

United States of America: overview

USA



Global rank

#3

Rank in Europe

N/A

GRWI score

0.809

Ranking & scores by dimension



Rank

Cybersecurity	Economic and social conditions
#19	#4
COVID-19 response and handling	Digital and physical infrastructure
#1	#7

Score

Cybersecurity	Economic and social conditions
0.833	0.777
COVID-19 response and handling	Digital and physical infrastructure
0.872	0.795



Overview

United States of America ranks 3rd in the GRWI but is further down regarding cybersecurity performance (19th). Economic and social conditions are potent as the US is ranked 4th worldwide, as is digital and physical infrastructure (7th) and COVID handling (1st) — indicating suitability for most visitors.

The cost of living seems high but is not as high as remote workers may expect for such a sought-after location (47th). Digital remote workers in the US can still expect to operate safely given the rankings for internet quality (12th). Internet isn't as affordable as other possible locations but is worth it considering other metrics like universal health coverage (4th) and tourism attractiveness (2nd) are very high here.

Cybersecurity

The US ranks 19th in cybersecurity rankings. Given the size of the country and the extensive infrastructure required to protect every person from coast-to-coast, remote workers can take this ranking lightly. The lower cybersecurity ranking is softened by a high digital and physical infrastructure ranking. The US is currently 1st in e-governance too.

