



YOU can be
great here.



Relocation Guide



SCAN FOR:

- Population and demographic data
- Awards and accolades
- Climate information

YOUR LIFE can be great here.

Combining a vibrant culture with a thriving economy and stunning natural beauty, the Greater Dubuque region offers the energy and amenities of a big city with the serenity of a small town.

Welcome to Dubuque

As the state's first city, Dubuque intertwines a rich past with a bright future. Boasting impressive historic architecture, a revitalized downtown, and the picturesque riverfront of the mighty Mississippi, here you will find the perfect backdrop for building a great life in the hub of economic and recreational activity of the Greater Dubuque region.



With a surge in affordable housing options and a plethora of child care facilities, the city is primed for families looking to put down roots. With a diverse array of career opportunities spanning various industries, you can achieve professional growth while having a rich social life here.

Life in Dubuque is about balance and enjoyment. Award-winning, locally owned restaurants, nationally acclaimed museums, quaint shops, and familiar big-box retailers are scattered throughout the city. When it's time to unwind, the region's abundant parks and trail systems offer the perfect sanctuary for relaxation and recreation.

In the Greater Dubuque region, you will enjoy big-city amenities without sacrificing quality of life. Children still walk to school and receive a superior education in a safe environment. You can experience a career that motivates you without a long commute that drives you crazy. Your neighbors know you by name and welcome you into the community.

With repeated national recognition for all it offers, we invite you to make the Greater Dubuque region your new home and begin learning firsthand why this is the place where **YOU can be great here.**

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Mayor Brad Cavanagh.

Mayor Brad Cavanagh
City of Dubuque

quick stats

mid-size

58,873 (City proper)
98,677 (Dubuque County)

est. 1833

Dubuque is Iowa's first city, founded in 1833. It serves as the county seat of Dubuque County.

award-winning

Recognized as an **Iowa Thriving Community** (IEDA, 2023), among the **Top 100 Places to Live** (Livability, 2022), and as a **Top 100 City for a Career Switch** (CareerMinds, 2024).

Five-time **National Leagues of Cities All-America City** (2007, 2012, 2013, 2017, and 2019).

Received Score of 100 on **Municipal Equity Index** five times in last six years (Human Rights Campaign).

tech-savvy

Will achieve 100% city-wide **broadband access by the end of 2024.**

affordable

Cost of living is **9.6% lower than the national average.**

Lowest city property tax rate out of Iowa's 11 largest cities.

cultured

Home to two award-winning Smithsonian-affiliate museums, the **National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium** and the **Dubuque Museum of Art.**

The Field of Dreams Movie Site from the 1989 Academy Award-nominated classic in Dubuque County is undergoing a multimillion-dollar expansion.

convenient

The Greater Dubuque region is centrally located amongst several major metros at a crossroads of four-lane connections to **Davenport, Des Moines, Madison, and Minneapolis.**

professional growth

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Not only is Dubuque a wonderful place to raise a family, and a major reason we chose to move back, but living here has also meant I could follow my passion for working in higher education through rewarding opportunities at local colleges. Through both my career and community involvement, I've met great people who are now close friends.

”

— Marie Maquiña Heller

Relocated to Dubuque in January 2012 and again in May 2019



YOUR CAREER can be great here.

Offering big-time possibilities without the big-city headaches, the Greater Dubuque region is the ideal place to take your career to the next level.

Choose your path to success

There is no one-size-fits-all approach here. In the Greater Dubuque region, economic diversity fuels our continued success.

Including Fortune 500 companies and entrepreneur-driven enterprises, businesses of all kinds excel in the Greater Dubuque region. With everything from a dynamic financial and insurance sector to a robust advanced manufacturing footprint, our local economy boasts an eclectic combination of strengths. This mix provides a strong, stable foundation that can weather the economic ups and downs, and an atmosphere where a wide range of talented professionals can thrive.

It is the perfect place for a fulfilling career—offering the opportunities of a major market with the comforts and conveniences of a small one. A place where you can avoid a long commute but pursue the success you have always wanted.

It is a rare combination that creates an environment where **YOU** can be great here.

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- Career opportunities in the Greater Dubuque region
- Labor and wage data

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forward-thinking

YOUR FUTURE can be great here.

Innovation and investment in renewable energy, broadband technology, and community-driven climate action put us ahead of the curve.

Innovating for sustainability

The Greater Dubuque region has long been recognized as a leader in sustainability and connectivity. We build communities that are resilient and equitable.

We are committed to adaptive reuse of our historic neighborhoods, transforming 19th-century manufacturing hubs into 21st-century housing. We prize our access to clean water, clear air, and local foods. Enjoy our year-round farmers markets, our community gardens, our world-class bike trails, and a riverfront second to none. We developed the first community-scale solar garden in Iowa, generate renewable natural gas from both our wastewater facility and solid-waste landfill, and developed national models for energy and water conservation.

We provide access to a work-from-anywhere/anytime philosophy through universal fiber, transportation systems that are moving to zero emission, and an economy growing green jobs.

The Greater Dubuque region is resilient, driven by economic prosperity, environmental integrity, and cultural vibrancy. Through efforts large and small, we work collaboratively to ensure a smart, sustainable legacy that our residents are proud of and future generations can prosper from.



 **SCAN FOR:**

- Information on Sustainable Dubuque initiatives
- Community Climate Action & Resiliency Plan
- Sustainability projects, programs, and funding information





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We're continually impressed by the numerous programs our new hometown offers to support a green lifestyle, including an abundance of beautiful parks, making it very accessible to connect and commune with nature.

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— Claire Robinson and Bryce Taylor
Relocated to Dubuque in July 2021

YOUR WORK-LIFE balance can be great here.

Mixing natural beauty with vibrant culture,
the Greater Dubuque region has something
to offer for everyone.



Museums, theaters, a renowned film festival, a world-class symphony, First Friday program, sculptures on the riverwalk, and more—Dubuque is the Midwest's hidden arts and culture jewel, where many of the area events won't cost you a penny, and the ones that do won't break the bank.

— Michelle London
Relocated to Dubuque in June 2019

quality of life



The perfect blend of city lifestyle and small-town belonging alongside a dramatic topography, friendly people, and a lively downtown was a pleasant surprise as a newcomer. Whether adult leagues for soccer, rugby, and other sports; volunteering for the Dubuque Jaycees; or line dancing at the fairgrounds, all that Dubuque offers makes it easy to stay active and foster new friendships.

— Anand Mark and his dog Caesar
Relocated to Dubuque in May 2022

Endless adventure awaits

Take in a local theater production, film world premiere, symphony performance, or cultural festival any day of the week. Whether you are seeking outdoor adventures or searching for energizing nightlife, the Greater Dubuque region offers a wide range of options that pack plenty of excitement and enrichment for all ages.

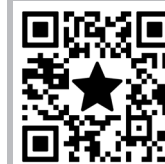
The region's expansive parks system offers breathtaking views of the Mississippi River and countless places for kids and adults alike to play. Spend a sun-splashed afternoon in any of a multitude of picture-perfect spots whether you are hitting the trails to hike and bike or making a splash via kayak or river cruiser.

From acclaimed museums and accessible makerspaces to an indoor water park, arcades, and skate parks, there is an abundance of ways to stay active and entertained year-round.

If you are on the lookout for culture and cuisine, you will never be disappointed. The bustling downtown boasts local breweries, coffee shops, and diverse restaurants that will always give you a taste of something new. With two non-profit casinos along with indoor and outdoor live music concert venues large and small throughout the area, the Greater Dubuque region is never short on entertainment.

Your life can be exciting here

The Greater Dubuque region is a place where you will never have to settle. It is all right here for you.



