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Ellis Island was the largest immigration station in the United States from 1892 to 1924. Over 12 million immigrants came through Ellis Island during this period. The island was nicknamed the "Island of Hope" for many immigrants coming to America to find a better life.

Ellis Island started out as a small island of only around 3.3 acres. Over time, the island was expanded using landfill. By 1906, the island had grown to 27.5 acres. At its peak, the island was a crowded and busy place. In many ways, it was its own city. It had its own power station, a hospital, laundry facilities, and cafeteria. Today, Ellis Island is part of the National Park Service together with the Statue of Liberty. Tourists can visit Ellis Island where the main building is now an immigration museum.