

1 Article

New York City¹

New York is the most **populous**¹ city in the United States of America and the center of the New York Metropolitan Area, one of the most populous **metropolitan**² areas in the world. The city is **referred to**³ as New York City or The City of New York to **distinguish**⁴ it from the State of New York, of which it is a part. A global power city, New York **exerts**⁵ a **significant**⁶ **impact**⁷ upon **commerce**⁸, **finance**⁹, media, art, fashion, research, technology, education, and entertainment. The home of the **United Nations**¹⁰ **Headquarters**¹¹, New York is an important center for international **diplomacy**¹² and has been described as the **cultural**¹³ **capital**¹⁴ of the world.

Located on one of the world's **largest**¹⁵ **natural**¹⁶ **harbors**¹⁷, New York City **consists**¹⁸ of five **boroughs**¹⁹, each of which **comprises**²⁰ a state county. The five boroughs - The Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island were **consolidated**²¹ into a single city in 1898. With a **Census**²²-**estimated**²³ 2011 population of 8,244,910 **distributed**²⁴ over a land area of just 302.64 **square miles**²⁵ (783.8 square km), New York is the most **densely**²⁶ **populated**²⁷ major city in the United States. As many as 800 **languages**²⁸ are **spoken**²⁹ in New York, making it the most **linguistically**³⁰ **diverse**³¹ city in the world. The New York City Metropolitan Area's population is the United States' largest, with 18.9 million people distributed over 6,720 square miles (7,400 square km), and is also part of the most populous **combined**³² **statistical**³³ area in the United States, containing 22.1 million people as of the 2010 Census.

New York **traces**³⁴ its roots to its 1624 **founding**³⁵ as a **trading**³⁶ **post**³⁷ by **colonists**³⁸ of the Dutch Republic, and was named New Amsterdam in 1626. The city and its **surroundings**³⁹ came under English control in 1664 and were **renamed**⁴⁰ New York after King Charles II of England **granted**⁴¹ the **lands**⁴² to his brother, the **Duke**⁴³ of York. New York served as the capital of the United States from 1785 until 1790. It has been the country's largest city since 1790. The **Statue of Liberty**⁴⁴ **greeted**⁴⁵ **millions**⁴⁶ of **immigrants**⁴⁷ as they came to America by ship in the late 19th and early 20th **centuries**⁴⁸ and is a **globally**⁴⁹ **recognized**⁵⁰ **symbol**⁵¹ of the United States and its **democracy**⁵².

Many **districts**⁵³ and **landmarks**⁵⁴ in New York City have become well known to its **approximately**⁵⁵ 50 million **annual**⁵⁶ **visitors**⁵⁷. Times Square, **iconified**⁵⁸ as "The **Crossroads**⁵⁹ of the World", is the **brightly**⁶⁰ **illuminated**⁶¹ **hub**⁶² of the Broadway **theater**⁶³ district, one of the world's **busiest**⁶⁴ **pedestrian**⁶⁵ **intersections**⁶⁶, and a major center of the world's entertainment **industry**⁶⁷. The city **hosts**⁶⁸ many **world renowned**⁶⁹ **bridges**⁷⁰, **skyscrapers**⁷¹, and parks. New York City's **financial**⁷² district, **anchored**⁷³ by **Wall Street**⁷⁴ in **Lower**⁷⁵ Manhattan, **functions**⁷⁶ as the financial capital of the world and is home to the New York **Stock Exchange**⁷⁷, the world's largest stock

¹Adapted from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City

exchange by total **market**⁷⁸ **capitalization**⁷⁹ of its **listed**⁸⁰ companies. Manhattan's **real estate**⁸¹ market is among the most **expensive**⁸² in the world. Manhattan's Chinatown **incorporates**⁸³ the **highest**⁸⁴ **concentration**⁸⁵ of Chinese people in the Western **Hemisphere**⁸⁶. **Providing**⁸⁷ **continuous**⁸⁸ 24/7 service, the New York City **Subway**⁸⁹ is one of the most **extensive**⁹⁰ **rapid**⁹¹ **transit**⁹² **systems**⁹³ in the world. **Numerous**⁹⁴ **colleges**⁹⁵ and **universities**⁹⁶ are located in New York, including Columbia University, New York University, and Rockefeller University, which are **ranked**⁹⁷ among the top 50 in the world.

