## Human Geography

- 50 states in the United States of America
- The USA is only one of 23 countries in the continent of North America.
- Canada is to the north of the USA
- Mexico is to the south.
- Off the south-east coast are the Caribbean islands including the countries of Barbados, Cuba, Jamaica, Haití Honduras and Puerto Rico
- New York City is by far the biggest city by population with over 8 million people
- California is the most populous state

Map of states in USA:

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#### **Key Physical Geography**

The Mississippi River is 5,960 kilometres long. (River Nile 6,650km)

<u>Mount St Helens</u> is an active volcano located in Skamania County, Washington, USA and last erupted in 2008.

The Grand Canyon. Arizona. It is 446 kilometres in length and at its widest point 29 kilometres across.

<u>Niagara Falls</u> are located on the border of Ontario, Canada and New York, USA. They are made up of 3 waterfalls, the American Falls, the Bridal Veil Falls and the Horseshoe Falls.

The Rocky mountains stretch all the way from western Canada over the border into the USA. The Rockies are 4,800 km long.



### **Vocabulary**

<u>Population</u> - the number of people living in a location.

Surface Area - the size of a location.

<u>Climate</u> - The weather conditions of a location.

Human Geography - Involves people and things made by people.

<u>Physical Geography</u> - natural things such as rivers, mountains and waterfalls

**<u>Erosion</u>**: the process by which sand and rock are worn away by the wind or water.

Agriculture: the science of farming

Settlement: where people live

Drought: lack of precipitation (rain/snow) in an area

### Map of physical features in USA:

