State seal

State flag

State butterfly, Red-spotted purple butterfly (Limenitis arthemis)

State bird, Eastern bluebird (Sialia sialis)

State flower, Rose (Rosa)

State reptile, Snapping turtle (Chelydra serpentina)

Top: Long Island, in the southernmost part of the state, includes hundreds of beautiful beaches along more than 400 miles of coastline, from the New York City Harbor to Montauk Point. It is the longest and largest island in the contiguous United States and attracts millions of vacationers a year. Bottom: Long Island vineyards and wineries—nearly 100 at last count—are part of the American Viticultural Area created in 2001 and encompassing Nassau and Suffolk counties as a way, among other things, to protect the Long Island name. AVAs require that at least 85% of the fruit used in the designated wine is grown within the borders of the region.

Demographic Maps

These 11 demographic maps, in colors that provide clear visual representations, illustrate the diversity of New York State—from concentration of general population, racial centers, and age groups, to regions of the state's wealthiest and most educated citizens.

Population 47
Percent White 48
Percent Black 49
Percent Asian 50
Percent Hispanic 51
Median Age 52
Median Household Income 53
Median Home Value 54
High School Graduates 55
College Graduates 56
Voted for Joe Biden in 2020 57

The Empire State

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Weather Elements (NWS Stations Only)

The following elements were taken directly from the International Station Meteorological Climate Summary. The periods of records vary per station and are noted at the bottom of each table.

Maximum precipitation, minimum precipitation, maximum snowfall, maximum snow depth, maximum 24-hour snowfall, thunderstorm days, foggy days, relative humidity (morning and afternoon), dewpoint, prevailing wind speed and direction, and maximum wind gust are all self-explanatory.

The word trace appears for precipitation and snowfall amounts that are too small to measure.

Predominant sky cover contains four possible entries: CLR (clear); SCT (scattered); BRK (broken); and OVR (overcast).

Inclusion Criteria—How Stations Were Selected

The basic criteria is that a station must have data for temperature, precipitation, heating and cooling degree days of sufficient quantity in order to create a meaningful average. More specifically, the definition of sufficiency here has two parts. First, there must be 22 values for a given data element, and second, ten of the nineteen elements included in the table must pass this sufficiency test. For example, in regard to mean maximum temperature (the first element on every data table), a given station needs to have a value for every month of at least 22 of the last thirty years in order to meet the criteria, and, in addition, every station included must have at least ten of the nineteen elements with at least this minimal level of completeness in order to fulfill the criteria. We then removed stations that were geographically close together, giving preference to stations with better data quality.

Methodology

The following discussion applies only to data compiled from the NCDC DSI-3220 data tapes and excludes weather elements that are extreme maximums or minimums.

The data is based on an arithmetic average of all available data for a specific data element at a given station. For example, the average maximum daily high temperature during July for any given station was abstracted from NCDC source tapes for the thirty Julys, starting in July, 1980 and ending in July, 2009. These thirty figures were then summed and divided by thirty to produce an arithmetic average. As might be expected, there were not thirty values for every data element on every table. For a variety of reasons, NCDC data is sometimes incomplete. Thus the following standards were established.

For those data elements where there were 26-30 values, the data was taken to be essentially complete and an average was computed. For data elements where there were 22-25 values, the data was taken as being partly complete but still valid enough to use to compute an average. Such averages are shown in ***bold italic*** type to indicate that there was less than 26 values. For the few data elements where there were not even 22 values, no average was computed and 'na' appears in the space. If any of the twelve months for a given data element reported a value of 'na', no annual average was computed and the annual average was reported as 'na' as well.

Thus the basic computational methodology used is designed to provide an arithmetic average. Because of this, such a pure arithmetic average is somewhat different from the special type of average (called a "normal") which NCDC procedures produces and appears in federal publications.

Perhaps the best outline of the contrasting normalization methodology is found in the following paragraph (which appears as part of an NCDC technical document titled, CLIM81 1961-1990 NORMALS TD-9641 prepared by Lewis France of NCDC in May, 1992):

> Normals have been defined as the arithmetic mean of a climatological element computed over a long time period. International agreements eventually led to the decision that the appropriate time period would be three consecutive decades (Guttman, 1989). The data record should be consistent (have no changes in location, instruments, observation practices, etc.; these are identified here as "exposure changes") and have no missing values so a normal will reflect the actual average climatic conditions. If any significant exposure changes have occurred, the data record is said to be "inhomogeneous," and the normal may not reflect a true climatic average. Such data need to be adjusted to remove the nonclimatic inhomogeneities. The resulting (adjusted) record is then said to be "homogeneous." If no exposure changes have occurred at a station, the normal is calculated simply by averaging the appropriate 30 values from the 1961-1990 record.

