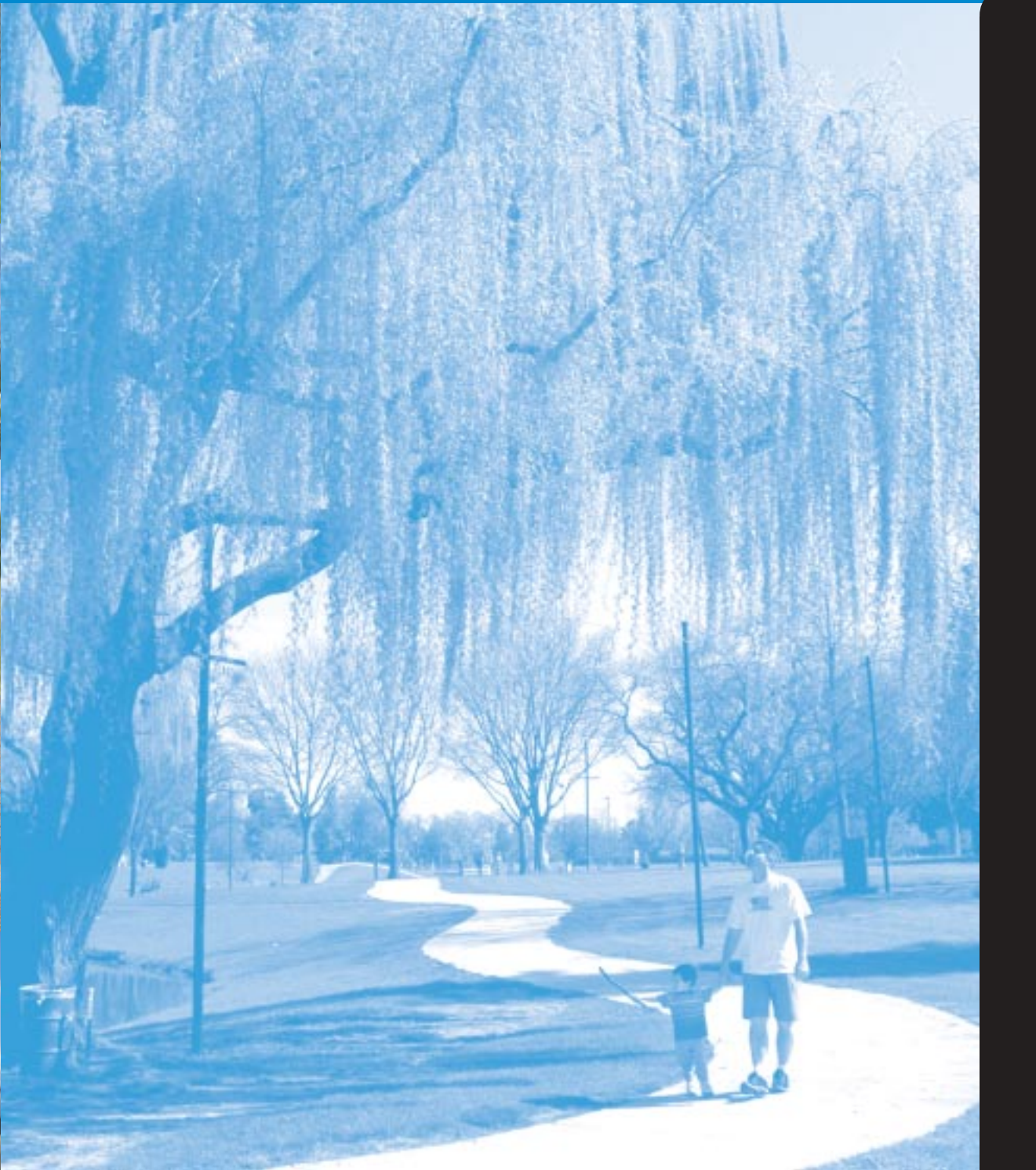




# Quality of Life

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# Local Amenities

## Climate

The local weather offers a mild four-season climate. Warm dry days during the summer are cooled off in the evenings by Delta breezes and winter temperatures typically range from 43 degrees to 58 degrees. The rainy season in the area occurs between November and April, with a regional annual average precipitation of about 12 inches.

