

DULUTH FACT SHEET



DULUTH

POPULATION OF DULUTH:

86,697

ACRES OF PARKLAND:

9,168

RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA:

400+



77.1°F

AVERAGE HIGH JULY TEMP.

31"

AVERAGE
ANNUAL
RAINFAL

86"

AVERAGE
ANNUAL
SNOWFALL

8.4°F

AVERAGE DAILY JANUARY TEMP.

LAKE SUPERIOR

- For approximately 14,000 years, Indigenous peoples have lived on the land that we now call Duluth, Minnesota. Various Indigenous tribes, including the Assiniboine, Cree, Cheyenne and Dakota peoples have inhabited and cared for this land at some point in time.
- Lake Superior is the largest freshwater lake in the world by surface area. There are 31,280 square surface miles that make up the lake.
- There are 2,726 miles of shoreline. The deepest point is 1,333 feet (but the average depth is 483 feet).
- Lake Superior could cover all of North America in water three feet deep – that’s three quadrillion gallons of water.
- Fish year-round for over 80 species including trout, salmon, and walleye in Lake Superior.
- Lake Superior is the final resting place for over 350 shipwrecks, including the famous SS Edmund Fitzgerald.
- Seasonal storms can lead to waves over 20 feet high.

SHIPPING & CRUISING

- The Port of Duluth-Superior, ranked in the **top 20 ports in the US** by cargo tonnage, accommodates the maritime transportation needs of many industries from agriculture, forestry, mining, manufacturing, power generation and passenger cruising. It has been the backbone of the city’s economy for over a century.
- Duluth is North America’s furthest inland seaport.
- Approximately 900 vessels travel underneath the Aerial Lift Bridge annually.
- The Duluth-Superior Port is a hub for both domestic and international trade and contains 20 privately owned and operated docks along 49 miles. The port provides more than 11,500 jobs that are dependent on the cargo shipments that come in and out of the port.
- After nearly a decade, passenger cruise ships returned to Duluth on May 30, 2022. Ships from multiple lines brought people from all over the world to Duluth.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Duluth has 9,168 acres of parks and natural areas and 300 miles of trails all within the city limits.
- Duluth has 162 city parks and natural areas.
- Duluth is designated one of just six Gold-Level Ride Centers by The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA).
- Named “Best City Ever” by Outside Magazine and named one of 10 Great Cities in the United States for Outdoor Adventure by Washington Post.
- Locals and visitors alike enjoy nearly eight miles of the Lakewalk, a paved pedestrian and bike trail along the shores of Lake Superior, which runs from Bayfront Festival Park to Brighton Beach.

HISTORY

- History lovers can learn more about the city’s Indigenous roots, maritime culture, transportation background and more at museums, monuments, murals and more.
- Duluth is named “The Zenith City,” which means “high point.”
- Sioux and Chippewa tribes were the first known inhabitants of the Western Lake Superior Region.
- Named “Duluth” in 1856, the name recognizes Daniel Greysolon, sieur du Lhut, who came in 1679 to set up fur trade routes.
- Today, Duluth has a population of approximately 86,697 (as of 2020 US Census), with 28 neighborhoods filled with attractions, parks, trails, breweries and shopping.

ARTS & CULTURE

- Duluth is home to four theaters that feature live performances, and many smaller stages throughout the city that host live music, improv, stand-up comedy and more.
- It is also home to dozens of art galleries and museums, featuring everything from local art and glass blowing to railroad history and symphony orchestra concerts.
- Duluth hosts a variety of large arts and entertainment acts at venues across the city, including Bayfront Festival Park and the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center.
- Duluth hosts festivals and special events throughout the year, including Bentleyville Tour of Lights, Duluth Homegrown Music Festival, Grandma’s Marathon, the Duluth Airshow, All Pints North Summer Brew Fest, Bayfront Blues Festival and more.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- More than 400 restaurants in the area, many locally owned and focused on farm-to-table and lake-to-table dining.
- Home to nearly a dozen breweries, cideries and distilleries, many of which use the pristine waters of Lake Superior for their beverages.

MEETING & EVENT SPACES

- More than 5,000 hotel rooms in the area.
- Duluth has tens of thousands of square feet of hotel meeting facilities.
- There are a number of unique and specialized meeting spaces across the city.