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SAFEST CITY and SAFEST METROPOLITAN AREA

The results are in for Morgan Quitno's 13th Annual Safest City and Metropolitan Area Awards! For the first time, Brick Township, New Jersey has risen to the top of the rankings and is America's Safety City.

Brick Township always has fared well in our Safest City rankings. It has ranked as one of the top five safest cities for the previous six years of the annual survey. In 2005, Brick reported no murders, no rapes and had the lowest overall violent crime and robbery rates among cities of 75,000 or more population. Joining Brick Township at the top of the Safest City rankings are Amherst NY, Mission Viejo CA, Newton MA and Troy MI.

At the opposite end of the Morgan Quitno crime scale, St. Louis makes a return appearance as the nation's most dangerous city. The Gateway City last earned this dubious honor in 2002. St. Louis has the highest violent crime and property crime rates among cities of 75,000 or more population. However the news is not all bad: the city's property crime rate has dropped 14 percent since 2001. Trailing St. Louis on the more dangerous end of the crime scale are Detroit MI, Flint MI, Compton CA and Camden NJ.

Our Safest Metropolitan Area competition includes both Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's) and Metropolitan Divisions (MD's) which are subdivisions of MSA's. For the first time, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin tops the rankings list as America's Safest Metropolitan Area. Other top metro areas are State College PA, Bangor ME, Eau Claire WI and Appleton WI.

At the bottom of the Safest Metropolitan Area rankings for the third consecutive year is the Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn MI metropolitan division. Joining Detroit in the more dangerous region of the Morgan Quitno metro crime rankings list are Memphis TN-MS-AR, Pine Bluff AR, Las Vegas-Paradise NV and Florence SC.

Methodology

The methodology used to determine America's Safest City and Metro Area is the same approach that has been used since 1999. First, city and metro area crime rates for six basic crime categories — murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft — were plugged into a formula that measured how a particular city or metro area compared to the national average for a given crime category. The six crimes were given equal weight in the final ranking. The results for each of the six

crimes were added together for a city or metro area's final score. Finally, these scores were ranked from lowest to highest to determine which cities and metropolitan areas were safest and most dangerous.

A number of years ago we weighted each of the crimes based on a poll that was conducted to determine which crimes most concerned Americans. The problem was that the poll had us giving the highest weight to burglary and the least weight to murder. We believe the poll reflected the belief that for most Americans the most heinous crimes were an unlikely event in their lives, but property crime such as burglary seemed a more likely possibility.

But now, treating each of the six crimes equally, we believe our ranking strikes a balance between the crimes most people would view as "worst" and those crimes that affect the most people. The result of this methodology is that a city or metro area's crime record is measured against the national average. The farther below the national average, the higher (and better) a city or metro ranked in the final Safest Cities and Metros list; the farther above the national average, the lower (and worse) a city or metro ranked in the final list.

All cities of 75,000 population or more that reported data to the FBI for the six categories of crime measured for the survey were included. Any city or metro area with missing data was disqualified from the competition. Chicago, IL and other Illinois cities are among the major cities not included this year due to data problems (see "Missing Cities" page 16.) There was no population minimum for metropolitan areas.

The tables that follow show final scores and complete rankings for 371 cities and 344 metro areas. Cities and metro areas with a score of zero have crime rates comparable to the national average. Those with scores below zero (a negative number) have crime below the national average. Cities and metro areas with scores above zero have crime higher than the national average. Results of the survey are presented in both alphabetical and rank order.

Community safety is a top concern for the vast majority of Americans. We sincerely hope that our rankings bring about meaningful debate about crime among citizens, police and community leaders.

Congratulations to Brick Township, New Jersey and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin!

- THE EDITORS

**AMERICA'S
SAFEST CITY
13th ANNUAL**

SAFEST CITY

Overall Top 25 and Bottom 25 (out of 371 cities)

<u>SAFEST 25:</u>		<u>MOST DANGEROUS 25:</u>	
1	Brick, NJ	1	St. Louis, MO
2	Amherst, NY	2	Detroit, MI
3	Mission Viejo, CA	3	Flint, MI
4	Newton, MA	4	Compton, CA
5	Troy, MI	5	Camden, NJ
6	Colonie, NY	6	Birmingham, AL
7	Irvine, CA	7	Cleveland, OH
8	Cary, NC	8	Oakland, CA
9	Greece, NY	9	Youngstown, OH
10	Coral Springs, FL	10	Gary, IN
11	Thousand Oaks, CA	11	Richmond, CA
12	Orem, UT	12	Baltimore, MD
13	Round Rock, TX	13	Memphis, TN
14	Dover, NJ	14	Trenton, NJ
15	Lake Forest, CA	15	Richmond, VA
16	Sterling Heights, MI	16	Kansas City, MO
17	Simi Valley, CA	17	Atlanta, GA
18	Roswell, GA	18	Cincinnati, OH
19	Lee's Summit, MO	19	Washington, DC
20	Broken Arrow, OK	20	North Charleston, SC
21	Chino Hills, CA	21	Reading, PA
22	Gilbert, AZ	22	Newark, NJ
23	Edison, NJ	23	Little Rock, AR
24	Cranston, RI	24	San Bernardino, CA
25	Port St. Lucie, FL	25	Orlando, FL

SAFEST CITY

Rankings by Population Categories

CITIES OF 500,000 OR MORE POPULATION: (32 cities)

Safest 10:

- 1 San Jose, CA
- 2 Honolulu, HI
- 3 El Paso, TX
- 4 New York, NY
- 5 Austin, TX
- 6 San Diego, CA
- 7 San Antonio, TX
- 8 Louisville, KY
- 9 Fort Worth, TX
- 10 Jacksonville, FL

Most Dangerous 10:

- 1 Detroit, MI
- 2 Baltimore, MD
- 3 Memphis, TN
- 4 Washington, DC
- 5 Philadelphia, PA
- 6 Dallas, TX
- 7 Nashville, TN
- 8 Charlotte, NC
- 9 Columbus, OH
- 10 Houston, TX

CITIES OF 100,000 TO 499,999 POPULATION: (213 cities)

Safest 10:

- 1 Amherst, NY
- 2 Irvine, CA
- 3 Cary, NC
- 4 Coral Springs, FL
- 5 Thousand Oaks, CA
- 6 Sterling Heights, MI
- 7 Simi Valley, CA
- 8 Gilbert, AZ
- 9 Edison, NJ
- 10 Port St. Lucie, FL

Most Dangerous 10:

- 1 St. Louis, MO
- 2 Flint, MI
- 3 Birmingham, AL
- 4 Cleveland, OH
- 5 Oakland, CA
- 6 Gary, IN
- 7 Richmond, CA
- 8 Richmond, VA
- 9 Kansas City, MO
- 10 Atlanta, GA

CITIES OF 75,000 TO 99,999 POPULATION: (126 cities)

Safest 10:

- 1 Brick, NJ
- 2 Mission Viejo, CA
- 3 Newton, MA
- 4 Troy, MI
- 5 Colonie, NY
- 6 Greece, NY
- 7 Orem, UT
- 8 Round Rock, TX
- 9 Dover, NJ
- 10 Lake Forest, CA

Most Dangerous 10:

- 1 Compton, CA
- 2 Camden, NJ
- 3 Youngstown, OH
- 4 Trenton, NJ
- 5 North Charleston, SC
- 6 Reading, PA
- 7 West Palm Beach, FL
- 8 Macon, GA
- 9 Miami Beach, FL
- 10 Albany, NY

Missing Cities

In order for a city to be included in the Morgan Quitno Safest City rankings, complete data must be available for each of the six crime categories considered: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. This year, several cities of 75,000+ population did not report complete crime information and thus were not included in our survey.

Once again, forcible rape data for 2005 submitted by cities and metro areas in Illinois did not meet the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines and definitions. Since rape numbers are not available for Aurora, IL, Chicago, IL; Joliet, IL; Naperville, IL; Peoria, IL Rockford, IL and Springfield, IL, these cities are not included in our Safest City rankings.

Due to a problem in New York state's reporting of crime figures for Clarkstown, New York it was not included in either our book *City Crime Rankings* or our annual Safest/Most Dangerous City award. At the request of Clarkstown, the state of New York provided Morgan Quitno Press with the figures that had also been reported to the FBI. Based on those provided crime figures and last year's population for Clarkstown, that city would have ranked as the fifth safest overall.

In addition, these cities were missing data for various crime categories and thus could not be included in this year's Safest City Award rankings: Brockton, MA did not report aggravated assault data and Warren, MI did not report motor vehicle theft data.

Crime data for 18 other cities with populations larger than 75,000 are not reported in the 13th edition of *City Crime Rankings*. Crime statistics for these cities are not included for a number of reasons, ranging from general reporting difficulties and computer issues to changes in reporting systems. Below is a list of cities that the Census Bureau shows as having populations greater than 75,000 but for which no information was available through the 2005 F.B.I.'s Uniform Crime Report:

Augusta GA	Evanston IL
Bloomington MN	Fall River MA
Cicero IL	Longmont CO
Citrus Heights CA	New Haven CT
Decatur IL	New Orleans LA
Deltona FL	Vallejo CA
Duluth MN	Waukegan IL
Elgin IL	West Jordan UT
Elk Grove CA	Wichita KS

Alpha Order - City

Morgan Quitno Press'

America's Safest City Award*

RANK	CITY	SCORE	RANK	CITY	SCORE	RANK	CITY	SCORE
180	Abilene, TX	19.87	88	Chino, CA	(26.47)	97	Garland, TX	(23.84)
290	Akron, OH	92.39	181	Chula Vista, CA	19.92	362	Gary, IN	244.82
263	Albany, GA	74.97	354	Cincinnati, OH	210.37	22	Gilbert, AZ	(59.12)
312	Albany, NY	112.35	184	Clarksville, TN	20.33	253	Glendale, AZ	64.20
279	Albuquerque, NM	85.39	218	Clearwater, FL	41.84	77	Glendale, CA	(35.04)
73	Alexandria, VA	(36.11)	365	Cleveland, OH	250.52	168	Grand Prairie, TX	14.70
102	Alhambra, CA	(18.90)	44	Clifton, NJ	(45.24)	222	Grand Rapids, MI	44.28
299	Allentown, PA	100.01	54	Clinton Twnshp, MI	(42.62)	9	Greece, NY	(69.90)
235	Amarillo, TX	52.44	100	Clovis, CA	(22.12)	189	Greeley, CO	25.63
2	Amherst, NY	(81.38)	6	Colonie, NY	(70.28)	137	Green Bay, WI	(4.12)
135	Anaheim, CA	(4.80)	173	Colorado Springs, CO	16.83	269	Greensboro, NC	80.70
212	Anchorage, AK	39.69	130	Columbia, MO	(8.92)	239	Gresham, OR	54.15
75	Ann Arbor, MI	(35.49)	295	Columbia, SC	97.06	31	Hamilton Twnshp, NJ	(54.12)
210	Antioch, CA	39.36	237	Columbus, GA	53.41	285	Hammond, IN	90.68
207	Arlington, TX	36.90	326	Columbus, OH	142.29	144	Hampton, VA	(0.27)
72	Arvada, CO	(36.35)	368	Compton, CA	304.11	337	Hartford, CT	160.59
136	Athens-Clarke, GA	(4.58)	142	Concord, CA	(2.00)	214	Hawthorne, CA	40.38
355	Atlanta, GA	210.69	10	Coral Springs, FL	(69.48)	224	Hayward, CA	44.47
257	Aurora, CO	68.15	99	Corona, CA	(23.11)	91	Henderson, NV	(26.08)
NA	Aurora, IL**	NA	198	Corpus Christi, TX	34.67	152	Hialeah, FL	4.02
158	Austin, TX	9.46	95	Costa Mesa, CA	(24.87)	245	High Point, NC	57.76
236	Bakersfield, CA	52.82	24	Cranston, RI	(57.59)	84	Hillsboro, OR	(29.32)
153	Baldwin Park, CA	4.10	338	Dallas, TX	163.42	175	Hollywood, FL	17.13
360	Baltimore, MD	237.24	68	Daly City, CA	(37.23)	113	Honolulu, HI	(15.48)
328	Baton Rouge, LA	143.63	28	Danbury, CT	(55.70)	325	Houston, TX	138.74
301	Beaumont, TX	102.42	284	Davenport, IA	90.45	29	Huntington Beach, CA	(54.46)
66	Beaverton, OR	(38.30)	87	Davie, FL	(27.27)	278	Huntsville, AL	84.94
57	Bellevue, WA	(42.06)	346	Dayton, OH	187.82	219	Independence, MO	42.01
252	Bellflower, CA	63.93	194	Dearborn, MI	33.18	320	Indianapolis, IN	130.16
226	Berkeley, CA	46.11	146	Denton, TX	0.25	310	Inglewood, CA	111.75
92	Billings, MT	(25.30)	303	Denver, CO	105.70	7	Irvine, CA	(70.23)
366	Birmingham, AL	281.71	195	Des Moines, IA	33.24	138	Irving, TX	(3.20)
50	Boca Raton, FL	(43.75)	370	Detroit, MI	360.12	248	Jacksonville, FL	60.05
120	Boise, ID	(12.72)	14	Dover Twnshp, NJ	(67.94)	330	Jackson, MS	144.48
314	Boston, MA	115.33	179	Downey, CA	19.56	317	Jersey City, NJ	123.85
63	Boulder, CO	(39.20)	272	Durham, NC	83.76	NA	Joliet, IL**	NA
1	Brick Twnshp, NJ	(88.46)	23	Edison Twnshp, NJ	(58.15)	342	Kansas City, KS	178.79
309	Bridgeport, CT	110.57	199	El Cajon, CA	35.01	356	Kansas City, MO	213.50
NA	Brockton, MA**	NA	163	El Monte, CA	12.77	86	Kenosha, WI	(27.89)
20	Broken Arrow, OK	(60.46)	114	El Paso, TX	(15.44)	289	Kent, WA	92.30
119	Brownsville, TX	(13.74)	258	Elizabeth, NJ	68.76	268	Killeen, TX	79.00
103	Buena Park, CA	(18.42)	154	Erie, PA	6.37	297	Knoxville, TN	98.46
340	Buffalo, NY	172.08	140	Escondido, CA	(2.46)	243	Lafayette, LA	57.11
71	Burbank, CA	(36.67)	176	Eugene, OR	17.15	15	Lake Forest, CA	(65.13)
117	Cambridge, MA	(14.40)	159	Evansville, IN	9.78	160	Lakeland, FL	9.83
367	Camden, NJ	298.30	283	Everett, WA	90.14	111	Lakewood, CA	(16.32)
40	Canton Twnshp, MI	(48.11)	201	Fairfield, CA	35.22	202	Lakewood, CO	35.28
296	Canton, OH	97.25	47	Fargo, ND	(44.46)	265	Lancaster, CA	77.51
90	Cape Coral, FL	(26.18)	60	Farmington Hills, MI	(41.42)	276	Lansing, MI	84.22
58	Carlsbad, CA	(41.87)	288	Fayetteville, NC	92.09	161	Laredo, TX	12.19
83	Carrollton, TX	(29.65)	277	Federal Way, WA	84.35	227	Las Cruces, NM	48.13
187	Carson, CA	22.72	369	Flint, MI	319.67	302	Las Vegas, NV	102.73
8	Cary, NC	(70.10)	167	Fontana, CA	14.58	81	Lawrence, KS	(31.05)
93	Cedar Rapids, IA	(25.19)	139	Fort Collins, CO	(2.98)	208	Lawton, OK	38.68
52	Centennial, CO	(43.18)	271	Fort Lauderdale, FL	83.59	19	Lee's Summit, MO	(60.95)
105	Chandler, AZ	(18.19)	273	Fort Smith, AR	83.80	69	Lewisville, TX	(37.08)
240	Charleston, SC	55.37	169	Fort Wayne, IN	15.37	172	Lexington, KY	16.36
329	Charlotte, NC	144.41	246	Fort Worth, TX	59.42	128	Lincoln, NE	(8.95)
315	Chattanooga, TN	118.05	53	Fremont, CA	(42.80)	349	Little Rock, AR	194.32
36	Cheektowaga, NY	(49.90)	267	Fresno, CA	78.09	51	Livermore, CA	(43.60)
132	Chesapeake, VA	(7.71)	80	Fullerton, CA	(31.30)	37	Livonia, MI	(49.74)
NA	Chicago, IL**	NA	238	Gainesville, FL	53.79	211	Long Beach, CA	39.65
21	Chino Hills, CA	(60.20)	121	Garden Grove, CA	(12.40)	306	Longview, TX	107.27
						250	Los Angeles, CA	61.98

RANK	CITY	SCORE	RANK	CITY	SCORE	RANK	CITY	SCORE
216	Louisville, KY	41.49	108	Peoria, AZ	(17.46)	205	South Gate, CA	36.63
196	Lowell, MA	34.05	NA	Peoria, IL**	NA	264	Southfield, MI	76.31
233	Lubbock, TX	51.61	343	Philadelphia, PA	181.19	185	Sparks, NV	22.10
242	Lynn, MA	56.85	313	Phoenix, AZ	112.63	134	Spokane Valley, WA	(5.70)
332	Macon, GA	147.63	307	Pittsburgh, PA	108.96	220	Spokane, WA	42.39
98	Madison, WI	(23.72)	41	Plano, TX	(46.09)	NA	Springfield, IL**	NA
124	Manchester, NH	(10.96)	94	Plantation, FL	(25.00)	341	Springfield, MA	175.37
127	McAllen, TX	(9.49)	255	Pomona, CA	66.39	190	Springfield, MO	28.03
64	McKinney, TX	(38.82)	311	Pompano Beach, FL	111.97	35	Stamford, CT	(50.31)
183	Melbourne, FL	20.19	25	Port St. Lucie, FL	(56.84)	16	Sterling Heights, MI	(65.02)
359	Memphis, TN	235.71	249	Portland, OR	61.10	336	Stockton, CA	159.50
191	Mesa, AZ	29.47	293	Portsmouth, VA	96.20	371	St. Louis, MO	380.17
122	Mesquite, TX	(12.26)	282	Providence, RI	89.35	291	St. Paul, MN	93.16
319	Miami Beach, FL	129.49	79	Provo, UT	(32.33)	323	St. Petersburg, FL	134.00
339	Miami Gardens, FL	163.89	223	Pueblo, CO	44.31	174	Suffolk, VA	16.94
327	Miami, FL	143.45	76	Quincy, MA	(35.39)	38	Sunnyvale, CA	(49.33)
131	Midland, TX	(7.95)	256	Racine, WI	67.20	89	Sunrise, FL	(26.46)
318	Milwaukee, WI	125.03	162	Raleigh, NC	12.47	305	Syracuse, NY	106.29
345	Minneapolis, MN	186.95	62	Rancho Cucamong., CA	(39.38)	324	Tacoma, WA	135.72
141	Miramar, FL	(2.19)	351	Reading, PA	198.71	274	Tallahassee, FL	83.81
3	Mission Viejo, CA	(74.97)	203	Redding, CA	35.33	316	Tampa, FL	119.38
228	Mobile, AL	49.19	221	Reno, NV	42.85	116	Temecula, CA	(14.56)
231	Modesto, CA	50.42	259	Rialto, CA	69.58	241	Tempe, AZ	56.64
298	Montgomery, AL	99.28	61	Richardson, TX	(39.48)	150	Thornton, CO	2.05
192	Moreno Valley, CA	29.55	361	Richmond, CA	242.39	11	Thousand Oaks, CA	(69.27)
166	Murfreesboro, TN	13.38	357	Richmond, VA	226.94	331	Toledo, OH	146.75
39	Murrieta, CA	(49.11)	209	Riverside, CA	38.81	206	Topeka, KS	36.66
70	Napa, CA	(36.92)	286	Roanoke, VA	90.82	43	Torrance, CA	(45.45)
NA	Naperville, IL**	NA	65	Rochester, MN	(38.33)	56	Tracy, CA	(42.14)
27	Nashua, NH	(56.08)	334	Rochester, NY	149.22	358	Trenton, NJ	233.29
333	Nashville, TN	148.52	NA	Rockford, IL**	NA	5	Troy, MI	(70.95)
254	New Bedford, MA	65.06	110	Roseville, CA	(16.46)	308	Tucson, AZ	109.41
145	New York, NY	0.20	18	Roswell, GA	(62.16)	335	Tulsa, OK	149.62
350	Newark, NJ	196.95	13	Round Rock, TX	(67.96)	225	Tuscaloosa, AL	45.71
44	Newport Beach, CA	(45.24)	322	Sacramento, CA	133.44	193	Tyler, TX	30.54
244	Newport News, VA	57.17	151	Salem, OR	2.82	107	Upper Darby Twnshp, PA	(17.67)
4	Newton, MA	(74.64)	200	Salinas, CA	35.20	55	Vacaville, CA	(42.54)
287	Norfolk, VA	91.22	247	Salt Lake City, UT	59.65	188	Vancouver, WA	24.12
48	Norman, OK	(44.00)	155	San Angelo, TX	6.61	78	Ventura, CA	(32.96)
352	North Charleston, SC	198.77	197	San Antonio, TX	34.16	251	Victorville, CA	63.56
300	North Las Vegas, NV	100.21	348	San Bernardino, CA	193.97	74	Virginia Beach, VA	(35.53)
177	Norwalk, CA	17.62	186	San Diego, CA	22.14	280	Visalia, CA	85.66
106	Norwalk, CT	(18.07)	270	San Francisco, CA	81.68	165	Vista, CA	13.06
364	Oakland, CA	248.81	112	San Jose, CA	(15.70)	266	Waco, TX	77.57
157	Oceanside, CA	9.13	234	San Leandro, CA	52.08	NA	Warren, MI**	NA
104	Odessa, TX	(18.28)	96	San Mateo, CA	(24.61)	42	Warwick, RI	(45.50)
182	Ogden, UT	20.12	26	Sandy, UT	(56.19)	353	Washington, DC	205.69
294	Oklahoma City, OK	96.88	170	Santa Ana, CA	15.84	164	Waterbury, CT	12.81
49	Olathe, KS	(43.80)	115	Santa Barbara, CA	(14.76)	143	West Covina, CA	(0.30)
217	Omaha, NE	41.59	67	Santa Clara, CA	(37.38)	344	West Palm Beach, FL	182.36
204	Ontario, CA	36.14	34	Santa Clarita, CA	(50.49)	213	West Valley, UT	39.70
30	Orange, CA	(54.43)	178	Santa Maria, CA	18.26	126	Westland, MI	(9.88)
12	Orem, UT	(69.11)	171	Santa Monica, CA	16.19	109	Westminster, CA	(16.47)
347	Orlando, FL	189.55	133	Santa Rosa, CA	(6.17)	123	Westminster, CO	(11.05)
33	Overland Park, KS	(51.28)	260	Savannah, GA	72.50	125	Whittier, CA	(10.58)
156	Oxnard, CA	8.63	82	Scottsdale, AZ	(30.75)	232	Wichita Falls, TX	51.32
147	Palm Bay, FL	0.41	262	Seattle, WA	74.10	292	Wilmington, NC	93.96
230	Palmdale, CA	50.21	321	Shreveport, LA	131.42	281	Winston-Salem, NC	86.58
32	Parma, OH	(53.99)	17	Simi Valley, CA	(64.30)	46	Woodbridge Twnshp, NJ	(44.68)
129	Pasadena, CA	(8.94)	148	Sioux City, IA	0.94	229	Worcester, MA	49.69
118	Pasadena, TX	(13.97)	149	Sioux Falls, SD	1.62	304	Yakima, WA	106.02
261	Paterson, NJ	72.53	85	Somerville, MA	(27.93)	101	Yonkers, NY	(20.08)
59	Pembroke Pines, FL	(41.63)	275	South Bend, IN	84.06	363	Youngstown, OH	248.54
						215	Yuma, AZ	40.48

Source: Morgan Quitno Press using data from F.B.I. "Crime in the United States 2006"

*Includes murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. A negative score (in parentheses) indicates a composite crime number below the national rate, a positive number is above the national rate. **Not available.

Rank Order - City

Morgan Quitno Press' (continued)

America's Safest City Award*

RANK	CITY	SCORE	RANK	CITY	SCORE	RANK	CITY	SCORE
1	Brick Twnshp, NJ	(88.46)	64	McKinney, TX	(38.82)	127	McAllen, TX	(9.49)
2	Amherst, NY	(81.38)	65	Rochester, MN	(38.33)	128	Lincoln, NE	(8.95)
3	Mission Viejo, CA	(74.97)	66	Beaverton, OR	(38.30)	129	Pasadena, CA	(8.94)
4	Newton, MA	(74.64)	67	Santa Clara, CA	(37.38)	130	Columbia, MO	(8.92)
5	Troy, MI	(70.95)	68	Daly City, CA	(37.23)	131	Midland, TX	(7.95)
6	Colonie, NY	(70.28)	69	Lewisville, TX	(37.08)	132	Chesapeake, VA	(7.71)
7	Irvine, CA	(70.23)	70	Napa, CA	(36.92)	133	Santa Rosa, CA	(6.17)
8	Cary, NC	(70.10)	71	Burbank, CA	(36.67)	134	Spokane Valley, WA	(5.70)
9	Greece, NY	(69.90)	72	Arvada, CO	(36.35)	135	Anaheim, CA	(4.80)
10	Coral Springs, FL	(69.48)	73	Alexandria, VA	(36.11)	136	Athens-Clarke, GA	(4.58)
11	Thousand Oaks, CA	(69.27)	74	Virginia Beach, VA	(35.53)	137	Green Bay, WI	(4.12)
12	Orem, UT	(69.11)	75	Ann Arbor, MI	(35.49)	138	Irving, TX	(3.20)
13	Round Rock, TX	(67.96)	76	Quincy, MA	(35.39)	139	Fort Collins, CO	(2.98)
14	Dover Twnshp, NJ	(67.94)	77	Glendale, CA	(35.04)	140	Escondido, CA	(2.46)
15	Lake Forest, CA	(65.13)	78	Ventura, CA	(32.96)	141	Miramar, FL	(2.19)
16	Sterling Heights, MI	(65.02)	79	Provo, UT	(32.33)	142	Concord, CA	(2.00)
17	Simi Valley, CA	(64.30)	80	Fullerton, CA	(31.30)	143	West Covina, CA	(0.30)
18	Roswell, GA	(62.16)	81	Lawrence, KS	(31.05)	144	Hampton, VA	(0.27)
19	Lee's Summit, MO	(60.95)	82	Scottsdale, AZ	(30.75)	145	New York, NY	0.20
20	Broken Arrow, OK	(60.46)	83	Carrollton, TX	(29.65)	146	Denton, TX	0.25
21	Chino Hills, CA	(60.20)	84	Hillsboro, OR	(29.32)	147	Palm Bay, FL	0.41
22	Gilbert, AZ	(59.12)	85	Somerville, MA	(27.93)	148	Sioux City, IA	0.94
23	Edison Twnshp, NJ	(58.15)	86	Kenosha, WI	(27.89)	149	Sioux Falls, SD	1.62
24	Cranston, RI	(57.59)	87	Davie, FL	(27.27)	150	Thornton, CO	2.05
25	Port St. Lucie, FL	(56.84)	88	Chino, CA	(26.47)	151	Salem, OR	2.82
26	Sandy, UT	(56.19)	89	Sunrise, FL	(26.46)	152	Hialeah, FL	4.02
27	Nashua, NH	(56.08)	90	Cape Coral, FL	(26.18)	153	Baldwin Park, CA	4.10
28	Danbury, CT	(55.70)	91	Henderson, NV	(26.08)	154	Erie, PA	6.37
29	Huntington Beach, CA	(54.46)	92	Billings, MT	(25.30)	155	San Angelo, TX	6.61
30	Orange, CA	(54.43)	93	Cedar Rapids, IA	(25.19)	156	Oxnard, CA	8.63
31	Hamilton Twnshp, NJ	(54.12)	94	Plantation, FL	(25.00)	157	Oceanside, CA	9.13
32	Parma, OH	(53.99)	95	Costa Mesa, CA	(24.87)	158	Austin, TX	9.46
33	Overland Park, KS	(51.28)	96	San Mateo, CA	(24.61)	159	Evansville, IN	9.78
34	Santa Clarita, CA	(50.49)	97	Garland, TX	(23.84)	160	Lakeland, FL	9.83
35	Stamford, CT	(50.31)	98	Madison, WI	(23.72)	161	Laredo, TX	12.19
36	Cheektowaga, NY	(49.90)	99	Corona, CA	(23.11)	162	Raleigh, NC	12.47
37	Livonia, MI	(49.74)	100	Clovis, CA	(22.12)	163	El Monte, CA	12.77
38	Sunnyvale, CA	(49.33)	101	Yonkers, NY	(20.08)	164	Waterbury, CT	12.81
39	Murrieta, CA	(49.11)	102	Alhambra, CA	(18.90)	165	Vista, CA	13.06
40	Canton Twnshp, MI	(48.11)	103	Buena Park, CA	(18.42)	166	Murfreesboro, TN	13.38
41	Plano, TX	(46.09)	104	Odessa, TX	(18.28)	167	Fontana, CA	14.58
42	Warwick, RI	(45.50)	105	Chandler, AZ	(18.19)	168	Grand Prairie, TX	14.70
43	Torrance, CA	(45.45)	106	Norwalk, CT	(18.07)	169	Fort Wayne, IN	15.37
44	Newport Beach, CA	(45.24)	107	Upper Darby Twnshp, PA	(17.67)	170	Santa Ana, CA	15.84
44	Clifton, NJ	(45.24)	108	Peoria, AZ	(17.46)	171	Santa Monica, CA	16.19
46	Woodbridge Twnshp, NJ	(44.68)	109	Westminster, CA	(16.47)	172	Lexington, KY	16.36
47	Fargo, ND	(44.46)	110	Roseville, CA	(16.46)	173	Colorado Springs, CO	16.83
48	Norman, OK	(44.00)	111	Lakewood, CA	(16.32)	174	Suffolk, VA	16.94
49	Olathe, KS	(43.80)	112	San Jose, CA	(15.70)	175	Hollywood, FL	17.13
50	Boca Raton, FL	(43.75)	113	Honolulu, HI	(15.48)	176	Eugene, OR	17.15
51	Livermore, CA	(43.60)	114	El Paso, TX	(15.44)	177	Norwalk, CA	17.62
52	Centennial, CO	(43.18)	115	Santa Barbara, CA	(14.76)	178	Santa Maria, CA	18.26
53	Fremont, CA	(42.80)	116	Temecula, CA	(14.56)	179	Downey, CA	19.56
54	Clinton Twnshp, MI	(42.62)	117	Cambridge, MA	(14.40)	180	Abilene, TX	19.87
55	Vacaville, CA	(42.54)	118	Pasadena, TX	(13.97)	181	Chula Vista, CA	19.92
56	Tracy, CA	(42.14)	119	Brownsville, TX	(13.74)	182	Ogden, UT	20.12
57	Bellevue, WA	(42.06)	120	Boise, ID	(12.72)	183	Melbourne, FL	20.19
58	Carlsbad, CA	(41.87)	121	Garden Grove, CA	(12.40)	184	Clarksville, TN	20.33
59	Pembroke Pines, FL	(41.63)	122	Mesquite, TX	(12.26)	185	Sparks, NV	22.10
60	Farmington Hills, MI	(41.42)	123	Westminster, CO	(11.05)	186	San Diego, CA	22.14
61	Richardson, TX	(39.48)	124	Manchester, NH	(10.96)	187	Carson, CA	22.72
62	Rancho Cucamon., CA	(39.38)	125	Whittier, CA	(10.58)	188	Vancouver, WA	24.12
63	Boulder, CO	(39.20)	126	Westland, MI	(9.88)	189	Greeley, CO	25.63
						190	Springfield, MO	28.03

