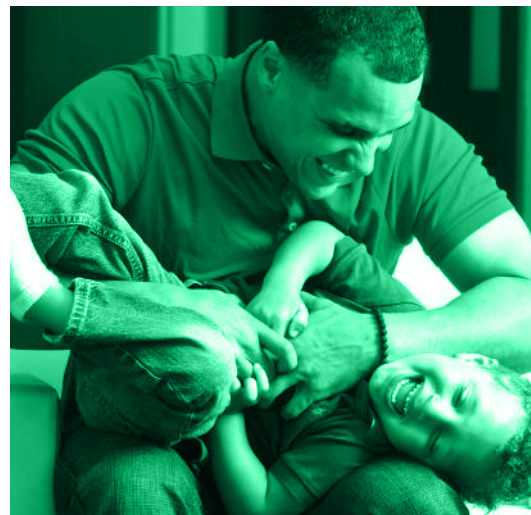
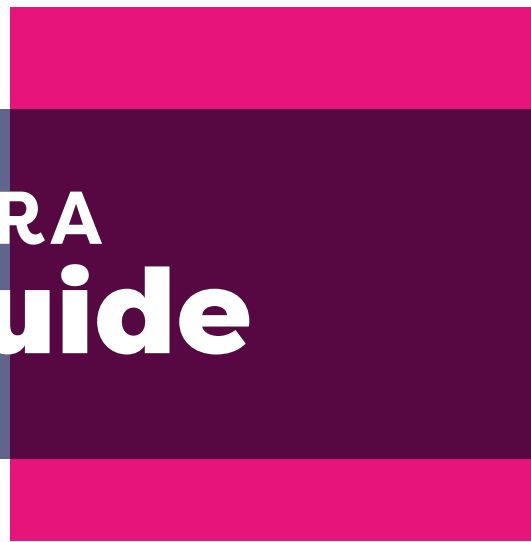




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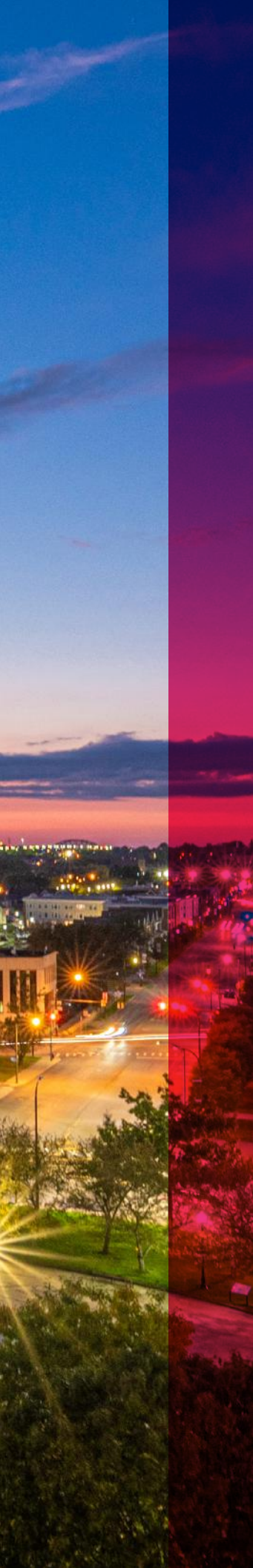
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A high-angle, nighttime photograph of the Buffalo City Building, a large, multi-story Art Deco skyscraper with a distinctive rounded top. The building is illuminated with warm yellow lights from its windows and blue lights from its base. The sky is a deep blue with some clouds. In the foreground, there are trees and a street with traffic lights. To the right, a tall, white obelisk is visible. The overall scene is a vibrant cityscape at dusk.

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Popular neighborhoods like **Elmwood Village**, **Allentown**, and **North Buffalo's Hertel Avenue** are easy to explore on foot or by bike. Attractions and destinations include cozy coffee shops, renowned museums, diners and bistros, farmers' markets, an internationally celebrated orchestra, intimate galleries, antiques, and other locally owned shops.

Buffalo's **Frederick Law Olmsted—designed park system** and community green spaces offer swimming pools, soccer fields, splash pads, tennis, golf, and more.

The sparkling waters of the Niagara River, two Great Lakes — Erie and Ontario — and one of the world's natural wonders, **Niagara Falls**, along with its emerging downtown center and area wineries, surround the region to the west and north. To the east and south are rolling hills, family-owned dairy and produce farms, historic cider mills and maple-sugar shacks, ski resorts, and miles of hiking, biking and snowmobile trails. In between, welcoming suburbs offer nationally recognized school districts and an abundance of family-friendly amenities.

One Spectacular Region

When you explore Western New York, you'll soon discover how special it is and how much there is to do. This section is an overview of the **eight counties that make up the region: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming**. Geographically speaking, several of the world's largest bodies of fresh water create the region's western and northern borders: Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Niagara Falls, and Lake Ontario interconnect for a natural boundary that's spectacular to see and enjoy (the waterways are also the reason for our temperate climate). Everything to the east of the water is lush, green, and beautiful.

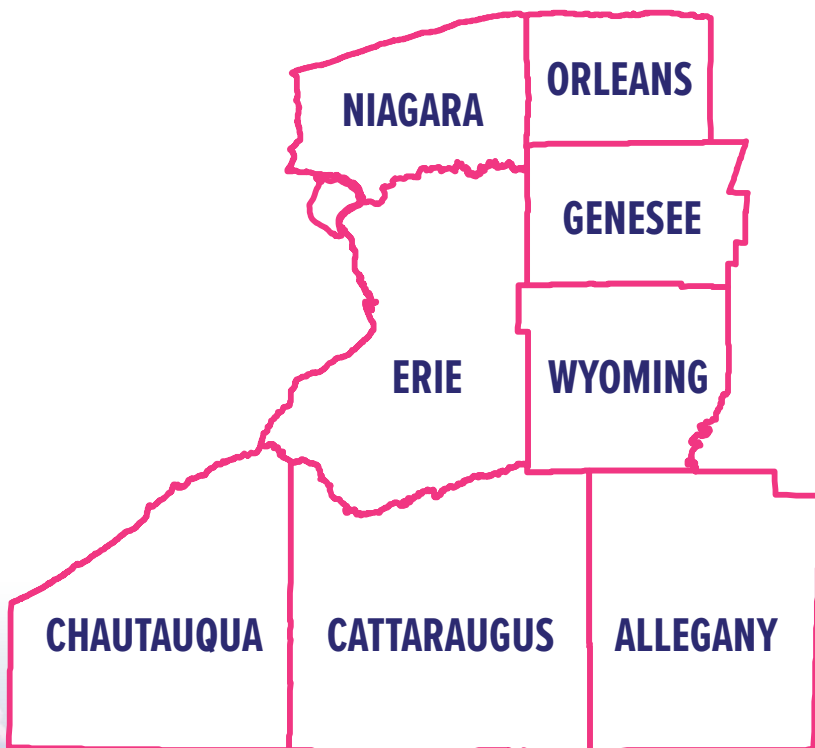
We've spotlighted the largest cities — Buffalo and Niagara Falls — and their respective counties — Erie and Niagara — followed by highlights of the other counties and the villages, towns, activities, and amenities that make up this spectacular region.





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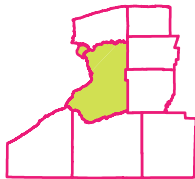
Erie County

POPULATION:

957,257 (2024 est.)

LAND AREA:

1,044 sq. mi.



LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

Buffalo – Population: 281,080

The region's commercial and cultural center is the City of Buffalo, located in Erie County on the shores of Lake Erie and the Niagara River. Buffalo is the second-largest city in New York State after New York City. In addition to serving as the region's business hub, you'll find that Buffalo is a terrific place to live and play. There are myriad residential options as well as museums, theaters, schools, galleries, sports venues, restaurants, shops, and much more. All of our region's major league sports teams play in Erie County, as well as several minor league and collegiate teams.

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Erie County Fair



“We always seem to be stumbling upon a gem of a trail or path or park. After seven years here, I understand why people want to keep Buffalo a secret, but I’m also the first one to spill the beans about how magical our outdoor spaces are.”

Rosa Alina Pizzi
Partner, Phillips Lytle



THE NORTHTOWNS

The northern suburbs of Buffalo including Tonawanda, Kenmore, Amherst, Williamsville, and Clarence. May or may not include Wheatfield and North Tonawanda, depending on who you ask.



THE SOUTHTOWNS

Towns located south of the Buffalo River, generally Hamburg, Orchard Park, Boston, Eden, Elma, East Aurora, and West Seneca.



City of Buffalo Neighborhoods

INSIDE THE DOWNTOWN CORE

1 Canalside

Back in the 1800s, the Erie Canal was a thriving waterway connecting the Great Lakes to New York City. The canal's western terminus in Buffalo made the city a hub of commercial activity. Today, this same area — now known as Canalside — has been rediscovered (literally, as the terminus was buried for decades) and revitalized. Canalside has quickly become a year-round waterfront destination, with daily free and low-cost events, from craft beer tastings to waterside yoga classes. Explore & More (the Ralph C. Wilson Children's Museum), the Buffalo Heritage Carousel, the Longshed, and casual restaurants make this a family-friendly stop. In summer, you'll find people kayaking, paddle-boarding, and sailing in the surrounding waterways; and enjoying

evening concerts, fireworks, and cultural events. And if you think things slow down in winter, think again; the canal becomes an urban outdoor ice skating (and ice biking) rink filled with people day and night.

2 Central Business District

Just steps from Canalside is the Central Business District, which is home to several of Buffalo's largest private- and public-sector employers. You'll find beautiful architecture throughout, such as Buffalo's Art Deco-era City Hall, the Ellicott Square Building, and the Guaranty Building, designed by Louis Sullivan, known as the father of modern American architecture. Many of the district's historic buildings are now residential and mixed-use properties, including the Hotel at The Lafayette (designed by Louise Bethune, the nation's

first female architect), and Seneca One, Buffalo's tallest building that is now a bustling technology hub and anchors the Main Street Innovation Corridor.

3 Cobblestone District

Small in size but packed with activity, this enclave next to the Central Business District has recently undergone major redevelopment, with loft apartments in renovated factories, restaurants, and exhibition spaces for visual and performing arts. Here's where you'll find KeyBank Center, a venue for top-name concerts, as well as home to the National Hockey League's Buffalo Sabres and our professional lacrosse team, the Buffalo Bandits. Nearby is Harborcenter — a mixed-use sports and entertainment venue.

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NICKEL CITY

CITY OF LIGHT

CITY OF NO ILLUSIONS

CITY OF GOOD NEIGHBORS



Markets at Canalside



OUTSIDE OF DOWNTOWN

4 Allentown

Eclectic and energetic, Allentown is known for its art, music, popular LGBTQIA+ bars, and top-notch restaurants, as well as its charming historic homes. One of Buffalo's best-loved events, the Allentown Art Festival, is held each June, while Allentown's art gallery walk, known as "First Fridays," has grown into a popular monthly event. In addition, Allentown is home to the Theatre of Youth in the historic Allendale Theater and the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site. At the foot of Allen Street stands the brand-new University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences — an anchor to the sprawling and innovative Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

5 Black Rock/Riverside

Black Rock is located along the Black Rock Canal and was an independent and bustling waterfront town before incorporation with Buffalo in 1853. Riverside is just past Black Rock, where the canal meets the Niagara River. These abutting neighborhoods include both families who have called them home for generations, and newcomers — many immigrants and refugees, whom Buffalo welcomes. They all enjoy this affordable

area's proximity to waterfront bike paths and greenways, including Riverside Park, designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's firm. Niagara Street is experiencing a renaissance of its own with new mixed-use building renovations, loft apartments, breweries, and restaurants.

6 Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC)

The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, located on the North end of the Main Street Innovation Corridor, is a dynamic place. Home to world-class hospitals, research institutions, and educational facilities - such as the Oshei Children's Hospital and Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, the BNMC has benefited from Buffalo's entrepreneurial spirit, with more than 120 private sector companies located within its boundaries as well as brand new housing options. BNMC is also home to several University at Buffalo buildings, including the Incubator@CBL, a business incubator designed to spur innovation and entrepreneurship.

7 Delaware District

The Delaware District centers on Delaware Avenue, with stately mansions dating back to the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. At its core is Delaware Park, the centerpiece of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's Buffalo Parks System. This area encompasses the city's Museum District, with the Burchfield Penney Art Center, the Buffalo History Museum, and Buffalo AKG Art Museum. Other attractions such as Hoyt Lake, historic and serene Forest Lawn Cemetery, and the Buffalo Zoo make this a popular area.

8 Elmwood Village

Nearly 200 shopping, arts, dining, and leisure destinations fill the storefronts and make this area a residential and entertainment favorite. Highlighted as one of America's "most livable neighborhoods" by the American Planning Association, the EV offers diverse living options, including many Victorian and Queen Anne-style single-family homes. A seasonal farmers' market, pocket parks, parkways, and miles of bike lanes make it easy and fun to live and play here. Within or



near this neighborhood — which also borders Delaware Park and the Museum District — are several colleges, including Buffalo State University.

9 Fruit Belt

One of Buffalo's most historic neighborhoods, the Fruit Belt takes its name from the orchards planted by its first settlers. Home to both families and professionals, many of whom have lived there for generations, the neighborhood is bordered by the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor. Its proximity to the Medical Campus, the Central Business District, and Jefferson Avenue, the commercial heartbeat of the near East Side, make the Fruit Belt a convenient option to live, work, and play.

10 Hamlin Park

Hamlin Park, on Buffalo's East Side, is home to Canisius University. This neighborhood and the surrounding blocks include many historically significant homes and houses of worship, another Olmsted-designed park (Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, known locally as MLK Park, a popular destination for its splash pad in the summer and ice skating in the winter), and the Buffalo Museum of Science. With significant investments in surrounding

neighborhoods and its easy commute to downtown, this family-forward neighborhood is reemerging with affordable and exciting residential redevelopment and business opportunities.

11 Larkin District

The vibrant neighborhood known as Larkintown is favored by people of all ages who live here and attend its many restaurants, breweries, bars, concerts, and events. It centers on the historic and redeveloped Larkin Terminal Warehouse, now called Larkin at Exchange, and several other large-scale industrial buildings are under renovation as mixed-use and residential properties.

12 Masten Park/Cold Springs

With historic and beautiful architectural character, this residential neighborhood adjacent to the Jefferson Avenue corridor is undergoing a planning rebirth. This neighborhood features the Merriweather Library, Freedom Wall, African American Cultural Center and the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor. Here you can also find The Foundry, an active, community-based makerspace providing hands-on classes and entrepreneurial support.

City of Buffalo Neighborhoods



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DISCOVERING BUFFALO, ONE STREET AT A TIME

Allen Street was named after Lewis Falley Allen, who arrived in Buffalo in 1827 with his wife, Margaret Cleveland. (The future Mrs. Allen was Grover Cleveland's aunt — her nephew's career trajectory went from sheriff of Erie County, to mayor of Buffalo and governor of New York and, ultimately, president of the U.S.) After selling parcels of land on Main Street, the Allen's herd of cows could no longer graze, but the path that had been used to move the cows became "Allen Street" in 1888.

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13 North Buffalo

With Hertel Avenue at its heart and Delaware Park and the Buffalo Zoo within an easy walk or bike ride, North Buffalo is a perennial favorite. It boasts a mix of Buffalo restaurant and bar mainstays, as well as an active retail hub. The eclectic mix of antiques, clothing and furniture stores, art galleries, spas, coffee shops and ethnic markets keep it ever-appealing. This neighborhood is also home to the historic North Park Theater, a much-loved and gorgeously restored 1920s movie theater.

14 Old First Ward

One of Buffalo's oldest neighborhoods has become one of its hippest. The Old First Ward — which historically drew Irish, Polish and Italian immigrants to work the thriving industrial scene — has been reinvigorated. In recent years, in addition to the reimagining of the huge grain elevators, things like kayak launch sites, new breweries, cool coffee shops, a rowing club, bike paths, and a climbing gym have popped up.

15 Outer Harbor

The Outer Harbor features more than 200 acres of green space, including the Independent Health Wellness Trail, Wilkeson Pointe, the Lakeside Bike Park, and the Lakeside Event Lawn. The Outer Harbor hosts events and festivals as well as free summer fitness classes, and kayak and bicycle rentals. Check out RiverWorks, a redeveloped industrial grain-elevator compound featuring a concert venue, outdoor adventure park, restaurant, and brewery that hosts amateur

hockey, curling, roller derby, and other special events.

16 Parkside

On the eastern border of Delaware Park, this tree-lined neighborhood was planned as a residential area by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted in 1883. Parkside encompasses the Buffalo Zoo, the Darwin D. Martin House — one of Frank Lloyd Wright's best examples of Prairie-style architecture — and Nichols School, one of Buffalo's most prestigious private schools.

17 South Buffalo

While South Buffalo's Irish-American roots are proudly reflected in the street signs and pubs here, it's a diverse and bustling neighborhood with two Olmsted parks: Cazenovia Park and South Park. South Buffalo is also home to Trocaire College, the renowned Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, and Tiff Nature Preserve, a popular urban woodlands and wetlands refuge.

18 Theatre District

The Theatre District, located along Buffalo's Innovation Corridor between the Central Business District and the Medical Campus, is a vibrant cultural hub with a rich history of performing arts. Shea's Performing Arts Center which hosts Broadway shows, concerts, and special events is known for its stunning architecture and iconic marquee. This district is also home to multiple other theaters, and a variety of restaurants, bars, cafes, and live music venues - plus a strong creative community.

19 University Heights

This unique, eclectic neighborhood is within walking distance of the University at Buffalo's South Campus with great access to public transit. This neighborhood is home to students, faculty, and families, surrounded by restaurants, small shops, and bars that cater to the campus community.

20 Waterfront Village

This largely residential waterfront enclave next to Canalside is also home to the Erie Basin Marina's bikeways, walkways and gardens, and the Naval Military Park. The neighborhood is adjacent to Buffalo's largest waterfront park, Ralph Wilson Park, which is currently being transformed into a signature park through a community-led design process.

21 West Side

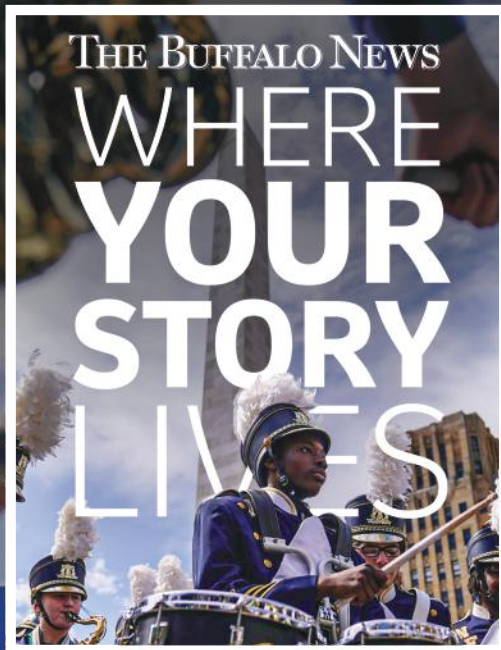
Buffalo's West Side is one of the largest and most diverse neighborhoods in Buffalo. Waterways flank its western border, with the Peace Bridge connecting Buffalo to Fort Erie, Ontario in Canada. It was once one of the final stops of the Underground Railroad, with escaped slaves seeking refuge in Canada. Because of relatively affordable real estate and resources to support small businesses, as well as efforts by community-based organizations, this neighborhood is a hub for Buffalo's growing immigrant and refugee populations. Today, new Americans are opening vibrant businesses, like restaurants and retail shops on the West Side.

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Erie County Cities & Towns

Amherst

The Town of Amherst includes East Amherst, Williamsville, Eggertsville, Getzville, and Snyder and is the largest suburb of Buffalo. Known as one of the safest towns in America, Amherst neighborhoods are dotted with “main street” shops and restaurants, farmers’ markets, parks, and highly rated school districts, as well as several colleges including Daemen College, Erie Community College, and the University at Buffalo North Campus.

Cheek-tah-wah-guh

(Say it quick)

Cheektowaga

Cheektowaga lies just to the east of the City of Buffalo and is one of the larger suburbs. Two of the region’s busiest destinations — the Buffalo Niagara International Airport and the Walden Galleria — are in Cheektowaga, as is Villa Maria College.

Clarence

Clarence, a suburb about 20 minutes from downtown, has an award-winning school system and lots of green space with parks, bikeways, and farms (horseback riding is particularly popular here). It’s also home to Antique World, a huge indoor/outdoor antique and flea market and to the Great Pumpkin Farm — hosting a month-long celebration of harvest season and Halloween.