 **SCAN FOR:**

- An up-to-date calendar of local festivals and events
- Recreational, educational, or just-for-fun things to do
- Information on planning a visit

at a glance



High-quality healthcare

With internationally recognized health centers, inclusive community-focused programs, and growing specialty options, the Greater Dubuque region offers unrivaled care for a mid-sized city.

Year-round farmers markets

Being in the heart of the Midwest means the distance from farm to table is a matter of minutes.

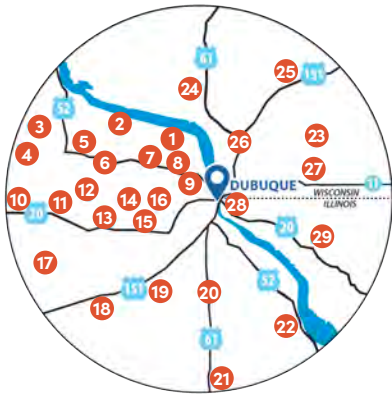


Photo credit: Wicked River Events and Gigantic

29 rural communities nestled in the Greater Dubuque region

Small towns offer quiet living in close proximity to big career opportunities.

IA	1	Sherrill	WI	16	Centralia
	2	Balltown		17	Worthington
	3	Luxemburg		18	Cascade
	4	New Vienna		19	Bernard
	5	Holy Cross		20	Zwingle
	6	Rickardsville		21	Maquoketa
	7	Durango		22	Bellevue
	8	Sageville		23	Cuba City
	9	Asbury		24	Potosi/Tennyson
	10	Dyersville		25	Platteville
	11	Farley		26	Dickeyville
	12	Bankston		27	Hazel Green
	13	Epworth		28	East Dubuque
	14	Graf		29	Galena
	15	Peosta			



The map above represents an approximate 30-minute radius of the City of Dubuque.



50+ murals

Downtown Dubuque is an artful urban landscape



Local colleges

The Greater Dubuque region is a community of colleges, home to five universities and colleges, four community colleges, and three seminaries.

Prepared for tomorrow

We are addressing present needs while also planning for the future by building a community that is set for long-term, sustainable success.



Enjoy the breathtaking outdoors all year long

The Greater Dubuque region offers adventure year-round—even in the winter months—with multiple ski resorts infusing fun into the snowy season.

59+ miles of hiking trails

Explore the area's natural beauty



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Relocating to Dubuque.

From changing utilities to finding healthcare, there is a lot to think about when moving. These resources will help you get settled.



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1 Change your address

City Hall
563.589.4100
cityofdubuque.org

Driver's License Bureau
515.244.8725
iowadot.gov

Motor Vehicle Registration
563.589.4450
dubuquecounty.org

U.S. Postal Service
563.582.2997
usps.com

Voter Registration
563.589.4457
dubuquecountyiowa.gov

2 Switch utilities

ELECTRICITY
Alliant Energy
alliantenergy.com

Maquokata Valley
Electric Cooperative
mvec.coop

NATURAL GAS
Black Hills Energy
blackhillsenergy.org

REFUSE/RECYCLING
City of Dubuque
563.589.4250
cityofdubuque.org/curbsidecollection

WATER/SEWER
City of Dubuque
563.589.4144
cityofdubuque.org/utilitybilling

3 Find healthcare

24/7 CARE
MercyOne Dubuque
Medical Center
mercyone.org/dubuque

ADDITIONAL PROVIDERS
Crescent Community
Health Center
crescentchc.org

Grant Regional Health Center
grantregional.com

Medical Associates Clinic
& Health Plans
mahealthcare.com

UnityPoint Health—
Finley Hospital
unitypoint.org

Midwest Medical Center
midwestmedicalcenter.org

Southwest Health
southwesthealth.org

Unified Therapy Health Services
unifiedtherapy.com

YOUR MOVE can be great here.

Resources at your fingertips.

