

# BUFFALO GROVE

## Northwest Suburbs



Population	42,909
Avg. Home Value	\$442,622
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Buffalo Grove, an active, family-orientated community, located 35 miles northwest of the Loop, has been growing at tremendous rates. Most of the growth has occurred during the past two decades, and it's easy to see why. To begin with, community schools have become some of the best public institutions in the state, with elementary students consistently scoring top marks on annual IGAP testing. Economic growth has increased more than 190 percent since 1972, as a result of the strong commercial and business community in town and in nearby areas.

Also, the area is scenic as well as affordable; the crime rate is low, and it has convenient access to major shopping areas, airports and the Loop. The community's 381 acres of parks and three public golf courses are also a big draw, as are park district programs and special events. In addition to a variety of arts and crafts, sports and exercise classes for both children and adults, a number of pre-school and seniors programs are on the park district schedule.

Because it is a newer community, a high percentage of public buildings are handicap accessible, including the park district buildings. The park district works closely with the Northwest Special Recreation Association to provide recreational activities for the communities disables population. The north section of Buffalo Grove is in Lake County, and the south section is in Cook County. Its location allows residents east access to a number of shopping malls in other towns, as well as many popular shopping malls right in town. The village is also served by two libraries.

**Housing.** Approximately 50 percent of the community is residential. Single-family homes sold from as low as \$214,000 to a high of \$750,000. The average 2006 sale price for a single family home was \$442,622. There are numerous town-homes and condominium developments are scattered throughout the community.

**Schools.** Buffalo Grove's Lake County elementary students attend Districts 102 and 96; Cook County students attend Wheeling District 21. Adlai E. Stevenson High School district 125 serves Lake County teens. Students in Cook County attend Buffalo Grove High School in District 214. The 2006 ACT composite score for Stevenson was 25.6, and Buffalo Grove's was 22.7.

**Transportation.** Drivers access the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to the east, and Illinois 53 to the west, which intersects with the Northwest Tollway (I-90). Drive time to the Loop is 50 minutes. Commuters may board Metra trains in Buffalo Grove for a 45-minute ride to the Loop. Bus service is also available.