Colden/Glenwood/Boston

Nestled in the hills 30 minutes south of Buffalo, these villages are reminiscent of small Vermont towns and form the heart of Erie County ski country. Buffalo Ski Club and Kissing Bridge resorts are located here.

East Aurora

East Aurora is filled with tree-lined streets, enchanting brick and clapboard houses, and a charming village center. It’s also home to Fisher-Price Toys, Vidler’s 5 & 10, and Elbert Hubbard’s Roycroft Campus, where artisans continue the tradition of crafting handmade home goods and useful objects from wood, metal, and glass in the Arts & Crafts style.

Grand Island

Situated in the Niagara River between Buffalo and Niagara Falls, Grand Island is one of the world’s largest freshwater islands. Its 33 square miles are largely residential and recreational; some significant corporate headquarters are here as well. Attractions include Beaver Island State Park — a waterfront park with golf, bike trails and beaches — as well as Buckhorn Island State Park, a huge nature preserve.

Hamburg

Hamburg is located on Lake Erie south of Buffalo and has a bustling village center, Hilbert College and Woodlawn Beach State Park — one of Western New York’s most popular beaches. In Hamburg, you’ll also find the Penn Dixie site, where curious diggers can find Devonian-era fossils and other archaeological wonders in its shale outcroppings.



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Kenmore and Tonawanda

Kenmore is a first-ring suburb of Buffalo and a village in the Town of Tonawanda. It's home to a vibrant village center, large parks and libraries, and other amenities that give it a great mix of urban and suburban benefits. Tonawanda, with its strong school system and safe neighborhoods, developed around Kenmore and its more recent history is reflected in its post-World War II housing, including some lovely mid-century gems.

Lackawanna

The City of Lackawanna lies south of downtown Buffalo, just over the Skyway. Once home to bustling steel mills, it's now the site of the country's first urban wind-turbine farm. Here you'll also find the Small Boat Harbor and Gallagher Beach — a destination for windsurfers and kayakers — as well as urban beaches, parks, marinas, and biking and hiking trails. In winter, it becomes an ice-fishing spot, with hundreds of colorful fishermen's tents dotting the harbor.

Lancaster

Lancaster's mix of village life, suburban amenities, and pastoral charm comfortably comingle. Like many of our suburbs, Lancaster has been designated as one of the safest communities in the country. While it's one of Erie County's easternmost suburbs, Lancaster is still an easy commute to Buffalo.

Orchard Park

Originally settled by the Quakers, today's Orchard Park residents enjoy great schools, beautiful parks, and lively events all year long. In addition, it's here that you'll find one of the region's most popular venues — Highmark Stadium, home of the National Football League's Buffalo Bills.

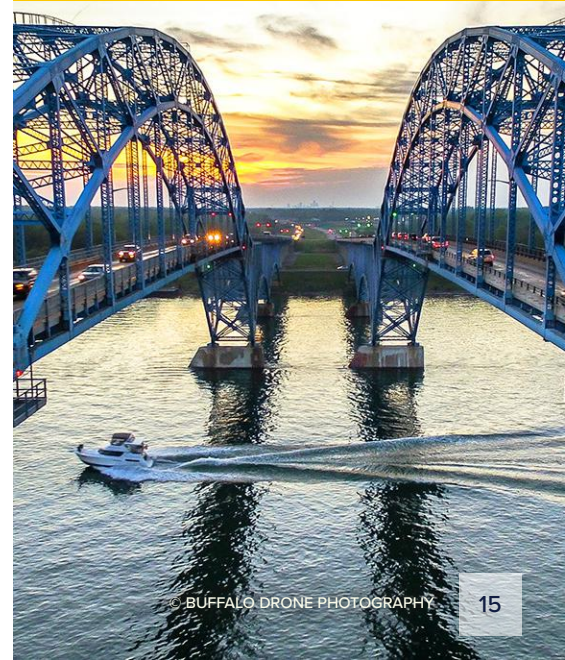
West Seneca

West Seneca, which is actually east of Buffalo, is a large, post-World War II suburban community with a strong school system, safe neighborhoods, and quick proximity to just about anywhere in Western New York.

EA East Aurora, a suburb located southeast of Buffalo.

NT North Tonawanda, a suburb between Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

OP Orchard Park, a suburb located southeast of Buffalo.



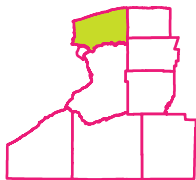
Niagara County

POPULATION:

209,695 (2024 ESRI)

LAND AREA:

523 sq. mi.



LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

Niagara Falls – Population: 47,422

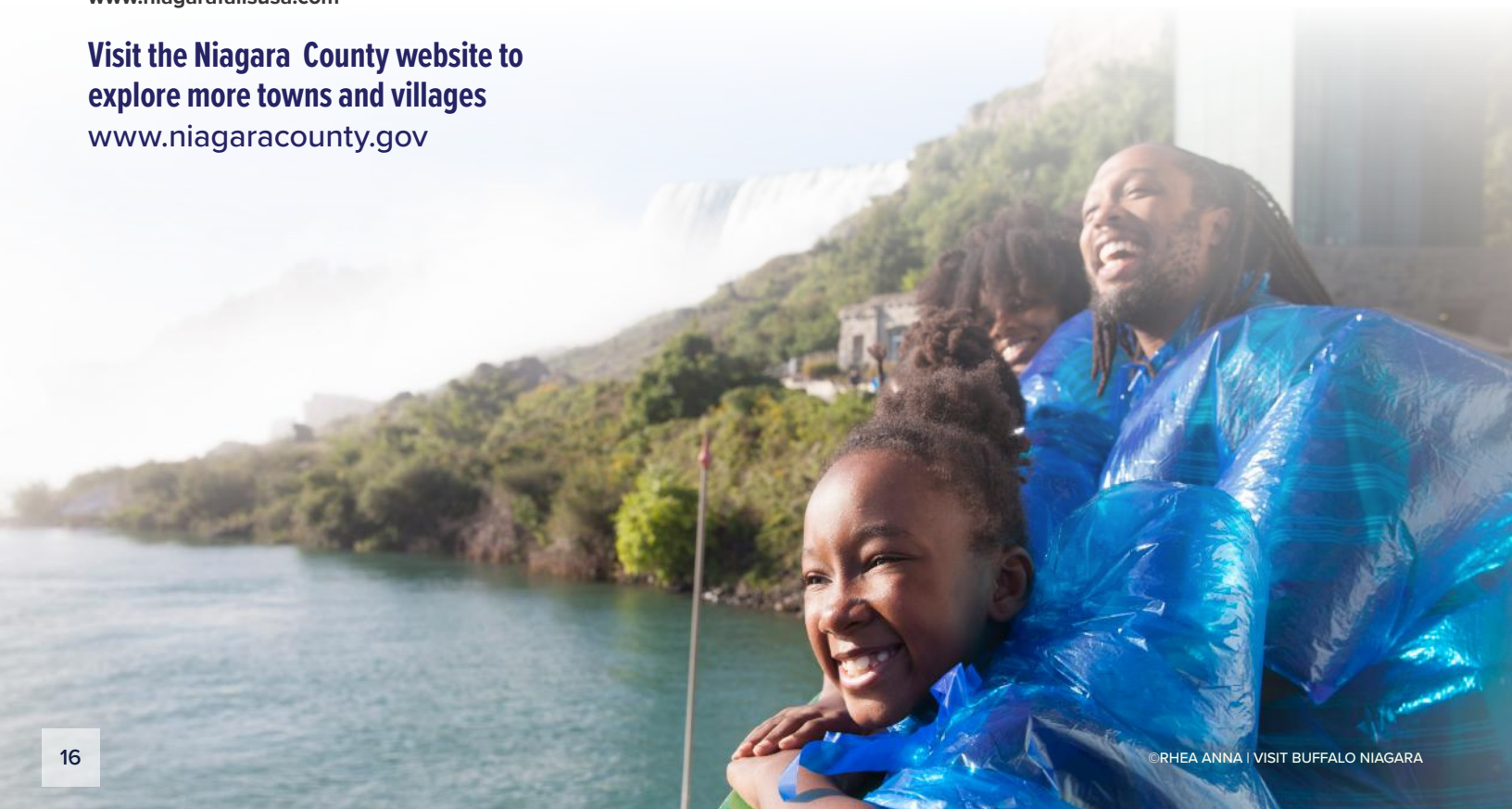
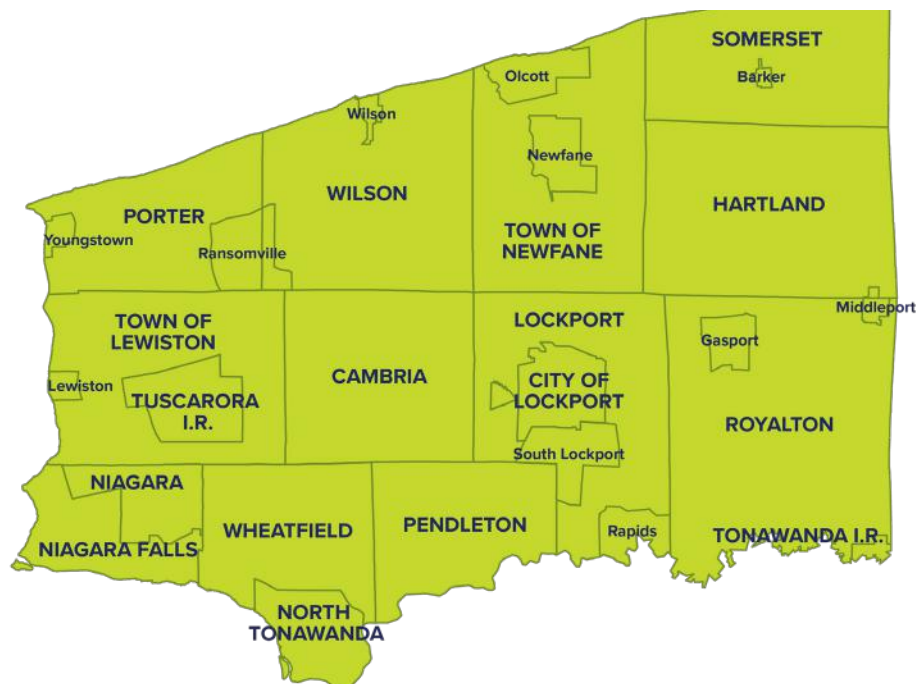
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Niagara County is home to one of the world's most popular tourist destinations and a wonder of the natural world: Niagara Falls. You'll also find thriving farms, vineyards, orchards, cider mills, and wineries along the Niagara Wine Trail. Beautiful towns and villages, miles of biking and hiking trails, outstanding schools, and dozens of arts and cultural destinations are here, too. Niagara County Community College and Niagara University reside here, and are essential partners in arts, culture, and athletics in Niagara County. Historic cities like Lockport grew around the Erie Canal, and this waterway still runs through Lockport's downtown center. Lewiston is a charming and historic village on the Niagara Escarpment, where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario. One of the longest-running hydroelectric power plants in the country is also here in Niagara County.

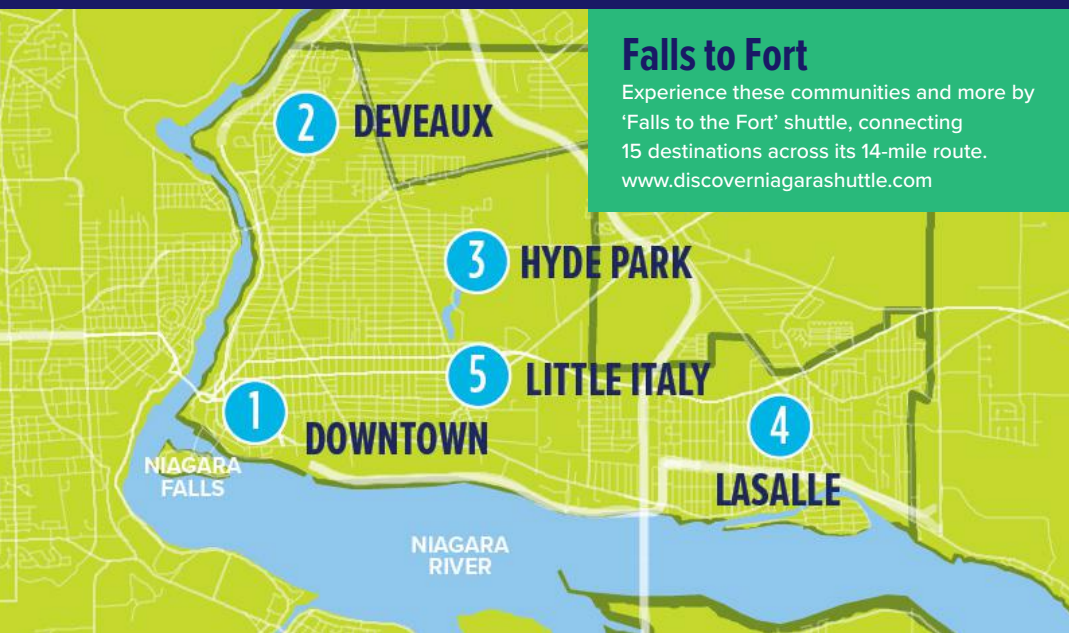
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The birth of Niagara Falls can be traced back more than 12,000 years to the end of the last glacial period.

Four of the five Great Lakes (Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie) drain into the Niagara River before emptying into Lake Ontario.

During periods of peak flow in the summer and fall, more than **700,000 gallons** of water per second pour over Niagara Falls.

1 Downtown

One of the most popular tourist areas in the world, downtown Niagara Falls attracts millions of visitors every year and features both the iconic series of waterfalls and also Niagara Falls State Park. Designed by the incomparable landscape artist Frederick Law Olmsted, Niagara Falls State Park — America's oldest state park — is packed with popular attractions for those who want to experience a full Falls experience, including the Cave of the Winds, Maid of the Mist boat tour, Prospect Point observation tower, and Goat Island. After exploring the majestic waters, visitors can enjoy entertainment, shopping, and dining both in and outside the park in the Pine Ave. and Main St. business district as well as the growing areas around Third St. and Buffalo Ave. Take a stroll down the pedestrian-friendly walkway lined with public murals known as Art Alley at 425 Third Street. Other major attractions include the Aquarium of Niagara Falls, and the Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, with plenty of games, shows and dining options.

2 Deveaux

Tucked in the northwest corner of the city, the Deveaux neighborhood is a quaint and picturesque area that is home to 10 acres of an old-growth forest park known as DeVeaux Woods, and features a dog park, as well as some of the city's oldest and grandest homes. The area is located on the escarpment immediately adjacent to Niagara University. The neighborhood is named after Samuel Deveaux, a large landholder, local judge, and businessman who was heavily involved in the construction of the Whirlpool Suspension Bridge in 1847.

3 Hyde Park

Located along Hyde Park Boulevard in the city, Hyde Park refers to both the municipal park and the surrounding residential areas to the east and west. Dubbed the "Jewel of Niagara Falls," the park provides recreational opportunities in golf, tennis, swimming, ice hockey, bocce, lawn bowling and, perhaps most prominently, baseball. Sal Magile Stadium, named after the major league pitcher in the '40s and '50s nicknamed "The Barber," is located within the park boundaries.

4 LaSalle

Located along the Niagara River in the southeast portion of the city, LaSalle is a popular residential area with a village feel. In fact, the area was once the Village of LaSalle before it became part of the city of Niagara Falls in 1927. The area is named after Robert de La Salle, a French explorer who completed expeditions on the Great Lakes, Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico. La Salle's famed ship, Le Griffon, was built in the area in 1679.

5 Little Italy

Historically home to a large population of Italian-Americans, the neighborhood of Little Italy is centrally located along Pine Avenue between Hyde Park Boulevard and Portage Road. One of the major commercial areas in the city, Little Italy features plenty of retailers and boasts some of the region's best-known eateries, including the original DiCamillo Bakery, Michael's, and the Como Restaurant.

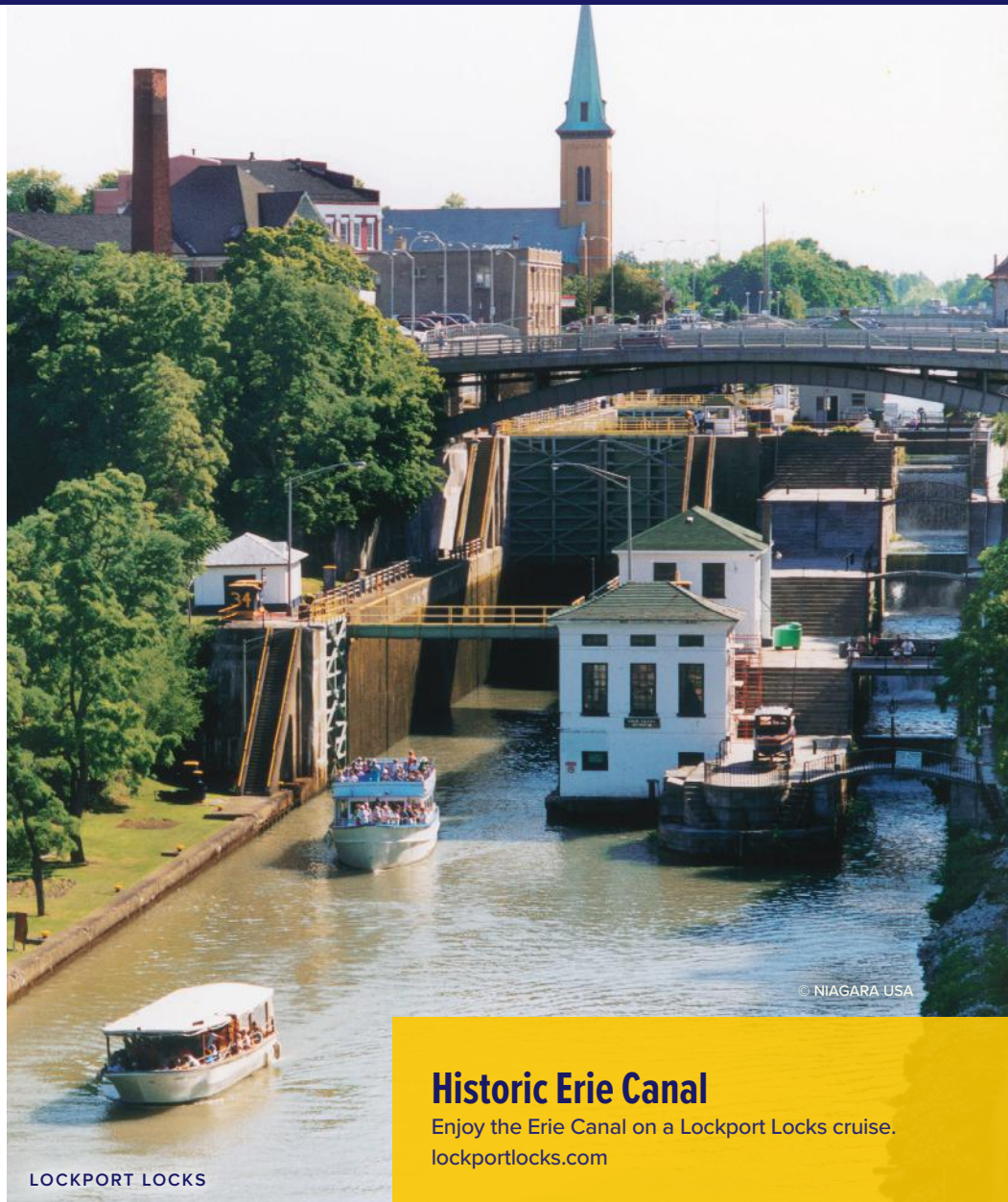
Niagara County Cities & Towns

Lewiston

This gem on the Niagara Gorge sits above the Niagara River at the mouth of Lake Ontario. It's known for its breathtaking beauty, charming village center with a variety of eating and shopping establishments, historic homes, and proximity to Niagara Falls. The Lewiston-Queenston Bridge is one of several international crossings in the Buffalo Niagara area, and makes Canada minutes away as well. It's also a favorite spot for popular venues and events including Artpark, the Lewiston Peach Festival, the Lewiston Jazz Festival, and the Christmas Walk and Home Tour.

Lockport

Lockport (both the city and town) formed along the Erie Canal, and its historic downtown still reflects its 18th and early 19th century roots. Lockport has an active arts scene highlighting both contemporary and historically significant art. It includes several galleries, museums and shops, as well as the Kenan Center, a refurbished historic home with a range of programming. The town enjoys 20 different park locations featuring two nature parks with great walking trails. The city is home to a public marina where residents can enjoy some of the beauty of the canalside city. It's also the county seat. As with the rest of Niagara County, Lockport is being rediscovered as a great place to live and play.



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Art Park



Newfane

With over 22 wineries, breweries and cideries to choose from, Newfane is nestled on the picturesque shores of Lake Ontario, located in the heart of the Niagara Wine Trail. The town is known for charming cottages, quaint shops, and excellent freshwater fishing. Kids love Olcott Beach for its vintage amusement park, while adults find it a shopper's dream. The beach hosts outdoor concerts and classic car shows. The Van Horn Mansion, a cultural and historic highlight, and said to be haunted, offers candlelit tours.

T-han-ah-wahn-duh

(Say it quick)

North Tonawanda

North Tonawanda is a suburb bordered by the Erie Canal and the Niagara River. As the region's waterways are revitalized for recreational use, "NT" (as locals refer to it) is drawing people from around the region for its easy proximity to the water. The area is an affordable and accessible haven for boaters. Don't miss Canal Fest, an eight-day festival in Gateway Park featuring free concerts, carnival rides, a variety of ethnic and specialty foods and a parade.

Wilson and Porter

These two Niagara County towns, about 15 minutes apart on the shores of Lake Ontario, are less than an hour from Buffalo. An easy drive from Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda, they provide some of the loveliest waterfront and sunset views around. They are destinations for water sports, including sailing, power boating, and fishing. Popular for both year-round residents, and summer dwellers, Wilson Harbor offers restaurants, shops and marinas. And Porter is adjacent to Youngstown, where historic Old Fort Niagara still stands from the War of 1812. On clear days, you can see Toronto across the lake.

Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum

This historic carrousel factory located in North Tonawanda was constructed in 1915 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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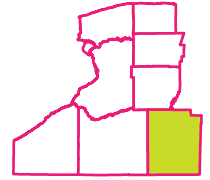


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Allegany County

Allegany County is home to Alfred University, Alfred State College, and Houghton College's main campus, providing exciting cultural venues and educational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and interests. With its hilly terrain and abundant farmland, it's a perennially popular destination for cross-country skiing, hiking, mountain-biking, and golfing, and the dozens of freshwater lakes, rivers, and streams that meander here make it a haven for boating and fishing. www.WNYWilds.com



POPULATION: **45,965** (2024 ESRI.)

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY: **Wellsville** – Population: **7,000** (2024 ESRI.)

Alfred

The Town of Alfred – home to Alfred University and Alfred State College – is a quintessential college town. Thanks to those staple institutions, education is the town's economic engine, blending academic energy with a peaceful, rural lifestyle. Alfred boasts historic buildings and a charming downtown area, surrounded by rolling, picturesque hills. Residents enjoy local bars, restaurants, cafes and easy access to outdoor activities.

Cuba

Known for Cuba Lake, this town is a destination for waterfront living and seasonal visitors alike. Boating, fishing, water sports, and hiking are popular activities in this small-town, tight-knit community. Cuba also has a long and distinguished history of cheese-making, today highlighted by the Cuba Cheese Shoppe and the Cuba Cheese Museum.

Wellsville

Wellsville is the largest town in Allegany County and is home to several of its major employers. Situated along the Genesee River, Wellsville residents enjoy a vibrant downtown with a variety of entertainment and dining options. The town is home to the Great Wellsville Balloon Rally, an annual hot air balloon festival that attracts thousands of residents and visitors alike.

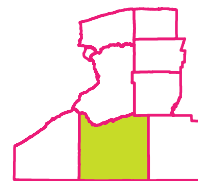
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Cattaraugus County

Cattaraugus County, known as the Enchanted Mountains area, is the heart of the Southern Tier's ski country. Ellicottville, dubbed the Aspen of the East offers year-round fun with golf, the Aerial Adventure Park, and skiing and tubing. Nearby HoliMont is the largest private ski area in the country. In addition, Allegany State Park's 65,000 scenic acres of forests, streams, and trails make it one of the largest in the New York State park system where nature enthusiasts hike, bike, fish, horseback, kayak, whitewater raft, and camp. www.enchantedmountains.com



POPULATION: 75,264 (2024 ESRI.)

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY: Olean – Population: 13,773 (2024 ESRI.)

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Ellicottville

Famous for its natural beauty, Ellicottville is a year-round hub of activity and a destination for stay-vacationers across New York, Canada, and Pennsylvania. Ellicottville is home to Holiday Valley Resort and HoliMont — the largest private ski area in the country, with over 50 miles of trails. The town is also a magnet for annual festivals, including both Fall Fest and Oktoberfest as the leaves start to turn. The downtown core offers several craft breweries, family-owned bakeries, unique retailers, and delicious restaurants.

Olean

Olean is the largest city in Cattaraugus County and serves as its commercial and healthcare center. St. Bonaventure University, and especially its NCAA athletics programs, serve as consistent entertainment options and often puts Olean in the national spotlight. Olean is home to several major employers, including Cimolai-HY, a complex steel fabricator.

Salamanca

Located entirely within the Seneca Nation of Indians' Allegany Territory, Salamanca offers a rich cultural and recreational experience. The town is home to one of New York's largest parks, Allegany State Park, which is great for hiking, camping, and winter sports. The Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino and Seneca Iroquois National Museum provide consistent entertainment options.

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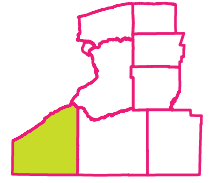


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Chautauqua County

Residents in Chautauqua County enjoy the beautiful 17-mile long Chautauqua Lake from Mayville to Jamestown. The county also boasts the world-renowned Chautauqua Institution — a recreation, education, arts, and philosophy campus on Chautauqua Lake established in 1874 — which hosts more than 2,000 events each summer. Distinguished lecturers and teachers include past U.S. presidents and internationally regarded artists and writers. In summer, visitors also enjoy miles of beaches along Lake Erie as well as visits to historic Lily Dale, home of the country's largest spiritualist community, along Upper Cassadaga Lake. www.tourchautauqua.com



POPULATION: 124,263 (2024 ESRI)

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY: Jamestown – Population: 27,932 (2024 ESRI)

Chautauqua

Chautauqua is home to the world-famous Chautauqua Institution, a Victorian campus-like village that draws over 100,000 visitors each summer. The town also offers access to Chautauqua Lake, making it a hub for tourism and outdoor activities. Taking you back more than 100 years ago when steam powered a rising country, you can take a ride on the Chautauqua Belle steamship. Living here means embracing a lifestyle rooted in culture, nature, and a true sense of home.

Fredonia

Fredonia is a vibrant college town, home to SUNY Fredonia, offering a mix of culture, dining, and historic sites. Fredonia also has a lively arts scene and hosts events year-round. Its classic past is carefully preserved with quaint shops, quiet streets, and friendly people. The 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center, offers numerous festivals throughout the year. Nearby Dunkirk has seven commercial and dining establishments as well as a 160 foot long boardwalk where you can view the scenic Chadwick Bay and beautiful Dunkirk Pier!

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Jamestown

An economically sound and vibrant community, Jamestown serves as the industrial, commercial, financial and recreational hub of Chautauqua County. Home of the National Comedy Center, Lucille Ball & Desi Arnaz Museum, Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Fenton History Center, Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, Northwest Arena, and numerous other attractions, festivals, shops, restaurants and outdoor recreation activities along the Jamestown Riverwalk. Just outside Jamestown, in Celoron on Chautauqua Lake, you'll find the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Lucille Ball Memorial Park, and statues honoring Lucille Ball, "The First Lady of Comedy," near her childhood home.

Westfield

Westfield is known as the "Grape Juice Capital of the World" due to Welch's Grape Juice originating there. Its located along Lake Erie and the Lake Erie Wine trail, home to award-winning Johnson Estate Winery which is the oldest estate winery in New York State. It is a developmentally-friendly rural community that has a strong agricultural economic base. Westfield draws visitors to its First Friday street fairs, Saturday farmers' markets, McClurg Museum, is home to numerous shops and restaurants, and the nearby Barcelona Lighthouse, beach and harbor.



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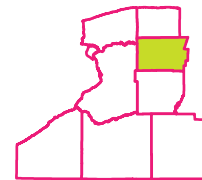
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Genesee County

Centrally located between Buffalo Niagara and Rochester along the I-90, Genesee County's largest city, Batavia, is undergoing significant revitalization with a focus on dairy and green energy technologies. This strategic location is ideal for thriving businesses, large and small. The area's natural beauty is preserved through family-owned farms and agricultural cooperatives, and leaves no shortage of entertainment. Genesee Community College supports lifelong learning here too. Blending rural charm with modern innovation, Genesee County is a warm, welcoming place to live, work, raise a family, and explore in Western New York. www.visitgeneseeny.com



POPULATION: 57,283 (2024 ESRI)

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY: Batavia – Population: 15,264 (2024 ESRI)

Batavia

Batavia blends small-town charm with big-city convenience. This vibrant community boasts excellent schools, a low cost of living, and abundant recreation, from Terry Hills Golf Course to kayaking at DeWitt Recreation Area. Downtown features unique shops, diverse dining like Eli Fish Brewing, and a thriving arts scene. Visitors enjoy Batavia Downs Gaming, the historic Holland Land Office Museum, and Batavia Muckdogs baseball. Major food processors like O-AT-KA Milk Products and the award-winning Oliver's Candies call Batavia home.

Elba

Just north of Batavia, Elba is a thriving agricultural hub known as the "Onion Capital of the World." Home to CY Farms, Star Growers, and Porter Farms, some of the nation's top producers, Elba's 2,500 acres of fertile muckland yield premium crops. This close-knit community features multi-generational farms, charming homes, and vibrant local businesses like Sweet Life Country Store and Circle B Winery, offering locally made wines. Residents enjoy excellent schools and annual traditions like the Onion Festival.

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Leroy

Follow the JELL-O Brick Road to one of Western New York's most picturesque communities. As the birthplace of JELL-O, this charming town is home to the world-famous JELL-O Museum and boasts stately Victorian homes along tree-lined streets just an hour from Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Its historic downtown features beautifully preserved architecture, locally loved shops, and inviting restaurants. The scenic Oatka Creek, winding through the heart of the village, offers kayaking and world-class fly fishing. LeRoy also boasts one of New York State's largest barn quilt trails, with over 100 community-crafted quilts displayed along four scenic routes.

Pembroke

Strategically situated at the crossroads of NYS I-90, Routes 5 and 77, Pembroke offers a perfect blend of rural charm and modern convenience. This thriving community is home to family-owned farms, highly-rated schools, and a growing business sector. The nearby Village of Corfu adds to the area's appeal with unique shopping and dining experiences, including the renowned Indian Falls Log Cabin Restaurant, offering breathtaking waterfall views and scenic dining. Residents and visitors can enjoy antiquing adventures at local shops, outdoor recreation at nearby Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, and the excitement of Six Flags Darien Lake Theme Park.



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**Box Car Derby
Batavia**

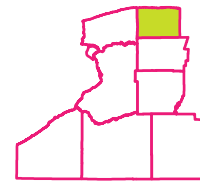
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Orleans County

Lake Ontario, Oak Orchard Marina, and the Erie Canal in lovely Orleans County, offer boating and fishing lovers a unique lifestyle to fulfill their passion. The open waterways offer a relaxing sailing afternoon or a thrilling fishing derby. With abundant fresh water and sunshine, agriculture is the primary industry, and much of the county is dotted with corn, maple, apple, berry, and other produce farms. The charming villages of Albion and Medina offer cafes, galleries, and antique shops. An architectural sandstone treasure, Bent's Opera House in Medina, has been transformed into a boutique hotel and farm-to-table restaurant. Don't miss it. www.orleanscountytourism.com



POPULATION: 38,811 (2024 ESRI.)

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY: Albion – Population: 13,619 (2024 ESRI.)

Albion

Serving as the county seat for Orleans, Albion is home to county government offices and a strong agricultural economy. Albion is situated along the Erie Canal, offering biking, boating, and scenic walks. Hoag Library offers frequent community events inside a historic setting and Bullard Park is a family-friendly space with playground and sporting fields to enjoy.

Holley

A quiet, community-focused town, Holley offers affordable living and is surrounded by natural beauty. A full calendar of festivals, including the Holley June Fest, creates a strong sense of community among residents. Holley is also conveniently located, close to SUNY Brockport College and Rochester, NY's downtown.

Medina

Medina is best-known for its charming downtown. The town's hub features beautifully restored 19th-century architecture, unique shops, the Medina Railroad Museum, and a farm-to-table culinary scene. Also along the Erie Canal, Medina welcomes many tourists to its scenic basin and waterfalls.

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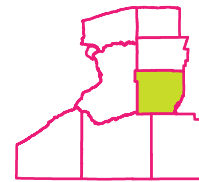
www.orleanscountyny.gov



Oak Orchard Harbor

Wyoming County

Wyoming County is a year-round destination for outdoor enthusiasts with miles of diverse trails, fishing creeks and the spectacular Letchworth State Park, the “Grand Canyon of the East.” Spend the morning watching hot air balloons float through the Genesee River Gorge, or an afternoon whitewater rafting on the river, to an evening boating on Silver Lake — the breathtaking scenery is endless. Agriculture is the county’s primary industry, and it’s a leader in dairy and maple production. The region’s abundant natural resources also support green energy technologies as well as advanced manufacturing and precision agriculture. www.exploreletchworth.com



POPULATION: 39,422 (2024 ESRI.)

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY: Warsaw – Population: 5,294 (2024 ESRI.)

Arcade

Arcade is a thriving rural community with a mix of agriculture and small businesses, including cozy diners, antique shops and family-friendly activities. It’s home to the historic Arcade & Attica Railroad, one of the only operating steam excursion trains in the state. Arcade has a strong connection to outdoor recreation, local commerce and proximity to bustling metropolitan hubs like Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Home to golf courses like Turkey Run and Spruce Ridge, offer scenic views and great golfing experiences.

Attica

Attica hosts one of the most beloved rodeo events in the Northeast, attracting visitors from throughout the country since 1957. The community offers unique dining opportunities, proximity to the City of Batavia and hiking trails at Carlton Hill Multiple Use Area. Wyoming County is one of the leading maple syrup producers in New York State, and Attica is also home to many maple syrup farms, which can be visited year round. Maple producers also celebrate Maple Weekends annual during the last two weekends of March with tours, tastings, products for sale and more

Perry

Perry is located next door to the nationally and internationally adored Letchworth State Park, offering an abundance of outdoor experiences. At Letchworth, visitors can explore hundreds of miles of hiking, biking, and ski trails, enjoy whitewater rafting, hot air balloon rides, and camping. Perry also boasts charming mom-and-pop shops, an artistically curious community and fun destinations like Charcoal Corral & Silver Lake Twin Drive-In. Nearby, Silver Lake’s

750-acres, offers plenty of boating and fishing opportunities, including northern pike, walleye, bass and more. Wyoming County is New York State’s number one dairy producer and Perry is home to East Hill Creamery.

Warsaw

Warsaw, the County Seat, is a charming small town offering a perfect blend of rural tranquility and modern convenience. As the largest town in Wyoming County, it boasts a strong sense of community, and a historic downtown filled with local shops and restaurants along its impressive main street corridor. Centrally located in Western New York, Warsaw offers accessible and ample job opportunities in agriculture, manufacturing, and healthcare, making it a great place to live and work. Six miles south of Warsaw is one of the County’s largest and most well-known employers - Morton Salt in Silver Springs.

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CLOSING PROCESS



Once you've found your dream home or built a new one on the perfect property, what are the next steps in New York State? The closing process in New York State typically takes 60 to 90 days, if everything proceeds smoothly. Here are a few key steps in the closing process:

- 1. INSPECTIONS:** In New York State, home inspectors are licensed and trained to check for very specific things. The results of the home inspection can change the home sale price, the buyer's willingness to purchase the home, or identify issues that may need to be fixed before the closing date.
- 2. THE BINDER:** After the inspection is finished and the buyer has decided to purchase the home, the buyer will be asked to sign a binder. A binder includes details about the sale such as the purchase price, down payment amounts, anticipated mortgage amount, realtor information, attorney information, and expected closing date.
- 3. CONTRACT OF SALE:** Once the binder is finalized, the seller's attorney will draft the contract of sale. After the contract has been signed, the buyer will deliver the down payment to the seller's attorney to be held in escrow.
- 4. TITLE REPORT:** The title report discloses any liens or judgements on the property, how the current seller obtained title to the property, potential property line issues, outstanding property violations, permits, outstanding property tax, and any bankruptcy filings by the buyer. Title insurance is commonly purchased and protects the buyer against possible claims relating to the title of the property.
- 5. CLOSING:** At the closing, title to the property is transferred to the new owners by deed and the buyer pays the seller the balance due. If the buyer is taking out a mortgage, the mortgage documents will also typically be signed at the closing.

Helpful links to find a new home

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- www.trulia.com
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- www.2FindYourHome.com



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RENTING

Looking to rent for a while? You'll find something you'll love in Buffalo Niagara.

Buffalo and Niagara Falls neighborhoods offer lofts in renovated factories and warehouses, sleek condominiums with views of Lake Erie and the Niagara River, and apartments with turn-of-the-century details and elegance in historic buildings — all within walking distance of theaters, shops, restaurants, and the subway and bus system. While the most abundant rental housing is in the cities, you can find apartments in the suburbs too.

Rents vary widely, from around \$800 to more than \$2,200 a month, depending on size and type of apartment or home you choose, available amenities, and location.

- www.apartmentfinder.com/New-York/Bufalo-Apartments
- **Buffalo Place apartment and rental information:**
www.buffaloplace.com/live/apartments-and-condos
- www.zillow.com/buffalo-ny/apartments
- www.apartments.com

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59 retailers



SENECA ONE APARMENT

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Senior Living

If your relocation includes senior family members, you'll be glad to know that Buffalo Niagara is a great place for people of all ages. Living in the city or suburban villages offer cultural and recreational activities — as well as access to necessary services such as pharmacies and groceries — for seniors who choose not to drive. A full range of housing options are available, from more than adult apartment complexes with independent living and amenities to full-care facilities for residents with more complex needs. And there are numerous organizations to help seniors and family members navigate issues from nursing and nutrition to health care.

Senior Services of Erie County:
www3.erie.gov/seniorservices

Niagara County Office for the Aging:
www.niagaracounty.gov/departments/a-f/aging/index.php



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MOVING CHECKLIST

TIPS

FIRST STEPS

- ☐ File change of address
- ☐ Organize school records
- ☐ Forward medical records

FIND MOVERS

- ☐ Hire movers or reserve a truck
- ☐ If moving yourself, start recruiting friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers well in advance. Offer free breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks.

GET MOVING SUPPLIES

- ☐ Markers, moving boxes, newspapers, bubble wrap or other cushioning material, packing tape, scissors or utility knife, and garbage bags

START PACKING

- ☐ Sort belongings into things you are definitely taking, versus things that won't make the trip
- ☐ Donate items to charity, give them to friends, prepare them for a yard sale
- ☐ Drain fuel from your power mower and other machinery; discard partly used cans of oil, paint, thinner, bleach, or any other substances that may be flammable or combustible, or those stored in containers that may leak

ARRANGE FOR UTILITY TRANSFERS

- ☐ Notify current and future utility providers of your move date
- ☐ Cable/satellite television, cell phone service, electricity, gas, internet/broadband, local and/or long distance phone service, propane, recycling pick-up, sewer, security system, trash pick-up, water

MAKE MOVING DAY PREPARATIONS

- ☐ Make arrangements for child and/or pet sitting
- ☐ Refill prescriptions
- ☐ Pack your suitcases
- ☐ Unplug electronic appliances 24 hours in advance of a move, except plasma televisions, so that they will be at room temperature on moving day (this includes home computers, stereos, and audio/video equipment)

GET OLD AND NEW PLACES CLEANED

- ☐ Mop, pail, ammonia, wash cloths, sponges, paper towels, vacuum cleaner, broom, and dustpan

MOVING DAY PLAN

- ☐ Start early
- ☐ Take all garbage out of the house
- ☐ Make sure movers have your cell phone number and you have theirs, along with their names
- ☐ Perform final checks before leaving current home
- ☐ Turn off air conditioning, fans, and heat
- ☐ Turn off water, including hoses
- ☐ Turn off light switches
- ☐ Leave or turn in keys, garage door openers, etc.
- ☐ Make sure nothing is left in the refrigerator, freezer, stove, drawer under stove, in closets, bathroom, garage, attic, crawl way, or under porch

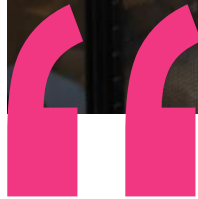


A photograph of three students in a laboratory setting. A male student with glasses and a blue sweater is leaning over a microscope, smiling. Two female students, one with long brown hair and one with glasses, are looking at the microscope. The background is blue with colorful light streaks. The text 'MORE TO LEARN' is overlaid in white on a yellow background.

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Dr. Satish Tripathi

President, University at Buffalo

Western New York is a wonderful place to pursue your **higher education goals**. No matter your discipline or desired career path, you will find an abundance of **transformative opportunities** to discover, **innovate and excel** in your field.”

The region’s schools rank highly, with students consistently scoring above average thanks to the collaboration of area districts, colleges, regional partners, and businesses - forging partnerships to build the next generation of leaders.

Western New York has ways for students of all ages to begin and continue educational experiences. From outstanding pre-K and child care programs and nationally recognized public and private schools to 19 colleges and universities (including many branches of the State University of New York system) and unique industry-driven training facilities, as well as lifelong learning classes for professional development or personal pursuits, there are unlimited options to help you expand your mind and further your interests.

**CITY HONORS
IS CONSISTENTLY A
TOP-RANKED
HIGH SCHOOL**

- U.S. News & World Report

Higher Education

More Western New Yorkers (WNY) earn undergraduate and advanced degrees than ever before — and they’re building their futures here, too. In any year, nearly 120,000 students enroll in 19 world-class colleges and universities, studying everything from biomedical engineering and business, to green technologies development, urban planning, and media arts.

The State University of New York (SUNY) is the largest comprehensive higher education system in the U.S., consisting of 64 campuses, including research universities, academic medical centers, liberal arts colleges, community colleges, colleges of technology, and an online learning network. Nine SUNY campuses are located in WNY, including a system flagship, University at Buffalo (UB), one of America’s leading public research universities. UB is consistently recognized as one of the world’s most exceptional, most affordable universities, and partners with 96 universities around the globe.

Colleges And Universities				
Key	SCHOOL	Part-Time Enrollment '24-'25	Full-Time Enrollment '24-'25	Total Enrollment '24-'25
1	Alfred University	116	1,429	1,545
2A-C	Bryant & Stratton	262	824	1,086
3	Canisius University	359	2,092	2,451
4	Daemen University	391	2,381	2,772
5	D'Youville University	886	1,676	2,562
6	Genesee Community College	2,785	1,503	4,288
7	Hilbert College	33	794	827
8	Houghton College	0	967	967
9	Jamestown Community College	530	1,287	1,817
10	SUNY Niagara Community College	870	2,211	3,081
11	Niagara University	476	3,518	3,994
12	Saint Bonaventure University	502	2,258	2,760
13A-B	SUNY at Buffalo (UB)	5,765	26,143	31,908
14A-C	SUNY Erie Community College	3,550	4,540	8,090
15	SUNY at Fredonia	389	2,812	3,201
16	SUNY Buffalo State University	1,177	4,961	6,138
17	SUNY College of Technology at Alfred	300	3,262	3,562
18	Trocaire College	560	442	1,002
19	Villa Maria College	74	546	620

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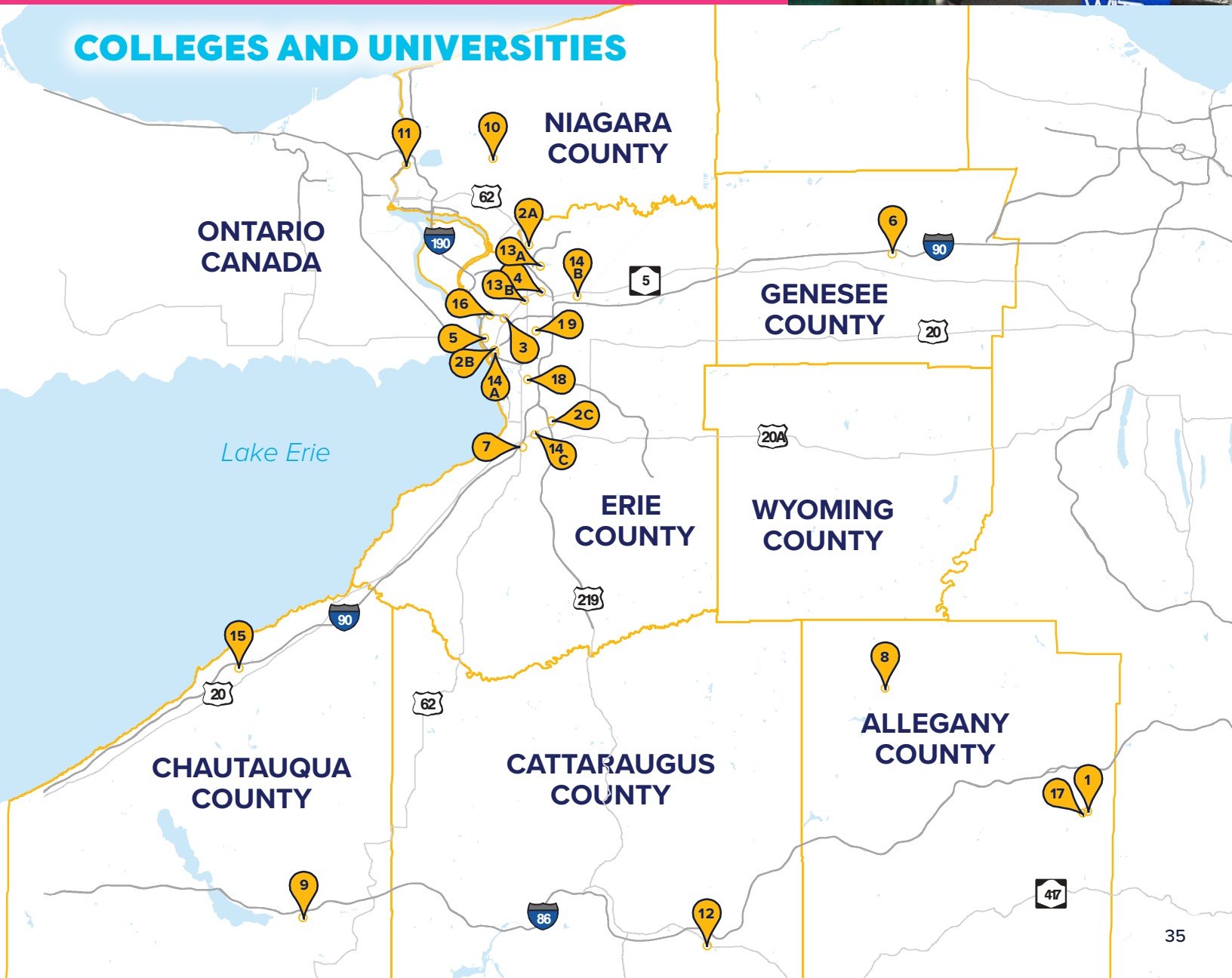
Northland provides for-credit technical skills programs in advanced manufacturing and energy taught on-site by SUNY Alfred State College and SUNY Erie. Along with technical skills, NWTC also has wrap-around services to equip students with the soft skills and adaptability needed for today's workplace. View current programs at northlandwtc.org.

TechBuffalo

TechBuffalo is a nonprofit organization that strives to create a sustainable, inclusive, and accessible technology community for Western New York. TechBuffalo partners with local colleges and universities and variety of training programs to support students with mentorship, wrap-around services, and provide exposure to potential employers. Learn more at www.techbuffalo.org.



COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



Western New York's cities and towns have independent school districts and several rank among the top in New York State.



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PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

MAP#	DISTRICT	CITY, ZIP	Niche grade	WEBSITE
NIAGARA COUNTY				
1	Barker	Barker, 14012	B-	www.barkerksd.net
2	Lewiston-Porter	Youngstown, 14174	A-	www.lew-port.com
3	Lockport City	Lockport, 14094	B+	www.lockportschools.org
4	Medina Central	Medina, 14203	B-	www.medinacsd.org
5	Newfane Central	Burt, 14028	B-	www.newfane.wnyric.org
6	Niagara-Wheatfield Central	Niagara Falls, 14304	A-	www.nwcsd.org
7	Niagara Falls City	Niagara Falls, 14304	C+	www.nfschools.net
8	North Tonawanda City	North Tonawanda, 14120	B-	www.nts.schools.org
9	Royalton-Hartland Central	Middleport, 14105	B-	www.royhart.org
10	Starpoint Central	Lockport, 14094	A-	www.starpointcsd.org
11	Wilson Central	Town of Wislon	C+	www.wilsoncsd.org
ERIE COUNTY				
1	Akron Central	Akron, 14001	B+	www.akronschools.org
2	Alden Central	Alden, 14004	B+	www.aldenschools.org
3	Amherst Central	Amherst, 14226	A	www.amherstschools.org
4	Buffalo City Schools	Buffalo, 14202	B-	www.buffaloschools.org
5	Cheektowaga-Maryvale Union Free	Cheektowaga, 14225	B-	www.maryvaleufsd.org
6	Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free	Cheektowaga, 14227	B-	www.cheektowagasloan.org
7	Cheektowaga Central	Cheektowaga, 14225	B-	www.cheektowagak12.org
8	Clarence Central	Clarence, 14031	A	www.clarenceschools.org
9	Cleveland Hill Union Free	Cheektowaga, 14225	B+	www.clevelandhill.wnyric.org
10	Depew Union Free	Depew, 14043	B+	www.depewschools.org
11	East Aurora Union Free	East Aurora, 14052	A	www.eastauros.schools.org
12	Eden Central	Eden, 14057	C+	www.edencsd.org
13	Evans-Brant Central (Lake Shore Central)	Angola, 14006	B	www.lakeshorescd.org
14	Frontier Central	Hamburg, 14075	B	www.frontier.wnyric.org
15	Gowanda Central	Gowanda, 14070	B	www.gowcsd.org
16	Grand Island Central	Grand Island, 14072	A	www.grandislandschools.org
17	Hamburg Central	Hamburg, 14075	B+	www.hamburgschools.org
18	Holland Central	Holland, 14080	C+	www.holland.wnyric.org
19	Iroquois Central	Elma, 14059	B	www.iroquoiscsd.org
20	Kenmore-Tonawanda Union Free	Kenmore, 14223	B	www.kenton.k12.ny.us
21	Lackawanna City	Lackawanna, 14218	C+	www.lackawannaschools.org
22	Lancaster Central	Lancaster, 14086	A-	www.lancasterschools.org
23	North Collins Central	North Collins, 14111	B-	www.northcollins.com
24	Orchard Park Central	Orchard Park, 14127	A	www.opschools.org
25	Springville-Griffith Institute	Springville, 14141	B	www.springvillegi.org
26	Sweet Home Central	Amherst, 14228	A-	www.sweethomeschools.org
27	Tonawanda City	Tonawanda, 14150	C	www.tonawandacs.org
28	West Seneca Central	West Seneca, 14224	B+	www.wscschools.org
29	Williamsville Central	East Amherst, 14051	A+	www.williamsvillek12.org
30	Yorkshire-Pioneer Central	Yorkshire, 14173	B	www.pioneerschools.org

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Buffalo Public Schools

- The Buffalo Public Schools system — the largest in the region — serves about 32,000 students through its public, charter, and specialty schools, with a broadly diverse student body that's representative of families speaking 82 different languages who now call Buffalo Niagara home.
- The Buffalo Public School District includes innovative education options such as Bennett Park Montessori, Emerson High School (culinary arts and hospitality industry programs), Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts, a high school Research Lab (bioinformatics and life sciences focus), Bennett High School for Innovative Technologies, and City Honors School, which is consistently ranked among the top schools in the country by sources such as *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

Enrollment Requirements

Families must provide the following documents to register new or returning students in Buffalo public schools:

- Two proofs of family residency:
 - *NYS driver's/non-driver's license*
 - *Utility bill*
 - *Pay stub*
 - *Notice of Decision Statement from the Erie County Department of Social Services*
- Certified birth certificate which includes parent(s) name or I-94 card (including Immigration Family Page)
- Up-to-date immunization record
- Latest report card (grades 1–8), official transcript (grades 9–12), and special education documents, if applicable
- Parent/legal guardian photo identification
- Legal guardianship or custody papers (if the child does not reside with the biological parent)
- Proof of physical examination within the last year (due to school within 30 days)

SAY YES BUFFALO

With a mission of removing barriers to educational attainment, workforce participation and economic mobility for students in public and charter schools in Buffalo, NY that is centered on racial equity and inclusion, Buffalo is one of few cities in the country to offer a remarkable program — Say Yes to Education — to its graduates.

Say Yes Buffalo offers Buffalo public and charter school graduates tuition and grants to attend college and post-secondary programs at more than 150 colleges and universities, including all colleges in the State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) systems, top-ranked Ivy League schools like Harvard University, Cornell University, and Yale University; and top technological schools like Rochester Institute of Technology and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Say Yes Buffalo and its partners coordinate other supports to students from 3 years old through entry into the workforce, to help them achieve high school graduation and attain Say Yes Buffalo scholarships and grants, including physical and mental health services, legal services, mentors, and internships.

Say Yes Buffalo is a local partnership that brings together the Buffalo Public School District, the District Parent Coordinating Council, the Buffalo Teachers Federation, the Buffalo Association of Administrators and Supervisors, the City of Buffalo, Erie County, and higher education with a diverse group of Buffalo area corporate, non-profit, and philanthropic organizations.



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CHARTER SCHOOLS

There are 22 charter schools within the Buffalo Niagara region that serve students at all grade levels. Many of these schools offer a particular academic, pre-professional, or character-building focus in addition to the standard school curriculum. Charter schools are open to all New York State students. Admission may be dependent on geographic location, lottery, or both.

DISTRICT	GRADE	WEBSITE
BRICK Buffalo Academy	K - 3	www.brickbuffalo.org
Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School	K - 12	www.buffsci.org
Buffalo Commons Charter School	k - 4	www.buffalocommonscharter.org
Buffalo Creek Academy	5 - 8	www.buffalocreekacademy.org
Buffalo United Charter School	K - 8	www.nhaschools.com/schools/buffalo-united-charter-school
Charter School for Applied Technologies	K - 12	www.csat-k12.org
Charter School of Inquiry	K - 8	www.csicharter.org
Elmwood Village Charter School – Days Park	K - 8	www.evcsbuffalo.org
Elmwood Village Charter School – Hertel	K - 8	www.evcsbuffalo.org
Enterprise Charter School	K - 8	www.enterprisecharter.org
Health Sciences Charter School	9 - 12	www.healthsciencescharterschool.org
King Center Charter School	K - 8	www.kccs.org
Persistence Preparatory Academy Charter School	K - 8	www.persistenceprep.org
Primary Hall Preparatory Charter School	K - 2	www.primaryhall.org
Reach Academy	K - 5	www.reachacs.org
South Buffalo Charter School	K - 8	www.southbuffalocs.org
Tapestry Charter School	K - 12	www.tapestryschoo.org
West Buffalo Charter School	K - 8	www.westbuffalocharter.org
Western New York Maritime Charter School	7 - 12	www.wnymcs.com
Westminster Community Charter School	K - 8	www.westminsterccs.org
Global Concepts Charter School	K - 12	www.globalccs.org
Niagara Charter School	K - 6	www.niagaracharterschool.org

The Office of State Assessment (OSA), within the New York State Education Department is responsible for the coordination, development, and implementation of the Grade 3–8 tests, Regents Examinations, Regents Competency Tests, Second Language Proficiency Examinations, Alternate Assessments, and English Language Proficiency assessments that comprise the New York State Testing Program (NYSTP). These examinations are administered to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 enrolled in public, nonpublic, and charter schools throughout the state.

The OSA develops and administers tests that are aligned with the New York State Learning Standards and Core Curriculum, and are consistent with state and federal mandates.

TESTS GIVEN:

ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL STUDENTS

- Grades 3–8 English Language Arts Test
- Grades 3–8 Mathematics Tests
- Grades 4 and 8 Elementary- and Intermediate-Level Science Tests

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Regents Examinations
 - *U.S. History & Government*
 - *English Language Arts*
 - *Living Environment*
 - *Global History & Geography*
 - *Chemistry*
 - *Earth Science*
 - *World Language Assessment*
 - *Physics*
 - *Algebra*
 - *Geometry*

- Regents Competency Tests (RCTs)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

- English as a Second Language Test (NYSESLAT)
- Language Assessment Battery - Revised (LAB-R)

STUDENTS WITH SEVERE COGNITIVE DISABILITIES

- New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)



PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Buffalo Niagara is home to several diverse private and parochial options, including the acclaimed Nichols School, Nardin Academy, Park School, Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, Canisius High School, Buffalo Seminary, and the #1 ranked high school in WNY — St Joseph's Collegiate Institute. Private school options around Western New York are plentiful and many serve particular needs or interests.

Special Education Schools

Special education schools for students ages 5 through 21. Special programs exist for the deaf and blind, as well as with autism, dyslexia and other learning differences.

- **Aspire Center for Learning**
- **Baker Hall**
- **CHC Learning Center**
- **Gateway-Longview Lynde School**
- **Henrietta G. Lewis Campus School**
- **New York State School for the Blind**
- **Saint Mary's School for the Deaf**
- **Stanley Falk School**
- **Summit Center**
- **The Children's League**
- **The Gow School**
- **Beyond Support Network**

Catholic Schools, Diocese of Buffalo

When it comes to education, we know parents have many choices. Families of all faiths who have chosen the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Buffalo have discovered outstanding education, leadership and spiritual guidance for their children — a tradition since 1847.

More than 44 Catholic elementary, middle and high schools are located in Erie and Niagara County. A complete list can be accessed at: www.wnycatholicschools.org

SCHOOL	GRADES	AFFILIATION	WEBSITE
Amherst Christian Academy	PK - 12	Christian Fundamental	www.aca.academy
Aurora Waldorf School	PK - 8	Private, Independent	www.aurorawaldorfschool.org
Bishop Timon-St. Jude	9-12	Catholic	www.bishoptimon.com
Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart	HS	Catholic	www.sacredheartacademy.org
Buffalo Seminary	9-12	Private, Independent	www.buffaloseminary.org
Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy	1-8	Seventh Day/Christian	www.buffalosuburbansda.org
Catholic Schools,	K - 8	Catholic	www.wnycatholicschools.org
Canisius High School	9-12	Catholic	www.canisiushigh.org
Cardinal O'Hara High School	9-12	Catholic	www.cardinalohara.com
Center Road Christian Academy	K - 12	Christian, Fundamental	www.christianca.com
Chesteron Academy of Buffalo		Catholic	www.buffalochesteronacademy.org
Christian Academy of Western New York	PK - 12	Christian, Interdenominational	www.cawny.com
Christian Central Academy	PK - 12	Christian, Interdenominational	www.christianca.com
Darul-Uloom Al Madania	PK - 12	Islamic	www.madania.org
East Aurora Montessori School	PK - K	Montessori	www.eamontessori.com
Elmwood Franklin School	PK - 8	Private, Independent	www.elmwoodfranklin.org
Holy Ghost Lutheran School	PK - 8	Christian, Lutheran	www.holyghostlms.org
Jewish Heritage Day School of Buffalo	PK - 8	Judaism	www.ohremimmschool.com
Kadimah Academy @ Park School	PK - 8	Judaism	www.kadimah.org
Mount Mercy Academy	9-12	Catholic	www.mtmercy.org
Mount St. Mary Academy	9-12	Catholic	www.msacademy.org
Nardin Academy	9-12	Catholic	www.nardin.org
New Life Christian School	PK - 12	Christian, Pentecostal	www.nlcupc.com/school
The Park School	PK - 12	Private, Independent	www.theparkschool.org
Saints Tabernacle School of Excellence	2-12	Private, Independent	www.stjohnskennmore.com
St. Francis High School	9-12	Catholic	www.stfrancishigh.org
St. John Lutheran School	PK - 8	Christian, Lutheran	www.stjohnnt.com/school
St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute	9-12	Catholic	www.sjci.com
St. Mary's High School	9-12	Catholic	www.smhancers.org
St. Peter Lutheran School	PK - K	Christian, Lutheran	www.discoverstpeters.org
The Nichols School	5-12	Private, Independent	www.nicholsschool.org
Trinity Lutheran School	K - 8	Christian, Lutheran	www.thinktrinitychristian.com
Universal School	K - 12	Islamic	www.myuniversalschool.org
West Seneca Christian School	PK - 12	Christian, Fundamental	www.westsenecachristianschool.com

Child Care & After School

Excellent child-care programs — offered through private organizations, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs, Jewish Community Centers, and more — include educational enrichment, sports clubs, year-long activities, and summer camps to keep kids happy and engaged.