Visit Greater Dubuque Development's website to help you navigate information about services and resources provided by the city of Dubuque and other communities in the Greater Dubuque region.



SCAN FOR:

- #1 regional jobs board at AccessDubuqueJobs.com
- Newcomer program information
- Housing and rental resource guides
- Education and child care information
- Healthcare options
- Connections to municipal services in Dubuque, Dyersville, Peosta, and other communities in the Greater Dubuque region



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4 Enroll in schools and/or establish child care

5 License your pet

Pet License
563.589.4185
cityofdubuque.org/petlicensing

6 Recreational activities

Bicycle License
563.589.4100
cityofdubuque.org/bicyclelicense

Carnegie-Stout
Public Library
563.589.4225
carnegiestout.org



SCAN FOR:

- Information on schools and daycares in the area

Dubuque County Library
563.582.0008
dubcolib.org

Hunting and Fishing Licenses
515.725.8200
iowadnr.gov

7 Locate additional services

When considering additional services you and your family will need, you will not have to leave town to find exceptional service with local providers:

- Accountants
- Dentists
- Financial institutions
- Gyms and fitness facilities
- Insurance agents
- Investment companies
- Pet grooming and boarding
- Pharmacies
- Veterinarians

NOTE: The service providers listed are for the city of Dubuque. When considering properties outside the city limits, be sure to inquire about the service providers in that particular area.

YOUR SUPPORT can be great here.



where to live



Living in the Greater Dubuque region.

Whether you are looking to buy or rent, the Greater Dubuque region boasts a growing market with a variety of affordable options.



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Buying a home

Whether you are looking for a starter house, new construction, or a stately historic home with a breathtaking view of the Mississippi River, the Greater Dubuque region has you covered. And it will likely cost less than you think.

\$204,800 Median value of a single-family home in the city of Dubuque

\$237,300 Median value of a single-family home in Dubuque County

National median: \$332,700*

*According to the U.S. Census Bureau (2024) 5-yr estimate.

Renting in the area

Rental units are available in traditional apartment complexes, small and quaint homes, modern loft-style apartments, and large executive-style homes.

\$948 Median monthly rent in the city of Dubuque.

\$959 Median monthly rent in Dubuque County.

National median: \$1,413*

*According to the U.S. Census Bureau (2024) 5-yr estimate.

Other available resources.



SCAN FOR:

- [GoFindMyHome.com](https://www.GoFindMyHome.com)
- City of Dubuque home ownership programs
- Financial assistance resources
- Rental Resources Guide

YOUR HOME can be great here.

Neighborhoods in Dubuque.

One of the first things to figure out when moving is where to live. In Dubuque, you will find unique neighborhoods to fit a variety of lifestyles.



SCAN FOR:

- Helpful links to renting, buying, or building a home in the Greater Dubuque region
- Information on building permits, inspection services, and code enforcement



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College Grandview

- Home to University of Dubuque, Loras College, and Clarke University.
- Includes charming homes and mature trees.

Eagle Point

- The park overlooks the Mississippi River, Lock & Dam 11, and the Dubuque Marina.
- The area has houses steeped in character, some predating 1900.

Historic Downtown

- Features the Main Street corridor and Cable Car Square.
- A core area for offices, retail shopping, and restaurants.
- Housing is a mix of modern apartments and established homes.

Historic Millwork District

- Up-and-coming neighborhood of restored historic buildings.
- Adaptive-reuse residential, commercial, restaurant, and retail spaces.

Port of Dubuque

- Picturesque recreational area with something for all ages.
- Includes the Mississippi Riverwalk, City of Dubuque Marina, Diamond Jo Casino, and the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.

Schmitt Island

- Recreational area.
- Includes Miller Riverview Park, Dubuque Yacht Basin, Q Casino + Resort/DRA, and ImOn Arena, home of the Dubuque Fighting Saints.

South End

- Expansive Mines of Spain Recreation Area is located here.
- Housing is a mix of established homes and new construction.
- Key West, an unincorporated community, is also a part of this area.

West End

- Amenities include national chain stores, restaurants, and big-box retail.
- Homes are recent and new construction.
- Asbury, a suburb of Dubuque, is also part of this area.

YOUR NEIGHBORS can be great here.



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University of Dubuque

Reaching the next level.

Learning is a lifelong process. With multiple colleges and continuing education options for adults, the Greater Dubuque's regional community of colleges provides endless opportunities for growth.



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Colleges and Universities

Clarke University, 1550 Clarke Drive, Dubuque, IA, clarke.edu

Emmaus University, 2570 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA, emmaus.edu

Loras College, 1450 Alta Vista Street, Dubuque, IA, loras.edu

University of Dubuque, 2000 University Avenue, Dubuque, IA, dbq.edu

University of Wisconsin–Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI, uwplatt.edu

Community Colleges and Technical Schools

Capri College, 395 Main Street, Dubuque, IA, capricollege.com

Highland Community College, 2998 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL, highland.edu

Northeast Iowa Community College, 8342 NICC Drive, Peosta, IA, nicc.edu

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, 1800 Bronson Boulevard, Fennimore, WI, swtc.edu

Seminaries

Divine Word College, 102 Jacoby Walkway, Epworth, IA, dwci.edu

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, 2000 University Avenue, Dubuque, IA, udts.dbq.edu

Wartburg Theological Seminary, 333 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, IA, wartburgseminary.edu

State Universities

Iowa State University, Ames (188 miles from Dubuque), iastate.edu

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls (98 miles from Dubuque), uni.edu

University of Iowa, Iowa City (82 miles from Dubuque), uiowa.edu

YOUR GROWTH can be great here.

An ideal place to learn.

Our schools provide a perfect foundation for your child's growth.



- Information on elementary, middle, and high schools
- Child care options and openings at Iowa Child Care Connect.

Four-Year-Old Preschool

Research supports the fact that high-quality preschool improves a child's readiness for kindergarten. Thanks to a state-supported initiative, families can take advantage of free four-year-old half-day preschool at any Dubuque public preschool program.



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Public Schools

Dubuque Community School District (Pre-K – 12),
Dubuque, IA, dbqschools.org

Western Dubuque Community School District (Pre-K – 12),
Cascade, Dyersville, Epworth, Farley, and Peosta, IA,
wdbqschools.org

Private Schools

Aquin Catholic School (Pre-K – 8), Cascade, IA, aquin.org

Beckman Catholic (7 – 12), Dyersville, IA,
beckman.pvt.k12.ia.us

Dream Academy (K-7), Dubuque, IA,
dreamacademydbq.org

Dubuque Lutheran School (K – 5), Dubuque, IA,
dubuquelutheranschool.com

Holy Family Catholic Schools (Pre-K – 12), Dubuque, IA,
holyfamilydbq.org

LaSalle Catholic School (Pre-K – 6), Holy Cross, IA,
lasalle.pvt.k12.ia.us

Seton Catholic School (Pre-K – 8), Peosta and Farley, IA,
setonschool.org

Tri-State Christian School (K – 12), Dubuque, IA, tscs.org

Xavier Catholic School (Pre-K – 6), Dyersville, IA,
xavier.pvt.k12.ia.us

Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools
12	3*	3**
5	2	2
1	1	N/A
N/A	1	1
1	N/A	N/A
1	N/A	N/A
5***	1	1
1	N/A	N/A
2	1	N/A
1	N/A	1
1	N/A	N/A

*Including an Online Middle School program.

**Including the Alternative Learning Center and an Online High School program.

***Including a Spanish-immersion program.

YOUR CHILD can be great here.



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Travel Dubuque

Helping you feel at home.

Moving to a new community can be daunting. We help make it easier—by connecting you with the resources you need.



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Newcomer Services

Our Newcomer Services are provided at no cost to you. It's our way of promising **YOU can be great here.**

Things we can help you with:

- Regional job opportunities through AccessDubuqueJobs.com
- Personalized community tours
- Distinctively Dubuque program
- Housing information for buying or renting
- Information about Pre-K to higher education
- Child care resources
- Utility and city services information
- Healthcare options
- Worship opportunities
- Recreational opportunities
- Social and civic organizations
- Information on services and local businesses
- Diversity and equity resources
- Questions you may have but don't know who to ask

Learn more!

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Distinctively Dubuque

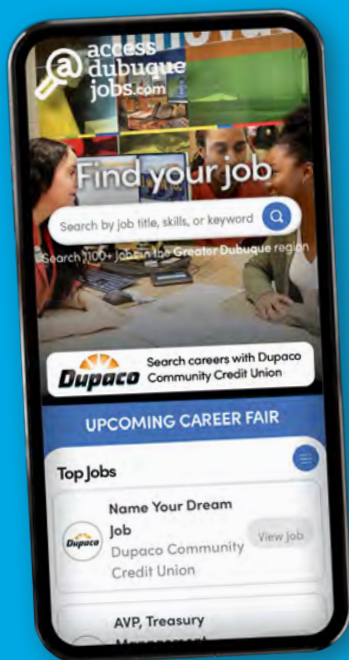
Learn about program dates and register to participate in upcoming sessions at greaterdubuque.org/distinctively-dubuque.

Distinctively Dubuque

Distinctively Dubuque is a five-night program hosted by high-energy presenters with in-depth knowledge of the Greater Dubuque region. This program is designed for individuals who are new to the Greater Dubuque region within the last five years. Due to the generosity of our sponsors (City of Dubuque, Q Casino + Resort/DRA, and Dubuque County Board of Supervisors), Distinctively Dubuque is offered free of charge to participants.

This interactive program offers opportunities to meet new people and experience local food; learn about arts, culture, and recreation opportunities; have fun while exploring the city; participate in networking activities with community leaders and residents; and discover what makes the Greater Dubuque region unique.

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Learn more!

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SCAN TO:

- Search the region's top jobs board
- Explore top regional employers



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We do not believe in a one-size-fits-all approach. The strength of Greater Dubuque's regional economy lies in the diverse array of opportunities, with a wide range of businesses that are always looking to add talented professionals to their teams.

AccessDubuqueJobs.com

The Greater Dubuque region has a rich business environment for personal and professional growth. Small, locally owned businesses have been thriving here for decades, and Fortune 500 companies are attracted by the quality of life our community provides to employees.

With AccessDubuqueJobs.com as your guide, finding that perfect position has never been

easier. From information technology to healthcare, and from insurance to advanced manufacturing or education to retail, our area's top employers have an average of 1,000 or more verified jobs posted to the site on any given day. Create a free account today and upload your résumé so top regional employers can match your skills with their opportunities.

Major Employers

Advanced Manufacturing:

- Andersen Windows & Doors
- A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co.
- Hormel Foods/Progressive Processing
- John Deere Dubuque Works

Educational Institutions:

- Clarke University
- Dubuque Community School District
- Loras College
- Northeast Iowa Community College
- University of Dubuque

Finance and Insurance, Other Professional Services:

- Cottingham & Butler
- Dupaco Community Credit Union
- Honkamp, P.C.