Geography⁹⁸

New York City is located in the Northeastern United States, in southeastern New York State, approximately **halfway**⁹⁹ between Washington, D.C. and Boston. The **location**¹⁰⁰ at the **mouth**¹⁰¹ of the Hudson River, which **feeds**¹⁰² into a **naturally**¹⁰³ **sheltered**¹⁰⁴ **harbor**¹⁰⁵ and then into the Atlantic **Ocean**¹⁰⁶, has **helped**¹⁰⁷ the city **grow**¹⁰⁸ in **significance**¹⁰⁹ as a trading city. Much of New York is built on the three **islands**¹¹⁰ of Manhattan, Staten Island, and Long Island, making land **scarce**¹¹¹ and **encouraging**¹¹² a high population **density**¹¹³. The city's total area is 468.9 square miles (1,214 square km). 164.1 sq mi (425 square km) of this are water and 304.8 sq mi (789 square km) is land.

Climate¹¹⁴

Winters¹¹⁵ are cold and **damp**¹¹⁶, and **prevailing wind**¹¹⁷ **patterns**¹¹⁸ that **blow**¹¹⁹ **offshore**¹²⁰ **minimize**¹²¹ the **moderating**¹²² **effects**¹²³ of the Atlantic Ocean; yet the Atlantic and the **partial**¹²⁴ **shielding**¹²⁵ of the Appalachians keep the city **warmer**¹²⁶ in the winter than **inland**¹²⁷ North American cities located at similar or **lesser**¹²⁸ **latitudes**¹²⁹ such as Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis. The **average**¹³⁰ **temperature**¹³¹ in January, the area's coldest **month**¹³², is 32.1 F (.1 C). However, temperatures in winter could for a few days be as **low**¹³³ as 10 F (-12 C) and as high as 50 F (10 C). **Spring**¹³⁴ and **autumn**¹³⁵ are **unpredictable**¹³⁶ and can **range**¹³⁷ from **chilly**¹³⁸ to **warm**¹³⁹, although they are usually **mild**¹⁴⁰ with low **humidity**¹⁴¹. **Summers**¹⁴² are **typically**¹⁴³ hot and humid with a July average of 76.5 F (24.7 C). **Nighttime**¹⁴⁴ **conditions**¹⁴⁵ are often **exacerbated**¹⁴⁶ by the **urban**¹⁴⁷ **heat**¹⁴⁸ island **phenomenon**¹⁴⁹, and temperatures **exceed**¹⁵⁰ 90 F (32.2 C) on average of 17 days each summer and can exceed 100 F (38 C).

Demographics¹⁵¹

New York is the most populous city in the United States, with an **estimated**¹⁵² 8,244,910 **residents**¹⁵³ as of 2011. As of the 2010 United States Census, the city's population **stood at**¹⁵⁴ a **record high**¹⁵⁵ of 8,175,133, a 2.1% **increase**¹⁵⁶ from the 8 million **counted**¹⁵⁷ in 2000, **significantly**¹⁵⁸ **greater**¹⁵⁹ than the combined **totals**¹⁶⁰ of Los Angeles and Chicago and greater than the San Francisco **Bay**¹⁶¹ Area's metropolitan total. In 2006, **demographers**¹⁶² estimated that New York's population will **reach**¹⁶³ between 9.2 and 9.5 million by 2030. The city's population in 2010 was 44% white (33.3% non-**Hispanic**¹⁶⁴ white), 25.5% black (23% non-Hispanic black), and 12.7%

Asian.

