New York City
The area that is now New York City, was inhabited by the Delaware Indians when Giovanni da Verrazzano, the first European, arrived in the New World. The Dutch began settling there in the early 1600s and named their village "New Amsterdam." In 1664, the English conquered the area and renamed it "New York" after the Duke of York.

As the city grew, it became one of the nation's most important ports. However, the British seized the city at the beginning of the American Revolutionary War, and it served as their military base until 1783.

In 1785, New York City became the first national capital of the United States. The capital remained there until 1790 when it was moved to Philadelphia.

In 1895, residents of the Bronx, Staten Island, Queens and Brooklyn voted to consolidate with Manhattan to form a five-borough “Greater New York.” Today, more than 8 million New Yorkers live in the five boroughs. Thanks to the city's diversity, it remains the cultural capital of the United States.

**American Bicentennial: State Flags**

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In 1976, the USPS issued stamps to honor every state in the nation. In 2008, the Postal Service began a series of "Flags of Our Nation" honoring state and territorial flags. The New York flag features the state coat of arms. The goddess Liberty, which stands for freedom, is to one side, while the goddess Justice, meaning everyone receives equal treatment under the law, is to the other side. A shield in the center shows the sun rising over the Hudson River. Above the shield is an eagle resting on a globe representing the Western Hemisphere.

**Statehood, Ratification of the Constitution**

In 1787, 55 delegates from the newly formed United States of America, assembled to write a constitution that would strengthen the states' unity. Two hundred years later, the USPS released a set of stamps commemorating this event.

**New York**

Scott 2346 • 1988

New York's delegation to the Constitutional Convention played a major part in its ratification. Although there was a bitter debate within the state, New York became the 11th state to ratify the Constitution.

**New York City**

Scott 1027 • 1953

This stamp was issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the incorporation of the city of New Amsterdam (now New York.) The image on the stamp shows a Dutch ship in the harbor, with a silhouette of New York City as it was in the early 1950s in the background.

**Golden Anniversary of the City of New York**

Commemorative Air Mail Stamp

Scott C38 • 1948

The image on this stamp shows the five New York City boroughs, encircled by a ring bearing the words “1898—The City of New York 1948 Golden Anniversary.” Also shown on the stamp are seven airplanes which indicate that the stamp is for airmail. The City of New York, as we know it today, was formed in 1898 with the consolidation of the boroughs.

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Scott C38 • 1948
Battle of Brooklyn
Scott 1003 • 1951
The USPS commemorated the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn with this stamp. The image shows George Washington directing his troops as they are withdrawing to the “safety” of Manhattan.

Overrun Countries
Netherlands
Scott 913 • 1943
The Dutch began exploration of the Hudson River Valley in 1609. In 1624, 30 families established a settlement at the southern tip of Manhattan Island, controlling the area until 1664. The main image on the stamp is the flag of the Netherlands.

Religious Freedom
Scott 1099 • 1957
Also known as the “Flushing Remonstrance Commemorative Stamp of 1957,” this stamp was issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the signing of a petition to end religious persecution in New Netherlands. It was the first document in the history of the United States to address the freedom of religion.

Norse-American issues
Sloop Restaurationen
Scott 620 • 1925
This stamp was issued to honor the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Norwegian immigrants to New York. Fifty two people aboard the sloop Restaurationen arrived in New York City after a 3-month voyage to seek religious freedom.

American Revolution
Sesquicentennial
Peace of 1783
Scott 727 • 1933
This stamp, also known as the Proclamation of Peace Commemorative Stamp, was issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of General Washington's order proclaiming peace, ending the American war for independence. The image on the stamp is a representation of the Hasbrouck House, Newburgh, NY, Washington's location when he issued the proclamation.
Huguenot-Walloon Tercentary
Ship Nieu Nederland
Scott 614 • 1924

Walloons' Landing at Fort Orange
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Scott 727 • 1933
In 1998, the Postal Service unveiled the “Celebrate the Century Series” — a series of stamps that featured events, prominent people, and other aspects of the 20th Century. Each decade was represented by a pane of 15 stamps. Back markings, as noted here, told about each stamp.