Government Services:

- City of Dubuque

Healthcare:

- Medical Associates Clinic & Health Plans
- MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center
- UnityPoint Health-Finley Hospital

Hospitality / Retail:

- Diamond Jo Casino/Boyd Gaming
- Q Casino + Resort/DRA

Publishing:

- Kendall Hunt Publishing
- McGraw Hill

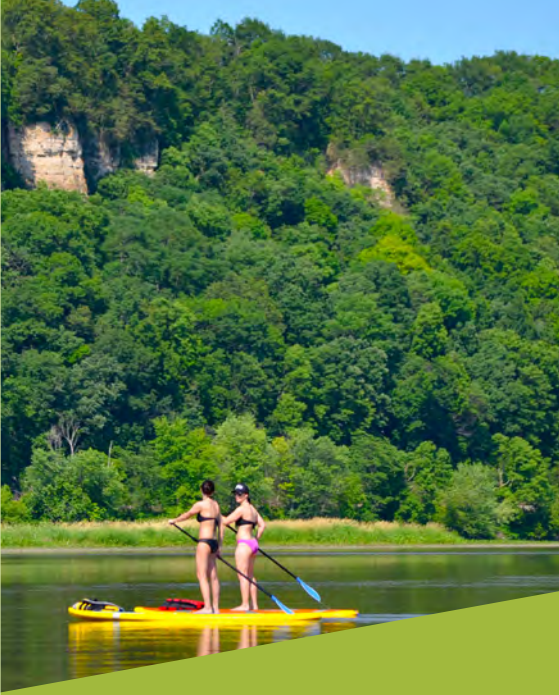
Transportation and Logistics:

- HODGE
- The McCoy Group

YOUR CAREER can be great here.



something for everyone



Gateway to the outdoors.

The Greater Dubuque region is a vibrant hub for outdoor enthusiasts and adventure seekers, offering year-round recreational activities.



SCAN FOR:

- Top-rated hikes
- Listing of all area outdoor destinations
- Listing of parks and hike/bike trails



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The area offers endless opportunities to immerse in nature.

Nestled among steep bluffs and rolling hills, the area boasts numerous hiking and biking trails suitable for all skill levels. The Mississippi River and its tributaries are perfect for kayaking, boating, and fishing. In winter, local ski resorts and indoor recreation facilities provide fun activities for all ages, from skateboarding and waterslides to arcades and trampoline parks.

Engage with social groups like the Tri-State Mountain Bike Riders (TMBR), the Dubuque Soccer Club, and others to connect with a dynamic community of recreation enthusiasts through regular events and social gatherings.

Top Recreation Spots

Dubuque Disc Golf Course

Located in Veterans Memorial Park, this 18-hole course provides family-friendly fun.

Field of Dreams Movie Site

Experience the iconic film site in Dyersville, IA, with a game of catch or a youth baseball tournament.

Heritage Trail

A 26-mile scenic trail along an old railway route for hiking, biking, and nature walks.

Eagle Point Park

Overlooking the Mississippi River, this 164-acre park offers stunning views of Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

John Deere Proving Grounds

A 137-acre area with hiking and mountain biking trails, picnic spots, and seasonal hunting.

Mines of Spain Recreation Area

Offers hiking, picnicking, and historic site exploration, including Julien Dubuque's monument.

Olliewood Action Sports

An indoor park for BMX, skateboarding, and scooter riding.

Sundown Mountain Resort and Chestnut Mountain Resort

Enjoy two premier winter destinations for skiing and snowboarding right here in the Greater Dubuque region.

Whitewater Canyon Wildlife Area

A 419-acre area with hiking trails, geological caves, and wildlife viewing.

YOUR ADVENTURE can be great here.



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DBQFest and Bri Thompson

Cultural enrichment awaits.

Choosing the Greater Dubuque region means making your home in a place where arts and culture are integral to daily life.



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Embrace arts and community in the Greater Dubuque region.

Cultural festivals, art exhibitions, theater productions, symphony performances, and more are part of a jam-packed, year-round calendar of accessible arts and entertainment experiences. An ever-growing lineup of regional arts non-profits, grassroots organizations, and creative businesses stimulate our economy and provide expressive outlets for kids and adults alike.

