7. **UNESCO Chairs:** 17 Chairs and 4 UNITWIN Networks
 - UNESCO Chair on Global Humanities and Ethics Education (2017), University of Southern California
 - UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Urbanism (2016), University of Chicago
 - UNESCO Chair on Gender, Wellbeing and a Culture of Peace (2016), University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - UNESCO Chair on Global Learning and Global Citizenship Education (2015), University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
 - UNESCO Chair on Environmental History: Water and Indigenous Peoples (2015), University of Arizona
 - UNESCO Chair in International Education for Development (2014), George Washington University
 - UNESCO Chair on Water Access and Sustainability (2013), University of Cincinnati
 - UNESCO Chair in Genocide Education (2013), University of Southern California
 - UNESCO Chair on Rural Community, Leadership, and Youth Development (2013), Pennsylvania State University

- UNESCO Chair in Genocide Prevention (2012), State University of New Jersey
 - UNESCO Chair in Communication for Sustainable Social Change (2011), University of Massachusetts – Amherst
 - UNESCO Chair in Transnational challenges and governance (2011), American University, Washington D.C.
 - UNESCO Chair in Learning and Literacy (2011), University of Pennsylvania
 - UNESCO Chair in Transcultural Studies, Interreligious Dialogue, and Peace (2007), University of Oregon
 - UNESCO Chair on “Achieving the Promise of EFA: Gender, Disability and Literacy” (2006), Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
 - UNESCO Chair in Higher Education (1999), University of Puerto Rico
 - UNESCO Chair in Education for Peace (1996), University of Puerto Rico
- UNITWIN Network for Higher Education in the Performing Arts (2016), Shanghai Theatre Academy, The International Theatre Institute (ITI), and Georgetown University
 - UNITWIN Network on Gender, Culture and People-Centered Development (2007), Boston University
 - UNITWIN Network for Improving Biological Sciences Education through the Development and Use of Information Technologies in some Arab States Universities (1997), Purdue University
 - International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) (1996)
- 8. Associated Schools:** 52 (1 pre-primary, 19 primary, 16 primary and secondary and 15 secondary schools and 1 vocational and technical institution). The US joined the ASP Network in 1969. UNESCO Associated Schools in the US have been active without interruption since 1969, even during the country’s absence from UNESCO.
- 9. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 3
- International Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management hosted by the Institute for Water Resources (IWR) of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria (Virginia)
 - International Institute for Peace at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
 - Institute for Intercultural Dialogue and Conflict-Sensitive Reporting (Oregon)
- 10. Biosphere Reserves:** 30 (17 withdrawn in 2017)
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| • Big Bend (1976) | • University of Michigan Biological Station (1979) |
| • Cascade Head (1976) | • Virginia Coast (1979) |
| • Channel Islands (1976) | • Hawaiian Islands (1980) |
| • Denali (1976) | • Isle Royale (1980) |
| • Everglades & Dry Tortugas (1976) | • Big Thicket (1981) |
| • Jornada (1976) | • Guanica (1981) |
| • Luquillo (1976) | • Central Gulf Coast Plain (1983) |
| • Olympic (1976) | • Congaree (1983, 2017) |
| • Organ Pipe Cactus (1976) | • Mojave and Colorado Deserts (1984) |
| • Rocky Mountain (1976) | • Glacier Bay-Admiralty Is. (1986) |
| • San Dimas (1976) | • Champlain-Adirondak (1986) |
| • San Joaquin (1976) | • Golden Gate (1988) |
| • Sequoia-Kings Canyon (1976) | • New Jersey Pinelands (1988) |
| • Crown of the Continent (1976, 2017) | • Southern Appalachian (1988) |
| • Yellowstone (1976) | • Mammoth Cave Area (1990, 1996) |
- 11. UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
- 12. World Heritage Sites:** 23 (10 cultural, 12 natural and 1 mixed)
- Cultural: 10*
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| • San Antonio Missions (2015) | • Statue of Liberty (1984) |
| • Monumental Earthworks of Poverty Point (2014) | • La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico (1983) |
| • Pueblo de Taos (1992) | • Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site (1982) |
| • Chaco Culture (1987) | • Mesa Verde National Park (1978) |

- Monticello, and University of Virginia in Charlottesville (1987)
- Independence Hall (1979)

Natural: 12

- Carlsbad Caverns National Park (1995)
- Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (1987)
- Yosemite National Park (1984)
- Great Smoky Mountains Nat'l Park (1983)
- Mammoth Cave National Park (1981)
- Olympic National Park (1981)
- Redwood National and State Parks (1980)
- Grand Canyon National Park (1979)
- Everglades National Park (1979)
- Yellowstone National Park (1978)

Transboundary with Canada:

- Waterton Glacier International Peace Park (1995)
- Kluane/Wrangell-St Elias/Glacier Bay/Tatshenshini-Alsek (1979)

Mixed: 1

- Papahānaumokuākea (2010)