RANK	CITY	SCORE	RANK	CITY	SCORE	RANK	CITY	SCORE
191	Mesa, AZ	29.47	254	New Bedford, MA	65.06	317	Jersey City, NJ	123.85
192	Moreno Valley, CA	29.55	255	Pomona, CA	66.39	318	Milwaukee, WI	125.03
193	Tyler, TX	30.54	256	Racine, WI	67.20	319	Miami Beach, FL	129.49
194	Dearborn, MI	33.18	257	Aurora, CO	68.15	320	Indianapolis, IN	130.16
195	Des Moines, IA	33.24	258	Elizabeth, NJ	68.76	321	Shreveport, LA	131.42
196	Lowell, MA	34.05	259	Rialto, CA	69.58	322	Sacramento, CA	133.44
197	San Antonio, TX	34.16	260	Savannah, GA	72.50	323	St. Petersburg, FL	134.00
198	Corpus Christi, TX	34.67	261	Paterson, NJ	72.53	324	Tacoma, WA	135.72
199	El Cajon, CA	35.01	262	Seattle, WA	74.10	325	Houston, TX	138.74
200	Salinas, CA	35.20	263	Albany, GA	74.97	326	Columbus, OH	142.29
201	Fairfield, CA	35.22	264	Southfield, MI	76.31	327	Miami, FL	143.45
202	Lakewood, CO	35.28	265	Lancaster, CA	77.51	328	Baton Rouge, LA	143.63
203	Redding, CA	35.33	266	Waco, TX	77.57	329	Charlotte, NC	144.41
204	Ontario, CA	36.14	267	Fresno, CA	78.09	330	Jackson, MS	144.48
205	South Gate, CA	36.63	268	Killeen, TX	79.00	331	Toledo, OH	146.75
206	Topeka, KS	36.66	269	Greensboro, NC	80.70	332	Macon, GA	147.63
207	Arlington, TX	36.90	270	San Francisco, CA	81.68	333	Nashville, TN	148.52
208	Lawton, OK	38.68	271	Fort Lauderdale, FL	83.59	334	Rochester, NY	149.22
209	Riverside, CA	38.81	272	Durham, NC	83.76	335	Tulsa, OK	149.62
210	Antioch, CA	39.36	273	Fort Smith, AR	83.80	336	Stockton, CA	159.50
211	Long Beach, CA	39.65	274	Tallahassee, FL	83.81	337	Hartford, CT	160.59
212	Anchorage, AK	39.69	275	South Bend, IN	84.06	338	Dallas, TX	163.42
213	West Valley, UT	39.70	276	Lansing, MI	84.22	339	Miami Gardens, FL	163.89
214	Hawthorne, CA	40.38	277	Federal Way, WA	84.35	340	Buffalo, NY	172.08
215	Yuma, AZ	40.48	278	Huntsville, AL	84.94	341	Springfield, MA	175.37
216	Louisville, KY	41.49	279	Albuquerque, NM	85.39	342	Kansas City, KS	178.79
217	Omaha, NE	41.59	280	Visalia, CA	85.66	343	Philadelphia, PA	181.19
218	Clearwater, FL	41.84	281	Winston-Salem, NC	86.58	344	West Palm Beach, FL	182.36
219	Independence, MO	42.01	282	Providence, RI	89.35	345	Minneapolis, MN	186.95
220	Spokane, WA	42.39	283	Everett, WA	90.14	346	Dayton, OH	187.82
221	Reno, NV	42.85	284	Davenport, IA	90.45	347	Orlando, FL	189.55
222	Grand Rapids, MI	44.28	285	Hammond, IN	90.68	348	San Bernardino, CA	193.97
223	Pueblo, CO	44.31	286	Roanoke, VA	90.82	349	Little Rock, AR	194.32
224	Hayward, CA	44.47	287	Norfolk, VA	91.22	350	Newark, NJ	196.95
225	Tuscaloosa, AL	45.71	288	Fayetteville, NC	92.09	351	Reading, PA	198.71
226	Berkeley, CA	46.11	289	Kent, WA	92.30	352	North Charleston, SC	198.77
227	Las Cruces, NM	48.13	290	Akron, OH	92.39	353	Washington, DC	205.69
228	Mobile, AL	49.19	291	St. Paul, MN	93.16	354	Cincinnati, OH	210.37
229	Worcester, MA	49.69	292	Wilmington, NC	93.96	355	Atlanta, GA	210.69
230	Palmdale, CA	50.21	293	Portsmouth, VA	96.20	356	Kansas City, MO	213.50
231	Modesto, CA	50.42	294	Oklahoma City, OK	96.88	357	Richmond, VA	226.94
232	Wichita Falls, TX	51.32	295	Columbia, SC	97.06	358	Trenton, NJ	233.29
233	Lubbock, TX	51.61	296	Canton, OH	97.25	359	Memphis, TN	235.71
234	San Leandro, CA	52.08	297	Knoxville, TN	98.46	360	Baltimore, MD	237.24
235	Amarillo, TX	52.44	298	Montgomery, AL	99.28	361	Richmond, CA	242.39
236	Bakersfield, CA	52.82	299	Allentown, PA	100.01	362	Gary, IN	244.82
237	Columbus, GA	53.41	300	North Las Vegas, NV	100.21	363	Youngstown, OH	248.54
238	Gainesville, FL	53.79	301	Beaumont, TX	102.42	364	Oakland, CA	248.81
239	Gresham, OR	54.15	302	Las Vegas, NV	102.73	365	Cleveland, OH	250.52
240	Charleston, SC	55.37	303	Denver, CO	105.70	366	Birmingham, AL	281.71
241	Tempe, AZ	56.64	304	Yakima, WA	106.02	367	Camden, NJ	298.30
242	Lynn, MA	56.85	305	Syracuse, NY	106.29	368	Compton, CA	304.11
243	Lafayette, LA	57.11	306	Longview, TX	107.27	369	Flint, MI	319.67
244	Newport News, VA	57.17	307	Pittsburgh, PA	108.96	370	Detroit, MI	360.12
245	High Point, NC	57.76	308	Tucson, AZ	109.41	371	St. Louis, MO	380.17
246	Fort Worth, TX	59.42	309	Bridgeport, CT	110.57	NA	Aurora, IL**	NA
247	Salt Lake City, UT	59.65	310	Inglewood, CA	111.75	NA	Brockton, MA**	NA
248	Jacksonville, FL	60.05	311	Pompano Beach, FL	111.97	NA	Chicago, IL**	NA
249	Portland, OR	61.10	312	Albany, NY	112.35	NA	Joliet, IL**	NA
250	Los Angeles, CA	61.98	313	Phoenix, AZ	112.63	NA	Naperville, IL**	NA
251	Victorville, CA	63.56	314	Boston, MA	115.33	NA	Peoria, IL**	NA
252	Bellflower, CA	63.93	315	Chattanooga, TN	118.05	NA	Rockford, IL**	NA
253	Glendale, AZ	64.20	316	Tampa, FL	119.38	NA	Springfield, IL**	NA
						NA	Warren, MI**	NA

Source: Morgan Quitno Press using data from F.B.I. "Crime in the United States 2006"

*Includes murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. A negative score (in parentheses) indicates a composite crime number below the national rate, a positive number is above the national rate. **Not available.

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Safest Metropolitan Area Award*

RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE	RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE	RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE
198	Abilene, TX	(1.06)	240	Chattanooga, TN-GA	12.57	233	Gadsden, AL	9.95
172	Akron, OH	(7.96)	69	Cheyenne, WY	(40.19)	300	Gainesville, FL	36.22
93	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	(32.77)	230	Chico, CA	8.93	125	Gainesville, GA	(27.20)
194	Albany, GA	(1.82)	197	Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	(1.42)	215	Goldsboro, NC	4.76
330	Albuquerque, NM	58.87	165	Clarksville, TN-KY	(10.03)	48	Grand Forks, ND-MN	(46.83)
320	Alexandria, LA	44.83	154	Coeur d'Alene, ID	(16.43)	62	Grand Junction, CO	(41.76)
73	Allentown-Bethlehem, PA-NJ	(38.66)	228	College Station-Bryan, TX	8.01	155	Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	(16.01)
104	Altoona, PA	(30.69)	199	Colorado Springs, CO	(0.31)	51	Great Falls, MT	(45.95)
278	Amarillo, TX	25.62	131	Columbia, MO	(25.01)	179	Greeley, CO	(6.10)
39	Ames, IA	(49.21)	267	Columbia, SC	23.55	42	Green Bay, WI	(48.45)
307	Anchorage, AK	38.50	259	Columbus, GA-AL	21.06	246	Greensboro-High Point, NC	16.05
33	Anderson, IN	(51.21)	11	Columbus, IN	(66.18)	261	Greenville, NC	21.26
290	Anderson, SC	31.48	296	Columbus, OH	33.53	265	Greenville, SC	22.94
141	Ann Arbor, MI	(21.70)	258	Corpus Christi, TX	20.85	38	Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV	(49.32)
5	Appleton, WI	(71.98)	20	Corvallis, OR	(58.96)	143	Hanford-Corcoran, CA	(21.05)
122	Asheville, NC	(27.64)	56	Cumberland, MD-WV	(44.26)	116	Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	(28.76)
106	Athens-Clarke County, GA	(30.41)	276	Dallas (greater), TX	25.08	14	Harrisonburg, VA	(64.97)
249	Atlanta, GA	16.51	292	Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX M.D.	32.12	124	Hartford, CT	(27.32)
186	Atlantic City, NJ	(3.46)	142	Danville, VA	(21.20)	152	Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC	(17.05)
166	Auburn-Opelika, AL	(9.82)	234	Daytona Beach, FL	10.17	117	Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA	(28.75)
231	Augusta, GA-SC	9.73	189	Dayton, OH	(2.88)	82	Holland-Grand Haven, MI	(36.22)
140	Austin-Round Rock, TX	(21.81)	52	Decatur, AL	(45.90)	156	Honolulu, HI	(15.48)
301	Bakersfield, CA	36.32	257	Denver-Aurora, CO	20.26	332	Hot Springs, AR	62.34
319	Baltimore-Towson, MD	44.48	119	Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	(28.60)	160	Houma, LA	(12.86)
3	Bangor, ME	(73.44)	NA	Detroit (greater), MI**	NA	323	Houston, TX	46.99
98	Barnstable Town, MA	(31.75)	344	Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI M.D.	157.39	102	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	(30.93)
315	Baton Rouge, LA	41.14	214	Dothan, AL	4.64	272	Huntsville, AL	24.79
282	Battle Creek, MI	27.82	171	Dover, DE	(8.07)	34	Idaho Falls, ID	(50.74)
129	Bay City, MI	(25.83)	55	Dubuque, IA	(44.53)	295	Indianapolis, IN	32.99
277	Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	25.47	264	Durham, NC	21.54	40	Iowa City, IA	(48.98)
138	Bellingham, WA	(22.69)	4	Eau Claire, WI	(72.04)	291	Jacksonville, FL	31.51
126	Bend, OR	(26.90)	13	Edison, NJ M.D.	(65.36)	181	Jackson, MI	(5.81)
49	Bethesda-Frederick, MD M.D.	(46.72)	220	El Centro, CA	5.97	274	Jackson, MS	25.00
79	Billings, MT	(37.19)	146	El Paso, TX	(19.53)	336	Jackson, TN	73.28
21	Binghamton, NY	(57.82)	17	Elizabethtown, KY	(61.18)	100	Janesville, WI	(31.27)
7	Bismarck, ND	(69.71)	88	Elkhart-Goshen, IN	(33.68)	130	Jefferson City, MO	(25.02)
32	Blacksburg, VA	(51.45)	59	Elmira, NY	(42.44)	147	Johnson City, TN	(19.45)
46	Bloomington, IN	(46.92)	76	Erie, PA	(38.12)	252	Jonesboro, AR	17.88
111	Boston (greater), MA-NH	(29.63)	75	Essex County, MA M.D.	(38.52)	184	Joplin, MO	(5.05)
207	Boston-Quincy, MA M.D.	2.39	200	Eugene-Springfield, OR	(0.02)	167	Kalamazoo-Portage, MI	(9.33)
128	Bowling Green, KY	(26.04)	57	Evansville, IN-KY	(44.01)	305	Kansas City, MO-KS	37.38
210	Bremerton-Silverdale, WA	3.23	NA	Fairbanks, AK**	NA	101	Kennewick-Richland-Pasco, WA	(31.21)
73	Bridgeport-Stamford, CT	(38.66)	27	Fargo, ND-MN	(53.95)	180	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX	(6.03)
173	Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	(7.84)	NA	Farmington, NM**	NA	159	Kingsport, TN-VA	(14.04)
226	Brunswick, GA	7.42	120	Fayetteville, AR-MO	(28.16)	53	Kingston, NY	(45.65)
196	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	(1.45)	285	Fayetteville, NC	29.21	204	Knoxville, TN	1.43
177	Burlington, NC	(7.06)	175	Flagstaff, AZ	(7.51)	213	Kokomo, IN	4.50
25	Cambridge-Newton, MA M.D.	(55.21)	338	Flint, MI	80.14	8	La Crosse, WI-MN	(67.50)
107	Camden, NJ M.D.	(30.34)	340	Florence, SC	83.31	60	Lafayette, IN	(42.10)
247	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	16.38	1	Fond du Lac, WI	(79.56)	255	Lafayette, LA	18.91
92	Carson City, NV	(32.99)	113	Fort Collins-Loveland, CO	(29.55)	299	Lake Charles, LA	35.72
63	Casper, WY	(41.69)	209	Fort Lauderdale, FL M.D.	2.84	192	Lakeland, FL	(2.36)
35	Cedar Rapids, IA	(50.55)	188	Fort Smith, AR-OK	(3.29)	18	Lancaster, PA	(59.55)
318	Charleston-North Charleston, SC	44.46	68	Fort Walton Beach, FL	(40.54)	169	Lansing-East Lansing, MI	(8.86)
168	Charleston, WV	(9.12)	133	Fort Wayne, IN	(24.22)	245	Laredo, TX	15.44
333	Charlotte-Gastonia, NC-SC	63.41	235	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX M.D.	10.42	212	Las Cruces, NM	4.39
85	Charlottesville, VA	(35.10)	317	Fresno, CA	44.44	341	Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	84.14

Note: All listings are for Metropolitan Statistical Areas (M.S.A.s) except for those ending with "M.D." Listings with "M.D." are Metropolitan Divisions which are smaller parts of ten large M.S.A.s. See explanatory note at beginning of metropolitan area section on page 23.

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RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE	RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE	RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE
78	Lawrence, KS	(37.79)	310	Orlando, FL	39.74	275	Seattle (greater), WA	25.05
253	Lawton, OK	18.21	12	Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	(65.93)	263	Seattle-Bellevue, WA M.D.	21.42
44	Lebanon, PA	(47.57)	36	Owensboro, KY	(49.88)	97	Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL	(32.49)
28	Lewiston-Auburn, ME	(53.43)	72	Oxnard-Thousand Oaks, CA	(38.70)	6	Sheboygan, WI	(70.29)
45	Lewiston, ID-WA	(47.19)	195	Palm Bay-Melbourne, FL	(1.70)	71	Sherman-Denison, TX	(38.71)
161	Lexington-Fayette, KY	(11.77)	224	Panama City-Lynn Haven, FL	7.26	335	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	72.23
294	Lima, OH	32.87	61	Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH	(41.98)	89	Sioux City, IA-NE-SD	(33.66)
151	Lincoln, NE	(17.22)	221	Pascagoula, MS	6.07	144	Sioux Falls, SD	(20.99)
329	Little Rock, AR	57.00	187	Pensacola, FL	(3.35)	178	South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI	(6.83)
9	Logan, UT-ID	(67.04)	254	Philadelphia (greater) PA-NJ-DE	18.55	283	Spartanburg, SC	27.84
297	Longview, TX	33.88	304	Philadelphia, PA M.D.	37.02	191	Spokane, WA	(2.38)
262	Longview, WA	21.28	324	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	47.33	244	Springfield, MA	15.42
306	Los Angeles County, CA M.D.	38.42	342	Pine Bluff, AR	103.14	121	Springfield, MO	(28.12)
260	Los Angeles (greater), CA	21.11	109	Pittsburgh, PA	(30.07)	312	Springfield, OH	40.16
185	Louisville, KY-IN	(3.48)	115	Pittsfield, MA	(29.04)	2	State College, PA	(74.41)
309	Lubbock, TX	39.60	80	Pocatello, ID	(37.00)	337	Stockton, CA	75.22
37	Lynchburg, VA	(49.33)	164	Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce, FL	(10.85)	67	St. Cloud, MN	(40.58)
325	Macon, GA	48.34	174	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA	(7.68)	47	St. George, UT	(46.84)
239	Madera, CA	12.16	23	Portland, ME	(57.01)	94	St. Joseph, MO-KS	(32.75)
29	Madison, WI	(52.07)	31	Poughkeepsie, NY	(51.49)	216	St. Louis, MO-IL	5.24
24	Manchester-Nashua, NH	(55.63)	77	Prescott, AZ	(37.89)	321	Sumter, SC	45.17
126	Mansfield, OH	(26.90)	26	Provo-Orem, UT	(54.95)	95	Syracuse, NY	(32.69)
204	McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr, TX	1.43	232	Pueblo, CO	9.76	302	Tacoma, WA M.D.	36.66
96	Medford, OR	(32.65)	108	Punta Gorda, FL	(30.18)	316	Tallahassee, FL	44.12
343	Memphis, TN-MS-AR	125.03	148	Racine, WI	(18.90)	270	Tampa-St Petersburg, FL	23.80
289	Merced, CA	31.13	118	Raleigh-Cary, NC	(28.70)	267	Texarkana, TX-Texarkana, AR	23.55
298	Miami (greater), FL	35.08	163	Rapid City, SD	(11.03)	284	Toledo, OH	28.20
334	Miami-Dade County, FL M.D.	64.00	158	Reading, PA	(14.22)	190	Topeka, KS	(2.66)
99	Michigan City-La Porte, IN	(31.60)	227	Redding, CA	7.44	223	Trenton-Ewing, NJ	6.41
145	Midland, TX	(19.66)	236	Reno-Sparks, NV	11.01	327	Tucson, AZ	53.91
219	Milwaukee, WI	5.87	NA	Richmond, VA**	NA	313	Tulsa, OK	40.23
137	Missoula, MT	(22.75)	266	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	23.25	238	Tyler, TX	12.08
281	Mobile, AL	26.57	157	Roanoke, VA	(14.78)	54	Utica-Rome, NY	(44.67)
322	Modesto, CA	45.58	22	Rochester, MN	(57.51)	224	Valdosta, GA	7.26
202	Monroe, LA	1.35	134	Rochester, NY	(24.14)	150	Victoria, TX	(18.02)
64	Monroe, MI	(41.47)	15	Rockingham County, NH M.D.	(63.39)	287	Vineland, NJ	29.63
311	Montgomery, AL	40.15	269	Rocky Mount, NC	23.67	218	Virginia Beach-Norfolk, VA-NC	5.63
43	Morgantown, WV	(48.03)	149	Rome, GA	(18.87)	NA	Visalia-Porterville, CA**	NA
110	Morristown, TN	(29.90)	293	Sacramento, CA	32.16	288	Waco, TX	30.42
201	Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA	1.24	331	Saginaw, MI	59.30	91	Warner Robins, GA	(33.05)
139	Muncie, IN	(22.12)	153	Salem, OR	(16.82)	NA	Warren-Farmington Hills, MI M.D.**	NA
243	Muskegon-Norton Shores, MI	14.20	183	Salinas, CA	(5.33)	229	Washington (greater) DC-VA-MD	8.82
339	Myrtle Beach, SC	80.71	279	Salisbury, MD	25.97	271	Washington, DC-VA-MD-WV M.D.	24.52
66	Napa, CA	(40.83)	182	Salt Lake City, UT	(5.58)	84	Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA	(35.24)
105	Naples-Marco Island, FL	(30.58)	193	San Angelo, TX	(2.14)	10	Wausau, WI	(66.97)
314	Nashville-Davidson, TN	40.59	237	San Antonio, TX	11.18	83	Wenatchee, WA	(35.62)
16	Nassau-Suffolk, NY M.D.	(62.00)	222	San Diego, CA	6.21	280	West Palm Beach, FL M.D.	25.99
135	New York (greater), NY-NJ-PA	(23.49)	303	San Francisco (greater), CA	36.94	19	Wheeling, WV-OH	(59.04)
162	New York-W. Plains NY-NJ M.D.	(11.30)	256	San Francisco-S. Mateo, CA M.D.	19.98	251	Wichita Falls, TX	17.32
217	Newark-Union, NJ-PA M.D.	5.44	114	San Jose, CA	(29.32)	41	Williamsport, PA	(48.85)
170	Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	(8.29)	65	San Luis Obispo, CA	(40.96)	208	Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ M.D.	2.76
123	Norwich-New London, CT	(27.58)	58	Sandusky, OH	(43.49)	250	Wilmington, NC	17.30
326	Oakland-Fremont, CA M.D.	48.63	81	Santa Ana-Anaheim, CA M.D.	(36.43)	30	Winchester, VA-WV	(51.58)
242	Ocala, FL	13.06	112	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria, CA	(29.58)	248	Winston-Salem, NC	16.41
70	Ocean City, NJ	(38.95)	176	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	(7.08)	103	Worcester, MA	(30.82)
136	Odessa, TX	(23.31)	286	Santa Fe, NM	29.54	328	Yakima, WA	54.40
50	Ogden-Clearfield, UT	(46.32)	132	Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	(24.66)	90	York-Hanover, PA	(33.29)
273	Oklahoma City, OK	24.93	203	Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL	1.41	241	Yuba City, CA	13.05
87	Olympia, WA	(33.96)	308	Savannah, GA	38.73	211	Yuma, AZ	3.90
206	Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	2.32	86	Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA	(34.79)			

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*Includes murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. A negative score (in parentheses) indicates a composite crime number below the national rate, a positive number is above the national rate. **Not available.

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Safest Metropolitan Area Award*

RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE	RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE	RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE
1	Fond du Lac, WI	(79.56)	58	Sandusky, OH	(43.49)	115	Pittsfield, MA	(29.04)
2	State College, PA	(74.41)	59	Elmira, NY	(42.44)	116	Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	(28.76)
3	Bangor, ME	(73.44)	60	Lafayette, IN	(42.10)	117	Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA	(28.75)
4	Eau Claire, WI	(72.04)	61	Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH	(41.98)	118	Raleigh-Cary, NC	(28.70)
5	Appleton, WI	(71.98)	62	Grand Junction, CO	(41.76)	119	Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	(28.60)
6	Sheboygan, WI	(70.29)	63	Casper, WY	(41.69)	120	Fayetteville, AR-MO	(28.16)
7	Bismarck, ND	(69.71)	64	Monroe, MI	(41.47)	121	Springfield, MO	(28.12)
8	La Crosse, WI-MN	(67.50)	65	San Luis Obispo, CA	(40.96)	122	Asheville, NC	(27.64)
9	Logan, UT-ID	(67.04)	66	Napa, CA	(40.83)	123	Norwich-New London, CT	(27.58)
10	Wausau, WI	(66.97)	67	St. Cloud, MN	(40.58)	124	Hartford, CT	(27.32)
11	Columbus, IN	(66.18)	68	Fort Walton Beach, FL	(40.54)	125	Gainesville, GA	(27.20)
12	Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	(65.93)	69	Cheyenne, WY	(40.19)	126	Bend, OR	(26.90)
13	Edison, NJ M.D.	(65.36)	70	Ocean City, NJ	(38.95)	126	Mansfield, OH	(26.90)
14	Harrisonburg, VA	(64.97)	71	Sherman-Denison, TX	(38.71)	128	Bowling Green, KY	(26.04)
15	Rockingham County, NH M.D.	(63.39)	72	Oxnard-Thousand Oaks, CA	(38.70)	129	Bay City, MI	(25.83)
16	Nassau-Suffolk, NY M.D.	(62.00)	73	Allentown-Bethlehem, PA-NJ	(38.66)	130	Jefferson City, MO	(25.02)
17	Elizabethtown, KY	(61.18)	73	Bridgeport-Stamford, CT	(38.66)	131	Columbia, MO	(25.01)
18	Lancaster, PA	(59.55)	75	Essex County, MA M.D.	(38.52)	132	Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	(24.66)
19	Wheeling, WV-OH	(59.04)	76	Erie, PA	(38.12)	133	Fort Wayne, IN	(24.22)
20	Corvallis, OR	(58.96)	77	Prescott, AZ	(37.89)	134	Rochester, NY	(24.14)
21	Binghamton, NY	(57.82)	78	Lawrence, KS	(37.79)	135	New York (greater), NY-NJ-PA	(23.49)
22	Rochester, MN	(57.51)	79	Billings, MT	(37.19)	136	Odessa, TX	(23.31)
23	Portland, ME	(57.01)	80	Pocatello, ID	(37.00)	137	Missoula, MT	(22.75)
24	Manchester-Nashua, NH	(55.63)	81	Santa Ana-Anaheim, CA M.D.	(36.43)	138	Bellingham, WA	(22.69)
25	Cambridge-Newton, MA M.D.	(55.21)	82	Holland-Grand Haven, MI	(36.22)	139	Muncie, IN	(22.12)
26	Provo-Orem, UT	(54.95)	83	Wenatchee, WA	(35.62)	140	Austin-Round Rock, TX	(21.81)
27	Fargo, ND-MN	(53.95)	84	Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA	(35.24)	141	Ann Arbor, MI	(21.70)
28	Lewiston-Auburn, ME	(53.43)	85	Charlottesville, VA	(35.10)	142	Danville, VA	(21.20)
29	Madison, WI	(52.07)	86	Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA	(34.79)	143	Hanford-Corcoran, CA	(21.05)
30	Winchester, VA-WV	(51.58)	87	Olympia, WA	(33.96)	144	Sioux Falls, SD	(20.99)
31	Poughkeepsie, NY	(51.49)	88	Elkhart-Goshen, IN	(33.68)	145	Midland, TX	(19.66)
32	Blacksburg, VA	(51.45)	89	Sioux City, IA-NE-SD	(33.66)	146	El Paso, TX	(19.53)
33	Anderson, IN	(51.21)	90	York-Hanover, PA	(33.29)	147	Johnson City, TN	(19.45)
34	Idaho Falls, ID	(50.74)	91	Warner Robins, GA	(33.05)	148	Racine, WI	(18.90)
35	Cedar Rapids, IA	(50.55)	92	Carson City, NV	(32.99)	149	Rome, GA	(18.87)
36	Owensboro, KY	(49.88)	93	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	(32.77)	150	Victoria, TX	(18.02)
37	Lynchburg, VA	(49.33)	94	St. Joseph, MO-KS	(32.75)	151	Lincoln, NE	(17.22)
38	Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV	(49.32)	95	Syracuse, NY	(32.69)	152	Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC	(17.05)
39	Ames, IA	(49.21)	96	Medford, OR	(32.65)	153	Salem, OR	(16.82)
40	Iowa City, IA	(48.98)	97	Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL	(32.49)	154	Coeur d'Alene, ID	(16.43)
41	Williamsport, PA	(48.85)	98	Barnstable Town, MA	(31.75)	155	Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	(16.01)
42	Green Bay, WI	(48.45)	99	Michigan City-La Porte, IN	(31.60)	156	Honolulu, HI	(15.48)
43	Morgantown, WV	(48.03)	100	Janesville, WI	(31.27)	157	Roanoke, VA	(14.78)
44	Lebanon, PA	(47.57)	101	Kennewick-Richland-Pasco, WA	(31.21)	158	Reading, PA	(14.22)
45	Lewiston, ID-WA	(47.19)	102	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	(30.93)	159	Kingsport, TN-VA	(14.04)
46	Bloomington, IN	(46.92)	103	Worcester, MA	(30.82)	160	Houma, LA	(12.86)
47	St. George, UT	(46.84)	104	Altoona, PA	(30.69)	161	Lexington-Fayette, KY	(11.77)
48	Grand Forks, ND-MN	(46.83)	105	Naples-Marco Island, FL	(30.58)	162	New York-W. Plains NY-NJ M.D.	(11.30)
49	Bethesda-Frederick, MD M.D.	(46.72)	106	Athens-Clarke County, GA	(30.41)	163	Rapid City, SD	(11.03)
50	Ogden-Clearfield, UT	(46.32)	107	Camden, NJ M.D.	(30.34)	164	Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce, FL	(10.85)
51	Great Falls, MT	(45.95)	108	Punta Gorda, FL	(30.18)	165	Clarksville, TN-KY	(10.03)
52	Decatur, AL	(45.90)	109	Pittsburgh, PA	(30.07)	166	Auburn-Opelika, AL	(9.82)
53	Kingston, NY	(45.65)	110	Morristown, TN	(29.90)	167	Kalamazoo-Portage, MI	(9.33)
54	Utica-Rome, NY	(44.67)	111	Boston (greater), MA-NH	(29.63)	168	Charleston, WV	(9.12)
55	Dubuque, IA	(44.53)	112	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria, CA	(29.58)	169	Lansing-East Lansing, MI	(8.86)
56	Cumberland, MD-WV	(44.26)	113	Fort Collins-Loveland, CO	(29.55)	170	Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	(8.29)
57	Evansville, IN-KY	(44.01)	114	San Jose, CA	(29.32)	171	Dover, DE	(8.07)

Note: All listings are for Metropolitan Statistical Areas (M.S.A.s) except for those ending with "M.D." Listings with "M.D." are Metropolitan Divisions which are smaller parts of ten large M.S.A.s. See explanatory note at beginning of metropolitan area section on page 23.