YMCA Buffalo Niagara

Nationally, the YMCA is the largest provider of child care in the country. Locally, each branch of YMCA Buffalo Niagara provides school age child care year round, serving nearly 3,000 children at over 50 sites.
www.ymcabn.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Buffalo and Western New York have strong Boys & Girls Clubs affiliates that serve thousands of children every day through after-school and weekend programs focusing on educational enrichment, personal development, health and wellness, and sports and play.
www.bgcbuffalo.org

Summer Camps

From day camps to overnight camps, there are dozens of programs offered throughout the summer for kids of all ages, interests, and abilities. In New York State, summer break typically begins the last week of June and ends the first week of September, either just prior to or after Labor Day — dates vary depending on the school district. Registration typically opens in February.
www.buffalo.kidsoutandabout.com

Child Care Resource Network

Child Care Resource Network (CCRN) is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization located in Buffalo, New York, that works to help families find child care, educate and empower child care providers, and advocate for the children of Erie County and Western New York. Throughout Erie County, the agency conducts inspections to ensure providers are following regulations. CCRN also assists in opening child care centers and continues to support them with a wide variety of services.
www.wnychildren.org



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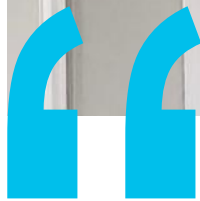
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A man and a woman are playing Jenga outdoors at what appears to be a festival or fair. The man, on the left, is wearing a grey baseball cap, sunglasses, and a black t-shirt with yellow text that reads "HOUSE" and "RIDERS". He has tattoos on his arms and is smiling as he places a wooden block on top of a tall, wobbly stack of Jenga blocks. The woman, on the right, is wearing sunglasses and a green and white patterned tank top. She is also smiling and watching the man play. The background shows a bright blue sky with some clouds, string lights, and other festival structures. The overall atmosphere is sunny and festive.

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Relocating is exciting — when it’s not stressful and busy. Here are many of the resources you need to settle in quickly so you can move on to the fun things.

TIPS FOR SETTLING IN

- Make note of three or four goals to achieve in your new city.
- Continue all your special family celebrations and traditions.
- Share some of your family’s recipes and cultural aspects with new acquaintances and neighbors.
- Give everyone in the family manageable moving chores (taking care of practical matters will take the edge off of homesickness).
- Keep a log of new experiences and accomplishments. Join an athletic club or special interest group.
- Get involved in community and religious organizations, especially those that sponsor activities, volunteer efforts, and programs for newcomers.
- Learn about the local government, issues, and policies.
- Take one day at a time.

Getting Acquainted

NEW YORK STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)

New York State's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires that new residents apply for a driver's license and register vehicles within 30 days of relocation. For information, including what you'll need and fees, visit www.dmv.ny.gov. This website also has information for non-U.S. citizens to determine whether a state license is needed. There are numerous NYSDMV offices throughout the region and appointments are available to ensure a quick and easy visit.

Department of Motor Vehicles | (800) 225-5368 | www.dmv.ny.gov

PUBLIC SAFETY

Anywhere in Western New York, dial 911 to reach emergency police, fire, and ambulance/medical assistance. The City of Buffalo has its own police department, fire department and other emergency services, as do some other cities and suburbs. In many cases, the New York State Police (state troopers) assist with public safety. Assistance is available through:

- **New York State Police**
www.troopers.ny.gov
- **Emergency Services**
www3.erie.gov/dhses
- **Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services**
www.dhses.ny.gov
- **Niagara County Emergency Services**
www.niagaracounty.com/fire
- **Erie County Central Police Services**
www3.erie.gov/cps/
- **Niagara County Sheriff's Office**
www.niagarasheriff.com



PET REQUIREMENTS

All dogs over four months old must be registered with a valid license that proves current rabies vaccination. As pet licensing requirements vary by municipality, it's recommended that pet owners contact your local town clerk or city hall to find out the most current information to ensure that you and your pet are in compliance.

- **Erie County SPCA** | (716) 875-7360
- **Niagara County SPCA** | (716) 731-4368

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VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration is handled through county boards of elections. You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the state and the county, city, or village for at least 30 days prior to election (please visit the website, www.elections.ny.gov for more information). You may be able to register through the Department of Motor Vehicles when you update your driver's license and registration in New York State.

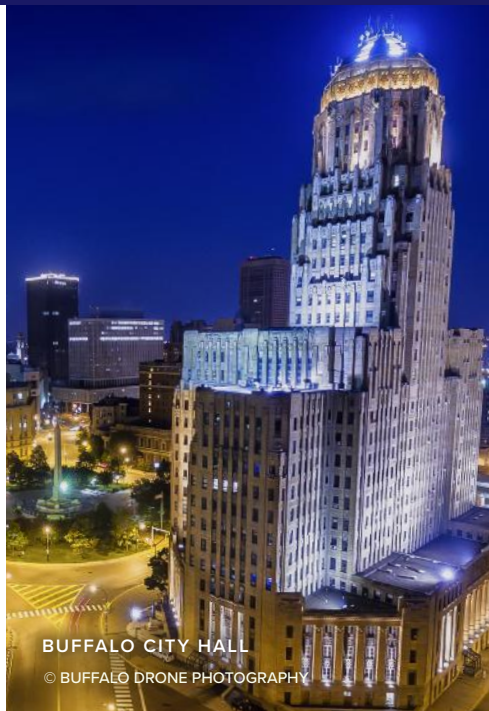
BANKS

Western New York has many financial institutions, ranging from local credit unions to large, international banks for commercial and personal accounts. Important considerations when choosing include availability of ATMs, online banking options, fees and interest rates, availability of account bundles (checking and savings, for example), and loans.

LIBRARIES

You'll find a library in nearly every town center in WNY. The largest system, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library system (BECPL), includes the Central Library in downtown Buffalo and more than 35 branch libraries throughout Erie County. There's much more than books, magazines, and electronic media at our libraries — they're community centers for education, entertainment, and public forums. There's no cost to get a library card (identification is required to obtain one, so bring valid ID with you) and one card is good at all libraries in the BECPL system.

Other Western New York counties also have library systems (in some cases, they may share resources, as with the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System). In addition, nearly all of our college and university libraries are open for your use as research resources (lending privileges may be limited, however, so please check). With New York State identification and the OverDrive app, you also have access to the New York Public Library.



UTILITIES

If you're buying a home, you'll likely need electric, gas, and water. If you're renting an apartment, ask your landlord which utilities are included and what you're responsible for. And don't forget phone and internet service.

Electricity

National Grid
(800) 642-4272
www.nationalgridus.com

New York State Electric & Gas Co. (NYSEG)
(800) 572-1111
www.nyseg.com

Gas

National Fuel
(716) 686-6123
www.natfuel.com

Internet & Telephone

AT&T
(800) 205-6268
www.att.com

Greenlight Network
(716) 919-4300
www.greenlightnetworks.com

Spectrum
(800) 892-4357
www.spectrum.com

Verizon
(800) 837-4966
www.verizon.com

Cable Television

Spectrum
(800) 892-4357
www.spectrum.com

Verizon FIOS TV
(800) 837-4966
www.verizon.com

Satellite Television

DirectTV
(800) 595-4101
www.directv.com

DISH Network
(800) 823-4929
www.dish.com

HOSPITALS, SPECIALIZED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Bertrand Chaffee Hospital	www.bertrandchaffee.com
Brooks Memorial Hospital	www.brookshospital.org
Buffalo General Medical Center	www.kaleidahealth.org
Cuba Memorial Hospital	www.cubamemorialhospital.com
DeGraff Memorial Hospital	www.kaleidahealth.org
Erie County Medical Center	www.ecmc.edu
Jones Memorial Hospital	www.jmhny.org
Kenmore Mercy Hospital	www.chsbuffalo.org
Lockport Memorial Hospital	www.chsbuffalo.org/lockport-memorial-hospital
Medina Memorial Hospital	www.medinamemorial.org
Mercy Comprehensive Care Center	www.chsbuffalo.org
Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital	www.kaleidahealth.org
Mount St. Mary's Hospital and Health Center	www.chsbuffalo.org
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center	www.nfmmc.org
Oishei Children's Hospital	www.ochbuffalo.org
Olean General Hospital	www.brmc-ogh.org
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center	www.roswellpark.org
Sisters of Charity Hospital	www.chsbuffalo.org
Sisters of Charity Hospital - St. Joseph Campus	www.chsbuffalo.org/st-joseph-campus
United Memorial Medical Center	www.rochesterregional.org
VA Western New York Healthcare System	www.buffalo.va.gov
UPMC Chautauqua	www.upmc.com/locations/hospitals/chautauqua
Westfield Memorial Hospital	www.ahn.org/locations/hospitals/westfield-memorial
Wyoming County Community Health System	www.wcchs.net

URGENT CARE FACILITIES

Buffalo Niagara has a robust network of urgent-care centers found throughout the region for those times when healthcare needs are serious but not life threatening:

- **Western New York Immediate Care**
www.wnyimmediatecare.com
- **WellNow Urgent Care**
wellnow.com
- **Pediatric and Adolescent Urgent Care of Western New York**
www.pedsurgentcare.com

INSURERS

Health insurance is often offered by employers, and there are many options for the self-employed or employees of small businesses through direct-pay programs offered by the area's major insurers. There are also supplemented plans available for eligible small-business employees and their families; information on these programs is available through the New York State Health Insurance Exchange.

- **Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield**
www.bcbswny.com
- **Univera Health Care**
www.univerahealthcare.com
- **Independent Health**
www.independenthealth.com
- **New York State Health Insurance Exchange**
nystateofhealth.ny.gov

Finding a Doctor

Moving to a new city is exciting, but it also requires finding the grocery store you like, the schools your kids will attend, and the healthcare practitioners that fit the needs of your family. The following is a list of local and national physician resources where you can search for general physicians, by location, specialty, and more:

American Medical Association Resource for general health information, as well as a search function for local physician resources under the "Patients" tab of site.
www.ama-assn.org

American Academy of Pediatrics National website for children's health resources; separate "Parenting Corner" website is a comprehensive site for health-related news, questions, and other topics.
www.aap.org
www.healthychildren.org

New York State Medical Society Listing of member physicians across the state, as well as information on general health resources.
www.mssny.org

Erie County Medical Society
<https://wnydocs.org/>

Niagara County Medical Society
www.niagaracountymedicalsociety.org

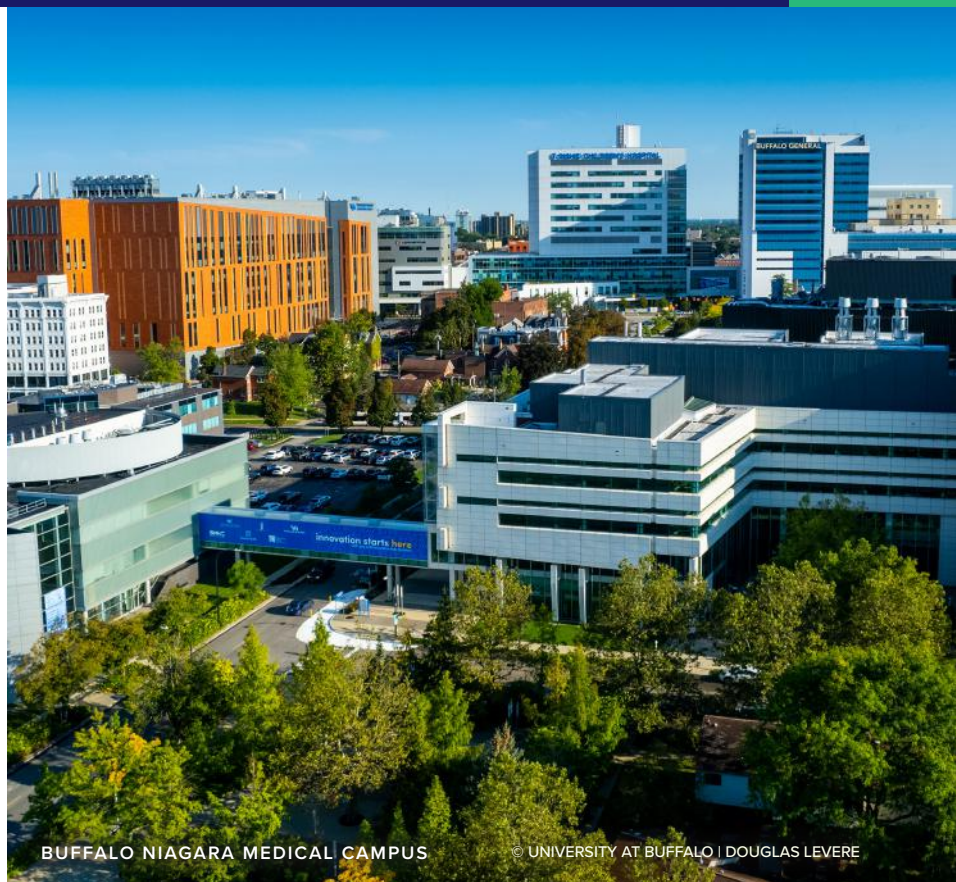


BUFFALO NIAGARA MEDICAL CAMPUS

The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus is a dynamic consortium of world-class hospitals and health care providers, exceptional education institutions, and innovative research facilities. Made up of ten members and surrounding neighborhoods, the Medical Campus is home to hundreds of physicians, clinicians, scientists, and researchers, many of whom are world-renowned in the practices of oncology, neurosurgery, immunology, vascular surgery, personalized medicine, cardiology, and beyond. BNMC's hospitals and clinics offer comprehensive care, research affiliations, and clinical trials.

Consortium institutions and organizations include the University at Buffalo Medical School, Kaleida Health, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center, Buffalo Medical Group, Olmsted Center for Sight, ConnectLife Blood & Organ Donor Network, the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, and Oishei Children's Hospital.

www.bnmc.org



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| 2 dig | 9 Roswell Park Cancer Institute | 14 73 High St. Biosciences Incubator | 21 UB Research Institute on Addictions | 27 Kaleida Health - HighPointe on Michigan |
| 3 UB Educational Opportunity Center | 10 UB - New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences | 15 Buffalo Medical Group | 22 Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center | 28 Roswell Park - Clinical Sciences Center |
| 4 UB - Downtown Gateway | 11 Roswell Park - Center for Genetics and Pharmacology | 16 Doubletree Club by Hilton Hotel | 23 Kaleida Health - Gates Vascular Institute, UB Clinical and Translational Research Center & Jacobs Institute | 29 Roswell Park - Patient, Visitor & Employee Parking |
| 5 Visitor & Employee Parking | 12 UB Jacobs School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences | 17 Conventus | 24 Patient, Visitor & Employee Parking | Electric Vehicle Charging Station |
| 6 Innovation Center Annex | | 18 Kaleida Health - Oishei Children's Hospital | 25 Patient & Visitor Parking | |
| 7 Allen/Medical Campus NFTA Metro Rail Station | | 19 Kaleida Health - Buffalo General Medical Center | | |

Media Resources

ALT MEDIA

To get in touch with your new hometown and the happenings within it, follow these alternative media sources, bloggers, and local influencers keeping you in the know. For a full list of Buffalo bloggers, go to: www.buffalobloggingnetwork.com



BUFFALO RISING

Instagram: @BUFFALORISING

X: @BUFFALORISING



RISE COLLABORATIVE

Instagram: @RISECOLLAB

X: @RISECOLLABORATIVE



STEP OUT BUFFALO

Instagram: @STEPOUTBFLO

X: @STEPOUTBUFFALO



BUFFALO BOSS BABES

Instagram: @BUFFALOBOSSBABES



BECKI AND CHRIS

Instagram: @BECKIANDCHRIS

YouTube: BECKI AND CHRIS



DEVONTE DAVIS

Instagram: @DEVONTELDAVIS

YouTube: BUFFALO LIVING 2.0



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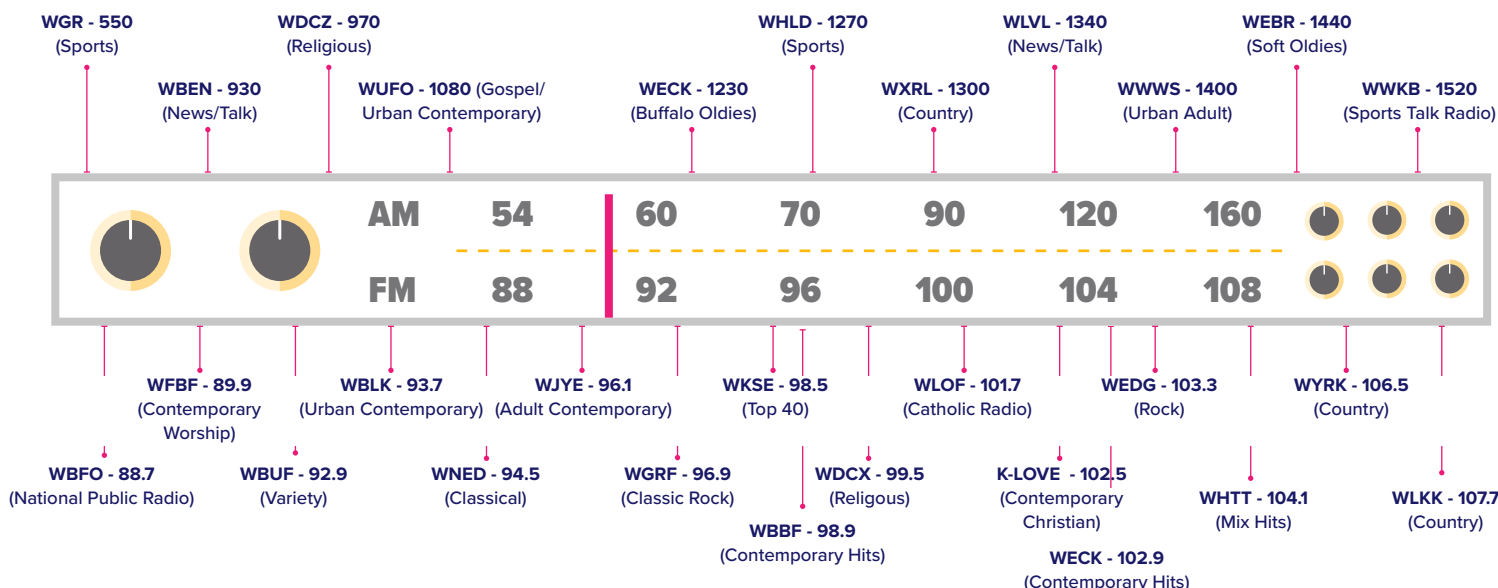
RADIO & TV

PRINT PUBLICATIONS

- **WGRZ** – NBC Affiliate Channel 2
- **WIVB** – CBS Affiliate Channel 4
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Cost of Living Comparison

Want to know how living in Buffalo Niagara compares to other cities, in terms of how far your paycheck will go? An individual would need to make “x” (the salary listed in the right column) in the corresponding metro region, to have the same standard of living making \$60,000 in Buffalo Niagara. View more comparisons at: webapps.beinbuffalo.com/cost-of-living-calculator

HALF-GALLON OF MILK

BUFFALO

\$4.72

SAN FRANCISCO

\$5.02

6-PACK BEER

BUFFALO

\$9.82

NEW YORK CITY

\$11.77

DOZEN EGGS

BUFFALO

\$2.97

NEW YORK CITY

\$3.98

COFFEE

BUFFALO

\$4.91

SAN FRANCISCO

\$7.53

METRO AREA	SALARY
New York	\$143,135
San Francisco	\$108,050
Los Angeles	\$94,639
Boston	\$93,114
Seattle	\$91,906
San Diego	\$90,254
Portland	\$76,398
Chicago	\$72,076
Providence	\$70,360
Denver	\$70,105
Detroit	\$64,894
Dallas	\$64,894
Phoenix	\$64,766
Philadelphia	\$64,512
Baltimore	\$64,004
Austin	\$62,860
Atlanta	\$62,478
Pittsburgh	\$62,288
Charlotte	\$61,334
Richmond	\$60,889
Buffalo	\$60,000

Source: Council for Community & Economic Research; Cost of Living Index (2022)

\$250,000

MEDIAN HOME PRICE

Source: Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors - 2024

COST OF LIVING = 95.7

4.3% BELOW NATIONAL AVERAGE

Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index - 2020



Shopping

SHOP LOCAL

Looking for independent and locally owned shops? Head to Elmwood Village, Hertel Avenue, Allentown, or the West Side Bazaar for terrific fashion, home décor, toys, bookstores, and diverse goods.

