

New York City: a glance at the global city

Foreword

What makes a city “global”? Saskia Sassen argues in *Global Cities* (2001) that one prominent feature of a global city is a powerful, dominant financial industry. Such cities have physical, highly advanced facilities to support the industry. These facilities are highly immobile which is why, she argues, New York City remains at the heart of providing services to businesses and individuals in North America and beyond. But many will argue that the “global” in New York City means more than its industry; it is just as much about its people, its culture and its problems. This short map series takes a peak of the features that make this global city home to 8.4 million people. The maps are created for the general public, particularly for New Yorkers and city dwellers who are curious about life in a global city.