



Naperville

As the third-largest city in Illinois, Naperville boasts an award-winning quality of life, with a focus on **family friendliness**, **highly ranked schools**, and **strong support for public safety**. As a result, Naperville attracts high-performing employees across multiple industries to raise their families and work in the community.

CITY AWARDS

- No. 1 Best City to Live In America – Niche, 2024, 2025, 2026
- No. 1 Best City to Raise a Family in America – Niche, six years in a row (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026) as well as 2018
- No. 1 Best Cities to Buy a House in America – Niche, 2025, 2026 (#3 in 2024)
- Livability’s 2026 Top 100 Best Places to Live in the U.S. (No. 4)
Previous years: 2022 (No.4), 2023 (No. 9), 2024 (No. 5), 2025 (No. 4 as well as No. 1 for Health, No. 3 for Safety, No. 3 for Education)
- 250 Best Places to Live in the U.S. in 2025-2026 – U.S. News & World Report (No. 76)
- No. 1 Best Cities to Buy a House in America – Niche, 2025, 2026 (No. 3 in 2024)
- No. 1 Midwest location on Niche’s Best Cities to Live in America listing for four years in a row (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- No. 19 Safest Places to Live in the U.S. in 2025-2026 – U.S. News & World Report
- No. 1 Safest City in America – MoneyGeek, 2022 and 2023
- No. 1 Safest City to Raise a Child in America – Safewise, 2020
- No. 16 on Money’s 2022 Best Places to Live listing. Naperville has been included on this prestigious list nine times since 2004.
- A park district that is one of only 1% of park districts across the country to be nationally accredited. The district provides numerous recreation and sporting opportunities through parks, a fitness center, and two golf courses.
- A public library regularly named the top library in the country for its population size over the past decade.

PUBLIC SAFETY ACCREDITATIONS

- **Police Department:** Internationally accredited 10 times by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). First accredited in 1992 and most recently re-accredited in 2024. Because this process is so rigorous, only 3% of law enforcement agencies nationwide choose to become accredited.
- **Fire Department:** One of only two agencies worldwide to achieve accreditation six consecutive times from the Center for Public Safety Excellence. The department was accredited for the sixth time in 2022.

STRONG LEGACY OF FISCAL MANAGEMENT & THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY

- AAA (S&P) and Aaa (Moody's) bond rated for almost 30 years – reaffirmed in 2025
- Reinvestment of dollars coming into the city from various sectors (retail, restaurants) to help market and attract other businesses
- “Naperville is now the retail mecca”: Top suburb for total retail sales for nine years running: record almost \$5 billion in total sales in 2024, sales growth of more than \$1.4B over the last decade. Strong showings across multiple sectors, including dining and drinking, grocery, home improvement, and auto and gas sales. (Melaniphy & Associates)
- In 2026, Naperville was selected as the #10 Best City for Small Business in the U.S. by B2B Reviews.

SCHOOL RANKINGS

- No. 1 City with the Best Public Schools in America, Niche – six years in a row (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)
- 2025 Best School Districts in Illinois – Niche ○ District 203: No. 11, District 204: No. 10
- 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools – Naperville Central High School (203), Neuqua Valley High School (204), Scott Elementary School (203)

PROXIMITY TO MULTIPLE HIGH-QUALITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

- Endeavor Health – Edward Hospital ○ Magnet redesignation, highest honor in nursing excellence (2025)
- Rush Healthcare ○ A's in Leapfrog's Hospital Safety Grades Report
 - Rush Ortho: No. 8 in the nation by U.S News and World Report ('23-'24)
- Northwestern Medicine
 - Proton Center with innovative cancer care located on I-88 just north of Naperville
 - Central DuPage Hospital - Best Regional Hospitals in US News Rankings (No. 8 – Illinois, No. 8 – Chicago Metro)

