New York is a state in the Northeastern region of the United States. It is the nation's third most populous state. New York is bordered by New Jersey and Pennsylvania to the south, and by Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont to the east. The state has a maritime border with Rhode Island east of Long Island, as well as an international border with the Canadian provinces of Ontario to the north and west, and Quebec to the north.

New York City is known for its status as a financial, cultural, transportation, and manufacturing center, and for its history as a gateway for immigration to the United States.

**Capital City:** Albany

**Date of Statehood (статус штата)**: Jul. 26, 1788

**State #:** 11

**Total Area:** 27th among states, 139,831 sq km

**Water Area:** 17,524 sq km

**Highest Point:** Mount Marcy, 1,629 m

**Largest cities in 2000:**

New York City: 8,168,338

Buffalo: 282,648

Rochester: 219,773

**Economy:**

Gross State Product - $900 billion (2004)

Personal income per Capita - $38,333 (2004)

*Agriculture*: dairy products, cattle(крупный рогатый скот) and other livestock, vegetables, nursery stock, apples;

*Industry*: printing and publishing, scientific instruments, electric equipment, machinery, chemical products, tourism

**Where the name comes from:** The state was named in the 1660s for the duke of York, later King James II of England

**About the Flag:** The state motto, "Excelsior," expresses the idea of reaching upward to higher goals. **State Motto:** Excelsior which means "Ever Upward." – выше и выше

**State Nickname:** Empire State. The nickname, attributed to George Washington, refers to the state's wealth and variety of resources.

**Nickname for residents:** New Yorkers

**State Bird:** Bluebird (певчая птица)

**State Flower:** Rose

**State Insect:** The ladybug

**State** **Butterfly**: Red-spotted Purple/White Admiral

**State Fish:**

Freshwater Fish - Brook trout ручьевая форель

Salt water Fish - Striped Bass Полосатый окунь

**State Animal:** The beaver бобер

**State** **Reptile**: Snapping Turtle Кайма́новая черепаха

**State Tree:** Sugar Maple Клён сахарный

**State Fruit**: Apple

**State Bush** Lilac bush

**State Beverage напиток:** Milk

**State Muffin:** The Apple Muffin

Joseph Gayetty of New York City invented toilet paper in 1857.

New York was the first state to require license plates for cars.

The first American chess tournament was held in New York in 1843.

The “New York Post,” founded in 1803 by Alexander Hamilton, is the oldest running newspaper in the United States.

The longest game in baseball history was played between Rochester and the Pawtucket Red Socks. The game lasted a total of 33 innings. подача

L. Frank Baum, the author of the Wizard of Oz, lived in Chittenago. The city now has a yellow brick road and many other Oz-themed businesses, including an annual Munchkin parade.

Niagara Reservation became the first state park in the U.S.

The world’s smallest church, only 3.5X6 feet, is located in Oneida.

The Genesee River is one of the few rivers in the world to flow south to north.

New York State has 1,300 museums and galleries, 64 performing arts centers, and 230 theaters

**State Song:** "I Love New York" written by Steve Karmen