## Medical Services

Elk Grove residents have the best medical providers located in their community. A full range of physicians, including many specialists, have active practices in the area. Additionally, the city is serviced locally by the following medical facilities:

- UC Davis Medical Center
- Methodist Hospital/Mercy Healthcare
- Kaiser Permanente Hospital
- Sutter Health Systems

## Education

One of the most important resources of Elk Grove is its rich educational environment. The Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) alone boasts a reputation for being one of the best districts in the state! EGUSD students regularly score above the state average as a whole.



Local institutions of higher learning offer programs for most undergraduate and graduate degrees, and several cater directly to the business community. This is reflected in our city, which offers a well-educated community and labor force.

## **Primary, Secondary and Higher Education**

- Elk Grove Unified School District
- Cosumnes River College
- American River College
- California State University, Sacramento
- UC Davis, UC Davis Extension
- National University
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- Golden Gate University
- University of Phoenix
- Chapman University
- St. Mary's College
- McGeorge School of Law
- DeVry University Center

## **Vocational Training**

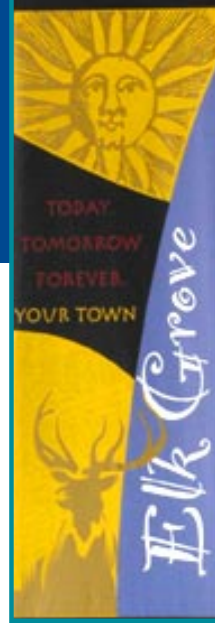
- Heald Business College
- MTI College of Business Technology

## **Elk Grove Community Services District**

The Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD) is committed to enhancing the quality of life for those residing, doing business, and visiting the Elk Grove community. The District provides fire and emergency medical services and parks and recreation services to the Elk Grove community. Specifically, the Department of Parks and Recreation manages park facilities, provides recreational, educational and social enrichment programs and activities and coordinates special events held throughout the District.

Since 1985, the CSD has expanded from 6 to over 71 parks – offering more than 700 acres of parks, trails, open spaces and landscape corridors in Elk Grove. Projects such as the Laguna Creek Parkway and the Park “Quality of Life” Awareness Program have earned the Department local and national honors and recognition – the American Greenways Award and several “Awards of Excellence” from the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS).

# Annual Events



## May

### ***Elk Grove Western Festival***

Held the first full weekend in May every year, the Western Festival is two days of good old-fashioned fun for the entire family.

## July

### ***Salute to Red, White & Blue***

An annual Fourth of July family affair sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce featuring spectacular ground and aerial fireworks displays and a musical salute to the birth of our nation.

### ***Strauss Festival***

In late July each year, spectators on grassy knolls in the Elk Grove Regional Park see the waltzes of Johann Strauss come alive through the performances of period-costumed dancers, actors and a professional symphonic orchestra.

## October

### ***Business Expo***

The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce Business Expo showcases local businesses.

### ***Community Harvest & Giant Pumpkin Festival***

This event is a hometown fall harvest festival, with crafts, food and fun for the entire family. In 1998, it also became the official California weigh-off site for a national Giant Pumpkin contest.

### ***Safety Faire***

At the Safety Faire, the Police and Sheriff's departments sponsor family safety education booths.

## November

### ***Holiday Kickoff***

The local holiday shopping season is kicked off by the area merchants with the Festival of Lights Parade and the lighting of the giant holiday tree on Elk Grove Boulevard on Saturday of the Thanksgiving Day weekend, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Services District.

### ***Dickens Faire***

Old Town Elk Grove hosts an old-fashioned street fair featuring local retailers and craft vendors located in the historic section of Elk Grove.

