

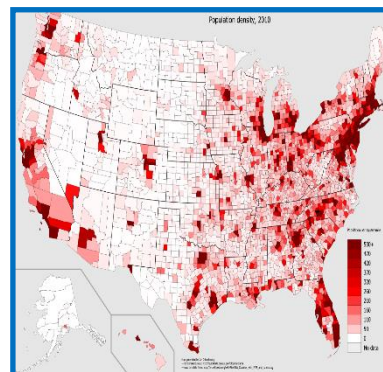
# Year 5 – Is New York City the most densely populated area in the USA?

## Key Vocabulary

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| Densely populated       | A location where lots of people live and closely together too.   |
| Sparsely populated      | A location where few people live and often far apart from each other.  |
| Population distribution | The way people are spread across a location or area.   |
| grassland               | A biome made up of large open areas of grasses.  |
| deforestation           | The deliberate clearing (chopping down) of forest land.  |
| desert                  | A dry area of land that receives no more than 25cm of rain per year.   |
| Push/pull factors       | Push factors “push” people away from their home, such as war. Pull factors “pull” people to a new home and include things like better opportunities. |
| retail                  | The activity of selling goods or services to buyers for personal, family or household use.   |
| banking                 | The business of protecting money for others.   |
| freshwater              | Water found in ponds, lakes, river etc. with very low levels of salt.  |
| canyons                 | A narrow, deep valley cut by a river through rock.   |
| Agricultural            | The use of land for cultivating the soil, growing crops and raising livestock.   |
| landslides              | the movement of a mass of rock, debris, or earth down a slope.   |

## Did you know?

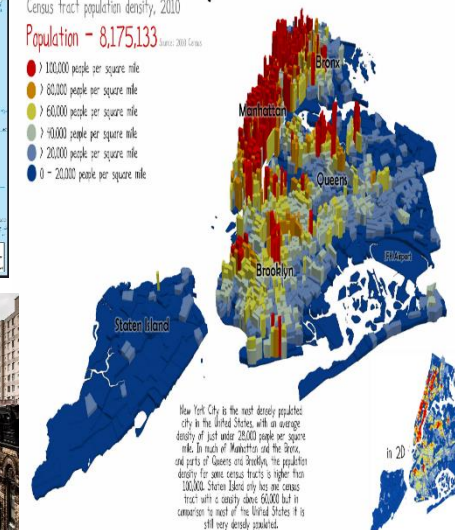
Lightning strikes the Empire State Building an average of 25 times every year.



## New York City in 3D

Census tract population density, 2010  
Population - 8,175,133

- > 100,000 people per square mile
- > 80,000 people per square mile
- > 60,000 people per square mile
- > 40,000 people per square mile
- > 20,000 people per square mile
- 0 - 20,000 people per square mile



New York City is the most densely populated city in the United States, with an average density of just under 28,000 people per square mile. In much of Manhattan and the Bronx, and parts of Queens and Brooklyn, the population density for some census tracts is higher than 100,000. Staten Island city has the lowest density with a density close to 6,000 but in comparison to most of the United States it is still very densely populated.

## Geography skills and knowledge

- The USA has richly diverse physical geography: mountains, rivers, volcanoes, forests, grasslands and deserts.
- High populations in the USA are mainly found on the east and west coasts – with very low population areas in the centre of the country.
- The city of New York has very high population density although this changes – high during working hours and lower after working hours.
- There are different reasons for changes in population levels in the city – these are called ‘push’ and ‘pull’ factors.
- Some of New York’s major ‘pull’ factors are its tourism, retail and banking sectors.
- USA and particularly New York City import a lot of food and other goods. Fast-living in the city means there is a lot of demand, waste and environmental impact.