

The **United States Capitol**, often called the **Capitol Building**, is the home of the [United States Congress](#) and the [seat](#) of the [legislative branch of the U.S. federal government](#). It is located on [Capitol Hill](#) at the eastern end of the [National Mall](#) in [Washington, D.C.](#). Though no longer at the geographic center of the [Federal District](#), the Capitol forms the origin point for the District's street-numbering system and [the District's four quadrants](#).

The original building was completed in 1800 and was subsequently expanded, particularly with the addition of the massive [dome](#), and expanded chambers for the [bicameral](#) legislature, the [House of Representatives](#) in the south wing and the [Senate](#) in the north wing. Like the principal buildings of the [executive](#) and [judicial](#) branches, the Capitol is built in a distinctive [neoclassical style](#) and has a white exterior. Both its east and west elevations are formally referred to as *fronts*, though only the east front was intended for the reception of visitors and dignitaries.























