

Japan and the United States Today

Population

Japan 125 million

annual growth rate: 0.23%

life exp. 80.45 years

infant mortality 4.3/1000

birth rate 10/1000

minorities 0.6%

urban 78%

density 850 people/sq. mile

18% < age 15

18% > age 60

U.S. 261 million

annual growth rate: 0.99%

75.9 years

8.1/1000

15/1000

16.6%

76%

68 people per sq. mile

22%

17%

Land Area

Japan 147,470 sq. miles

cultivated 13.9%

forest 66.3%

pasture 1.7%

U.S. 3,618,764 sq. miles

20%

29%

26%

Health Care

Japan 1 physician/609 people

1 hospital bed/77 people

U.S. 1 physician/404 people

1 hospital bed/198 people

Indicators of Living Standards

Japan per capita GDP: \$23,440

U.S. per capita GDP: \$23,120

1 telephone/1.5 people

1 telephone/1.3 people

1 television/1.6 people

1 television/1.2 people

cars: 22.2 million

cars: 143 million

literacy: 99%

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daily newspapers sold: 429/1000 people

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Economic Measures

Japan 1997 GDP \$4.2 trillion

U.S. 1997 GDP: \$8.1 trillion

1991-97 average annual growth rate: 1.7 %

1991-97 average annual growth rate: 2.6%

defense spending as a share of GDP 1.0%

defense spending share of GDP: 3.1%

defense share of gov't spending: 6.6%

defense share of gov't spending: 15.9%

- Japan is the second largest trading partner of the U.S.
- Japan had a \$47.6 billion trade surplus with the U.S. in 1996 and a \$56.1 billion surplus in 1997.