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Syracuse Area History

Salt was just the beginning of Syracuse's entrepreneurial successes. The city once hosted an array of brew pubs and the manufacture of typewriters, automobiles, tin, aluminium and steel products, traffic signal lighting, medical instruments — even the world's largest air conditioning units. Today, Syracusans produce everything from ball bearings to computer-chip components.



The first solid evidence that the area would become a transportation crossroads was the Erie Canal, which once passed through what is now downtown Syracuse. Today, Syracuse is the hub of highways, canals, railroads and airlines enhanced by sophisticated communications systems. These features give Syracuse access to markets across the state — and throughout the world.

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