



**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
- No. 1 Best City to Raise a Family in America – Niche, five years in a row (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) as well as 2018
- No. 1 Best Cities to Buy a House in America – Niche, 2025 (#3 in 2024)
- Livability's 2025 Top 100 Best Places to Live in the U.S.
  - No. 1 – Health, No. 3 – Safety, No. 3 – Education, No. 4
  - Previous years: 2022 (No.4), 2023 (No. 9), 2024 (No. 5)
- 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 (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)

## SCHOOL RANKINGS

- No. 1 City with the Best Public Schools in America, Niche – five years in a row (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- 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)