In the main, there are two "inhomogeneities" that NCDC is correcting for with normalization: adjusting for variances in time of day of observation (at the so-called First Order stations data is based on midnight to midnight observation times and this practice is not necessarily followed at cooperative stations which are staffed by volunteers), and second, estimating data that is either missing or incongruent.

The editors had some concerns regarding the comparative results of the two methodologies. Would our methodology produce strikingly different results than NCDC's? To allay concerns, results of the two processes were compared for the time period normalized results are available (1971-2000). In short, what was found was that the answer to this question is no. Never the less, users should be aware that because of both the time period covered (1980-2009) and the methodology used, data is not compatible with data from other sources.

Potential Cautions

First, as with any statistical reference work of this type, users need to be aware of the source of the data. The information here comes from NOAA, and it is the most comprehensive and reliable core

Place	Never Married (%)	Now Married[1] (%)	Separated (%)	Widowed (%)	Divorced (%)
Manhattan borough *New York Co.*	49.6	37.1	2.4	4.6	8.7
Manlius town *Onondaga Co.*	23.8	57.2	1.2	6.6	12.5
Mount Pleasant town *Westchester Co.*	35.4	53.0	1.4	4.7	6.9
Mount Vernon city *Westchester Co.*	42.7	39.2	4.3	7.4	10.7
New City CDP *Rockland Co.*	28.7	59.4	1.0	6.5	5.5
New Rochelle city *Westchester Co.*	36.2	49.8	2.3	5.7	8.3
New York city *New York Co.*	43.8	42.8	2.9	5.3	8.1
Newburgh town *Orange Co.*	30.0	54.6	1.8	5.7	9.6
Niagara Falls city *Niagara Co.*	41.4	38.4	2.5	7.3	13.0
North Hempstead town *Nassau Co.*	29.0	59.0	1.1	5.8	6.1
North Tonawanda city *Niagara Co.*	32.4	49.4	2.3	7.1	11.2
Oceanside CDP *Nassau Co.*	25.9	61.2	1.5	7.2	5.8
Orangetown town *Rockland Co.*	33.7	53.0	1.3	5.8	7.5
Ossining town *Westchester Co.*	33.4	53.8	1.9	3.7	9.0
Oyster Bay town *Nassau Co.*	28.1	59.5	0.8	6.4	6.0
Palm Tree town *Orange Co.*	26.4	71.7	0.6	0.4	1.5
Penfield town *Monroe Co.*	23.3	61.4	0.5	7.4	8.0
Perinton town *Monroe Co.*	22.8	61.1	0.8	6.5	9.6
Pittsford town *Monroe Co.*	28.1	60.0	0.7	5.9	6.0
Port Chester village *Westchester Co.*	35.2	51.5	2.6	4.2	9.2
Poughkeepsie town *Dutchess Co.*	40.0	45.3	1.1	5.7	9.0
Poughkeepsie city *Dutchess Co.*	45.1	34.2	2.6	5.8	14.9
Queens borough *Queens Co.*	38.1	48.4	2.5	5.9	7.6
Ramapo town *Rockland Co.*	33.2	56.1	1.3	4.8	5.8
Riverhead town *Suffolk Co.*	29.3	52.2	1.1	6.7	11.9
Rochester city *Monroe Co.*	56.0	28.3	3.5	4.8	11.0
Rome city *Oneida Co.*	36.4	43.6	3.7	8.3	11.7
Rotterdam town *Schenectady Co.*	32.9	50.0	2.4	5.3	11.7
Rye town *Westchester Co.*	33.3	54.1	2.3	4.2	8.4
Salina town *Onondaga Co.*	35.7	42.8	1.5	6.8	14.7
Schenectady city *Schenectady Co.*	46.1	34.5	2.7	6.9	12.5
Smithtown town *Suffolk Co.*	28.7	58.7	1.0	6.3	6.3
Southampton town *Suffolk Co.*	31.6	52.8	0.9	6.0	9.6
Spring Valley village *Rockland Co.*	37.4	48.8	2.7	4.7	9.1
Staten Island borough *Richmond Co.*	34.1	51.6	1.6	6.0	8.3
Syracuse city *Onondaga Co.*	54.4	29.4	2.9	5.0	11.2
Tonawanda town *Erie Co.*	34.1	46.8	1.8	7.3	11.8
Troy city *Rensselaer Co.*	56.3	28.4	2.2	5.0	10.3
Union town *Broome Co.*	35.1	46.8	2.1	6.8	11.3
Uniondale CDP *Nassau Co.*	51.1	35.8	1.2	5.3	7.8
Utica city *Oneida Co.*	45.6	38.5	2.2	6.2	9.7
Valley Stream village *Nassau Co.*	33.1	53.7	1.0	5.7	7.5
Wallkill town *Orange Co.*	35.6	49.1	1.6	5.0	10.3
Warwick town *Orange Co.*	29.3	56.3	0.8	5.3	9.1
Webster town *Monroe Co.*	25.9	55.4	1.9	6.6	12.1
West Babylon CDP *Suffolk Co.*	35.8	47.3	2.0	7.1	9.9
West Seneca CDP *Erie Co.*	35.3	46.8	1.1	8.4	9.5
White Plains city *Westchester Co.*	36.8	50.1	2.4	5.1	8.0
Yonkers city *Westchester Co.*	38.2	46.2	2.6	6.3	9.3
Yorktown town *Westchester Co.*	26.7	60.7	1.0	7.1	5.5