Many towns — including Lewiston, Williamsville, and East Aurora — also offer wonderful village centers with outstanding specialty shops, restaurants, and farmers' markets.

Malls in Western New York attract both local and distant customers (particularly our Canadian neighbors). The Walden Galleria in Cheektowaga is the largest mall, with over 200 stores and restaurants. The Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA is a great place to find deeply discounted merchandise including designer fashions, high-end gifts, shoes, bags, and home goods.

Make your house feel like a home with some Buffalo-themed décor from one of the many Buffalo-boosting shops throughout the region.



It's Always a Great Day to Be in Genesee County

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Genesee County Economic Development Center



Genesee County Chambers of Commerce



Genesee County



LIFE FOR THE BETTER

**36
PERFORMANCE
THEATERS**



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Travis'
Story



Travis Estes

VP of Marketing, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

Relocated from St. Louis, Missouri

Buffalo takes Midwest nice to a new level. It has more of an East Coast feel as a city, but the **people are the nicest** I have ever met.”

From swimming as the summer sun sets, ice skating under the winter stars, visiting world-class galleries, enjoying concerts or plays, taking in professional sports, or playing tennis in our parks, we’ve perfected quality of life in Buffalo Niagara.

You’ll always find great ways to spend your free time whether you’re exploring solo, with the kids and grandparents, or simply hanging out with friends. Because everything’s easy to get to and more affordable than elsewhere, there’s no reason not to check out Buffalo Niagara’s ever-changing array of things to do.

As the region’s primary travel and tourism organizations, **Visit Buffalo Niagara** and **Niagara USA** are terrific resources for residents and visitors alike about events and attractions taking place throughout the year in Buffalo Niagara. They also have excellent information on restaurants, places to stay, and much more.



www.visitbuffaloniagara.com



www.niagarafallssusa.com

Arts & Culture

Buffalo Niagara is a cultural destination, with rich history, fine arts, and entertainment for every night of the week.

MUSEUMS AND CULTURALS

Buffalo Niagara has an impressive art scene. Most notable is the Buffalo AKG Art Museum, with its world-renowned modern and contemporary collection, including works by Pollock, Picasso and Rothko. It also has an Art Truck experience. Don't miss the Burchfield Penney Art Center, the Castellani Art Museum at Niagara University, or Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center in Babeville, a Gothic Revival church renovated by singer-songwriter Ani DiFranco for other impressive collections.

Looking for something fun to do with the kids? Try Buffalo Museum of Science, Explore & More Children's Museum at Canalside, the Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara, or Niagara Power Vista's interactive experience.

If history is your thing, start at the Buffalo History Museum — the building was actually part of the 1901 Pan Am Exposition. In fact, you can also visit the building where Teddy Roosevelt was inaugurated in 1901 as the 26th president. Additional stops should include Old Fort Niagara, Buffalo & Erie County Naval and Military Park, Michigan Street Baptist Church, Underground Railroad Heritage Center, National Comedy Center, and the Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum.

The Biggest Art Store In The U.S.

Located in the former Frontier Lumber site, Hyatt's All Things Creative is the largest U.S. arts & craft store. With a 40,000 sq. ft. building and 15,000 sq. ft. retail space, you are sure to find all your creative needs.



“I’ve lived in 13 different cities and 7 different countries over the past 5 decades and I’ve never been as happy as I am in Buffalo. From the very outset, I felt in tune with the friendliness, openness, and curious inquisitiveness of Buffalonians.”

Janne Sirén

Director, Buffalo AKG Art Museum

Relocated from Helsinki, Finland



Buffalo AKG Art Museum



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MUSIC

Hear the Grammy Award-winning Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra or catch global touring acts in concert at Artpark, Asbury Hall at Babeville, Town Ballroom and other regional venues. Buffalo is home to a thriving local music scene, with many genres represented. Try Nietzsche’s on Allen Street or Sportsmen’s Tavern in the Black Rock neighborhood. The Colored Musicians Club is a jazz hotspot — historically, all the touring musicians of their day stopped in, including Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, and Miles Davis. It now offers weekly jam sessions and an interactive museum experience.

Colored Musicians Club



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THEATRE

National touring companies of many Broadway shows are booked at the famous Shea’s Performing Arts Center, which anchors Buffalo’s vibrant downtown theatre district. Buffalo Niagara features 36 performance theatres in total to take in a show at. And Buffalo’s Shakespeare in the Park is one of the oldest and largest free outdoor Shakespeare companies in the country.

For a melding of Buffalo’s industrial past with its artistic present, try a poetry reading held inside one of Buffalo’s grain elevators-turned-performance spaces.



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Arts & Culture

ARCHITECTURE

Buffalo is globally recognized for its architectural gems, and is known for having fine representations of every style of building from 1900 to the present. Walk any block in the city to see beautifully crafted and detailed buildings. Greats like Frank Lloyd Wright, H.H. Richardson, Louis Sullivan, E.B. Green, and so many others made their imprint on the Queen City.

PUBLIC ART

Public art is booming in Buffalo Niagara, with a mural or sculpture seemingly being unveiled every day. Use #AKPublicArt for your social media posts.



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT | GRAYCLIFF ESTATE

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Freedom Wall

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Makerspaces

Buffalo's arts and literary past includes historic greats like Mark Twain, Frank Lloyd Wright, and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Its future holds whatever YOUR next passion is. Here are some resources to help you along the way:

- Western New York Book Arts Center
- The Foundry
- Stitch Buffalo
- Squeaky Wheel
- Buffalo Arts Studio
- MUSEjar



Louise Blanchard Bethune was America's first female architect and was based in Buffalo. Her masterpiece, Hotel Lafayette, has been restored and is a popular wedding and events venue, hotel, and apartment building, with ground-floor retail.

HOTEL LAFAYETTE

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Wining & Dining

Farm-to-table and upscale restaurants, eclectic food trucks and hometown favorites, unique sweet treats and trendy coffee shops, happily coexist in Buffalo Niagara. There's a boom in Western New York craft breweries, beer gardens, and distilleries - many offering last call at 4 a.m.; the region is also home to an array of vineyards and wineries.

RESTAURANTS

Once you've found your favorite wings, try other regional favorites like beef on weck and Texas hot. You can then sample the many incredible restaurants that offer foods for every taste and ethnic flavor.

You'll find outstanding restaurants with global influences, from Burma and Ethiopia to Korea and Poland, with a growing number of vegetarian, vegan, gluten-friendly, halal, and all-organic eateries. We love our Italian food and pizza, and you'll find these restaurants - take-out and sit-down - in just about every neighborhood in Western New York.

Don't skip the sweet treats! Pick up a pastry heart at Chrusciki Bakery, stop by Antoinette's - a confectionery staple since 1915 - for sponge candy, or enjoy your favorite flavor at Lake Effect Ice Cream, which works with regional businesses to create flavors found nowhere else.

As with everything about Buffalo Niagara, the best way to find your top choices is to get out and try them - there are price points for most budgets, from modest to relatively high end. There are far too many to list and new ones are opening nearly every day. Check out these guides, and get your appetite on:

Visit Buffalo Niagara restaurant listings: visitbuffaloniagara.com/eat-drink

Buffalo Spree Restaurant Guide: buffalospree.com/food_drink/reviews

Niagara Falls USA Restaurant Guide: niagarafallsusa.com/restaurants

Zomato: www.zomato.com/buffalo

TASTY LOCAL TREATS

WINGS Chicken wings, originally served at Frank and Teresa's Anchor Bar in 1964. Often served with carrots, celery sticks, and blue cheese dip. Say it like a local: just "wings" - and NEVER "Buffalo wings."

BEEF ON WECK A thinly sliced roast beef sandwich on kimmelweck rolls - caraway seed-and-kosher salt-topped hard rolls - with horseradish, considered a local delicacy.

CHIAVETTA'S Barbecued chicken, popular at just about any outdoor gathering, named for the company that provides the signature vinegar-based marinade.

FISH FRY A breaded or beer-battered fish, traditionally served in WNY restaurants on Friday, as an alternative to meats and a reflection of the area's strong Catholic heritage.

PIEROGI A Polish dumpling, fried or boiled, traditionally filled with sauerkraut, potato, cheese, onions, or meat.

SPONGE CANDY

A chocolate candy with an airy, crunchy, sugar center.

TEXAS HOTS A style of hot dog known for its hot, spicy sauce. Texas hot originated in the kitchens of Buffalo's many Greek restaurants, not in Texas. Make sure it's a Sahlen's.

BLUE Labatt Blue: Buffalo is the beer company's U.S. headquarters.

LOGANBERRY A sweet, deep purple and non-carbonated fruit drink made from loganberry juice.

TIMMY'S/TIMMY-HO Shortened name for the regional coffee and donut chain, Tim Horton's. Possibly one of Canada's greatest gifts to America, along with hockey.

POP You may call it soda, but in Western New York, this is the word for any flavored carbonated beverage or soft drink.



Wining & Dining

Wingin' It

The Wing Trail is the tastiest drive in America. Stop at 12 of the top spots tossing wings in Buffalo. www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/crawl/buffalo-wing-trail

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“I love Buffalo. The city is so supportive in everything I do. From pop-up fine dining restaurants or take out lunches, to cooking classes and catered events, I am always booked or sold out! I may have traded my Jamaican hometown for the snow, but the food and people are sure worth it!”

Chef Darian Bryan

The Plating Society, Private Catering
Relocated from Jamaica



“Moving to America from the Philippines as a child was a big culture shock for me, but the one thing that helped was having Filipino food. Today, I get to be that homely place for Buffalo.”

Lloyd Ligao

Founder & Head Chef, Pinoy Boi

MARKETS

In Buffalo Niagara, you'll find lots of great delis, supermarkets, and farmers markets with fresh locally grown produce. Be sure to explore your neighborhood to find your favorite. Here are a few suggestions:

- Dash's Market
- Lexington Cooperative Market
- The Broadway Market
- Tops
- Trader Joe's
- Wegmans
- Whole Foods



For a list of markets in our region use the Visit Buffalo Niagara website

Southern Junction



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Wining & Dining

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Breweries

HARTMAN'S DISTILLING CO.

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BREWERIES

Buffalo is home to over 50 craft breweries making local favorites and experimenting with single-batch specialties. Try out Hayburner IPA from Big Ditch Brewing or Flats & Drums Pale Ale from Resurgence Brewing.

WINERIES

The vineyards of Buffalo Niagara are plentiful and beautiful. Start at Becker Farms and work your way through Niagara County for delicious tastings – the region is known for its Concord grape wines. Or, hit the Southern Tier and Chautauqua County for an abundance of grape farms and an amazing palate journey. www.niagarawinetrail.org

DISTILLERIES

The Buffalo Region has seen an exponential growth in the distilling industry with award-winning results. You'll find a spirited collection of bourbon, gin, whiskey, and vodka when you stop in for a tour or tasting at Tommyrotter Distillery, Hartman's Distilling Company and Buffalo Distilling Co. to name a few.

COCKTAILS

Creative cocktails can be found all around Buffalo Niagara, with mixologists stirring up something new constantly. Check out Ballyhoo or Billy Club in downtown Buffalo. Mocktails are a staple as well, if the hard stuff isn't your thing.

COFFEE

If you're looking for a spot to caffeinate Buffalo has no shortage of independently owned coffee shops. Grab a cup at Remedy House or with a Cheerios-topped waffle at Wonder Coffeehouse, a converted fire station. (It's just a stone's throw from Buffalo's iconic General Mills cereal plant.) Maybe you're looking for a unique flavor; try Overwinter Coffee with two city locations, which works with a half-dozen importers to bring in beans from Guatemala, Uganda and other far-flung locales.

KOMBUCHA ON TAP

Looking for that digestive fix and natural energy? Buffalo has dozens of kombucha breweries where you can experience tasty flights. You can find Bootleg Bucha in your grocery store or check out the flavors at Company B on Niagara Street.

CITY NIGHTLIFE

Allen St.

Just north of the Central Business District is the perfect place to barhop, with dozens of bars playing an eclectic mix of music genres. Don't miss the late-night food spots.

Hertel Ave.

Check out this North Buffalo district for new bars, long-time neighborhood staples, and popular soccer-watching spot, Més Que.

W. Chippewa St.

The "Chip Strip" is lined with a variety of bars for a variety of tastes. A favorite for the younger crowd as well as theatergoers and those seeking a nightcap, you can find clubs, burger joints or a higher end wine bar all within strolling distance.

Elmwood Ave.

Bars, breweries, and coffee shops dot the map along Elmwood Avenue all the way up to Cole's, a classic Buffalo beer-and-burger joint.

Blueberry Treehouse Farm

22 miles south of Buffalo in the hamlet of West Falls, this U-pick blueberry farm during July & August offers 11 different kinds of blueberries on two acres. Learn more at www.blueberrytreehousefarm.com

U-pick fields of great variety:
www.wnydealsandtodos.com/wny-farms-and-u-pick

Sports & Play

From the **Buffalo Bills** (National Football League), **Buffalo Sabres** (National Hockey League), to the **Buffalo Bandits** (National Lacrosse) and **Buffalo Bisons** (AAA-baseball affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays), our dedicated fans pack area arenas and stadiums. In addition, women's and men's collegiate teams from the University at Buffalo, St. Bonaventure University, Niagara University, and Canisius University are among the local competitors in football, basketball, and hockey that keep sports enthusiasts rooting along all year.

FOOTBALL

BILLS: www.buffalobills.com

HOCKEY

SABRES: www.nhl.com/sabres

BASEBALL

BISONS: www.milb.com/buffalo

LACROSSE

BANDITS: www.bandits.com



Prefer playing sports to watching?

There are countless community and school-based leagues with everything from softball to swimming to soccer, and from baseball to pickleball to beach volleyball. So whether your interests (or your kids') include rowing or riding (bikes, dirt bikes, horses, snowmobiles), you'll find it all here in Western New York. We couldn't possibly coalesce all of the great community sports groups, but find this small sample below to get you started.

Buffalo & District Soccer League

OutLoud Sports

Game On Sports

Special Olympics WNY

Buffalo Curling Club



“One of the main reasons I love living in Buffalo is its incredible outdoors and sports culture. From exploring the Olmsted Parks System, Lake Erie, and Niagara Falls to cheering on the Bills, Sabres, Bandits and Bisons with fellow fans, there's a perfect mix of nature, community, and competitive spirit here year-round.”

Del Reid

Co-Founder, 26 Shirts



Go Bills!

/ˈgo bills/
phrase

Used to mean “hello”, “goodbye”, “thank you”, “you’re welcome”, and “have a great day”.



origin: Buffalo, NY



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NFL'S TOP TAILGATING CITY

- Betway (2022)



BEST MID-SIZE SPORTS CITY

- Thrillist (2022)



TAILGATE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Pop-up tent
- ☐ Team-related decorations
- ☐ Bluetooth speaker & playlist
- ☐ Folding chairs & tables
- ☐ Portable grill
- ☐ Cooler with ice cold beverages
- ☐ Food (main course, sides, snacks, condiments)
- ☐ Utensils, plates, & napkins
- ☐ Games (cornhole, football, frisbee)
- ☐ Cleaning supplies
(garbage bags, paper towel, wet wipes)
- ☐ Weather-related gear
(sunglasses, sun screen, poncho, umbrella,
warm jacket & hat, gloves, handwarmers, boots)



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Outdoors & Healthy Living

PARK IT

Buffalo has an entire park system designed by Frederick Law Olmsted — that's the same guy who designed New York City's Central Park. He thought the purpose of green space was "to refresh and delight the eye and through the eye, the mind and the spirit."

Upon touring the City of Buffalo in 1868, he convinced local leaders that not one park — as in New York City's Central Park — but multiple parks would better serve Buffalo's needs. In all, there are six major parks, seven parkways, and eight circles where residents make daily use of playgrounds, basketball courts, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, golf courses, running tracks, tennis courts, paths, trails, and a lot more.

Buffalo Niagara has many non-Olmsted designed parks across its region as well. Letchworth State Park is often referred to as "The Grand Canyon of the East." And the Ralph Wilson Park, located along Lake Erie on Buffalo's west side, is undergoing a \$110M transformation into a world-class waterfront destination with a resilient shoreline to mitigate the effects of climate change and rising lake levels.

DOG PARKS

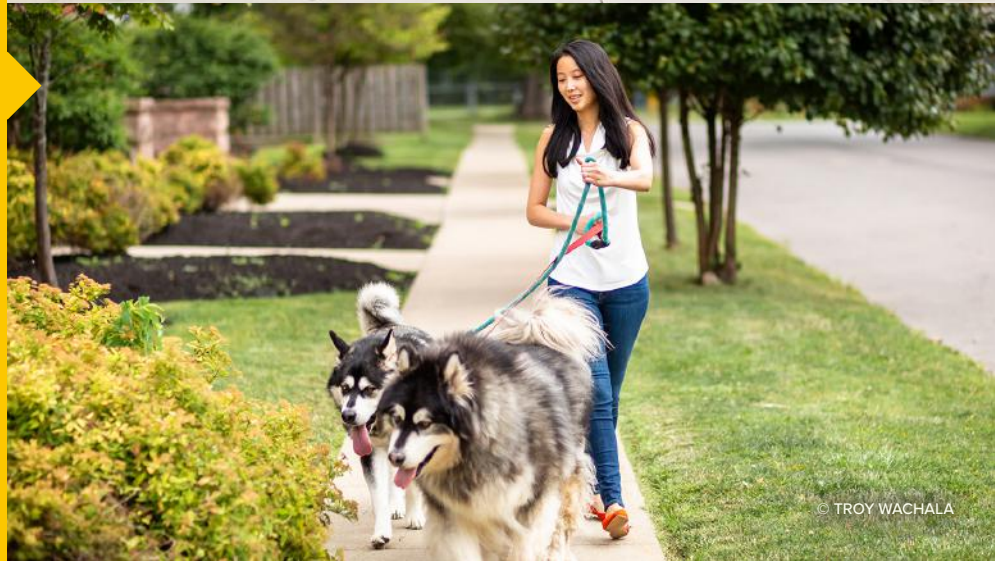
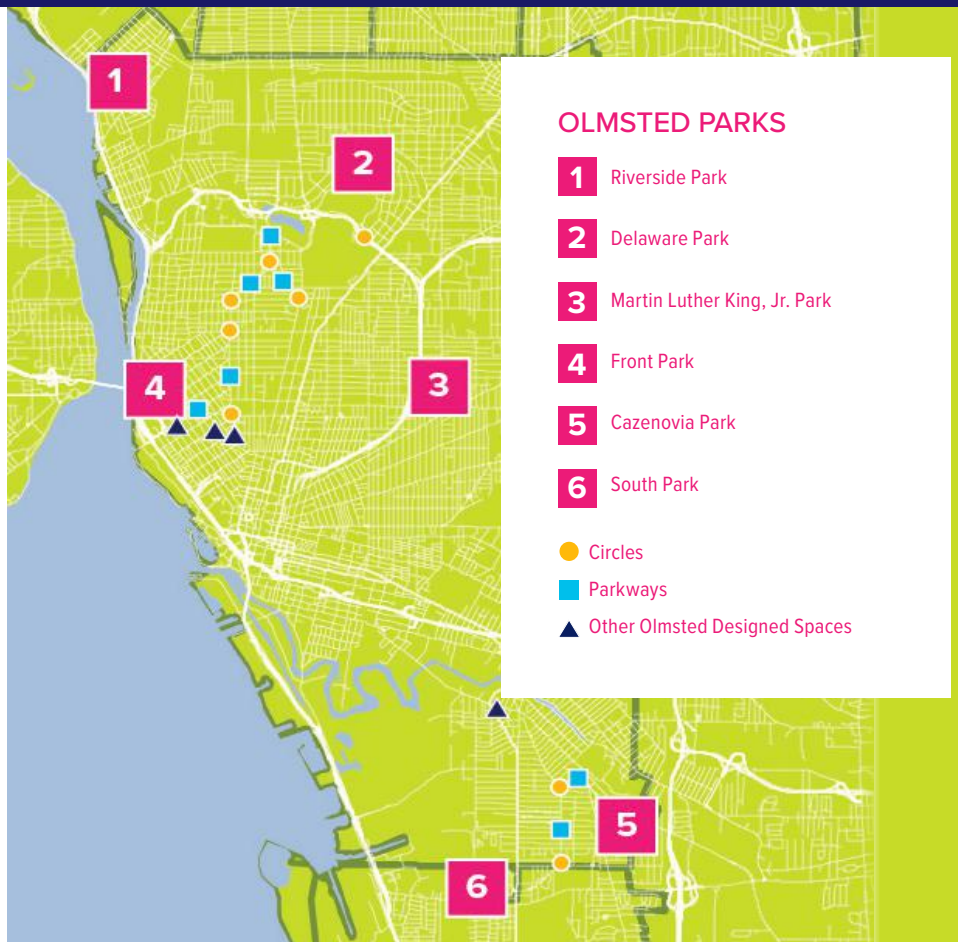
In Buffalo, there's plenty of room for your four-legged friend to enjoy the outdoors. Check out Knox Farm State Park, which has a six-acre dog park (with puppy- and small dog-designated areas) within its 633 acres.

