

# YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM THE 'BURBS WHEN...

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You know who you are. If you go to Drake, you're likely from one of these out-of-state suburbs. Campus is crawling with you guys. In fact, anyone on campus can spot you from a mile away if you're guilty of the following:

## CHICAGO 'BURBS

- “No, I don't have an accent.”
- Ketchup on a hot-dog is blasphemy.
- The best pizza is deep dish.
- Lou Malnati's is where you spend your evenings.
- To other Chicagoland natives, you're from a suburb, but to everyone else, you're *literally* a big city dweller.
- No funhouses for you. You already feel at home next to oddly-shaped 3-D mirrors, especially legumes. (hint: the bean)
- It's “pop.” Sorry, soda fans.
- Your “a's” are short. Ex: “Bag” is pronounced “bahhh-g,” not “bayyy-g.”
- Stoplight frames are black (as they should be), not yellow.
- Roundabouts do not exist (though we'd be a lot safer if they did).

- For being in a land-locked state, you have a surprising amount of beaches in your town.
  - Your idea of fun involves pretending to fall to your death while standing on a sheet of glass hanging off the side of a building. (hint: the Skydeck)
  - Spending too much money on carnival rides, fried food, and boat trips on the coast of Lake Michigan is the perfect day trip. (hint: Navy Pier)
  - Anywhere you want to go is at least an hour away (including Chicago).
  - You'd be lost without Portillo's.
  - Italian beef sandwich. 'Nuff said.
  - You take solace in the fact that if you gotta live in the Midwest, at least you happened to be born near one of the nation's top three cities.
  - The cost of living might break your bank: you pay the highest taxes. On everything.
  - If you leave the house without your iPass, hell will be paid.
  - Tolls will be the death of you.
  - Trolleys were your childhood joyrides.
  - You've memorized the maze that is one of the largest airports in the world. “Oh, hare, you make me less of a tortoise.”
  - You know the joys of calling your train the pet name of a single letter. (hint: the L)
  - Sorry, Willis Tower. You will forever be known as Sears.
- ## TWIN CITIES 'BURBS
- People think you're literally from the Twin Cities when it's really the St. Paul or Minneapolis *area*.
  - Your favorite childhood game was Duck, Duck, Grey Duck.
  - “Oh, for cute.” (Words cannot express a greater level of adorableness.)
  - You're a sucker for comfort food.
  - Sorry, casserole fans. The correct term is “hot dish.”
  - You eat Scandinavian food daily.
  - Dishes like lutefisk and Jello pudding are common in your household.
  - “That's interesting.” (Trust me, you don't wanna know what I really think.)
  - You find yourself having to defend your Vikings or Packers loyalty to your friends. (The rivalry runs deep.)
  - There's at least a million lakes in any direction. Naturally, you spend your summer days going to “the lake.”
  - “Uff da” is your go-to response for pretty much any situation.
  - You're known as the North Star state.
  - “Could you borrow me some cash?”
  - Thanksgiving is bomb because you're the #1 producer of turkey in America.
  - Native Americans really left an impact on your suburb's name.
  - You wish you could afford to live in Minnetonka or Edina.
  - Edina-dwellers need attention. Like, every day. (It's in the name.)
  - “It's not *that* cold out. 30 degrees is practically swimsuit weather!”
  - St. Paul folks are *not* from Minneapolis, thank you very much.
  - When you're going to Macy's, but Grandma calls it Dayton's.
  - It's just so hard to say goodbye. (Oh, you want to leave in an hour? Better start your farewells now!)
  - You say things like “Oh yaaAA!” and “You betcha!”
  - You're craving a Juicy Lucy and can't decide between Matt's Bar and the 5-8 Club. Which one of them invented it, again?