**Celebrate the Century: 1910s**

**Avant-garde Art Introduced at Armory Show, 1913**

Scott 3183d • 1998

The second sheet in the USPS Celebrate the Century series recognized notable people and events from the 1910s. One significant event was the International Exhibition of Modern Art, often referred to “The Armory Show.” The show, which was held at the 69th Regiment Armory, led to the establishment of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

**1st Crossword Puzzle**

Scott 3183l • 1998

The creation of the crossword puzzle, as we know it today, was one of the stamps featured on the 1910s issues. Called a “word-cross,” the puzzle was published in the *New York World* in 1913.

**Celebrate the Century: 1920s**

**Chrysler Building**

Scott 3184j • 1998

The Art Deco style in architecture and the decorative arts combines sleek elegance, geometric shapes, and varied materials. One of the finest examples of the style, the Chrysler Building in New York reflects America’s exuberance in the 1920s.

**Stock Exchange/Crash**

Scott 3184o • 1998

Stock market prices plummeted on Black Thursday, October 24, 1929, and collapsed on October 29. Banks and businesses closed and the Great Depression soon followed.

**Celebrate the Century: 1930s**

**Empire State Building**

Scott 3185b • 1998

Completed in 1931, New York City’s Empire State Building has 102 stories and rises 1,250 feet above the ground. For more than 40 years it was the tallest building in the world.

**Life Magazine**

Scott 3185c • 1998

Established in November 1936, *LIFE* magazine opened a new era of photo-journalism. With limited text and photographs on almost every page, it expanded our awareness of current events and the human race.

**Celebrate the Century: 1940s**

**International Style of Architecture**

Scott 3186k • 1999

Concerned with function and simple shapes, the International Style employed materials such as glass, steel, and concrete. Its long-lasting influence is visible in the United Nations Secretariat and countless other office and apartment buildings.
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Introduced at Armory Show, 1913
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Scott 3185b • 1998

*Life* Magazine
Scott 3185c • 1998

International Style
of Architecture
Scott 3186k • 1999
Masterworks of Modern American Architecture • 2005

New York City is the site of three of the architectural masterpieces depicted on these stamps, which were issued by the Postal Service to commemorate “the talent and ingenuity of celebrated architects and builders of the modern era.”

Guggenheim Museum
Scott 3910a

This stamp shows the interior of the Guggenheim Museum, with its circular ramp coiling to the glass dome. Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, it was meant to be a perfect place in which to contemplate an art collection.

Chrysler Building
Scott 3910b

The Chrysler Building is easily recognized by the distinctive peak of this art deco skyscraper. Designed by William Van Alen, the design incorporates many references to Chrysler automobiles.

TWA Terminal
Scott 3910d

The TWA terminal (now Kennedy Airport) is considered a monument of modern architecture. Eero Saarinen’s design incorporates many sculptural forms.

United Nations
Scott 1419 • 1970

This commemorative stamp was issued to honor the 25th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. The letters “UN” are the main image on the stamp, with the UN emblem depicted in the middle of the U.

Grand Central Terminal
Scott 4739 • 2013

A beloved New York City landmark, the Grand Central Terminal train station, officially opened on February 2, 1913. It was soon recognized as one of the most majestic public spaces in the world. This stamp captures the grandeur of this architectural masterpiece with an illustration of the main concourse. Early morning sunlight streams through the 60-foot-tall windows, illuminating the people below. In the foreground, travelers gather near the round information booth topped with its famous four-sided clock. The concourse’s sky ceiling stretches overhead, decorated with a mural of constellations and figures of the Zodiac.

Statue of Liberty
Scott 566 • 1922
Scott 4559 • 2011

Between the time it appeared on a stamp in 1922 and the issue of 2011, the Statue of Liberty has appeared on more than 25 USPS issues. Built in France, the statue was dismantled, packed into 214 crates, sent to the United States, and reassembled on Bedloe’s Island (later renamed Liberty Island.) On October 18, 1886, the 305-foot, 225-ton statue was unveiled by President Grover Cleveland.

Statue of Liberty, New York Skyline,
and Lockheed Constellation
Scott C35 • 1947

The design on this airmail stamp shows the Statue of Liberty with the New York skyline in the background. The four-motor plane would have been the type used to carry mail to Europe and North Africa.
Columbia University
Scott 1029 • 1954
Issued to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Columbia University, this image on this stamp is of the Low Memorial Library. The university was founded in 1754 as King’s College and is the oldest institution of higher learning in New York.