NOTE: (1) Includes separated.
SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017-2021 Five-Year Estimates

Marriage Status: Widowed

Top 150 Places Ranked in *Descending* Order

State Rank	Percent	Place
1	21.2	**Heritage Hills** (CDP) Westchester County
2	15.7	**Hoosick Falls** (village) Rensselaer County
3	14.7	**Ticonderoga** (CDP) Essex County
4	14.5	**Westfield** (village) Chautauqua County
5	14.2	**Melville** (CDP) Suffolk County
6	14.1	**Carmel** (CDP) Putnam County
7	14.0	**Saugerties** (village) Ulster County
7	14.0	**Woodbury** (CDP) Nassau County
9	13.7	**Lake Luzerne** (town) Warren County
10	13.5	**Shrub Oak** (CDP) Westchester County
10	13.5	**Ticonderoga** (town) Essex County
12	13.4	**Calverton** (CDP) Suffolk County
12	13.4	**Oyster Bay** (CDP) Nassau County
14	13.1	**Port Ewen** (CDP) Ulster County
15	12.5	**Lewiston** (village) Niagara County
15	12.5	**Sidney** (village) Delaware County
17	12.1	**Ellery** (town) Chautauqua County
17	12.1	**Lake Success** (village) Nassau County
17	12.1	**Port Washington North** (village) Nassau County
20	12.0	**Camden** (town) Oneida County
21	11.8	**Springville** (village) Erie County
22	11.7	**Chester** (village) Orange County
22	11.7	**Roslyn** (village) Nassau County
22	11.7	**Tupper Lake** (village) Franklin County
25	11.6	**Jamestown West** (CDP) Chautauqua County
26	11.5	**Coxsackie** (village) Greene County
26	11.5	**Greenville** (town) Greene County
28	11.3	**Concord** (town) Erie County
29	11.2	**Ridge** (CDP) Suffolk County
29	11.2	**Sidney** (town) Delaware County
31	11.0	**Unadilla** (town) Otsego County
32	10.9	**Amsterdam** (town) Montgomery County
32	10.9	**Herkimer** (village) Herkimer County
34	10.8	**Boonville** (town) Oneida County
34	10.8	**Penn Yan** (village) Yates County
34	10.8	**Skaneateles** (village) Onondaga County
37	10.6	**Moriah** (town) Essex County
38	10.5	**Hoosick** (town) Rensselaer County
38	10.5	**Marlboro** (CDP) Ulster County
38	10.5	**Wellsville** (town) Allegany County
41	10.4	**Shandaken** (town) Ulster County
42	10.3	**Durham** (town) Greene County
42	10.3	**Esopus** (town) Ulster County
44	10.2	**Ghent** (town) Columbia County
44	10.2	**Homer** (village) Cortland County
44	10.2	**Mooers** (town) Clinton County
44	10.2	**Warsaw** (village) Wyoming County
48	10.1	**Mohawk** (town) Montgomery County
48	10.1	**Ulster** (town) Ulster County
48	10.1	**Vails Gate** (CDP) Orange County
48	10.1	**Walton** (village) Delaware County
52	10.0	**Monticello** (village) Sullivan County
53	9.9	**Herkimer** (town) Herkimer County
53	9.9	**Horseheads** (village) Chemung County
53	9.9	**Norwich** (town) Chenango County
56	9.8	**Canandaigua** (city) Ontario County
56	9.8	**Davenport** (town) Delaware County
56	9.8	**Hornellsville** (town) Steuben County
56	9.8	**Williamsville** (village) Erie County
60	9.7	**Bedford Hills** (CDP) Westchester County
60	9.7	**Granville** (town) Washington County
62	9.6	**Canisteo** (town) Steuben County
62	9.6	**Chautauqua** (town) Chautauqua County
62	9.6	**Galeville** (CDP) Onondaga County
62	9.6	**Le Roy** (village) Genesee County
62	9.6	**Persia** (town) Cattaraugus County
62	9.6	**Yorkshire** (town) Cattaraugus County
68	9.5	**Hanover** (town) Chautauqua County
68	9.5	**New Hartford** (town) Oneida County
68	9.5	**North Boston** (CDP) Erie County
71	9.4	**Ellicott** (town) Chautauqua County
71	9.4	**Halesite** (CDP) Suffolk County
71	9.4	**Washington** (town) Dutchess County
71	9.4	**Westfield** (town) Chautauqua County
75	9.3	**Batavia** (town) Genesee County
