

An aerial photograph of New York City, showing a dense cluster of skyscrapers and buildings. The Hudson River is visible on the left side of the image. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds. A semi-transparent grey rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing the title and authors' names.

# **NEW YORK AND ITS LANGUAGES**

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# HISTORY

It was founded at the mouth of the Hudson river in 1613 by Dutch settlers. In 1626 it was bought from the Indians for a handful of trinkets that cost twenty-four dollars. The old name of the city was New Amsterdam.





# LOCATION AND BOROUGHES

The total area of New York is 900 square kilometres. This huge city is located on the eastern coast of the country and consists of 5 administrative districts.









# LANGUAGES

- Among the inhabitants of New York one can meet people of almost all nationalities. They settled here during the immigration in the 19th and at the beginning of the 20th century.
- The official language of New York is English.





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## English

About 65% of New Yorkers speak English at home, and it is the most common language

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## Spanish

Spanish falls into second place with almost 20% of New York area residents speaking the language at home

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## Chinese

Chinese-speaking immigrants can be found scattered throughout New York.  
Mandarin Chinese is rapidly increasing too





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## Russian

There are regions of New York dominated by Russian speakers, even though the language is only spoken in 1.35% of homes

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## Other Indo-European

1.31% of homes speaking Indo-European languages points to the history of immigration from Europe to the east coast of the United States

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## Italian

With 1.2% of households speaking Italian most often at home, the language claims the number-six spot for top languages spoken in the New York

# TOP LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN THE NEW YORK AREA

Rank	Language	Percentage of the Population in New York Area
1	English	64.47%
2	Spanish	19.40%
3	Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese)	3.10%
4	Russian	1.35%
5	Other Indo-European	1.31%
6	Italian	1.22%
7	French Creole	1.01%
8	Korean	0.91%
9	French	0.77%
10	Tagalog	0.77%
11	Polish	0.73%
12	Other Asian	0.72%
13	Yiddish	0.71%
14	Arabic	0.68%
15	African	0.59%
16	Hindi	0.58%
17	Urdu	0.48%
18	Greek	0.45%
19	Hebrew	0.42%
20	German	0.33%



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