American Architecture
The USPS chose four 19th century buildings that exemplify beauty, strength, and usefulness for a set of American Architecture commemorative stamps.

New York University Library
Stanford White (1853–1906)
Scott 1928 • 1981
The stamp shows the New York University Library as designed by White, who also supervised the construction of a series of houses for the rich, and for public and religious buildings. He also designed jewelry, furniture and stained-glass windows.

American Culture
The American Culture series of stamps was issued to depict artifacts of the nation’s popular culture — things that are not seen in other cultures around the world.

New York Public Library
Scott 3447 • 2000
This stamp depicts one of the lions located in front of the New York Public Library, honoring the 100th anniversary of the Library building. Because of the USPS policy against honoring individual local institutions, the stamp was to be issued with no reference to the Library. However, because the lion is trademarked, the words “The New York Public Library” were added to the stamp.

“Atlas” Statue at Rockefeller Center
Scott 3520 • 2001
The “Atlas” statue is located in front of the International Building at Rockefeller Center in New York City. In addition to “Atlas”, the statue includes a sphere with the 12 signs of the zodiac and an axis pointing to the North Star.

“Wisdom”
Scott 3766 • 2003
“Wisdom” is portrayed as being transmitted by sound and light on this stamp: a reference to the radio and television studios at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. This “Wisdom” statue is located at the entrance to the main building of Rockefeller Center.
America the Beautiful series
Beautiful 59th Street Bridge
UX137 • 1989

This postal card was issued in support of the American Stamp Dealers Association stamp show held in New York City. The card was also used to promote the Postal Service-sponsored World Stamp Expo held in conjunction with the Universal Postal Union’s 20th congress later that year. The image on the card shows the 59th Street Bridge across the East River from Manhattan to Queens.

Verrazano Narrows Bridge
Scott 1258 • 1964
Scott 4872 • 2014

Two stamps have been issued by the USPS to commemorate the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. The first was issued when the bridge was opened in 1964, and the second to celebrate its 50th anniversary. When built, this was the longest suspension bridge in the world, and, at 13,700 feet, is still the longest in the United States.

American Society of Civil Engineers
Scott 1012 • 1952

Issued to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Society of Civil Engineers, this stamp shows the advancements made in bridge building. On the lower left corner of the stamp, a covered bridge — like those built in the mid-1800s — is shown. The main image on the stamp is the George Washington Bridge — a major accomplishment in civil engineering.

Riverboats

The USPS recognized the charm of the riverboat on this set of five stamps.

Sylvan Dell
Scott 3092 • 1996

Although many of the riverboats were operated on the Mississippi, Missouri, and Ohio rivers, the “Sylvan Dell” was primarily used on the Delaware and East Rivers. It was the fastest of all similar boats during its time in the waters around New York City.

Brooklyn Bridge
Scott 2041 • 1983

One hundred years after its completion, the Postal Service recognized the Brooklyn Bridge on a postage stamp. With its granite towers and steel cables, it is one of the most painted and photographed man-made structures in the U.S. Nearly 150,000 vehicles and pedestrians cross the bridge every day.

All Aboard! Twentieth Century Trains
20th Century Limited
Scott 3335 • 1999

The 20th Century Limited is one of a set of five stamps issued to “pay tribute to American industry and design, and specifically to the heritage of our railroads” according to the USPS. Among the cars was a Railway Post Office car operated by the Railway Mail Service, which was part of the United States Post Office Department. Clerks would receive, postmark, process, sort, and dispatch mail along the route from New York to Chicago. The “Limited” ran from 1902 to 1965.
New York City: Manhattan Skyline

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Streetcars Issues
First American Streetcar
Scott 2059 • 1983
This stamp, just one of a set of four, came into being due to the efforts of a group of streetcar fans in New Orleans. They had asked for a stamp to be issued on the 150th anniversary of the streetcar; however, it was not issued until a year later, on the 151st anniversary. This particular stamp depicts the 1832 “John Mason.” At a speed of six miles per hour, this vehicle delivered mail along a one-mile track in Manhattan.

New York World's Fair
Scott 853 • 1939
Issued to commemorate the New York World's Fair, the Trylon and Perisphere, as shown on this stamp, were among the outstanding architectural features of the fair. Sixty foreign governments participated in the 1939–40 New York World’s Fair, which was held in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park (also known as Flushing Meadows,) a public park in the borough of Queens, New York City. More than 45 million people visited the fair with its futuristic exhibits.