Cultural and Creative Festivals:

- DBQFest
- Irish Hooley
- Juneteenth
- Latinx Fiesta
- Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival

Live Music:

- Backwater Stage Series
- Dubuque Symphony Orchestra
- Music on Main St
- Taste of Summer

Makerspaces:

- Creative Adventure Lab
- Key City Creative Center
- Maker's Club
- MakerSpace Gallery at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium
- Maker Space at Carnegie-Stout Public Library

Theater and Film:

- Bell Tower Theatre
- Fly-by-Night Productions
- Grand Opera House
- Historic Five Flags Theatre
- Julien Dubuque International Film Festival

Visual Arts:

- Dubuque Area Arts Collective
- Dubuque Museum of Art
- Outside the Lines Art Gallery
- Twenty Dirty Hands Pottery Tour
- Voices Studios



SCAN FOR:

- Directory of local artists
- Calendar of events
- Opportunities to get involved

YOUR CREATIVITY can be great here.



do great things



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Get involved!

Find an organization, club,
or networking event that
matches your interests.



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Develop connections and make a difference.

The success of the Greater Dubuque region is a collective, grassroots effort. The area boasts countless clubs and organizations focused on everything from arts and culture, to brain health and wellness and recreation, to professional networking and civic engagement.

Here is a sample of a few of our area organizations:

Arts and Culture

- Centrally Rooted
- Creative Adventure Lab
- Dubuque Museum of Art
- Northeast Iowa School of Music

Diversity and Inclusion

- Dubuque Black Men Coalition
- Dubuque Unidos
- Multicultural Family Center
- NAACP

Networking

- American Advertising Federation Dubuque
- Dubuque Jaycees
- Rotary Club of Dubuque
- Young Professionals Dubuque

Recreation and Sports

- Dubuque Esports League
- Dubuque Soccer Club
- Dubuque Youth Football & Cheer
- Dubuque Youth Hockey Association

Youth and Family

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dubuque
- Dubuque Community Y
- Dubuque Dream Center
- St. Mark Youth Enrichment



SCAN FOR:

- A listing of local clubs and organizations
- Volunteer opportunities

YOUR IMPACT can be great here.

Awards and accolades.

We're not the only ones who think our community is a big deal —our awards and accolades are testimony to our efforts in making the Greater Dubuque region a great place to live, work, and play.

Learn more!



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- A select listing of Greater Dubuque's most recent accomplishments



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Dubuque Earns Top 20 National Ranking in 2025

Dubuque ranked #16 overall in Checkr's 2025 national city rankings and #10 among small cities with populations of 200,000 or fewer. Dubuque was also one of just two Iowa cities to make the small cities top ten, highlighting our region's affordable living, career opportunities, and vibrant lifestyle as a standout choice for graduates launching their careers.

#9 Metro Where Gen Z is Buying Homes

Realtor.com identified Dubuque among the top 10 metro areas with the largest percentages of Gen Z buyers who closed on homes in 2022, based on 2024 Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data.

National Spotlight in the Wall Street Journal

The Wall Street Journal's 2025 Summer Travel Guide cast a national spotlight on Dubuque as "the place to be this summer," celebrating our riverfront, the city's unique blend of historic charm, stunning natural beauty, authentic creative spirit, and ongoing revitalization efforts.

Dubuque Named 2024 Community of Character

Dubuque was named Iowa's 2024 Community of Character by Drake University's Robert D. and Billie Ray Center, which annually recognizes Iowa individuals, organizations, and communities that demonstrate the center's Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.

Dubuque Cited Among Top 100 Cities for a Career Switch

In February 2024, CareerMinds surveyed 3,000 professionals considering a career change to uncover which cities in the U.S. they would most like to move to. Dubuque made the list at #28 alongside the ranks of St. Cloud, MN; Oshkosh and La Crosse, WI.

Five-time All-America City

Dubuque has been named an All-America City by the National Civic League five times in the last nineteen years (2019, 2017, 2013, 2012, and 2007). The All-America City award recognizes communities whose citizens work together to address community-wide challenges and achieve extraordinary results.

YOUR COMMUNITY can be great here.