Big cities of the USA



New York



New York covers 140,000 and ranks as the 27th largest state by size.

Climate



In general, New York has a humid continental climate, though under the Koppen climate classification, New York City has a humid subtropical climate. Weather in New York is heavily influenced by two continental air masses: a warm, humid one from the southwest and a cold, dry one from the northwest.



Since its consolidation in 1898, New York City has been a metropolitan municipality with a "strong" mayor-council form of government generated per person. This efficiency is primarily due to the state's higher rate of mass transit use.

New York ranks 46th among the 50 states in the amount of greenhouse gases generated per person. This efficiency is primarily due to the state's higher rate of mass transit use.

The New York Public Library, which has the largest collection of any public library system in the country, serves Manhattan, The Bronx, and Staten Island.

Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France to the United States to mark the Centennial of the American Declaration of Independence. The idea of giving a colossal representation of republican virtues to a "sister" republic, across the sea, served as a focus for the republican cause against other politicians. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor on October 28, 1886.



Los Angeles

Los Angeles is irregularly shaped and covers a total area of 1,291 km2.
The highest point in Los Angeles is Mount Lukens, also called Sister Elsie Peak.



The Weather



Los Angeles has a Subtropical-Mediterranean climate.

Los Angeles enjoys plenty of sunshine throughout the year, with an average of only 35 days with measurable precipitation annually

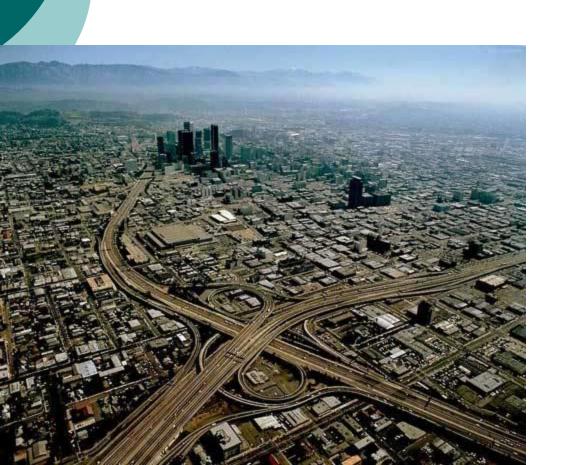
Hollywood Sign

Los Angeles is home to Hollywood, globally recognized as the epicenter of the motion picture industry. A testament to its preeminence in film, the city plays host to the annual Academy Awards, the oldest and one of the most prominent award ceremonies in the world. Furthermore, there are 54 film festivals every year, which translates into more than one every week.





Los Angeles is home to people from more than 140 countries speaking 224 different identified languages. Ethnic enclaves like Chinatown , Historic Filipinotown , Koreatown , Little Armenia , Little Ethiopia , Tehrangeles , Little Tokyo , and Thai Town provide examples of the polyglot character of Los Angeles



The city is governed by a mayor-council system. The current mayor is Antonio Villaraigosa. There are 15 city council districts.

Chicago

Chicago is located in northeastern Illinois at the southwestern tip of Lake Michigan. It sits on a continental divide at the site of the Chicago Portage, connecting the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes watersheds. The city lies beside freshwater Lake Michigan





When Chicago was founded in 1833, most of the early building began around the mouth of the Chicago River, as can be seen on a map of the city's original 58 blocks.

Climate



The city lies within the humid continental climate zone, and experiences four distinct seasons. Summers are warm and humid with average daytime high temperatures of 27 to 29 °C. Winters are cold, snowy, and windy, with some sunny days, and with temperatures below freezing. Spring and fall are mild seasons with low humidity.



In 1885, the first steel-framed high-rise building, the Home Insurance Building, rose in Chicago, ushering in the skyscraper era. Today, Chicago's skyline is among the world's tallest and most dense

Chicago has four main sections: Downtown (which contains the Loop), the North Side, the South Side, and the West Side.



The Chicago Theatre

Classical music offerings include the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, recognized as one of the finest orchestras in the world, which performs at Symphony Center. Also performing regularly at Symphony Center is the Chicago Sinfonietta, a more diverse and multicultural counterpart to the CSO. In the summer, many outdoor concerts are given in Grant Park and Millennium Park.

The Joffrey Ballet and Chicago Festival Ballet perform in various venues, including the Harris Theater in Millennium Park. Chicago is home to several other modern and jazz dance troupes, such as the Hubbard Street Dance Chicago.



During much of the last half of the 19th century, Chicago's politics were dominated by a growing Democratic Party organization dominated by ethnic ward-heelers.