New York World's Fair
Scott 1244 • 1964
The 1964 New York World’s Fair postage stamp features the fair’s mall mall. Shown on the stamp is the Unisphere — a 12-story high, stainless steel model of the earth, surrounded by three rings representing the first NASA satellites to orbit the earth. Also shown on the stamp is the “Rocket Thrower,” a 43-foot tall bronze sculpture of an athletic, god-like man launching a sphere into the sky. A circle of stars surrounds the rocket, while a trail of flames is left behind.

Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition
Souvenir Sheet
Scott 1075 • 1956
The Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition (FIPEX) was one of three events chosen for the grand opening of the New York Coliseum at Columbus Circle on April 28, 1956. The souvenir sheet issued for the event showed the 3-cent single color and the 8-cent bicolor Statue of Liberty stamps from the series of 1954–56. The single commemorative stamp portrays the New York Coliseum with the Columbus Monument alongside the building.

Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition
Stamp
Scott 1076 • 1956
The omnibus was introduced in New York around 1830. It was the city’s first form of mass transportation — a 12- to 15-seat oversized stagecoach that ran between Broadway and Bond Street and the Battery.

Omnibus 1880s
Scott 1897 • 1983
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Scott 1244 • 1964

Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition
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Scott 1076 • 1956
Greetings from America: New York
Scott 3592 • 2002
Scott 3727 • 2002
The Greetings from America stamp issues feature retro tourist postcards, like those used in the 1930s and 40s to advertise cities, states, or tourist attractions. The brightly colored, creatively designed stamps are reminiscent of each state’s culture.

The New York stamp shows the Manhattan skyline, the Statue of Liberty, and Niagara Falls — three of the state’s most recognized attractions.

Garden Flowers: Lilac
Scott 2764 • 1993
The lilac is an ornamental shrub, with sweet smelling flowers that appear in late spring. The lilac bush was brought to the United States in the 1750s — George Washington planted lilacs in his garden. New York designated the lilac as the official state bush in 2006.

North American Wildlife
Beaver
Scott 2316 • 1987
Wonders of America:
Land of Superlatives
Scott 4064 • 2006
Beavers are the largest rodents in the United States. They primarily move at night, carrying mud, stones, and sticks to build their homes — called lodges or beaver dams. New York adopted the beaver as their state animal in 1975.

Apple
Johnny Appleseed and Apple
Scott 1317 • 1966
Scott 3491 • 2001
New York produces nearly 25 million bushels of apples every year, making it the second largest apple producing state in the United States. The apples are very versatile: they can be eaten raw, canned as slices, pie filling, or applesauce, squeezed into apple juice, made into apple butter, jelly, or mincemeat, or processed into vinegar. In 1976, New York designated the apple as the official state fruit.

State Birds and Flowers
Eastern Bluebird and Rose
Scott 1984 • 1982
Scott 3033 • 1996
Scott 2478 • 1991
Flower issues: Rose
Scott 1876 • 1981
Scott 1737 • 1978
The Eastern Bluebird is a small bird, measuring 7–8 inches long, and weighing just one ounce. It makes its home on farms, orchards, or in open woodlands. Their diet includes small fruits and berries, insects, earthworms, and snails. The Eastern Bluebird was designated the official state bird of New York in 1970.

The rose is a symbol of love and beauty, growing throughout the United States. Rose hips and petals have been used for medicinal purposes since ancient times. The rose was chosen as New York’s official state flower in 1955.
Transportation Coil
The Transportation coils are definitive stamps, so named because all of the stamps in the series were issued in coil format. The stamp designs shown are only of the vehicle.

Milk Wagon 1900s
Scott 2253 • 1987
New York is ranked as the #3 state in the U.S. for the amount of milk produced. In addition to being a beverage, milk is used for ice cream, butter, cheese, and processed products. Milk was designated as the official state beverage in 1981.

Wildlife Conservation
The block of four Wildlife Conservation stamps was issued to raise awareness of endangered species.

Trout
Scott 1427 • 1971
The brook trout can be found in lakes and streams throughout New York state. It was designated as the official state fish in 1975.

