

# The Mover's Guide: Toronto to New York

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

In the age of globalization, people migrate between countries for purposes varying from business and education to adventure and recreation.

Such movement of people is most prominent between metropolitan cities with a large population.

This is evident in the number of expats living in major global cities worldwide.

Two of the largest cities in Northern America are New York and Toronto, both of which are the most populous of their respective countries.

New York has a population of greater than 8 million residents and Toronto has a population of close to 3 million residents.

It is natural to assume that there is plenty of movement and relocation of citizens from both cities, especially given their geographic proximity and economic influence.

It would therefore be helpful to have a guide for people planning to relocate from Toronto to New York or vice versa.

### 1.2 Problem

New York city is split into five boroughs, each of which houses several neighborhoods, the most populous being Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens.

Toronto is also split into several neighborhoods.

For someone moving from one of these cities to the other, it would be useful to have an idea about which neighborhood to move into, based on their current neighborhood of residence.

This project aims to cluster the neighborhoods in the two cities in order to predict which neighborhood in the new city would be similar to the neighborhood of residence (or any other, depending on the user's choice) in the old city.

### 1.3 Interest

This guide is primarily targeted at anyone planning to move between the two cities and used to a certain lifestyle in either city.

It would be convenient if they could be able to reproduce a similar lifestyle in the other city - this could be quantified using several indicators such as proximity to parks, public transportation, distance from the downtown, types of restaurants and educational facilities to name a few.