13. Tentative List: 20 sites

- Civil Rights Movement Sites (2008)
- Dayton Aviation Sites (2008)
- Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks (2008)
- Thomas Jefferson Buildings (2008)
- Mount Vernon (2008)
- Serpent Mound (2008)
- Frank Lloyd Wright Buildings (2008)
- Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge (2008)
- Petrified Forest National Park (2008)
- White Sands National Monument (2008)
- Brooklyn Bridge (2017)
- Ellis Island (2017)
- Central Park (2017)
- Early Chicago Skyscrapers (2017)
- Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (2017)
- California Current Conservation Complex (2017)
- Marianas Trench Marine National Monument (2017)
- Marine Protected Areas of American Samoa (2017)
- Moravian Church Settlements (2017)
- Big Bend National Park (2017)

14. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements

15. Memory of the World Register: 11 inscriptions

- Aletta H. Jacobs Papers (2017), jointly with the Netherlands
- The "Shakespeare Documents", a documentary trail of the life of William Shakespeare (2017), jointly with the United Kingdom
- The Villa Ocampo Documentation Center (2017), jointly with Argentina
- Moses and Frances Asch Collection. Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, Smithsonian Institution (2015)
- Permanent Collection of the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project (2013)
- Dutch West India Company (Westindische Compagnie) Archives (2011), jointly with the Netherlands, Brazil, Ghana, Guyana, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname, and the United Kingdom
- Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal (2011), jointly with Barbados, Jamaica, Panama, Saint Lucia, and the United Kingdom
- Landsat Program records: Multispectral Scanner (MSS) sensors (2011)
- John Marshall Ju/'hoan Bushman Film and Video Collection, 1950-2000 (2009)
- The Wizard of Oz (Victor Fleming 1939), produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (2007)

- Universalis cosmographia secundum Ptholomaei traditionem et Americi Vespucii aliorumque Lustrationes (2005)

16. Creative Cities Network: 9 cities

- Kansas City, UNESCO City of Music (2017)
- San Antonio, UNESCO City of Gastronomy (2017)
- Seattle, UNESCO City of Literature (2017)
- Detroit, UNESCO Creative City of Design (2015)
- Tucson, UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy (2015)
- Austin, UNESCO Creative City of Media Arts (2015)
- Paducah, UNESCO City of Crafts and Folk Arts (2013)
- Iowa City, UNESCO City of Literature (2008)
- Santa Fe, UNESCO City of Crafts and Folk Art, UNESCO City of Design (2005)

17. Legal instruments: 20 ratified and 20 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: unfavourable
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: non-ratified. Position: unfavourable
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (25 August 2008)

18. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated:

In 2016-2017: none

In 2018-2019: none

19. NGOs and Foundations in Official Partnership with UNESCO: 37

NGOs with Associate status: 7

- B'nai B'rith International – BBI – 1966
- Committee To Protect Journalists – CPJ
- Junior Chamber International - JCI – 1962
- Rotary International – ROTARY – 1948
- Simon Wiesenthal Center – SWC – 1991
- Sociedad Interamericana De Prensa – IAPA – 1977
- World Jewish Congress – WJC – 1962

NGOs with Consultative status: 28

- Afs Intercultural Programs – AFS – 2015
- Art Education For The Blind / Art Beyond Sight Network – AEB – 2008
- Association Of Moving Image Archivists – AMIA – 2011
- Consultative Council Of Jewish Organizations – CCJO – 1951
- Friendship Ambassadors Foundation – FAF – 2008
- International Advertising Association – IAA – 1984
- International Association For Continuing Engineering Education – IACEE – 1992
- International Association For Media And Communication Research – IAMCR – 1962
- International Association Of University Presidents – IAUP – 1994
- International Council For Health, Physic. Educ. Recreation, Sport & Dance – ICHPER-SD – 1979
- International Council Of Associations For Science Education – ICASE – 1997
- International Council Of Jewish Women – ICJW – 1974
- International Council On Education For Teaching – ICET – 1973
- International Literacy Institute – ILI – 1994
- International Reading Association – IRA – 1978
- Internet Society – ISOC – 2000

- Lions Clubs International – LCI – 1974
 - National Board For Certified Counselors – NBCC – 2007
 - Pan-Pacific And South-East Asia Women's Association – PPSEAWA – 1928
 - Religions For Peace – RFP
 - Scholars At Risk Network – SAR – 1999
 - Sil International – SIL
 - Wildlife Conservation Society – WCS – 2016
 - World Council Of Comparative Education Societies – WCCES – 1970
 - World Press Freedom Committee – WPFC – 1979
 - Yachay Wasi – 2007
 - Zonta International – ZONTA – 1974
- Foundations and similar institutions: 2*
- Turkish Cultural Foundation – TCF – 2015
 - World Monuments Fund – WMF – 1995

20. Payment of assessed membership fees:

- Assessment rate for 2017: 22%
- Contributions assessed for 2018: US\$ 71,830,000
- The US owes 100% of its contributions since 2011
- Total unpaid due: US\$ 617,083,099

21. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total	-	-	268,376	-	17,852	3,088,771	2,999,022

22. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented, with 23 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 46, max. 76)

- 17 professional staff at Headquarters in geographical posts
- 6 professional staff in the field in geographical posts