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## Historical and Contemporary Population Trends in New York

This project explores historical and contemporary population geography trends within the state of New York. New York state contains the largest city and metro area within the United States, New York City, which has served as a major immigration destination for much of its history. Today, it is still considered a major-continuous immigrant gateway metro area. Due to the city being a popular choice for immigration, it has allowed the population of New York to grow and encompass many different cultures and nationalities. This project examines these trends in further detail, by looking at various aspects on why this might be, such as: the potential geographical advantages that the state of New York had over other parts of the United States which could have potentially allowed these trends to occur, along with historical events and policies enacted within the state which made it potentially easier to immigrate there than in other parts of the country. The project also considers the following questions: “Why New York and not other parts of the country?” and “How much of a factor was geography in the population growth of the state?” The findings suggest that geography played an important role in the population growth within New York and that the state enacted many policies to allow the state to be more attractive for immigration.