
I. GENERAL

Area and Geography

The Commercial Division of the Canadian Consulate General in New York City covers the State of Connecticut (12,973 km²; 5,009 square miles), the southern 23 counties of the State of New York (approximately half of the state's total area of 128,401 km²; 49,576 square miles), and the northern 12 counties of the State of New Jersey (approximately half of the state's total area of 20,295 km²; 7,836 square miles). Names of counties covered in New York and New Jersey are given in Appendix A.

Viewed from above, New Jersey looks like a series of descending steps from the mountains in the northwest to the tidal marshes along the eastern and southeastern seacoasts. The topography of New York varies from the Adirondack Mountains in the northeast through a high central plateau area to the Catskills and lowlands of the southeast. The Hudson River, which cuts through the highlands, is navigable by larger vessels for more than 240 km (150 miles). Connecticut, in contrast, consists of gently undulating uplands divided near the middle by the lowlands of the Connecticut River valley.

Climate

In general, the climate of the three states is typical of that of the northern United States: quite variable owing to the frequent passage of cyclonic storms bringing warmer weather with rain and snow in winter and causing days of great heat and humidity, with thunderstorms, in summer. Visiting Canadian businessmen will find winter temperatures generally higher than those of Canada and humid summer days quite uncomfortable.

Local Time

Eastern Standard Time and Daylight Saving Time, the same as in Toronto and Montreal.

Weights and Measures; Electricity

U.S. measures that differ from those used in Canada are: