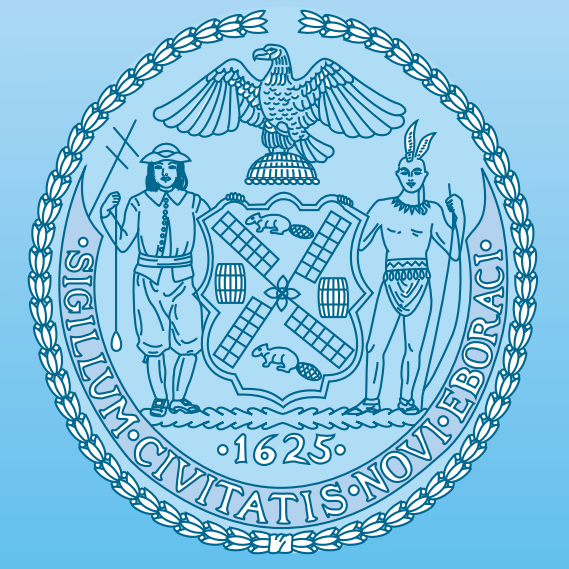


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# NEW YORK: A CITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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## FACTS ABOUT NEW YORK CITY

### GEOGRAPHY

Community Districts	59
Square Miles	321.8
Population Density (persons per square mile)	25,383
Highest Population Density (Zip code 10028)	128,600
Miles of Shoreline	578
Parks	28,618 acres
Bridges	2,027
Miles of Street	6,375

### DEMOGRAPHY

*Total Population	8,168,338
White Nonhispanic	34%
Black Nonhispanic	24%
Asian Nonhispanic	11%
Hispanic	28%
Foreign-Born (number)	2,928,000
Foreign-Born (percent)	36%
Languages Spoken	174
Public School Enrollment	1.1 million
Births to City Residents in 2003	119,000
New Housing Unit Permits in 2005	31,600

\*Total Population as of July 1, 2004

### ECONOMY

New York City Budget in 2005	\$53.6 billion
Per Capita Income in 2003	\$37,724
Average Weekday Subway Ridership	4.7 million
Workers Using Public Transportation	55%
International and Domestic Visitors	41 million
Public Library Materials in Circulation	49.2 million
Average Daily Water Consumption (in gallons)	1.1 billion

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New Amsterdam was explored by Giovanni Da Verrazano for France in 1524, Henry Hudson for the Netherlands in 1609 and finally settled by the Dutch West India Company in 1625. The next year, Peter Minuit, the first Director-General of Nieuw Netherlands, purchased Manhattan Island from the inhabitants. Nieuw Amsterdam was renamed New York after the Dutch surrendered to the British in 1664. New York City served as the capital of the United States from 1785 to 1790.

The first great waves of immigration to New York City began in the 1830s, launching an unprecedented increase in the city's population, which reached one million persons in 1860. The five boroughs of New York City were formally consolidated in 1898. In 1968, Community Planning Boards and Districts were created to advise the Borough Presidents and city agencies on planning and service issues. This map shows neighborhood names and the Community District boundaries as revised in 1995.



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