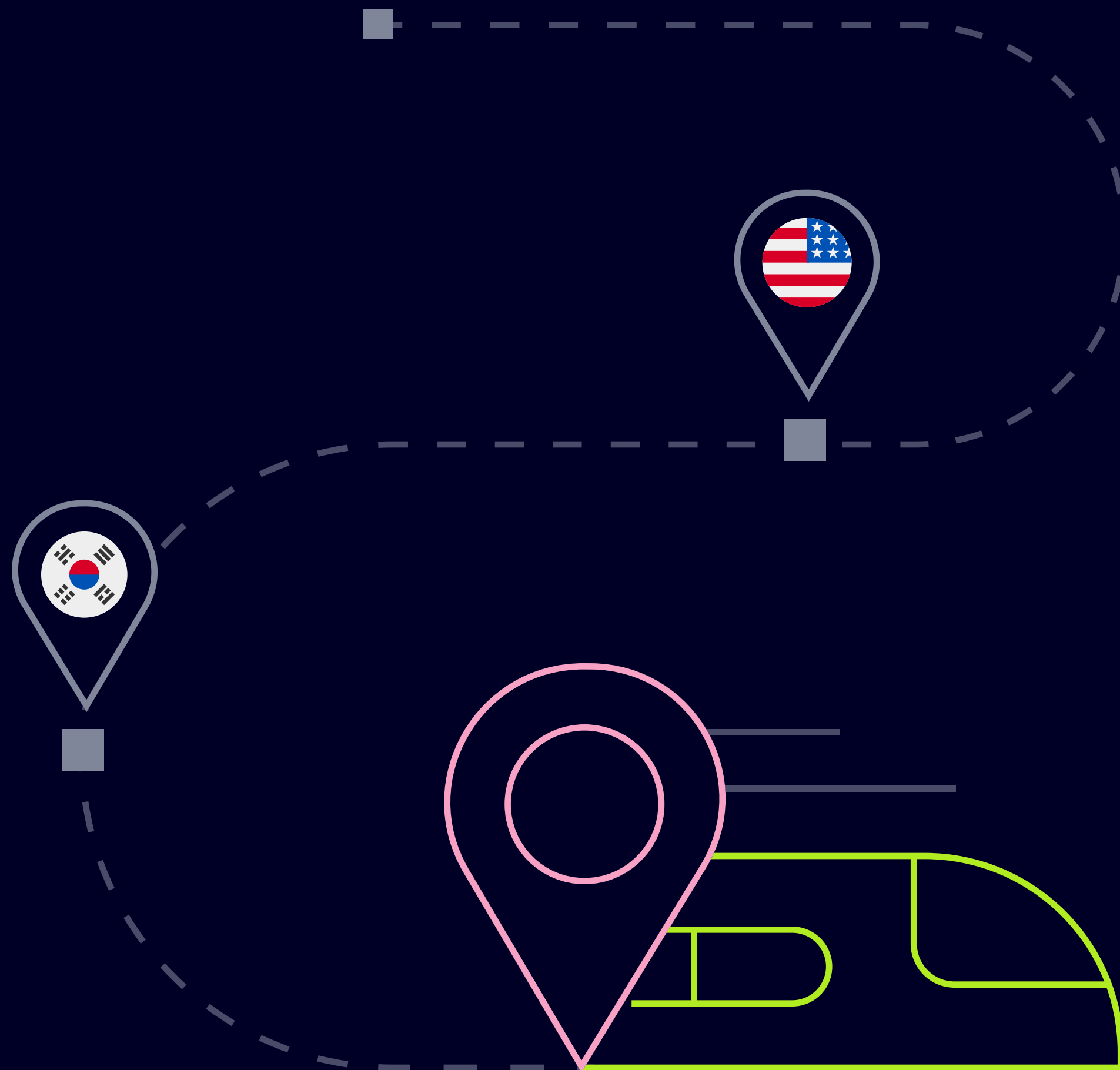
Comparison with neighboring countries

Canada and Mexico

Considering the US as a remote work destination among its two bordering countries, Canada (12th) and Mexico (50th), the US wins in the overall ranking. Canada isn't too far behind, while Mexico would be the most challenging for remote workers. Despite the US being 19th in cybersecurity ranking, which is higher than the other countries, Canada (30th) and Mexico (50th) are surpassed by the US.

The US does top the tree in most categories. English proficiency and government investment in education and healthcare are in the Top 10. All three countries rank high in terms of tourism attractiveness (all fall inside the Top 10 globally), so any of these destinations should be a great place to explore for remote workers. Working out of Mexico could be trickier given the significantly lower rankings in cybersecurity, social conditions, and English proficiency. Regardless, the cost of living is far more down here, with a rank of 13th best in the world, which should be taken into consideration by budding travelers.





Finding a non-neighboring country that has similar index results

More alike than one could have thought

Two countries on opposite sides of the world but with surprisingly similar rankings in many areas are the US and South Korea. Cost of living, infrastructure, and overall GRWI rankings are similar, consistent with several other categories.

Both are perfect tourism destinations (ranking 2nd and 7th respectively), and South Korea has seriously impressive rankings for internet quality and affordability, making it ideal for remote workers. South Korea sitting 35th, may improve its English proficiency ranking, although as a non-native English nation, this is still an excellent indication that communication may be less of a barrier than at first glance. Global location may be the deciding factor for remote workers choosing between the two.



Top remote destinations for American workers

Overall

There are benefits and drawbacks of working remotely in the US. There is a price for the quality of infrastructure, internet quality, investment in healthcare, etc. Cost of living will be the one metric that puts a lot of people off the idea of the US as a location. Given their low cybersecurity and overall safety rankings, there are more suitable places to work. Quality of life is high here, and relocating to the US would be possible - it comes down to personal preference of what to prioritize compared to other likely destinations.



In terms of safety

If safety comes first

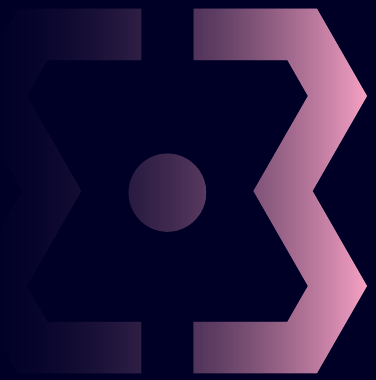
For overall safety, the US ranks low (52nd). There are multiple countries above the US, but the US also ranks consistently higher in infrastructure than other global destinations. Suppose we're looking at it from a purely working perspective. In that case, few worldwide destinations can offer the e-governance rankings and coverage you'd need to work with such high tourism attractiveness rankings.



In terms of tourism attractiveness

Best workcation destination

The US ranks in the Top 3 countries worldwide for tourism attractiveness (2nd), so there aren't many better places than home. Instead, South America is an excellent place for adventures and exploration. All South American countries are ranked in the Top 20 for tourism attractiveness, albeit at the expense of some other key metrics.



In terms of English proficiency

Not to get lost in translation

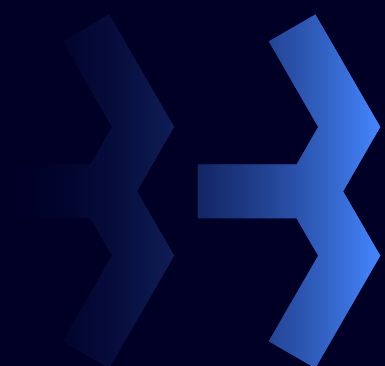
Suppose remote workers would like to go somewhere outside the US without being challenged by language barriers. In that case, all the English native speaking countries are worth looking into. Still, Austria, New Zealand, Israel, and Malta could also be potential destinations to choose from, all having optimal English proficiency rankings.



In terms of cost of living

Getting the most of your money

Budgeting is encouraged, and finding a healthy balance between living freely — financially speaking — and watching your bottom line might be trickier than other destinations. Remote workers should consider countries with a lower cost of living if working with smaller budgets. Brazil and Argentina offer desirable cost of living rankings slightly closer to home, or plenty of other European countries provide American travelers a fulfilling experience for less money.



