



As the fourth largest city in Illinois, Naperville boasts an [award-winning quality of life](#) focusing 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)
- No. 1 City to Live in Illinois - 24/7 Wall Street's List of Best Cities to Live in Every State, 2018
- 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. 1 Safest City in America – MoneyGeek, 2022 and 2023
- No. 1 Safest City to Raise a Child in America – Safewise, 2020
- No. 3 Most Successful City in the U.S. based on high median income and low poverty – Zippia.com, 2016
- No. 12 on SmartAsset's 2019 list of top places where millennials are buying homes
- No. 12 on Safewise's 2018 Safest College Towns in the Nation report
- No. 16 on Money's 2022 Best Places to Live listing. Naperville has made 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 over the past decade, and most recently again in 2022

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 bond rated for 25 years
- 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”: Largest suburban economy in the state for seven years running: record \$4.8 billion in total sales in 2023, sales growth of \$1.4B over the last decade. Strong showings across multiple sectors: automobile/gas, restaurant, home improvement, and grocery. (Melaniphy & Associates, 2023 & 2024 reports)

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)