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RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE	RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE	RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA	SCORE
172	Akron, OH	(7.96)	232	Pueblo, CO	9.76	292	Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX M.D.	32.12
173	Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	(7.84)	233	Gadsden, AL	9.95	293	Sacramento, CA	32.16
174	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA	(7.68)	234	Daytona Beach, FL	10.17	294	Lima, OH	32.87
175	Flagstaff, AZ	(7.51)	235	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX M.D.	10.42	295	Indianapolis, IN	32.99
176	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	(7.08)	236	Reno-Sparks, NV	11.01	296	Columbus, OH	33.53
177	Burlington, NC	(7.06)	237	San Antonio, TX	11.18	297	Longview, TX	33.88
178	South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI	(6.83)	238	Tyler, TX	12.08	298	Miami (greater), FL	35.08
179	Greeley, CO	(6.10)	239	Madera, CA	12.16	299	Lake Charles, LA	35.72
180	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX	(6.03)	240	Chattanooga, TN-GA	12.57	300	Gainesville, FL	36.22
181	Jackson, MI	(5.81)	241	Yuba City, CA	13.05	301	Bakersfield, CA	36.32
182	Salt Lake City, UT	(5.58)	242	Ocala, FL	13.06	302	Tacoma, WA M.D.	36.66
183	Salinas, CA	(5.33)	243	Muskegon-Norton Shores, MI	14.20	303	San Francisco (greater), CA	36.94
184	Joplin, MO	(5.05)	244	Springfield, MA	15.42	304	Philadelphia, PA M.D.	37.02
185	Louisville, KY-IN	(3.48)	245	Laredo, TX	15.44	305	Kansas City, MO-KS	37.38
186	Atlantic City, NJ	(3.46)	246	Greensboro-High Point, NC	16.05	306	Los Angeles County, CA M.D.	38.42
187	Pensacola, FL	(3.35)	247	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	16.38	307	Anchorage, AK	38.50
188	Fort Smith, AR-OK	(3.29)	248	Winston-Salem, NC	16.41	308	Savannah, GA	38.73
189	Dayton, OH	(2.88)	249	Atlanta, GA	16.51	309	Lubbock, TX	39.60
190	Topeka, KS	(2.66)	250	Wilmington, NC	17.30	310	Orlando, FL	39.74
191	Spokane, WA	(2.38)	251	Wichita Falls, TX	17.32	311	Montgomery, AL	40.15
192	Lakeland, FL	(2.36)	252	Jonesboro, AR	17.88	312	Springfield, OH	40.16
193	San Angelo, TX	(2.14)	253	Lawton, OK	18.21	313	Tulsa, OK	40.23
194	Albany, GA	(1.82)	254	Philadelphia (greater) PA-NJ-DE	18.55	314	Nashville-Davidson, TN	40.59
195	Palm Bay-Melbourne, FL	(1.70)	255	Lafayette, LA	18.91	315	Baton Rouge, LA	41.14
196	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	(1.45)	256	San Francisco-S. Mateo, CA M.D.	19.98	316	Tallahassee, FL	44.12
197	Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	(1.42)	257	Denver-Aurora, CO	20.26	317	Fresno, CA	44.44
198	Abilene, TX	(1.06)	258	Corpus Christi, TX	20.85	318	Charleston-North Charleston, SC	44.46
199	Colorado Springs, CO	(0.31)	259	Columbus, GA-AL	21.06	319	Baltimore-Towson, MD	44.48
200	Eugene-Springfield, OR	(0.02)	260	Los Angeles (greater), CA	21.11	320	Alexandria, LA	44.83
201	Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA	1.24	261	Greenville, NC	21.26	321	Sumter, SC	45.17
202	Monroe, LA	1.35	262	Longview, WA	21.28	322	Modesto, CA	45.58
203	Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL	1.41	263	Seattle-Bellevue, WA M.D.	21.42	323	Houston, TX	46.99
204	Knoxville, TN	1.43	264	Durham, NC	21.54	324	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	47.33
204	McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr, TX	1.43	265	Greenville, SC	22.94	325	Macon, GA	48.34
206	Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	2.32	266	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	23.25	326	Oakland-Fremont, CA M.D.	48.63
207	Boston-Quincy, MA M.D.	2.39	267	Columbia, SC	23.55	327	Tucson, AZ	53.91
208	Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ M.D.	2.76	267	Texarkana, TX-Texarkana, AR	23.55	328	Yakima, WA	54.40
209	Fort Lauderdale, FL M.D.	2.84	269	Rocky Mount, NC	23.67	329	Little Rock, AR	57.00
210	Bremerton-Silverdale, WA	3.23	270	Tampa-St Petersburg, FL	23.80	330	Albuquerque, NM	58.87
211	Yuma, AZ	3.90	271	Washington, DC-VA-MD-WV M.D.	24.52	331	Saginaw, MI	59.30
212	Las Cruces, NM	4.39	272	Huntsville, AL	24.79	332	Hot Springs, AR	62.34
213	Kokomo, IN	4.50	273	Oklahoma City, OK	24.93	333	Charlotte-Gastonia, NC-SC	63.41
214	Dothan, AL	4.64	274	Jackson, MS	25.00	334	Miami-Dade County, FL M.D.	64.00
215	Goldensboro, NC	4.76	275	Seattle (greater), WA	25.05	335	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	72.23
216	St. Louis, MO-IL	5.24	276	Dallas (greater), TX	25.08	336	Jackson, TN	73.28
217	Newark-Union, NJ-PA M.D.	5.44	277	Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	25.47	337	Stockton, CA	75.22
218	Virginia Beach-Norfolk, VA-NC	5.63	278	Amarillo, TX	25.62	338	Flint, MI	80.14
219	Milwaukee, WI	5.87	279	Salisbury, MD	25.97	339	Myrtle Beach, SC	80.71
220	El Centro, CA	5.97	280	West Palm Beach, FL M.D.	25.99	340	Florence, SC	83.31
221	Pascagoula, MS	6.07	281	Mobile, AL	26.57	341	Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	84.14
222	San Diego, CA	6.21	282	Battle Creek, MI	27.82	342	Pine Bluff, AR	103.14
223	Trenton-Ewing, NJ	6.41	283	Spartanburg, SC	27.84	343	Memphis, TN-MS-AR	125.03
224	Panama City-Lynn Haven, FL	7.26	284	Toledo, OH	28.20	344	Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI M.D.	157.39
224	Valdosta, GA	7.26	285	Fayetteville, NC	29.21	NA	Detroit (greater), MI**	NA
226	Brunswick, GA	7.42	286	Santa Fe, NM	29.54	NA	Fairbanks, AK**	NA
227	Redding, CA	7.44	287	Vineland, NJ	29.63	NA	Farmington, NM**	NA
228	College Station-Bryan, TX	8.01	288	Waco, TX	30.42	NA	Richmond, VA**	NA
229	Washington (greater) DC-VA-MD	8.82	289	Merced, CA	31.13	NA	Visalia-Porterville, CA**	NA
230	Chico, CA	8.93	290	Anderson, SC	31.48	NA	Warren-Farmington Hills, MI M.D.**	NA
231	Augusta, GA-SC	9.73	291	Jacksonville, FL	31.51			

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*Includes murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. A negative score (in parentheses) indicates a composite crime number below the national rate, a positive number is above the national rate. **Not available.



A History of the Safest City and Metropolitan Area Awards

First Annual Award - Issued in 1995

Based on 1993 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: 100 largest cities
Safest City: Huntington Beach, CA
Most Dangerous City: Atlanta, GA

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 255 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Wausau, WI
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR

Second Annual Award - Issued in 1996

Based on 1994 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 100,000 or more (195 cities considered)
Safest City: Irvine, CA
Most Dangerous City: Atlanta, GA

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 281 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Wausau, WI
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Miami, FL

Third Annual Award - Issued in 1996

Based on 1995 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 100,000 or more
(partnered with MONEY Magazine—202 cities considered)
Safest City: Amherst, NY
Most Dangerous City: Newark, NJ

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 266 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Dubuque, IA
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Miami, FL

Fourth Annual Award - Issued in 1997

Based on 1996 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 100,000 or more
(partnered with MONEY Magazine—207 cities considered)
Safest City: Amherst, NY
Most Dangerous City: Gary, IN

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 249 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Appleton, Oshkosh-Neenah, WI
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Pine Bluff, AR

Fifth Annual Award - Issued in 1998*

Based on 1997 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 75,000 or more (300 cities considered)
Safest City: Amherst, NY
Most Dangerous City: Gary, IN

Fifth Annual Award (Continued)

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 255 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Appleton, Oshkosh-Neenah, WI
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Pine Bluff, AR

Sixth Annual Award - Issued in 1999*

Based on 1998 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 75,000 or more (315 cities considered)

Safest City: Newton, MA
Most Dangerous City: Detroit, MI

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 247 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Pittsfield, MA
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Pine Bluff, AR

Seventh Annual Award - Issued in 2000*

Based on 1999 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 75,000 or more (322 cities considered)

Safest City: Amherst, NY
Most Dangerous City: Detroit, MI

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 252 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Pine Bluff, AR

Eighth Annual Award - Issued in 2001*

Based on 2000 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 75,000 or more (327 cities considered)

Safest City: Amherst, NY
Most Dangerous City: Detroit, MI

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 254 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Pine Bluff, AR

Ninth Annual Award - Issued in 2002*

Based on 2001 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 75,000 or more (341 cities considered)

Safest City: Amherst, NY
Most Dangerous City: St. Louis, MO

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 271 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Danbury, CT
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Memphis, TN-AR-MS

Tenth Annual Award - Issued in 2003*

Based on 2002 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 75,000 or more (350 cities considered)

Safest City: Amherst, NY
Most Dangerous City: Detroit, MI

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 281 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Bangor, ME
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Pine Bluff, AR

Eleventh Annual Award - Issued in 2004*

Based on 2003 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 75,000 or more (354 cities considered)

Safest City: Newton, MA
Most Dangerous City: Camden, NJ

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 320 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Appleton, WI
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Charleston-North Charleston, NC

Twelfth Annual Award - Issued in 2005*

Based on 2004 crime statistics

City Rankings:

Survey universe: Cities of 75,000 or more (369 cities considered)

Safest City: Newton, MA
Most Dangerous City: Camden, NJ

Metro Area Rankings:

Survey universe: 330 metro areas
Safest Metro Area: Logan, UT-ID
Most Dangerous Metro Area: Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI M.D.

Due to changes in survey methodology, results of this year's 13th annual Safest City and Safest Metro Area Awards are comparable only with previous surveys marked with an asterisk ().

Safest City Award Rankings

A note about the comparability between this year's rankings and previous years:

The scores given in this year's and last year's Safest City Award rankings were calculated using the same methodology and are comparable. The population threshold is also the same at 75,000. However, a city's ranking is not necessarily comparable because nine cities are in this year's survey that were not considered last year. In addition, seven cities that reported data last year did not this year and thus were not considered. This change in the universe of cities makes a direct comparison of rankings inaccurate.

Below is a table showing the ten cities with the greatest improvement in their scores and the ten cities with the largest decline in their scores. It should be noted that this chart shows just the raw change in score. Cities with scores well above the national average (meaning higher crime) have the most room for improvement and tend to be the ones with the largest swings up and down in scores.

For a full alphabetical and rank listing of cities comparing scores from last year to this year, see pages 21-24.