In terms of Internet quality

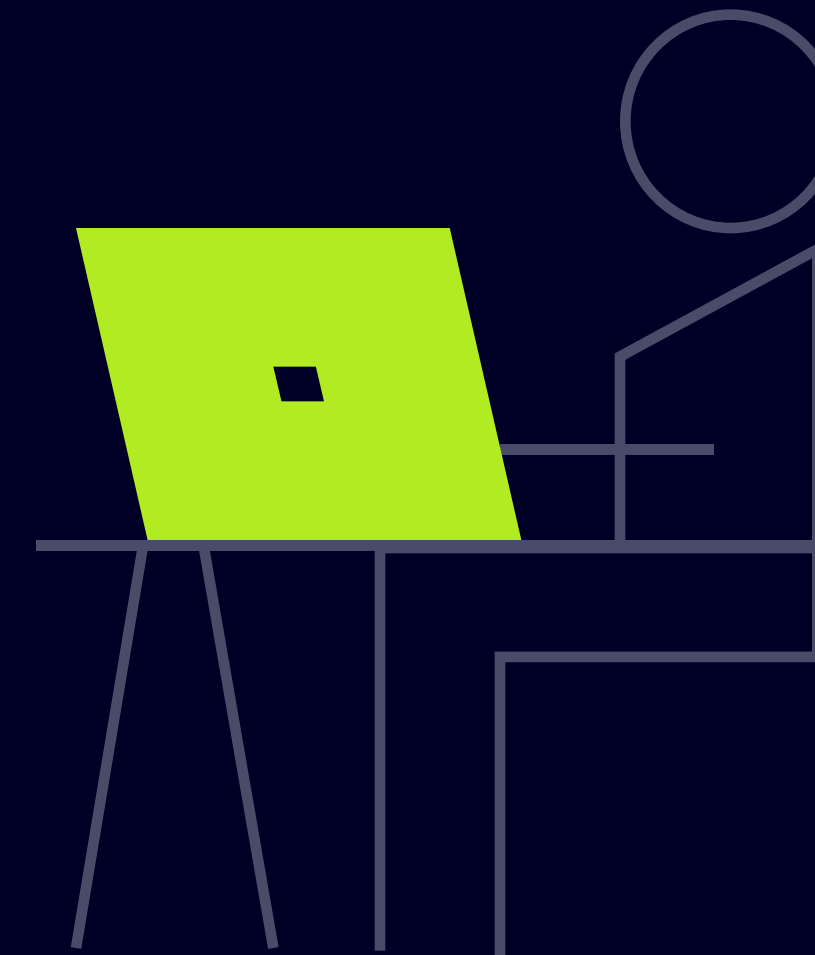
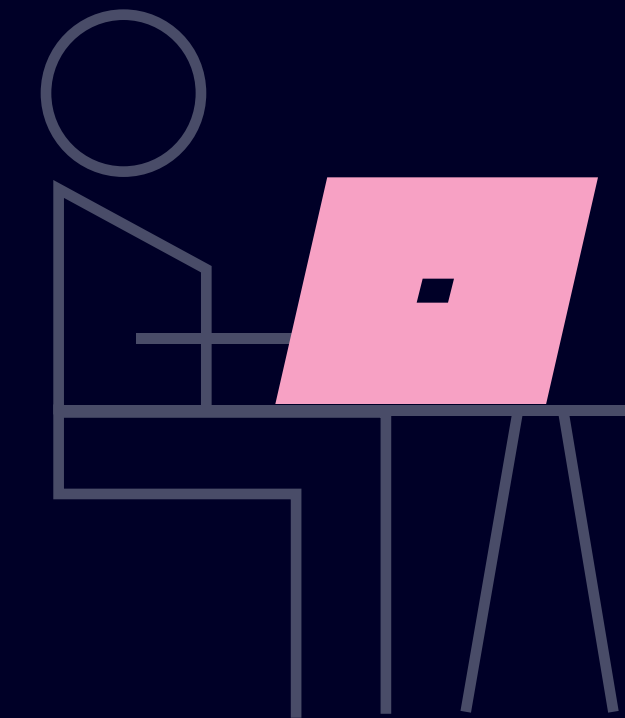
Staying connected

The quality of the internet connection is crucial for any remote worker. The internet connection quality in the US is good and ranks 12th globally. The US is in the Top 10 countries in the overall index alongside Spain, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Sweden, Singapore, and France, so these destinations are all a quality choice for remote work.

Analyzing United States of America in terms of dimensions where it outperforms many other countries

Or is it better to stay at home?

As noted previously, remote workers will be able to conduct business from the US with confidence. Remote workers may decide that a lesser ranked country in, for example, cybersecurity, English proficiency, or overall safety would be preferable. Those looking for a great adventure and to have that at a far lower cost of living may choose elsewhere to relocate. Those looking for a safe, stable, and consistently reliable place to work — whatever the cost may be — can be very happy with the US as a destination.





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