The **Town of Brookhaven** is the most populous of the ten [towns](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Administrative_divisions_of_New_York#Town) of [Suffolk County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suffolk_County,_New_York), [New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_(state)), United States. Part of the [New York metropolitan area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_metropolitan_area), it is located approximately 50 miles from [Manhattan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manhattan). It is the only town in the county that stretches from the [North Shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Shore_(Long_Island)) to the [South Shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Shore_(Long_Island)) of [Long Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long_Island). It is the largest of New York State's 932 towns by area (when water area is included), and the second most populous after the [Town of Hempstead](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hempstead,_New_York).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brookhaven,_New_York#cite_note-councilwin-3)