## Recreation and Sports

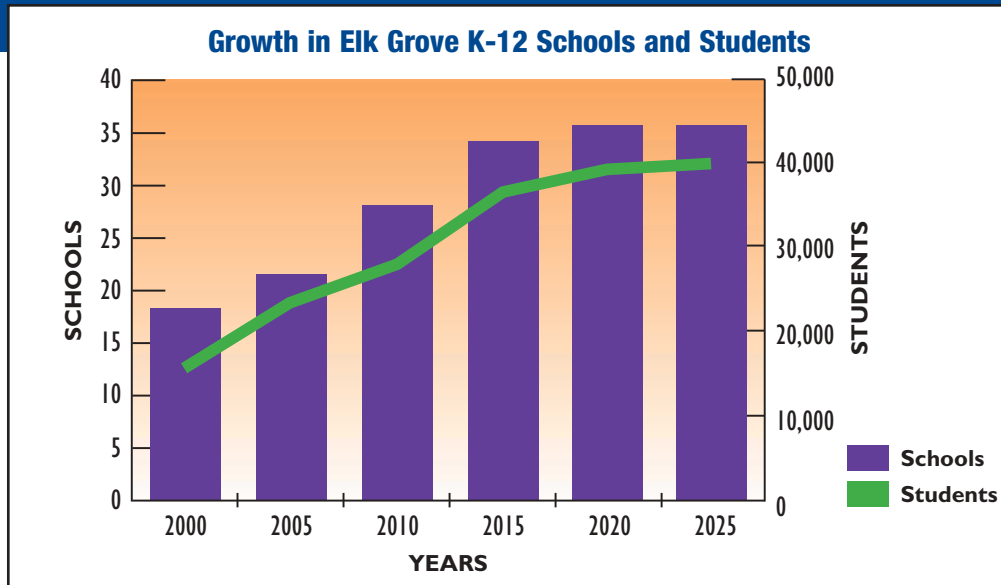
Locally, Elk Grove offers many opportunities for recreation with more than 18,000 acres of seasonal wetlands and wildlife preserves including the Laguna Creek Parkway, Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge and the Cosumnes River Preserve. Within these abundant open spaces residents can enjoy canoeing, boating, hiking, fishing, bird watching as well as wildlife viewing.

The region also offers extensive recreational options. The American River Parkway contains 5,000 acres of recreation along both sides of the River for 30 miles and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta has more than 1,000 miles of waterways.

Additionally, within a short drive of Elk Grove visitors and residents can experience unparalleled scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. To the east lies Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. To the west are the San Francisco Bay Area, the Napa Valley Wine Country, the great coastal redwood forest, and the beaches and rugged shores of the Pacific Ocean.

Sports enthusiasts can cheer for their favorite team just a short drive into Sacramento when they visit ARCO Arena to see the NBA's Sacramento Kings and the WNBA's Sacramento Monarchs. Additionally, baseball fans will love visiting Raley Field to celebrate America's favorite sport where they can see the AAA Sacramento River Cats play ball.

# Education



The City of Elk Grove is within the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD), one of the fastest growing school districts in the country and the 8th largest in California. The entire EGUSD includes 320 square miles, or about one third of Sacramento County. As shown in the chart, the number of public schools within Elk Grove is anticipated to double between 2000 and 2025 from 18 to 36 facilities. The City's K-12 student population is a reflection of its growing population, which is anticipated to more than double in the same 25 years, growing from 15,986 students in 2000 to 40,492 students in 2025. Notably, Elk Grove is projected to experience a greater growth in its student population over the next 25 years than any other city in Sacramento County. Cosumnes River College is near the City's northern boundary, and California State University, Sacramento is just a short drive away in the City of Sacramento.

## Number of Schools

|                       | 2000 | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 | 2025 | Net Change |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| <b>Sacramento</b>     | 148  | 158  | 164  | 170  | 171  | 171  | 23         |
| <b>Citrus Heights</b> | 34   | 34   | 34   | 34   | 34   | 34   | 0          |
| <b>Folsom</b>         | 22   | 22   | 27   | 27   | 28   | 28   | 6          |
| <b>Elk Grove</b>      | 18   | 22   | 28   | 34   | 36   | 36   | 18         |
| <b>Galt</b>           | 11   | 13   | 15   | 16   | 16   | 17   | 6          |
| <b>Isleton</b>        | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0          |

## Number of Students

|                       | 2000   | 2005   | 2010   | 2015   | 2020    | 2025    | Net Change |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|------------|
| <b>Sacramento</b>     | 80,516 | 87,636 | 94,482 | 99,702 | 102,967 | 104,437 | 23,921     |
| <b>Citrus Heights</b> | 10,884 | 11,333 | 11,462 | 11,591 | 11,700  | 11,837  | 953        |
| <b>Folsom</b>         | 8,685  | 11,405 | 13,591 | 14,551 | 15,406  | 15,858  | 7,173      |
| <b>Elk Grove</b>      | 15,986 | 22,510 | 29,052 | 35,537 | 39,679  | 40,492  | 24,506     |
| <b>Galt</b>           | 5,788  | 6,701  | 7,401  | 8,023  | 8,582   | 9,193   | 3,405      |
| <b>Isleton</b>        | 242    | 274    | 304    | 326    | 336     | 343     | 101        |