"When I lived in Manhattan, we had 300 pounds of dog within a 600-square-foot apartment. Buffalo is really dog-friendly. We're always hiking in the Southtowns or at the Knox Farm dog park."

Liz Tsai

HiOperator, Founder & CEO

She has lived in: Houston, Boston, San Francisco, New York City, and more.



BIKE SKI CLIMB HIKE RUN

STAY ACTIVE

If you're looking to get active out-of-doors, try free yoga at Canalside or get a bit more daring while scaling one of our monolithic grain silos reinvented as a rock wall. Not your bag? Try one of Lakeside Bike Park's three mountain bike tracks: 20 acres dedicated to the adventurous biker – complete with a bike wash. And when the temperature drops, head to the hills for skiing, snowboarding, or sledding. Or, lace up the skates for pond hockey.

POPULAR TRAILS

Enjoy beautiful and seemingly endless trails like: Eternal Flame at Chestnut Ridge Park, Knox Farm, Tift Nature Preserve, Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Niagara Gorge, Zoar Valley, The Town of Lockport Nature Trail, and Letchworth State Park.



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Waterfronts & Waterways

ON THE WATER

Buffalo Niagara's waterways are more than just beautiful – they're a lot of fun, too. The region is surrounded to the west and north by Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and the Niagara River. Take a walk on Bird Island Pier, picnic at developing Ralph C. Wilson Centennial Park, or bike along the Erie Canal.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, take the Queen City Bike Ferry from Canalside to the Outer Harbor and back (you don't need a bike to ride the ferry; it's \$1).

Buffalo Harbor State Park is home to a 1,000 slip marina, boat launch, fish cleaning station, playground, and more. The park is adjacent to the popular Tiffitt Nature Preserve, boasting 264 acres of restored habitat.

The most popular public beaches are Woodlawn (Hamburg), Beaver Island State Park (Grand Island), Sunset Bay (Irving), and Evangola State Park (Evans/Angola). Year-round the region is a haven for fishing.



Buffalo named among
**5 OF THE MOST
REMARKABLE
WATERFRONTS**

- April 2021, Hemisphere Magazine

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WATER ACCESS POINTS

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CITY OF BUFFALO WATERFRONT ATTRACTIONS

Bird Island Pier

Accessed from the foot of Broderick Park, which recently underwent an \$11 million makeover and is recognized as a terminus of the Underground Railroad between the United States and Canada.

Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park

The largest inland Naval & Military Park in the country featuring four decommissioned Naval vessels.

Buffalo RiverWorks

A restaurant and brewery featuring a Ferris wheel, roller derby track, multiple ice hockey rinks, and a high ropes course, and is home to big-name concerts and events.

Canalside

At this playground for all ages take a free wellness or fitness class, play a free game (giant chess or checkers, anyone?), and rent a kayak or bike. There are family activities, restaurants, and concerts, just steps from the Central Business District.

Outer Harbor

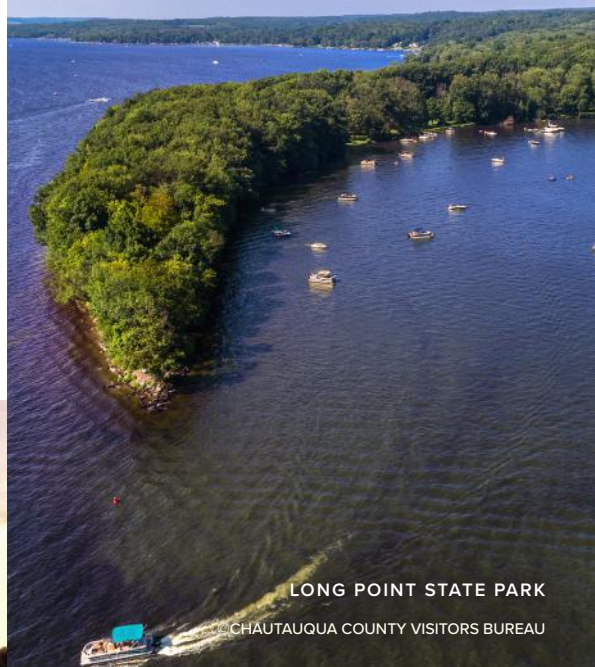
On mighty Lake Erie's edge, access the trails, walking and biking paths, beaches, and parks that dot over 200 acres of green space and reclaimed shoreline. Wilkeson Pointe, Lakeside Complex and bike park, and the Bell Slip along the Health Wellness Trail are popular destinations.

Silo City

Grain silos stand along the Buffalo River as an ode to Buffalo's industrial past, now rejuvenated into breweries, rock climbing structures, art galleries, and performing arts venues.

Our rural areas are bisected by the Erie Canal, the Genesee River, Chautauqua Lake, and dozens of smaller inland lakes, creeks, and streams. Sail on Chautauqua Lake or visit the shoreline for recreation at Long Point State Park or the Chautauqua Institution, home to a nine-week season of programming dedicated to arts, culture, and education. Many of the region's waterfronts, including Cuba, Rushford, and Silver Lakes, feature rental properties for an easy staycation destination, as well. Whichever way you like to enjoy the water, you'll find it here.

www.tourchautauqua.com/destinations/chautauqua-lake



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(motor, paddle, cycle)

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ICE SKATING

CURLING

Waterfronts & Waterways

Niagara Falls State Park is home to over 400 acres of lush landscape and wildlife, the beautiful Falls themselves, and many famous attractions. Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Niagara Falls State Park offers a breathtaking view of one of nature's marvels as it was intended to be seen.

First discovered in 1678, by French explorer Father Louis Hennepin, Niagara Falls was one of America's first icons, luring explorers, daredevils, and visitors.

World-class attractions such as the Maid of the Mist and Cave of the Winds, offer the nine million+ visitors each year an opportunity to feel, see, and experience the rush of Niagara's waters. Niagara Falls State Park is the oldest state park in the United States and is open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

NIAGARA FALLS, U.S.A. ATTRACTIONS

Cave of the Winds

Go face-to-face with the pounding waters of Niagara Falls and get soaked on the Hurricane Deck just feet from the waters.

Goat Island

Enjoy nature while gaining access to Cave of the Winds, Top of the Falls Restaurant, Three Sisters Islands, Terrapin Point, Luna Island, and the Niagara Rapids.

Maid of the Mist Boat Tour

Experience the world famous scenic boat tour of the American and Canadian Falls.

Niagara Falls State Park Visitors Center

Information Center, ticketing, gift shop, food, and home to the Niagara Adventure Theater. Footpaths lead from the center to every area of the Park and the Niagara Scenic Trolley departs from near the center.

Niagara Falls Illumination

Hundreds of LED lights create a breathtaking view of Niagara Falls every night of the year, with custom colors celebrating holidays and significant occasions.

Niagara Scenic Trolley

Take a three-mile trolley ride through the park that stops at several locations. A history of the park is provided.

Observation Tower

View both the American and Horseshoe Falls at the same time from the Observation Tower's deck that extends over the Niagara Gorge.

Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours

Experience a 45-60 minute jet boat tour through the Class V Devil's Hole rapids! Specially designed 1500 horsepower jet boats plunge directly into the rapids for a thrilling adventure.





VISITING CANADA

- **Niagara-on-the-Lake** is home to world-class theater at the Shaw Festival. This picture-perfect village is located on Lake Ontario at the mouth of the Niagara River. It's filled with boutiques, nature trails, wineries, restaurants, inspirational landscapes and farms, and much more.
- **The Niagara (Ontario) Wine Trail** is where North American ice wines originated — though they're only one kind of many specialty wines available here. The escarpment region is known for producing earthy grapes with robust mineral flavors.
- **Toronto**, Canada's largest city, is beautiful, cosmopolitan, and fun. About 90 minutes from Buffalo Niagara, it makes for a great day or weekend trip anytime.
- **Algonquin Provincial Park** is Canada's first (and one of its largest) provincial parks; it's a nature-lover's paradise with scenic hiking, canoeing, and camping.
- **Montreal, Quebec** is Canada's largest bilingual city, with French and English spoken. It's distinctly European in feeling with outstanding boutiques, cafés, and restaurants, and is a wonderful place to visit any time of year.



90-MILE DRIVE TO TORONTO

Four Seasons of Attractions

WINTER



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LET IT SNOW!

Winter sports in WNY are endless. Holiday Valley, Holimont, Kissing Bridge, Buffalo Ski Club, Chestnut Ridge, Emery Park, and Peak 'n Peek offer some of the best sledding, tubing, skiing, and snowshoeing around. Plus, at Canalside in downtown Buffalo, try your hand at curling, ice biking, or a leisurely skate.

Sometimes it comes late, sometimes early, but when winter comes to Buffalo Niagara, put on your warm gear on and enjoy the variety of outdoor activities WNY has to offer. If it can be done outside in winter, we'll do it. We love winter in Buffalo Niagara, and you will too.

A few winter highlights:

Jingle Falls USA

Celebrate the winter season in early December and participate in a variety of holiday activities in downtown Niagara Falls, NY, both indoors and out.



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Niagara Falls Fireworks & Illuminations

At night, see fireworks make the Falls come alive with a colorful illumination display.

First Night New Year's Eve Celebration

A favorite way to ring in the New Year, this ball drop and party — complete with fireworks and bands — is free, family-friendly, and always fun.

The Backyard Classic

Buffalo is home to Labatt Blue USA and, in just a handful of years, this winter favorite has expanded to include teams from all over the country and Canada and is now hosted at RiverWorks, an amazing urban reuse of our historic grain silos as a large-scale sports, entertainment, and craft-brewery complex.

Olcott Beach Polar Bear Swim

A wild winter tradition where brave souls plunge into the freezing waters of Lake Ontario for charity. Held every March, it's a must-see (or try)!

Ellicottville Mardi Gras Weekend

Let's end the winter season with a bang! Celebrate with lots of live entertainment and fun activities for everyone to enjoy.



Watch our "It Always Snows in Buffalo" video on YOUTUBE

SPRING

In spring, winter snow gives way to warm sunshine and flowers. People are out and about too — biking, hiking, white-water rafting, fishing, and playing. As the days grow milder and longer, street fairs, outdoor concerts, and farmers' markets begin. Weather varies from cool (even an occasional light snowfall) and rainy, to warm and sunny — sometimes all in the same day. That's spring in Buffalo Niagara.

Spring highlights and activities:

St. Patrick's Day Parades

City of Buffalo, City of Niagara Falls, and Old First Ward are the most popular.



DYNGUS DAY

Historically a Polish-American tradition, Dyngus Day celebrates the end of Lent, the joy of Easter, and spring's arrival. Buffalo is home to the country's largest celebration, which always falls on the Monday after Easter. Put on your polka shoes and get ready for kielbasa, butter lambs, water guns, and pussy willow.

Maple Syrup Weekend

When sugar shacks are open to the public and serve everything from pancakes to maple candy.

Edible Book Festival

As part of a national festival taking place around April 1st, people of all ages can submit edible representations of literature for prizes. After judging, feasting begins, as well as basket raffles, edible crafts, and letterpress demos.

Balloons Over Letchworth

Hot air balloons fill the skies over this magnificent park, called "the Grand Canyon of the East."

Broadway Market

This historic Buffalo marketplace is a cherished shopping destination, especially during the Lenten season. Find Easter and Dyngus Day holiday essentials such as the famous butter lambs, pussy willows, Polish sausage and pierogi.

Buffalo Cherry Blossom Festival

Held at the Japanese Garden in Delaware Park, this festival celebrates the blooming cherry blossoms with music, dance, and cultural events.

Holland Tulip Festival

A celebration of the area's Dutch heritage, featuring tulip displays, craft vendors, and springtime activities.

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SUMMER



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ART FESTIVALS

In early summer, more than half a million visitors flock to the Allentown Art Festival that takes place for two days each summer. To close out the summer in September is the Music is Art Festival founded by Goo Goo Dolls' Robby Takac, featuring 200 bands across a dozen stages. Enjoy various styles of music, art, dance, and even skateboarding.

There's no better summer than a Western New York summer. The days are sunny and long and the evenings are captivating. The waterways are packed with swimmers, sailors, jet skis, power boats, and kayakers, while the surrounding forests are filled with campers, hikers, and mountain-bikers. Daytime temperatures are in the 80s and evenings are comfortably in the mid-60s, with breathtaking sunsets over the lake.

Some of our Summer Events:

Juneteenth Festival

This celebration of Buffalo's African American heritage brings thousands of visitors to MLK, Jr. Park for a weekend of fantastic food, music, crafts, and dance.

Taste of Buffalo

One of the largest food festivals of its kind in the country, this is a great way to try signature foods from dozens of local restaurants and food trucks.

Garden Walk Buffalo

The largest free public garden walk in the country, this incredible event enables hundreds of thousands of visitors to view hundreds of private gardens throughout the City of Buffalo.

Harvest Festivals, including Eden Corn Fest & Lewiston Peach Festival

With our region's diverse and plentiful agricultural heritage, there are reasons to celebrate throughout the summer, beginning with June's strawberry festivals.

Italian Heritage Festival

In the heart of North Buffalo, this event brings Italy's sights, sounds, and aromas for three glorious days.



SUNGLASSES

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SANDALS

ALYSSA CRICK WILLIAMS
ARTIST & GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Tonawanda Canal Fest

As the Erie Canal has experienced revitalization, so has this week-long event, which attracts thousands of people.

Erie County Fair

The third-largest county fair in America — and one of the longest running — "The Fair" is one of the most popular and fun family-centered events in the region.

Pride Week

This week-long celebration expresses the region's support of our LGBTQ community. Events that make up the week include a Pride Festival, parade, 5K, and more.

National Buffalo Wing Festival

Every Labor Day weekend, tens of thousands converge to celebrate one of America's favorite bar and game-day foods. The festival features 40 tons and 100 varieties of chicken wings.

FALL

After summer's heat, Buffalo Niagara welcomes fall's cooler days and evenings — with daytime temps in the 50s–70s and evenings cooling to the 40s–50s (the secret behind our region's breathtaking foliage and amazing apples). Weekends are spent enjoying harvest celebrations and, because the waterways are still warm, sailing, fishing, and even swimming before the first frosty nights.

Fall in love with Buffalo Niagara:

Cider Doughnuts at Mayer Bros.

Don't miss all the seasonal treats and family friendly activities at Mayer Brothers. Come for the fresh doughnuts and take a horse-drawn hayride on the weekend.



THE BEST PICK FOR APPLES

Whether you're a fan of apple cider, or you need fresh apples for that amazing apple pie. You and your family should visit any of the Buffalo Niagara region's apple picking farms.

Oktoberfest Weekend in Ellicottville

Head to the Enchanted Mountains of Cattaraugus County and the Village of Ellicottville for one of the most popular fall music and arts festivals in the region. Stop by Holiday Valley for a scenic chairlift ride.

The Great Pumpkin Farm/Pumpkinville/ Great American Pumpkin Festival/ Oinktoberfest

These events are favorites for kids of all ages celebrating everything from Halloween favorites to barbecue contests.

Letchworth Arts & Crafts Festival

A massive artisan fair in one of the most scenic state parks, featuring handmade goods, food vendors, and peak fall foliage.

Buffalo International Film Festival

A showcase of independent films, documentaries, and local storytelling, held at theaters like North Park and Hallwalls.

Niagara Wine Trail

Great to visit all year, the Niagara Wine Trail really comes alive in the fall, when harvesting is completed and it's time to uncork the previous years' vintages.

Leaf Peeping Hikes

As the leaves turn, head to one of our many parks and trails to see bright yellows, deep reds, and everything in between. Letchworth State Park and the Whirlpool Trail at the Niagara Gorge offer beautiful views. Check out New York State's fall foliage map here for a guide of the color change.

www.iloveny.com/things-to-do/fall/foliage-report

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Nicholas Kosinski

Managing Director, US East, Odoo

Buffalo offers the perfect mix of **affordability**, **opportunity**, and **collaboration**. It's a city where ideas can thrive, fueled by a supportive community and growing momentum. For a young professional in tech, it's exciting to be part of a place where you can make an impact and build something meaningful."

By car or plane, bike or bus, Buffalo Niagara makes life on the go easy.

We're called a "20-minute city" for a reason — you're never far from your next stop in the day. Shorter commutes free up time in the day for the important things. And a car isn't your only option here. Buffalo Niagara is very bikeable, with bike sharing programs and miles of greenways, pathways, and bike lanes throughout the region.

And when vacation time comes, we're an easy road trip or flight to many of the top destinations in the country and abroad. Buffalo Niagara International Airport is central in the community.

For best modes of transportation and route, visit gobuffaloniagara.org

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Modes of Transportation

AIRPORTS

Take off from Buffalo Niagara International Airport, with more than 120 flights daily, and Niagara Falls International Airport, with specialty carriers to places like Mexico and Florida. The Toronto Pearson International Airport is around a 1 1/2 hour drive from Buffalo Niagara.

Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF)

With more than 100 nonstop flights daily as well as connecting service throughout the country and around the world, Buffalo Niagara International Airport is an easy-access airport. Its compact size and ample parking make flying relatively stress-free compared to many cities. www.buffaloairport.com

Niagara Falls International Airport (IAG)

Niagara Falls International Airport specializes in destination vacations with specialized carriers, as well as some private business travel. Its location near the U.S./Canada border makes vacation carriers here popular with Canadians as well as Americans, and its small size and specialized use make it easy to get around and get out of town. www.niagarafallsairport.com

Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

A 90-minute drive from WNY communities, this is the largest hub for Air Canada and Westjet. Pearson also has extensive services by non-Canadian airlines to destinations world, and has nonstop service to 197 unduplicated cities. www.torontopearson.com

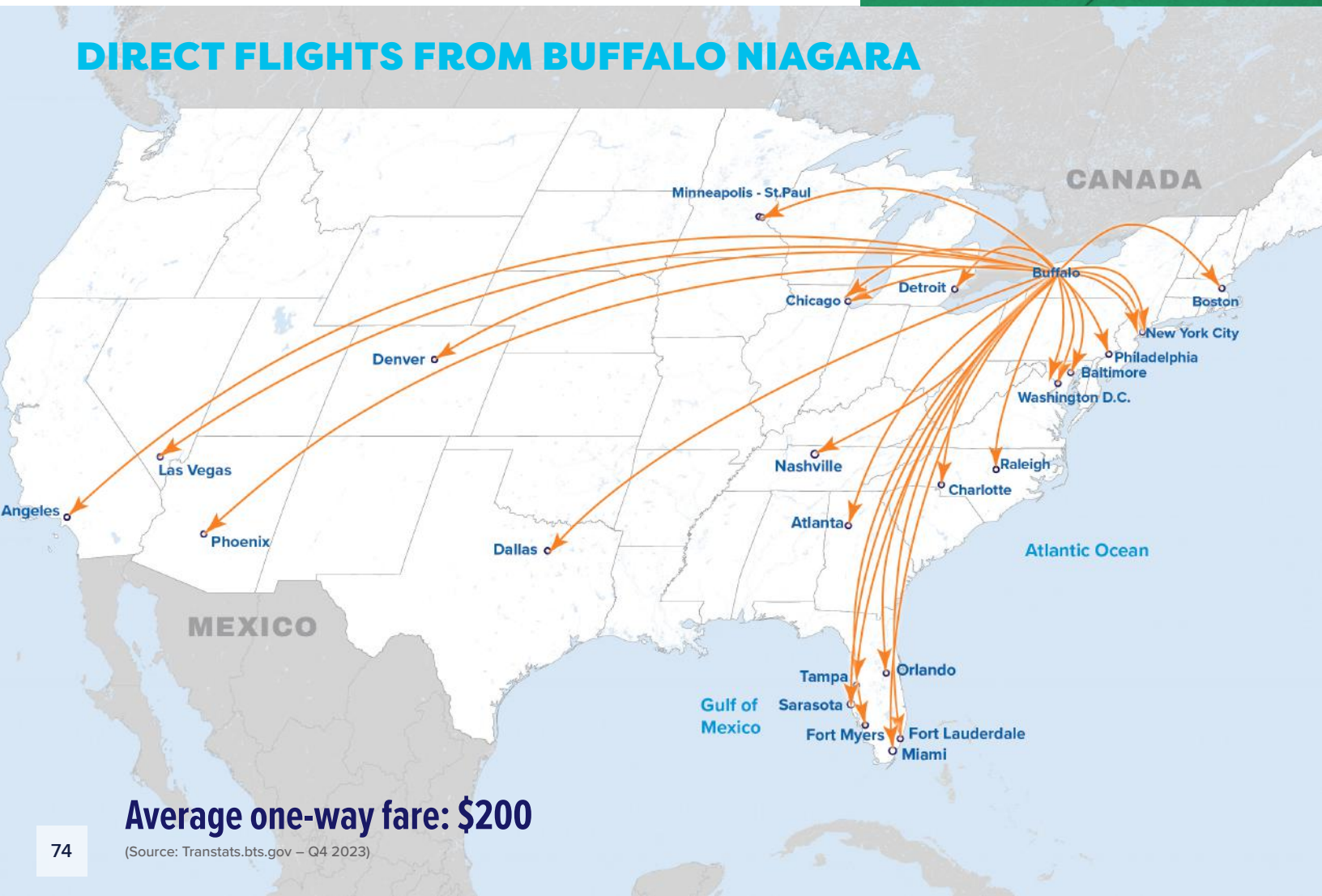


NIAGARA SCENIC TROLLEY

Travel the Niagara Falls State Park by Trolley. The cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 6+. The trolley runs daily starting at 9am until between 5pm and 10:30pm depending on day and season.