2 Vocabulary

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| (1) populous: 人口の多い | (31) diverse: 多様な, 様々な |
| (2) metropolitan: 都市圏 | (32) combined: 合わせた |
| (3) referred to: と呼ばれる | (33) statistical: 統計的 |
| (4) distinguish: 区別する | (34) traces: の跡をたどる, の由来を尋ねる |
| (5) exerts: 及ぼす | (35) founding: 設立する |
| (6) significant: 重要な | (36) trading: 商取引 |
| (7) impact: 衝撃, 影響 | (37) post: 駐屯地 |
| (8) commerce: 商業, 貿易 | (38) colonists: 入植者, 殖民 |
| (9) finance: 財務, 財政 | (39) surroundings: 近辺 |
| (10) United Nations: 国連 | (40) renamed: 改名する |
| (11) headquarters: 本部 | (41) granted: 与えた |
| (12) diplomacy: 外交 | (42) lands: 土地 |
| (13) cultural: 文化的 | (43) duke: 公爵 |
| (14) capital: 首都, 中心地 | (44) Statue of Liberty: 自由の女神 |
| (15) largest: 一番大きい | (45) greeted: 迎える |
| (16) natural: 自然な | (46) millions: 何百万 |
| (17) harbors: 港 | (47) immigrants: 移民 |
| (18) consists: 構成される | (48) centuries: 世紀 |
| (19) boroughs: 自治町村 | (49) globally: 世界的 |
| (20) comprises: 成る, 成す | (50) recognized: 知られる |
| (21) consolidated: 統一された | (51) symbol: 象徴 |
| (22) census: 人口調査, 国勢調査 | (52) democracy: 民主主義 |
| (23) estimated: 推測 | (53) districts: 地区 |
| (24) distributed: 分布している | (54) landmarks: 目標, 目印 |
| (25) square miles: 平方マイル | (55) approximately: おおよそ |
| (26) densely: 高密度, 密集した | (56) annual: 例年の |
| (27) populated: 居住する | (57) visitors: 観光客 |
| (28) languages: 言語 | (58) iconified: 類像的に成っている |
| (29) spoken: 話される | (59) crossroads: 分岐点 |
| (30) linguistically: 言語的に | |

- (60) brightly: 明るく
 (61) illuminated: 照らされている
 (62) hub: 中心
 (63) theater: 劇場
 (64) busiest: 一番忙しい
 (65) pedestrian: 歩行者
 (66) intersections: 交差点
 (67) industry: 業界
 (68) hosts: 持つ
 (69) world renowned: 世界的に有名な
 (70) bridges: 橋
 (71) skyscrapers: 摩天楼, 超高層ビル
 (72) financial: 財政的
 (73) anchored: 据える
 (74) Wall Street: ウォール街
 (75) lower: 下の
 (76) functions: 機能する
 (77) Stock Exchange: 証券取引所
 (78) market: 市場
 (79) capitalization: 現価, 時価総額
 (80) listed: (株券を) 上場する
 (81) real estate: 不動産
 (82) expensive: 高価, 高い
 (83) incorporates: 組み込む, 取り入れる
 (84) highest: 一番多い
 (85) concentration: 集中
 (86) hemisphere: 半球
 (87) providing: 提供する
 (88) continuous: 継続的な
 (89) subway: 地下鉄
 (90) extensive: 大規模な
 (91) rapid: 早い
 (92) transit: 交通網
 (93) systems: 機関
 (94) numerous: たくさん
 (95) colleges: 大学
 (96) universities: 総合大学
 (97) ranked: 評価される
 (98) geography: 地理
 (99) halfway: 中途に
 (100) location: 場所, 位置
 (101) mouth: 入口
 (102) feeds: 流れる
 (103) naturally: 自然に
 (104) sheltered: 守られた
 (105) harbor: 港
 (106) ocean: 大海原
 (107) helped: 助ける, 役立つ
 (108) grow: 成長する
 (109) significance: 重要性
 (110) islands: 島
 (111) scarce: 不足する
 (112) encouraging: 促進する
 (113) density: 密度
 (114) climate: 気候
 (115) winters: 冬季, 冬
 (116) damp: 湿気の或る
 (117) prevailing wind: 卓越風
 (118) patterns: 傾向
 (119) blow: 吹く
 (120) offshore: 沖に向かって
 (121) minimize: 最小化する
 (122) moderating: 和らげる
 (123) effects: 影響
 (124) partial: 一部の
 (125) shielding: 遮蔽
 (126) warmer: より暖かい
 (127) inland: 内陸
 (128) lesser: より小さい
 (129) latitudes: 緯度
 (130) average: 平均
 (131) temperature: 温度

