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# New York

New York is located in the northeast corner of the U. S. and forms the western border of three New England states: Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Lake Champlain forms about half of New York's border with Vermont. Pennsylvania and New Jersey form the southern border and a small portion of New York State adjoins the Atlantic Ocean. Long Island Sound separates the island from the southern shores of Connecticut. The rest of New York State shares an extensive border with Canada that is split into sections by two of the Great Lakes, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, as well as a long stretch of the St. Lawrence River. Famed Niagara Falls sits between the two Great Lakes and forms part of the border with Canada.

The Appalachian Mountains that extend from Maine to Alabama travel through the eastern portion of New York State. The Adirondack Mountains are in the northeastern corner of the state between the St. Lawrence River and Lake Champlain. These are the only mountains in the eastern U. S. that aren't geologically related to the Appalachians. The Catskill Mountains are located in the southeastern portion of the state and have been a favorite summer retreat for New York City residents.

New York is home to over 6,000 lakes and ponds. Other large lakes include Lake George located just south of Lake Champlain and Oneida Lake in the center of the state. The Finger Lakes are a series of long narrow lakes that run north and south in a pattern that looks like fingers on a human hand. The longest river in New York is the Hudson River that flows 306 miles near the eastern border of the state and empties into the Atlantic Ocean.

New York City, with a population of nearly 8.4 million people, is the largest city in the United States. This huge metropolitan area is culturally diverse and you can probably find someone representing every country on earth somewhere in New York. Millions more people live in the New York metropolitan area that the U. S. Census Bureau defines as the area north of the city in the southeastern tip of the state, Long Island, plus nearby parts of Connecticut and New Jersey. Other heavily populated areas include the cities of Buffalo (nearly 300,000 inhabitants), Rochester and Yonkers ( about 200,000 each ) and Syracuse (about 150,000). New York State is also dotted with hundreds of small towns where residents find a quiet lifestyle.

If New York was a country, the size of its economy would rank 16th in the world. Within the U. S. only the states of California and Texas outrank in terms of their economy. About half of the state's economic production comes from the New York metropolitan area where about half the people live.

While manufacturing and industry make large contributions to the economy, about one-quarter of the land in New York continues to be used for agriculture. New York State is third in the nation in the production of dairy products: second in apples; and third in grapes.

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