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75 Exchange Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
- **Depew Depot**
55 Dick Road
Depew, NY 14043
- **Niagara Falls Station Building**
825 Depot Avenue West
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

VIA Rail Canada makes trips between Toronto and Niagara Falls, Canada
www.viarail.ca/en

THRUWAY TRAVEL

The New York State Thruway system includes electronic tolls that are billed to you or, more conveniently, with E-ZPass, an electronic transponder that's accepted throughout New York State, the surrounding Great Lakes states, and most areas in the New York City metro/tristate area. It's also accepted at U.S./Canada bridge crossings.

- **E-ZPass**
www.e-zpassny.com

CROSSING THE BORDER WITH EASE

Remember, you're traveling across an international border and proof of citizenship is required. Every person in your vehicle must have appropriate identification. Lack of proper identification can cause travel delays, and denial of crossing or reentry. Acceptable forms of identification include U.S.-issued passports, an enhanced driver's license, enhanced nondriver identification card, or a NEXUS card (issued by the Canadian government for U.S. and Canadian citizens). Basic driver's licenses or birth certificates are not considered proper identification for adults at international crossings. This is also the case if you're traveling by bus, airplane, or train to or from Canada. For detailed information on acceptable forms of ID, please visit the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol website at www.cbp.gov.

Other important considerations include purchasing items to bring home (including shopping at the Duty Free shops at the international crossings), as some items may require you to pay duty or may be banned at international crossings (such as some food and plant materials). It is important to declare any purchases made while visiting. If bringing pets, please note that they must be properly licensed including proof of vaccinations.

- **Buffalo Passport Agency**
1-877-487-2778
www.us-passport-service-guide.com/buffalo-passport.html

- **NEXUS Pass**
ttp.cbp.dhs.gov



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Metro Bus and Metro Rail

Public transportation in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the surrounding suburbs include the NFTA Metro Bus with 54 routes and 4,103 stops, and NFTA Metro Rail – an electric light rail line with stops along Main Street in Buffalo between the University at Buffalo's South Campus and Canalside, making it easy to get to popular entertainment venues, events, and downtown offices.

metro.nfta.com

ELECTRIC VEHICLE NETWORK

Buffalo Niagara has a vast network of electric vehicle infrastructure, including charging stations built into many parking ramps and street spots.

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Bicycles

STREET SMARTS

THE SCAJAQUADA

(AKA – The 198) Connects I-190 in the Black Rock neighborhood to the Kensington.

Skuh-jack-quah-duh

(Say it quick)

THE BIG BLUE WATER TOWER

In the Town of Amherst, used as a landmark by radio traffic reporters for the interchange of I-290 with I-90.

THE BOULEVARD

Niagara Falls Boulevard, one of the area's major suburban strip shopping areas.

THE 33

(AKA – The Kensington) The 33 serves as the primary arterial between Downtown Buffalo and the eastern suburbs.

THE 90

Refers to New York State Thruway Interstate 90. WNYer's add "The" before highway route numbers, such as "The 190," "The 290," and "The 990."

THE QEWS

The Queen Elizabeth Way, an expressway linking Niagara Falls and Toronto.

THE YOUNGMANN

(AKA – The 290) The Youngmann Memorial Highway, a six-lane expressway through the suburbs of Amherst and Tonawanda, connecting I-90 with I-190.

Biking is big in Buffalo Niagara, both as transportation and for recreation. We're adding miles of bike lanes every year — more than 80 miles of trails and dedicated bike paths have been created in the last few years, from waterfront connections between Buffalo and Niagara Falls, to the outlying hills with breathtaking trails and scenery. Newly created trails connecting Buffalo and North Tonawanda create easy access between the popular work and residential areas.

Buffalo is also the western terminus of the newly created Empire State Trail, a 750-mile connecting Buffalo to New York City, including the 8-mile Erie Canalway Trail section, which runs through the city from the Buffalo Harbor to the banks of the Niagara River. www.empiretrail.ny.gov



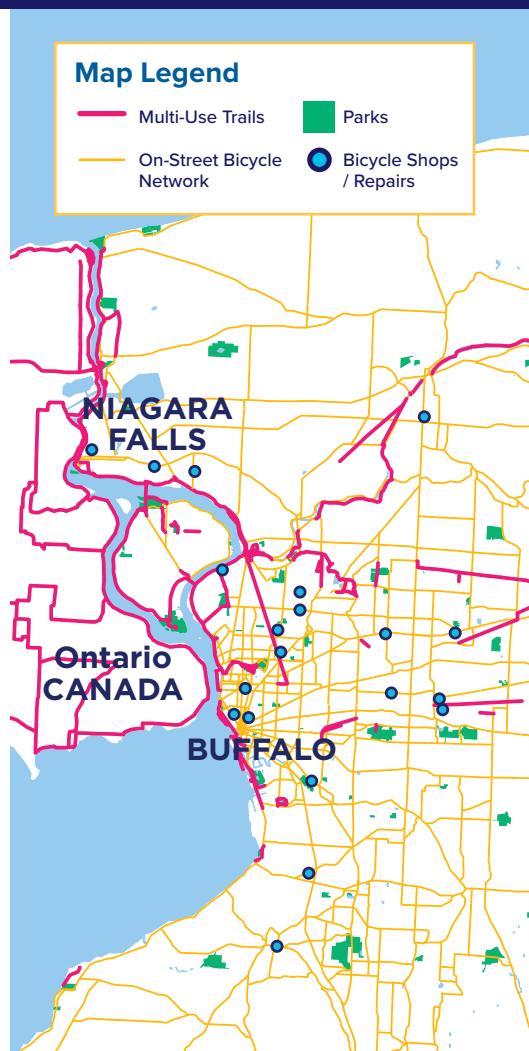
Buffalo Bicycling Club



BIKE PATHS

Community-based organizations like GObike Buffalo and Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, public officials, and private corporations are committed to making Buffalo Niagara a forward-thinking and bike-friendly region. Bike infrastructure investments have been plentiful throughout the region, including more and more places dedicated to biking. These paths follow along much of the area's most beautiful scenic areas, like the waterfront, and enable easy access between destinations. The most comprehensive is the popular Niagara River Greenway Trail, featuring miles of urban, waterfront, naturalized, and suburban paved pathways and trails (www.niagararivergreenway.com). In addition, many major city roads have dedicated bike lanes to enable easier commutes by bike.

Find detailed maps of our region's bike routes on the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council's website: www.gbntc.org.



LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

GObike Buffalo

GObike promotes active mobility options, trails and greenways, and complete streets in Western New York, and connects and empowers communities through advocacy, education, planning, and engagement. gobikebuffalo.org

Niagara Frontier Bicycle Club | nfbcb.com

Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association | www.wnymba.org

Buffalo Bicycling Club | www.buffalobicycling.com

Reddy Bikeshare | reddybikeshare.socialbicycles.com

East Side Bike Club | esbcbuffalo.com

Colored Girls Bike Too | facebook.com/groups/coloredgirlsbiketoo/

Slow Spokes Buffalo | facebook.com/groups/SlowSpokesBuffalo

BICYCLE EVENTS

SkyRide

A bicycle tour of historic locations, new bicycle infrastructure, and an incredible, scenic ride over the Buffalo Skyway.

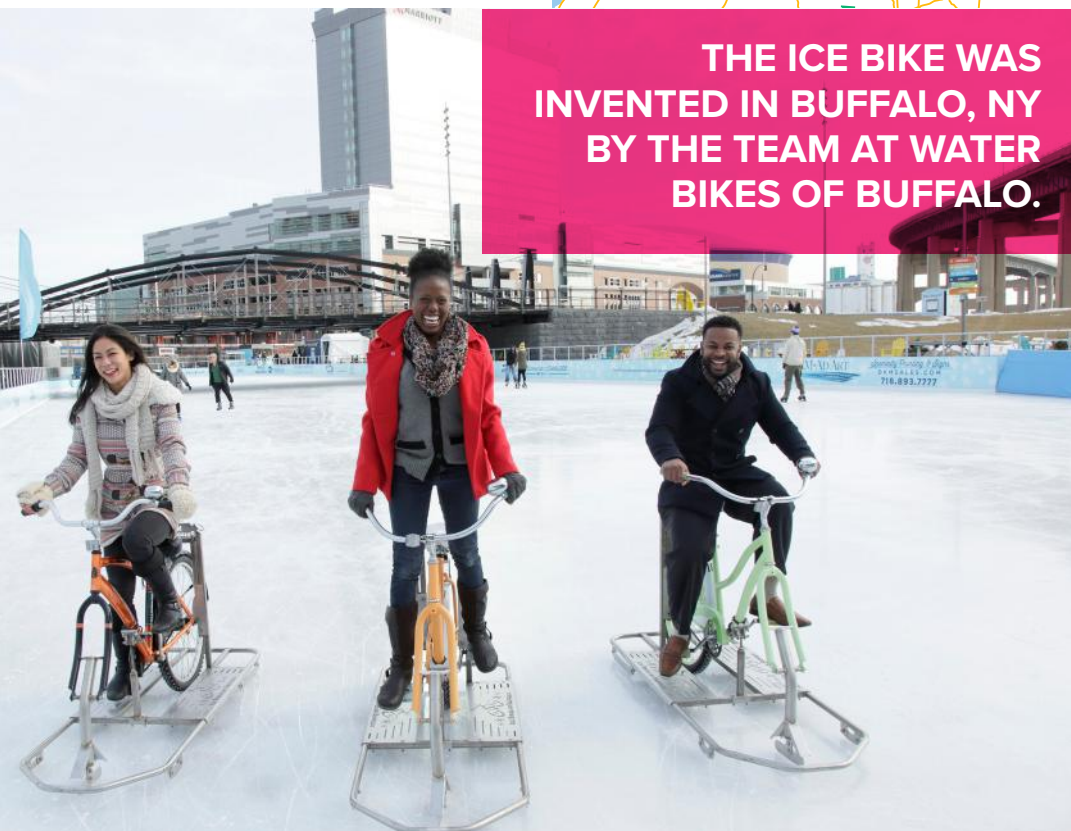
Slow Roll

Slow Roll Buffalo is a free and inclusive guided group bicycle ride that meets every Monday night from May through October. Slow Roll, founded in Detroit in 2010, has expanded into a global network of community rides. Each week, SRB meets at a different venue; riders take a unique route throughout Buffalo and surrounding neighborhoods.

Ride for Roswell

The Ride For Roswell is an annual celebration of community support for Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. Each year, more than 8,000 riders and 2,000 volunteers come together to raise funds for cutting-edge research studies and patient-care programs at Roswell Park. With a dozen routes ranging in distance from three to 102 miles, anyone can participate.

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Buffalo was an **easy choice** for my company and my family. Between the **reasonable cost of living** and **high quality of life**, we know that we will not only be able to hire **top talent**, but also attract them to the Buffalo area.”

Business is booming in Buffalo Niagara.

The Buffalo Niagara region are undergoing an all-encompassing renaissance. Public and private investment is fueling growth for established companies, scrappy startups, and everything in between. Businesses are opening, relocating, or expanding to Buffalo Niagara because of the success of others and innate economic advantages for business growth.

Our well-educated and dedicated workforce and low operating costs build a compelling business case for Buffalo Niagara. Buffalo Niagara's location on the Canadian-American border, with

40% of the binational population within a 10-hour drive, also makes market reach and subsequent growth even easier. The region's diversified and growing economy, has been recognized by leading business publications such as **Fast Company**, **Forbes**, **The New York Times**, **CNBC**, **Business Facilities**, **CNN Money**, and **Business Week**.

Diverse Economy



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Advanced Business Services

A tech-savvy workforce and more than 80,000 miles of fiber optics cable are significant assets for companies in insurance, back office, and technology.

Regional business amenities, access to talent, and a low cost of living in a region with a highly desired lifestyle has accelerated the Buffalo Niagara region into a hub for data processing, technology, insurance, and back office support companies.

Advanced Manufacturing

Buffalo Niagara has a rich manufacturing and innovation history. Today's growth areas include medical devices, sensor technology, additive manufacturing, clean technology, and electronic manufacturing.

Food and Dairy Processing

Food and dairy processing is one of Buffalo Niagara's most successful industries. Wyoming County is the highest dairy producing county in New York State — which is the third highest-producing state in the country.

Life Sciences

Between the 120+ acre Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and University at Buffalo's research funding, which exceeds \$440 million, Western New York is a burgeoning health and life sciences hub. Proximity to Toronto increases R&D to production collaboration and spin-off, research, and healthcare centers.

Higher Education

With 19 colleges and universities, including major research and specialty centers, Buffalo Niagara's higher education institutions are vital to the economic vitality and intellectual culture of our region.

Arts, Culture & Tourism

As the region's economic renaissance continues, the area has been rediscovered as a destination for tourism and culture. A growing number of national and international business, sport and recreation organizations host annual conventions and conferences here. Direct investment and spin-off impact for restaurants, hotels, and retail has buoyed this industry as a regional economic driver.

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EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

Buffalo Niagara has a number of resources available to people who are relocating. Here is a select listing of employment agencies and online resources. Ask your employer about spousal/partner relocation advisement — some of our region’s largest employers, such as the State University of New York system — have programs available.

JOB SEARCH RESOURCES	
Aleron	www.aleroninc.com
Be in Buffalo	www.beinbuffalo.com
43N Compass	jobs.43north.org
Lighthouse Technology Services	www.lhtservices.com
New York State’s Department of Labor	www.labor.ny.gov
Western New York Jobs	www.wnyjobs.com

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SERVICES	
Buffalo Employment & Training Center	www.workforcebuffalo.org
ECC One Stop Center	www.ecc.edu/academics/one-stop-career-center
Erie 1 BOCES Workforce Development Center	www.e1b.org
NCCC Workforce Development	www.niagaracc.suny.edu/wd
Niagara Workforce One	www.niagaracounty.gov/worksource_one
New York State Department of Labor	www.dol.ny.gov
Northland Workforce Training Center	www.northlandwtc.org
Orleans Niagara BOCES	www.onboces.org
UB Educational Opportunity Center	www.buffalo.edu/eoc
Workforce Buffalo	www.workforcebuffalo.org/job-seekers

“People are super friendly. If you put yourself out there and try to make those connections they will happen here.”

Jennifer Shiao
Valmar
Relocated from San Francisco



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Business Resources

\$1B

venture capital raised
over the last 5 years
(2020-2024)

\$440M+

University R&D
expenditures in 2020

10+

Incubators

12+

Coworking spaces

ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM

Buffalo Niagara is home to a booming entrepreneurial ecosystem, with industry-disrupting companies, top tech talent, available capital, and an entire community of support.

Entrepreneurial support is plentiful through business-funding competitions and through local and statewide incentive programs. There are also several small business development centers, mentoring programs, and more available to help brand-new startups or expanding operations. With their assistance, you'll be sure to get your business started off right.

Find the information you need for your particular field from your city or town's municipal offices; your county's business development agency or office; the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) or Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE); and local Chambers of Commerce.

2ND MOST BOOMING STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

- *Entrepreneur.com*

43NORTH

43North is an accelerator that hosts an annual startup competition, investing \$5M per year to attract and retain high-growth companies in Buffalo.



ACV Auctions became Buffalo's first software unicorn, with a valuation over \$1B, more than 1,000 employees, and a successful listing on the NYSE.



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**Coworking
at CBLS**



COWORKING SPACES

Coworking has long offered the flexibility desired by solo-preneurs and freelancers alike. But the COVID-19 pandemic, its impacts on the economy, and work-from-home policies have increased the importance of amenity-rich coworking spaces and community building centers.

Buffalo Niagara has no short supply.

Below is a list of coworking spaces in Western New York. But with how often they're popping up, we can't promise just how comprehensive it will stay!

- Convergence Coworking
- Coworking at Baird
- Coworking at CBLS
- Cowork Perry
- dig Buffalo
- HANSA
- Inception Buffalo Cowork & Incubation Space
- Regus
- Serendipity Labs
- The Foundry
- The Harvester Center
- UNOVA Coworking

“Coworking spaces solve problems for people. When you’re able to listen to people’s needs and deliver a product that works for them, it facilitates trust and creates a solid foundation for community, which has become increasingly important for the remote & WFH workforce.”

Erin Wilson

Community Manager, HANSA



Business Resources



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CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Buffalo Niagara's business support network is strong and growing, and the Western New York Chamber Alliance includes many chambers of commerce and partner organizations that support businesses of all sizes through a variety of services. It's an excellent resource that will help you find the specific contacts you need, whether you've already determined where your business will be located or want additional information regarding doing business in specific cities, towns, and counties. www.wnybeinbusiness.org/wnyca

Akron Chamber of Commerce	www.akronchamber.org
Alden Chamber of Commerce	www.aldenny.org
Amherst Chamber of Commerce	www.amherst.org
Black Chamber of Commerce	www.wnyblackchamber.org
Buffalo Niagara Partnership	www.thepartnership.org
Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas	www.the-tonawandas.com
Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce	www.chautauquachamber.org
Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce	www.cheektowaga.org
Clarence Chamber of Commerce	www.clarence.org
Eden Chamber of Commerce	www.edenny.gov/eden-chamber-of-commerce
Genesee County Chamber of Commerce	www.geneseeny.com
Grand Island Chamber of Commerce	www.gichamber.org
Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce	www.eanycc.com
Greater Olean Chamber of Commerce	www.oleanny.com
Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce	www.ken-ton.org
Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce	www.upwardniagara.com
Niagara USA Chamber	www.niagarachamber.org
Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce	www.orchardparkchamber.com
Orleans County Chamber of Commerce	www.orleanschamber.com
Southtowns Regional Chamber of Commerce	www.southtownsregionalchamber.org
The Lancaster Depew Elma Chamber of Commerce	www.wnychamber.com
West Seneca Chamber of Commerce	www.westseneca.org
Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce	www.wycochamber.org



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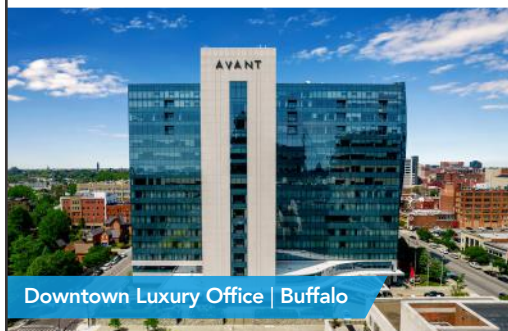
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City of Buffalo

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Douglas Development

Empire State Development Corporation*

Erie County

Erie County IDA*

Ernst & Young, LLP*

Exxpress Tire

Five Star Bank

Frey Electric Construction Company

Genesee County EDC

Hamburg Industrial Development Agency

Hanna Commercial Real Estate

Harter Secrest & Emery LLP

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield

Hodgson Russ LLP

HSBC Bank USA, NA*

HUNT Real Estate Corporation

Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.

KeyBank, NA*

LeChase Construction

Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP

Lockport Industrial Development Agency

Lumsden & McCormick, LLP

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National Fuel Gas Company*

National Grid*

Niagara County Department of
Economic Development

New York Power Authority

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