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| (132) month: 月 | (148) heat: 暑さ |
| (133) low: 低い | (149) phenomenon: 現象 |
| (134) Spring: 春 | (150) exceed: 超える |
| (135) autumn: 秋 | (151) demographics: 人口統計 |
| (136) unpredictable: 予測不可能 | (152) estimated: 推定 |
| (137) range: 分布する, 及ぶ | (153) residents: 居住者 |
| (138) chilly: ひんやりする | (154) stood at: その時点で |
| (139) warm: 暖かい | (155) record high: 記録的な |
| (140) mild: 穏やか | (156) increase: 増加 |
| (141) humidity: 湿気 | (157) counted: 数えられた |
| (142) summers: 夏 | (158) significantly: 著しく |
| (143) typically: 典型的に | (159) greater: より大きい |
| (144) nighttime: 夜間 | (160) totals: 合計 |
| (145) conditions: 天候 | (161) bay: 入り江 |
| (146) exacerbated: 悪化させる | (162) demographers: 人口統計の研究者 |
| (147) urban: 都市の | (163) reach: 達する |
| | (164) hispanic: スペイン語圏から米国に移住した人 |

3 Questions about article on New York City

- (1) What is the most populous city in the United States?
- (2) What city is deemed to be the cultural capital of the world?
- (3) Is New York City the same as the state of New York?
- (4) The headquarters of what important institution is located in New York City?
- (5) How many boroughs are there in New York City?
- (6) Which of the following is not a borough of New York City?
 - (a) Queens
 - (b) Brooklyn
 - (c) Dutch Republic
 - (d) Staten Island

(7) Which of the following best describes the meaning of “borough”?

- (a) It is an area that includes a city.
- (b) It is an area of a city.
- (c) It is a city.
- (d) It is New York City.

(8) What does this mean: “New York is the most densely populated major city in the United States”?

- (a) New York City has too few people.
- (b) New York City has fewer people per square mile/km than any other major city in the U.S.
- (c) New York City has too many people.
- (d) New York City has more people per square mile/km than any other major city in the U.S.

(9) What is the most linguistically diverse city in the world?

(10) About how many people live in the New York City Metropolitan Area?

(11) According to the article, which of the following is true?

- (a) The New York City metropolitan area has more people than any other area of the United States.
- (b) New York City is the largest city in the world.
- (c) New York City has a larger area than any other city in the United States.
- (d) The New York City metropolitan area is the largest metropolitan area in the world.

(12) When was New York city founded?

(13) What was the original name of New York City?

(14) When did New York City come under English control?

(15) When was New York City the capital of the United States?

(16) What greeted many immigrants to the United States in the 19th and 20th centuries?

(17) About how many annual visitors are there to New York City?

(18) What is Times Square?

- (a) It is the crossroad of the world.
- (b) It is the center of the world's entertainment industry.
- (c) It is the world's busiest pedestrian intersection.
- (d) It is the hub of the Broadway theater district.

(19) How expensive is Manhattan's real estate market?

(20) According to the article, what is true about the New York City subway system?

- (a) It is very efficient.
- (b) It provides continuous service almost every day.
- (c) It is the most extensive rapid transit system in the world.
- (d) It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

(21) What is unique about Manhattan's Chinatown?

(22) Where is New York City located?

- (a) It is located in Washington, D.C. and Boston.
- (b) It is located in the southeastern part of New York State.
- (c) It is located in the southeastern part of the United States.
- (d) It is located in Manhattan.

(23) How big is the area of New York City?

(24) According to the article, what is winter like in New York City?

- (a) It is usually shielded.
- (b) It is usually unpredictable.

(c) It is usually cold and damp.

(d) It is usually warm.

(25) Which city has more people, New York City or Los Angeles?

(26) Which city has more people, New York City or Chicago?

(27) What do demographers estimate the New York population will be by 2030?

(28) In 2010, New York City

(a) had a record high.

(b) had a lower population than it had before.

(c) had a higher population than it ever had before.

(d) had the highest population in the world.

(29) What percentage of the New York City population is not white?

(a) about 13 percent

(b) about 25 percent

(c) about 44 percent

(d) about 56 percent