



Travel Report

Super Bowl LII

US Bank Stadium, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Location Overview

Minneapolis, Minnesota will host Super Bowl LII at US Bank Stadium on 4 February 2018. The event is expected to draw approximately one million people, including 125,000 out of town visitors, to Minneapolis for the weekend.

US Bank Stadium, is a 1.75 million-square-foot facility that is used for many different types of sporting and entertainment events. The stadium, which has a maximum capacity of 73,000, has over 20,000 parking spaces within walking distance of the stadium. Super Bowl ticket holders can also utilize public transit to get to US Bank Stadium. Individuals that have a Super Bowl ticket and purchased a light-rail Gameday Fan Express Pass can use the light-rail to get to US Bank Stadium; the light-rail will be closed to all other riders.

Safety and Security Overview

There are no current, credible threats against the Super Bowl, according to local news reports; however, as a high-profile event with large crowds, the Super Bowl could be a target for terrorists. The Super Bowl is a government-designated national security event, which means it is deemed an occasion with national or international significance that is a potential target for terrorist or criminal activity. Sporting events and stadiums have been the target of terrorist attacks in the past.

- A terrorist detonated an improvised explosive device at the entrance of the Manchester Arena in the United Kingdom as concert-goers departed an Ariana Grande concert in May 2017.
- Terrorists struck a stadium near Paris as part of a coordinated attack against the city in November 2015. Militants detonated three suicide bombs outside of the Stade de France during a soccer match between France and Germany.
- The March 2014 issue of *Inspire*, al-Qaeda's English-language propaganda magazine, called for bomb attacks at sporting events in the US and other Western countries.



Federal, state, and local authorities have undertaken significant steps to mitigate security and safety concerns for the Super Bowl. Authorities have carved out a secure perimeter with security screening checkpoints around US Bank Stadium. Security in the downtown area around the stadium will also be heightened.

- Super Bowl LII will have the greatest deployment of federal resources in the Super Bowl's history because of the relatively small size of the Minneapolis Police Department. Around 1,700 federal officials will support local and state law enforcement agencies and the Minnesota National Guard.

Crime

Minneapolis has violent and property crime rates that are well above the national average; however, US Bank Stadium is in a relatively low crime area, and the increased police presence will likely deter most perpetrators. The city's violent crime rate—1,110 incidents per 100,000 residents—is nearly three times the national average, and its property crime rate—4,222 offenses per 100,000 people—is almost double the national average, according to 2016 FBI statistics, the most recent available.

- The crime rate in the neighborhood in which US Bank Stadium is located is lower than the average for Minneapolis.
- Despite the lower crime rate in the surrounding neighborhood, there is always the potential for crime, particularly petty theft, at crowded events. Leave valuables locked in your hotel room safe, and spread your wallet, phone, and keys around your body to prevent pickpockets from obtaining those items in one attempt.

Weather

The weather in Minneapolis on game day is expected to be below freezing; however, there is no snow predicted in the game day forecast. Temperature highs will be around eight degrees with winds gusting between 10 and 15 miles per hour.

Emergency Services

The Hennepin County Medical Center is the closest Level I trauma center and urgent care facility to US Bank Stadium. The Hennepin County Medical Center is located at 730 South 8th Street, approximately two blocks from the stadium.

- The trauma center's telephone number is 612-873-3000.

The Minneapolis Police Department First Precinct is the closest police station to Super Bowl LII. The police station is located at 19 North 4th Street, approximately one mile (six minutes with regular traffic) from US Bank Stadium.

- The Minneapolis Police Department First Precinct station's telephone number is 612-673-5701.