

New York

advanced version

BASIC FACTS

- New York is the **biggest city in the USA**
- It is sometimes called „**The Big Apple**“ or „**The city that never sleeps**“ because it is alive with action all day and night
- There is a **humid subtropical climate**
- The present mayor is **Bill de Blasio**
- New York is an important center for **international diplomacy**

HISTORY

- It was a trading post founded by colonists from the **Dutch Republic in 1624** in Lower Manhattan
 - the post was named **New Amsterdam** in 1626
- It came under **English control** in 1664
- renamed to New York after King Charles II of England granted the lands to his brother, the **Duke of York**
- **capital of the US** from 1785 until 1790

POPULATION

- It has about **8 million people**
- It is the **most densely populated** major city in the USA
- 43% of the population is white, 25% African American, and 24% Hispanic
- the largest **foreign-born** population of any city **in the world**
- More than **800 languages** are spoken in New York – New York is often recognized as the **world's most linguistically diverse city**
- The **original inhabitants were Indian**
- **Christianity, Judaism and Islam** are the most common religions

ECONOMY

- New York is an **important industrial city and business center of the world**
- **12th highest GDP in the world**
- **Chocolate** is New York City's leading specialty-food export
- An **unemployment rate** is only 4 %
- large number of **multinational corporations**
- New York is home to the **highest number of billionaires** of any city in the world

GEOGRAPHY

- It lies in the state of New York
- It is **one of the largest cities in the world**

- It is located on the **north-east coast of the USA**
- **New York covers** the area of about **800 sq km** and has **five major boroughs**: Manhattan, Queens, the Bronx, Staten Island and Brooklyn
- There are **many islands in this area** – Roosevelt Island, Coney Island and Liberty Island

SPORTS

- New York City is home to the headquarters of the **National Football League, Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, and Major League Soccer**
- **New York has been described as the "Capital of Baseball"**
- There are **three National Hockey League teams**
- **US OPEN** one of the world's four Grand Slams in tennis tournaments, is held at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Queens.

INTERESTING PLACES

- There are **many attractive places** where visitors like to go – the most widely known is the Brooklyn Bridge, Times Square
- Another famous place is the **Statue of Liberty**, the symbol of the USA, its freedom, democracy and opportunity
- The only quiet place where, however, it is dangerous to go after dark is **Central Park** where also famous rock concerts take place
- three of the world's ten **most visited tourist attractions** in 2013

EDUCATION

- the **largest public school system** in the United States – serving about 1.1 million students in more than 1,700 separate primary and secondary schools.
- **Over 120 colleges and universities** are located in New York City, including Columbia University, New York University, and Rockefeller University, which have been ranked among the top universities in the world
- New York City has the most postgraduate life sciences degrees awarded annually in the United States, with 127 Nobel laureates having roots in local institutions as of 2005

CULTURE

- **Broadway** is the center of cultural life
- Many people come to New York for its culture and entertainment
- **500 art galleries** of all sizes
- Broadway theatre is **one of the premier forms** of English-language theatre in the world, named after Broadway

TRANSPORT

- New York has **the largest subway system** in the world

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- public bus fleets 24/7 and is the largest in North America
- The Staten Island Ferry is the world's busiest ferry route
- **The most known airport is J. F. Kennedy international airport**

ATTRACTIONS

- The best-known skyscrapers are **Empire State Building** and **twin towers** (damaged by terrorist) of the World Trade Center (WTC) – the New York's highest skyscraper is **417 m high**
- **Annually, the city averages 234 days with at least some sunshine**
- New York is famous for its **Manhattan skyline** – a large number of skyscrapers in a small area.
- more than 60 millions tourists a year

Doplňující otázky

1. Where in the world do you find New York?

- It is located on the **north-east coast of the USA**

2. Is the New York a bigger or a smaller city?

- It is **one of the largest cities in the world**
- New York is the **biggest city in the USA**

3. How many boroughs are part of New York?

- **New York has five major boroughs:** Manhattan, Queens, the Bronx, Staten Island and Brooklyn

4. Who are the nearest bigger cities?

- Jersey City, Newark or Philadelphia

5. What is the name of the most known airport in New York?

- **The most known airport is J. F. Kennedy international airport**

6. What about the people of New York?

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7. What is the climate of New York?

- There is a **humid subtropical climate**
- **Annually, the city averages 234 days with at least some sunshine**

8. Who is the head of New York now?

- The present mayor is **Bill de Blasio**

9. What sports have a tradition in New York?

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- **US OPEN** one of the world's four Grand Slams in tennis tournaments

10. What languages are spoken in New York?

- More than **800 languages** are spoken in New York
- The most spoken languages are English, Spanish, Chinese and Russian

11. What are the symbols of New York?

- Famous symbols are the **Statue of Liberty, the Times Square, Empire State Building, etc.**
- **The flag of New York** has horizontal tri-color of blue, white, and orange with a modified blue version of the Seal of New York City in the center
- each borough has its own flag

12. Do you know any world famous people of New York?

- Vyberte si sami, koho dobře znáte 😊 (Tom Cruise, Sarah Gellar, Henry James)

13. Which nicknames belong to New York? Why?

- It is sometimes called „**The Big Apple**“ or „**The city that never sleeps**“ because it is alive with action all day and night

14. What is the highest peak of the city?

- The highest peak of the city is Todt Hill (122 m a. s. l.)

15. What are the most famous universities in New York?

- It is the Columbia University, New York University, and Rockefeller University, which have been ranked among the top universities in the world.

16. Otázky na Vaše názory:

- Would you like to take a trip to New York? Which part of New York do you like the most? Which places would you like to see?

Důležitá slovíčka

Fonetická výslovnost není pro lepší srozumitelnost uvedena

borough	(borou)	čtvrť
coast	(koust)	pobřeží
common	(kamn)	běžný, častý
densely	(densly)	hustě
diverse	(divrs)	rozlišný
granted	(grantid)	věnovat
humid	(hjumid)	vlhký
inhabitants	(inhabitns)	občan, obyvatel
laureate	(loriet)	laureát (oceněný)
modified	(modifajd)	upravená
unemployment rate	(animplojment rejt)	míra nezaměstnanosti