
It's worth a quick trip to the library just to leaf through all 335 pages of this book. Rapid scanning of its thematic maps yields rich insights to the geographic aspect of issues of continuing national interest. On most maps, the geographic patterns are still valid, though the data are not current.

The atlas is out of print, but many of its maps can be purchased separately. Maps that span facing pages in the atlas are printed on one sheet. The maps dated after 1970 are either revisions of original atlas maps, or new maps published in atlas format. The titles of the separate maps are listed here.

Thematic maps of the United States
Sheet size is 28 by 19 inches. Most of the maps have a scale of 1:7,500,000, but a few have scales that range between 1:17,000,000 and 1:34,000,000. Most of the maps include thematic data on the conterminous United States, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Climate
Monthly Average Temperature (1965)
Monthly Maximum Temperature (1965)
Monthly Minimum Temperature (1965)
Monthly Sunshine (1965)

Coastal environment
Coastal Erosion and Accretion (1985)
Coastal Hazards (1985)

Ecology
National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (1990)
National Wilderness Preservation System (1987) (Sheet size 42 by 28 inches; scale 1:5,000,000)
Networks of Ecological Research Areas (1983)
Principal Federal Lands Where Exploration and Development of Mineral Resources are Restricted (1981)

Geology
Engineering Aspects of Karst (1984)
Geology (1966)
Surficial Geology (1979)
Tectonic Features (1967)
Tectonic Features [Alaska] (1966)

Hydrology

Political history and administration
Congressional Districts for the 100th Congress (1987)
Counties (1987)
Federal Lands (1968)
Territorial Growth (1986)
Election of the President, 1789-1988 (map booklet)
Election of the President 1789-1992 (map poster)

Population
Early Indian Tribes, Culture Areas, and Linguistic Stocks (1967)
Population Distribution, Urban and Rural: 1960
Population Distribution, Urban and Rural: 1970
Population (1970)

Soils (1985)
Thematic maps of the United States (continued)

Recreation
Outdoors America/Federal Recreation Lands (1992)

Relief and physiography
Alaska Shaded Relief (1969)
Classes of Land-Surface Form (1964)
Land-Surface Form [Alaska] (1968)
Physiography and Physiographic Divisions (1968)
United States Shaded Relief (1969)
U.S. Satellite View (1990)

Soils and vegetation
Major Forest Types (1987, revisions to Alaska only)
Potential Natural Vegetation (1985)
Soils (1985)

Transportation
Highways (1987)

This series of 19 thematic maps was prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey and originally published as part of a report by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, U.S. Senate.

The transportation data were provided by the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

The maps are in National Atlas thematic map format.

Crude Oil Movement by Pipelines (1974)
Crude Oil Movement by Water (1974)
Total Crude Oil Movement (1974)
Electric Power Transmission (1974)
Natural Gas Movement by Pipelines (1974)
Nuclear Fuel Materials Movement by Highways (Truckloads) (1975)
Petroleum Products Movement by Pipelines (1974)
Petroleum Products Movement by Water (1974)
Total Petroleum Movement (1974)
Total Petroleum Products Movement (1974)
Pipeline Transportation Systems (1974)
Railroad, Highway, and Water Transportation Systems (1974)
Total Interstate Energy Movement (1974)

Reference maps

U.S. General Reference (1973)
This 28- by 19-inch map shows:
• Names of populated places and railroads in black
• Areas of cities with populations of more than 1 million in yellow
• State boundaries and names highlighted in gray
• Highways and ferry routes in red
• Water features in blue
• Names of physical features and shaded relief base in brown
• The conterminous 48 States and Hawaii at a scale of 1:7,500,000 (one inch represents 118.4 miles)
• Alaska at a scale of 1:17,000,000 (one inch represents 268.3 miles)

Also, available are transparent plastic overlays at various scales to permit overlaying reference information on thematic maps.

Sectional reference maps
A series of multicolor planimetric (no contours) maps (also available singly) shows the United States in 21 sections at a scale of 1,200,000 (1 inch represents 31.5 miles). Content is similar to that of the U.S. General Reference without shaded relief, but is portrayed in greater detail; national park and forest lands, wildlife refuges, and Indian reservations are also shown.

Except for Alaska, California, Montana, and Texas, the sectional maps have been designed so that each State is shown in its entirety on one sheet.

Each map is printed on one side of a 28- by 19-inch sheet.

Central Alaska (1973)
Northern Alaska (1973)
Southeastern Alaska (1972)
Southwestern Alaska (1973)
Aleutian Islands (1973)
Arizona and New Mexico (1973)
Southern California (1973)
Florida (1972)
Hawaiian Islands (1972)
Middle Atlantic States (1972)
Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio
Central Mississippi Valley States (1972)
Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky
Southern Mississippi Valley States (1972)
Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee
Northeastern States (1972)
Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island
Northern Great Lakes States (1972)
Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota
Northwestern States (1973)
Western Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington
Central Pacific States (1972)
Northern California, Nevada, Utah
Central Plains States (1973)
Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas
Northern Plains States (1972)
North Dakota, South Dakota, Eastern Montana, Wyoming
Southern Plains States (1973)
Oklahoma, Northern Texas
Southeastern States (1972)
North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia
Southern Texas (1973)

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