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NEW YORK: A CITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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FACTS ABOUT NEW YORK CITY

GEOGRAPHY

Community Districts*	59
Square Miles	304.8
Miles of Shoreline	578
Parks	29,000+ acres
Population Density	27,440 persons per square mile
Miles of Streets	6,375
Number of Bridges	2,027

DEMOGRAPHY

Total Population	8,363,710
White nonhispanic	35%
Black nonhispanic	23%
Asian nonhispanic	12%
Hispanic (of any race)	28%
Foreign-born (number)	3,040,816
Foreign-born (percent)	36%
Languages Spoken	200+
Births to City Residents in 2007	122,727
Total Housing Units	3,350,926
Owner-occupied	1,031,691
College-educated Residents	3,003,016
Public School Enrollment	1.1 million

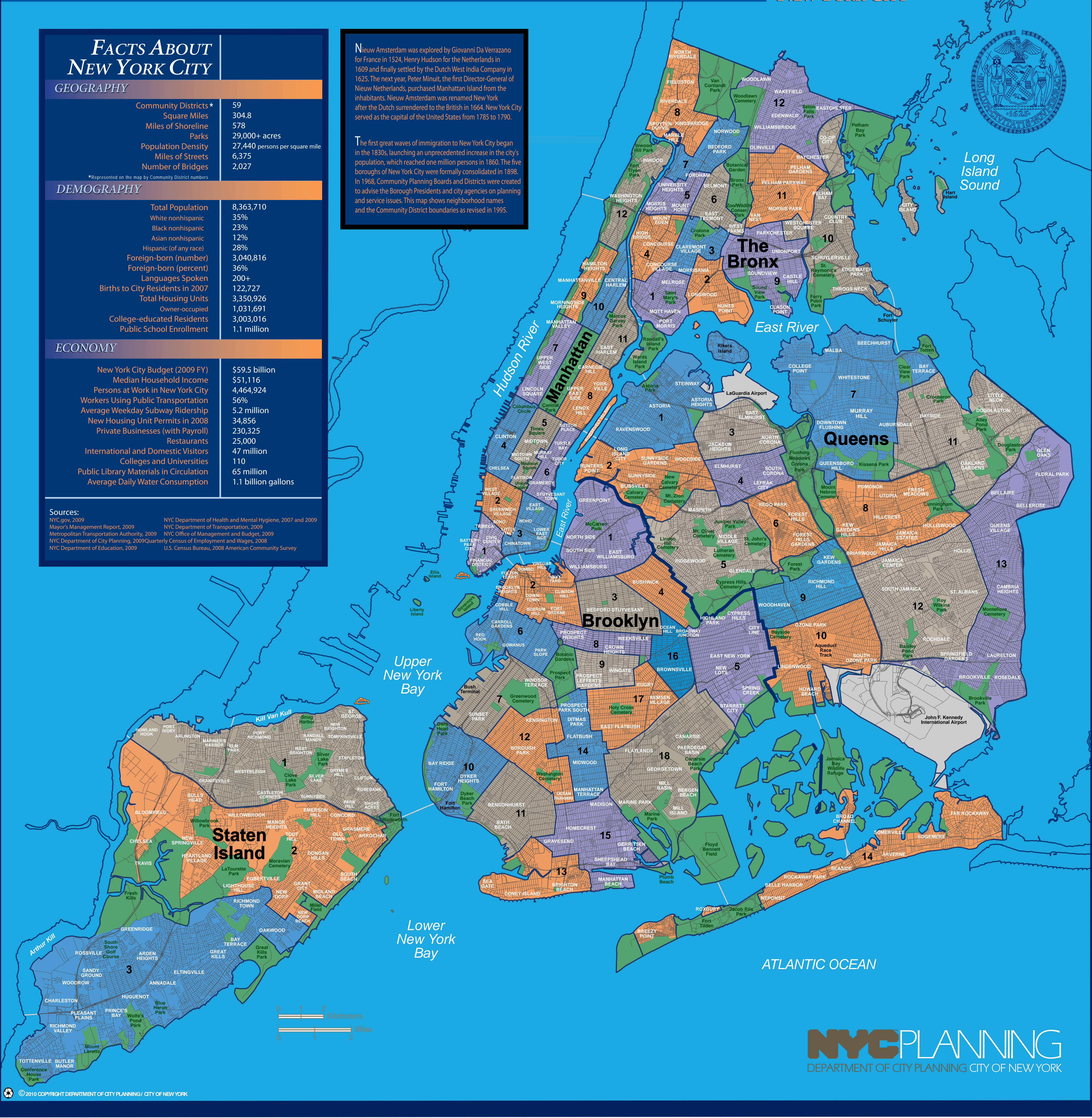
ECONOMY

New York City Budget (2009 FY)	\$59.5 billion
Median Household Income	\$51,116
Persons at Work in New York City	4,464,924
Workers Using Public Transportation	56%
Average Weekday Subway Ridership	5.2 million
New Housing Unit Permits in 2008	34,856
Private Businesses (with Payroll)	230,325
Restaurants	25,000
International and Domestic Visitors	47 million
Colleges and Universities	110
Public Library Materials in Circulation	65 million
Average Daily Water Consumption	1.1 billion gallons

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New Amsterdam was explored by Giovanni Da Verazzano for France in 1524, Henry Hudson for the Netherlands in 1609 and finally settled by the Dutch West India Company in 1625. The next year, Peter Minuit, the first Director-General of Nieuw Netherlands, purchased Manhattan Island from the inhabitants. Nieuw Amsterdam was renamed New York after the Dutch surrendered to the British in 1664. New York City served as the capital of the United States from 1785 to 1790.

The first great waves of immigration to New York City began in the 1830s, launching an unprecedented increase in the city's population, which reached one million persons in 1860. The five boroughs of New York City were formally consolidated in 1898. In 1968, Community Planning Boards and Districts were created to advise the Borough Presidents and city agencies on planning and service issues. This map shows neighborhood names and the Community District boundaries as revised in 1995.



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