Volunteer Firemen
Scott 971 • 1948
In 1648, the first fire ordinance was adopted in New York City, establishing the city's first fire department. “Prowler” patrolled the streets from dusk to dawn, carrying their leather buckets and ladders, looking for fires.

International Peace Garden
Sugar Maple
Scott 2014 • 1982
The sugar maple tree has leaves that turn bright red and gold in the fall, contributing to New York's brilliant fall foliage. The trees' sap is collected and boiled to make maple syrup, or through evaporation made into maple sugar. In 1956, New York designated the sugar maple, as the leaf shown on this stamp, as the state tree.

New York Stock Exchange
Bicentennial
Scott 2630 • 1992
This stamp celebrates the 200th anniversary of the founding of the New York Stock Exchange. Begun by a group of 24 brokers and dealers, the NYSE has grown to include more than 1,900 companies from around the world.

Heroes of 2001
Scott B2 • 2001
The Heroes of 2001 stamp shows three firefighters as they raised the U.S. flag at Ground Zero. It honors the heroes of the September 11, 2001. Of the more than 1,000 first responders who were on the scene, 343 FDNY firefighters lost their lives when the World Trade Center's North and South Towers collapsed.

The USPS issued this nondenominated semi-postal stamp on June 7, 2002. This stamp sold for 45¢, while the first-class postage rate was 37¢. It offered the public a way to assist families of injured or killed emergency relief personnel.
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Scott B2 • 2001
Baseball's Legendary Playing Fields • 2001
The Postal Service issued a pane of commemorative stamps depicting ten images of Baseball’s Legendary Playing Fields. Each park was its own unique masterpiece in the world of baseball.

Ebbets Field
Scott 3510
Ebbets Field was the home of the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1913 to 1957. The brick encased field displayed beautiful arched windows, while the entrance featured an impressive 80-foot rotunda made of Italian marble.
Ebbets Field was demolished in 1960.

Yankee Stadium
Scott 3513
Yankee Stadium was home to the New York Yankees from 1923–2008, except for 3 years when it was closed for renovations. The steel and concrete structure was the first ballpark in the U.S. with 3 tiers — a 15-foot copper façade adorned the third deck. Centerfield was known as “Death Valley,” as it was 490 feet from homeplate to the centerfield wall. The facility was demolished in 2009–2010.

Polo Grounds
Scott 3514
The Polo Grounds was home to the New York Giants (1890–1957,) the New York Yankees (1913–1922,) and the New York Mets (1962–1963). The Grounds had a distinctive horseshoe shape, with a distance of 450 feet from home plate to left and right center fields, and 483 feet to centerfield. The facility was razed in 1964.

Modern Art in America • 2013
In 1913, the Armory Show gave America its first look at modern art. The Modern Art in America stamps, commemorates 12 important modern artists and their works.

Joseph Stella (1877–1946)  
Scott 4748i
Stella's Brooklyn Bridge is one of his depictions of industrial America. He often would paint with bright colors around a single central form.

Arthur Dove (1880–1946)  
Scott 4748l
Dove used colors to create what he called "a condition of light" as depicted in the drawing on this stamp, Fog Horns. He also used growth and renewal, and the parallel between the visual arts and music in his masterpieces.

Classic Collections: Four Centuries of American Art • 1998
“Nighthawks”  
Edward Hopper (1882–1967)  
Scott 3236p
As noted on the back markings of this pane of stamps, “These images, all details from the originals, reflect some of the enduring themes in reverence for the variety of landscapes across the continent…Hopper ranks as one of the outstanding 20th century realists.”
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Scott 3236p
Thanksgiving Day Parade
Scott 4417–20 • 2009

Observed every year on the fourth Thursday of November, Thanksgiving is a traditional day of togetherness for families and friends. The USPS issued this commemorative stamp in four designs featuring an important part of this holiday — the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Shown are the marching bands, the large balloons of favorite animals and popular characters, the colorful floats, and the crowds of delighted onlookers.

The Macy's Thanksgiving Parade started as an annual tradition in 1924.

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Earthscapes
Skyscraper Apartments
4710n • 2012

The Earthscapes stamps offer an opportunity to see the world from high above the planet's surface. Shown on this stamp are the Skyscraper Apartments. Some of the first such apartments were located in Manhattan, while one of the tallest is 432 Park Avenue, located in New York City.
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