75	9.3	**Benton** (town) Yates County
75	9.3	**Cairo** (town) Greene County
75	9.3	**Garden City South** (CDP) Nassau County
75	9.3	**Massena** (village) Saint Lawrence County
75	9.3	**Palatine** (town) Montgomery County
81	9.2	**Owego** (village) Tioga County
81	9.2	**Southport** (CDP) Chemung County
83	9.1	**Candor** (town) Tioga County
83	9.1	**Catskill** (town) Greene County
83	9.1	**East Glenville** (CDP) Schenectady County
83	9.1	**Kings Park** (CDP) Suffolk County
83	9.1	**Manlius** (village) Onondaga County
83	9.1	**Newfane** (CDP) Niagara County
83	9.1	**Rockland** (town) Sullivan County
90	9.0	**Depew** (village) Erie County
90	9.0	**East Quogue** (CDP) Suffolk County
90	9.0	**Lewiston** (town) Niagara County
90	9.0	**Otsego** (town) Otsego County
90	9.0	**Rhinebeck** (town) Dutchess County
90	9.0	**Saint James** (CDP) Suffolk County
90	9.0	**Wellsville** (village) Allegany County
97	8.9	**Northampton** (town) Fulton County
97	8.9	**Norwich** (city) Chenango County
97	8.9	**Oakdale** (CDP) Suffolk County
97	8.9	**Oneonta** (town) Otsego County
97	8.9	**Tuxedo** (town) Orange County
102	8.8	**Bainbridge** (town) Chenango County
102	8.8	**Brasher** (town) Saint Lawrence County
102	8.8	**Hurley** (CDP) Ulster County
102	8.8	**Massena** (town) Saint Lawrence County
102	8.8	**Schaghticoke** (town) Rensselaer County
102	8.8	**Warrensburg** (CDP) Warren County
102	8.8	**Watervliet** (city) Albany County
109	8.7	**Arcade** (town) Wyoming County
109	8.7	**Cutchogue** (CDP) Suffolk County
109	8.7	**Mechanicstown** (CDP) Orange County
109	8.7	**North Dansville** (town) Livingston County
109	8.7	**Olive** (town) Ulster County
109	8.7	**Port Jervis** (city) Orange County
109	8.7	**Sherrill** (city) Oneida County
109	8.7	**Southold** (town) Suffolk County
117	8.6	**Elwood** (CDP) Suffolk County
117	8.6	**Goshen** (village) Orange County
117	8.6	**Greenport** (village) Suffolk County
117	8.6	**Lakewood** (village) Chautauqua County
117	8.6	**Lenox** (town) Madison County
117	8.6	**Oneida** (city) Madison County
117	8.6	**Scriba** (town) Oswego County
117	8.6	**Thompson** (town) Sullivan County
117	8.6	**Warwick** (village) Orange County
126	8.5	**Claverack** (town) Columbia County
126	8.5	**Cohoes** (city) Albany County
126	8.5	**Colesville** (town) Broome County
126	8.5	**Corinth** (village) Saratoga County
126	8.5	**East Patchogue** (CDP) Suffolk County
126	8.5	**Firthcliffe** (CDP) Orange County
126	8.5	**Skaneateles** (town) Onondaga County
126	8.5	**Southport** (town) Chemung County
126	8.5	**Thiells** (CDP) Rockland County
126	8.5	**Van Buren** (town) Onondaga County
136	8.4	**Great Neck Plaza** (village) Nassau County
136	8.4	**Johnstown** (town) Fulton County
136	8.4	**Lockport** (city) Niagara County
136	8.4	**Lowville** (town) Lewis County
136	8.4	**Olean** (city) Cattaraugus County
136	8.4	**Phoenix** (village) Oswego County
136	8.4	**Saint Johnsville** (town) Montgomery County
136	8.4	**Somers** (town) Westchester County
136	8.4	**Warrensburg** (town) Warren County
136	8.4	**West Seneca** (CDP) Erie County
146	8.3	**Arlington** (CDP) Dutchess County
146	8.3	**Bethel** (town) Sullivan County
146	8.3	**Canastota** (village) Madison County
146	8.3	**East Rockaway** (village) Nassau County
146	8.3	**Ellenville** (village) Ulster County

Note: *This section ranks incorporated places and CDPs (Census Designated Places) with populations of 2,500 or more. Unincorporated postal areas were not considered. Please refer to the User Guide in the front of the Profile chapter for additional information.*