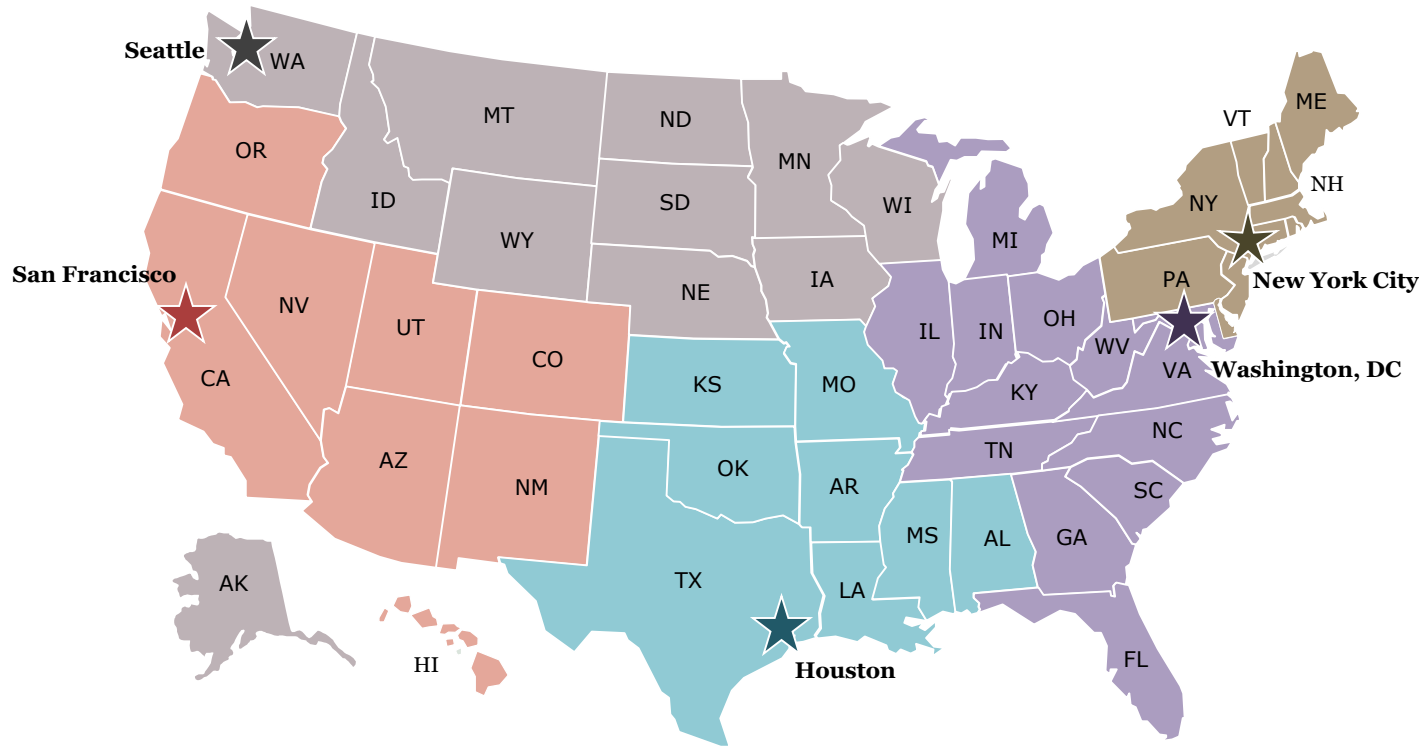


US orders the closing of three Russian diplomatic offices

There are five Russian consulates and consular districts in the US



Trump's administration ordered the closing of the Russian consulate in San Francisco, the chancery annex in Washington, DC and a consular annex in New York City by September 2.

No Russian diplomats will be expelled; instead Russia may choose to reassign them to other consulates in the US or to the Embassy in Washington, DC.

The decision follows Russia's orders to the US to decrease diplomatic staff in Russia by 755 people, almost two-thirds the staff size.

Sources: "Russian Consulates in the US," Embassy of the Russian Federation, 2017; Nick Wadhams and Bill Faries, "US to shut 3 Russia Diplomatic sites but expel no staffers," Bloomberg, August 31, 2017