Most Improved Cities					Cities With Largest Declines				
	Scores:	This Year	Last Year	Change		Scores:	This Year	Last Year	Change
1	Camden, NJ	298.3	407.49	109.19	1	Compton, CA	304.11	210.16	-93.95
2	Canton, OH	97.25	178.66	81.41	2	Youngstown, OH	248.54	165.66	-82.88
3	Savannah, GA	72.50	130.88	58.38	3	Oakland, CA	248.81	191.24	-57.57
4	Wichita Falls, TX	51.32	95.19	43.87	4	Birmingham, AL	281.71	224.18	-57.53
5	Tampa, FL	119.38	163.13	43.75	5	Yakima, WA	106.02	50.55	-55.47
6	Richmond, VA	226.94	266.56	39.62	6	Federal Way, WA	84.35	31.17	-53.18
7	Jackson, MS	144.48	180.73	36.25	7	Longview, TX	107.27	55.60	-51.67
8	Atlanta, GA	210.69	246.86	36.17	8	Norfolk, VA	91.22	41.26	-49.96
9	Columbia, SC	97.06	132.26	35.20	9	Trenton, NJ	233.29	184.08	-49.21
10	Miami, FL	143.45	178.27	34.82	10	North Charleston, SC	198.77	150.13	-48.64

Alpha Order - City

Change in Safest City Score

12th Annual to 13th Annual Safest/Most Dangerous City Award*

RANK	CITY	CHANGE	RANK	CITY	CHANGE	RANK	CITY	CHANGE
214	Abilene, TX	(5.29)	NA	Chino, CA**	NA	192	Garland, TX	(3.56)
314	Akron, OH	(21.29)	152	Chula Vista, CA	0.40	267	Gary, IN	(11.34)
202	Albany, GA	(4.32)	295	Cincinnati, OH	(15.49)	43	Gilbert, AZ	12.26
244	Albany, NY	(8.01)	195	Clarksville, TN	(3.88)	61	Glendale, AZ	9.93
229	Albuquerque, NM	(7.36)	243	Clearwater, FL	(7.99)	316	Glendale, CA	(21.98)
NA	Alexandria, VA**	NA	346	Cleveland, OH	(38.56)	168	Grand Prairie, TX	(0.85)
220	Alhambra, CA	(6.29)	53	Clifton, NJ	10.83	50	Grand Rapids, MI	11.17
348	Allentown, PA	(40.71)	165	Clinton Twnshp, MI	(0.46)	69	Greece, NY	9.16
226	Amarillo, TX	(6.87)	299	Clovis, CA	(16.36)	110	Greeley, CO	4.62
162	Amherst, NY	(0.35)	134	Colonie, NY	2.21	128	Green Bay, WI	2.83
169	Anaheim, CA	(0.88)	114	Colorado Springs, CO	4.24	329	Greensboro, NC	(25.77)
136	Anchorage, AK	1.48	332	Columbia, MO	(26.24)	190	Gresham, OR	(3.23)
280	Ann Arbor, MI	(12.98)	9	Columbia, SC	35.20	230	Hamilton Twnshp, NJ	(7.41)
261	Antioch, CA	(10.94)	223	Columbus, GA	(6.45)	28	Hammond, IN	16.61
308	Arlington, TX	(19.85)	181	Columbus, OH	(2.46)	145	Hampton, VA	0.83
262	Arvada, CO	(11.01)	362	Compton, CA	(93.95)	15	Hartford, CT	27.11
29	Athens-Clarke, GA	16.21	108	Concord, CA	4.67	91	Hawthorne, CA	6.09
8	Atlanta, GA	36.17	49	Coral Springs, FL	11.22	305	Hayward, CA	(18.70)
319	Aurora, CO	(23.51)	231	Corona, CA	(7.44)	116	Henderson, NV	4.22
NA	Aurora, IL**	NA	16	Corpus Christi, TX	25.40	40	Hialeah, FL	12.75
118	Austin, TX	4.22	183	Costa Mesa, CA	(2.62)	26	High Point, NC	17.83
237	Bakersfield, CA	(7.77)	75	Cranston, RI	8.06	70	Hillsboro, OR	8.77
268	Baldwin Park, CA	(11.39)	14	Dallas, TX	27.45	87	Hollywood, FL	6.56
22	Baltimore, MD	22.51	98	Daly City, CA	5.33	81	Honolulu, HI	7.43
256	Baton Rouge, LA	(9.81)	54	Danbury, CT	10.75	250	Houston, TX	(8.85)
326	Beaumont, TX	(24.47)	126	Davenport, IA	3.25	62	Huntington Beach, CA	9.80
71	Beaverton, OR	8.42	67	Davie, FL	9.22	350	Huntsville, AL	(46.98)
99	Bellevue, WA	5.21	42	Dayton, OH	12.34	273	Independence, MO	(11.94)
327	Bellflower, CA	(25.33)	52	Dearborn, MI	10.90	310	Indianapolis, IN	(20.07)
157	Berkeley, CA	0.00	79	Denton, TX	7.72	277	Inglewood, CA	(12.89)
275	Billings, MT	(12.44)	109	Denver, CO	4.63	112	Irvine, CA	4.43
359	Birmingham, AL	(57.53)	NA	Des Moines, IA**	NA	97	Irving, TX	5.41
25	Boca Raton, FL	18.34	320	Detroit, MI	(23.78)	90	Jacksonville, FL	6.30
234	Boise, ID	(7.61)	130	Dover Twnshp, NJ	2.73	7	Jackson, MS	36.25
271	Boston, MA	(11.71)	325	Downey, CA	(24.28)	335	Jersey City, NJ	(27.05)
258	Boulder, CO	(10.05)	84	Durham, NC	7.19	NA	Joliet, IL**	NA
47	Brick Twnshp, NJ	11.63	120	Edison Twnshp, NJ	4.00	334	Kansas City, KS	(26.33)
341	Bridgeport, CT	(33.19)	113	El Cajon, CA	4.30	337	Kansas City, MO	(28.68)
NA	Brockton, MA**	NA	65	El Monte, CA	9.49	285	Kenosha, WI	(13.24)
38	Broken Arrow, OK	13.60	209	El Paso, TX	(4.77)	255	Kent, WA	(9.79)
217	Brownsville, TX	(5.90)	284	Elizabeth, NJ	(13.22)	340	Killeen, TX	(30.76)
73	Buena Park, CA	8.18	287	Erie, PA	(13.60)	225	Knoxville, TN	(6.68)
259	Buffalo, NY	(10.13)	44	Escondido, CA	12.09	189	Lafayette, LA	(3.18)
133	Burbank, CA	2.28	290	Eugene, OR	(14.29)	221	Lake Forest, CA	(6.33)
185	Cambridge, MA	(2.70)	342	Evansville, IN	(33.73)	200	Lakeland, FL	(4.14)
1	Camden, NJ	109.19	232	Everett, WA	(7.46)	77	Lakewood, CA	7.97
279	Canton Twnshp, MI	(12.97)	286	Fairfield, CA	(13.38)	240	Lakewood, CO	(7.89)
2	Canton, OH	81.41	317	Fargo, ND	(22.56)	245	Lancaster, CA	(8.16)
276	Cape Coral, FL	(12.57)	281	Farmington Hills, MI	(13.04)	266	Lansing, MI	(11.31)
174	Carlsbad, CA	(1.87)	309	Fayetteville, NC	(19.97)	121	Laredo, TX	3.88
300	Carrollton, TX	(17.29)	357	Federal Way, WA	(53.18)	321	Las Cruces, NM	(23.91)
96	Carson, CA	5.56	345	Flint, MI	(36.55)	222	Las Vegas, NV	(6.35)
154	Cary, NC	0.33	106	Fontana, CA	4.81	18	Lawrence, KS	23.84
184	Cedar Rapids, IA	(2.65)	272	Fort Collins, CO	(11.89)	204	Lawton, OK	(4.40)
288	Centennial, CO	(14.03)	198	Fort Lauderdale, FL	(4.08)	32	Lee's Summit, MO	14.74
155	Chandler, AZ	0.29	338	Fort Smith, AR	(29.62)	56	Lewisville, TX	10.39
75	Charleston, SC	8.06	197	Fort Wayne, IN	(3.95)	92	Lexington, KY	6.03
322	Charlotte, NC	(24.15)	180	Fort Worth, TX	(2.44)	131	Lincoln, NE	2.65
83	Chattanooga, TN	7.25	156	Fremont, CA	0.22	248	Little Rock, AR	(8.71)
147	Cheektowaga, NY	0.74	138	Fresno, CA	1.32	167	Livermore, CA	(0.76)
139	Chesapeake, VA	1.31	115	Fullerton, CA	4.23	212	Livonia, MI	(5.11)
NA	Chicago, IL**	NA	185	Gainesville, FL	(2.70)	31	Long Beach, CA	15.38
NA	Chino Hills, CA**	NA	149	Garden Grove, CA	0.53	356	Longview, TX	(51.67)
						21	Los Angeles, CA	22.86

RANK	CITY	CHANGE	RANK	CITY	CHANGE	RANK	CITY	CHANGE
207	Louisville, KY	(4.47)	23	Peoria, AZ	22.41	64	South Gate, CA	9.60
140	Lowell, MA	1.30	NA	Peoria, IL**	NA	269	Southfield, MI	(11.53)
122	Lubbock, TX	3.81	264	Philadelphia, PA	(11.27)	265	Sparks, NV	(11.31)
294	Lynn, MA	(15.29)	210	Phoenix, AZ	(4.95)	34	Spokane Valley, WA	14.42
331	Macon, GA	(26.07)	260	Pittsburgh, PA	(10.14)	59	Spokane, WA	10.16
127	Madison, WI	3.20	151	Plano, TX	0.45	NA	Springfield, IL**	NA
82	Manchester, NH	7.40	163	Plantation, FL	(0.39)	19	Springfield, MA	23.65
124	McAllen, TX	3.64	141	Pomona, CA	1.19	132	Springfield, MO	2.32
57	McKinney, TX	10.35	278	Pompano Beach, FL	(12.91)	188	Stamford, CT	(2.99)
45	Melbourne, FL	12.08	172	Port St. Lucie, FL	(1.23)	63	Sterling Heights, MI	9.70
343	Memphis, TN	(34.60)	41	Portland, OR	12.51	213	Stockton, CA	(5.22)
270	Mesa, AZ	(11.59)	344	Portsmouth, VA	(34.81)	351	St. Louis, MO	(48.01)
252	Mesquite, TX	(9.06)	283	Providence, RI	(13.21)	306	St. Paul, MN	(18.97)
11	Miami Beach, FL	34.50	318	Provo, UT	(23.35)	103	St. Petersburg, FL	4.92
142	Miami Gardens, FL	1.13	297	Pueblo, CO	(15.71)	NA	Suffolk, VA**	NA
10	Miami, FL	34.82	55	Quincy, MA	10.66	274	Sunnyvale, CA	(12.35)
NA	Midland, TX**	NA	352	Racine, WI	(48.24)	241	Sunrise, FL	(7.91)
347	Milwaukee, WI	(39.27)	218	Raleigh, NC	(6.02)	330	Syracuse, NY	(26.02)
312	Minneapolis, MN	(20.54)	164	Rancho Cucamong., CA	(0.42)	117	Tacoma, WA	4.22
216	Miramar, FL	(5.57)	307	Reading, PA	(19.57)	27	Tallahassee, FL	17.34
178	Mission Viejo, CA	(2.06)	302	Redding, CA	(17.55)	5	Tampa, FL	43.75
95	Mobile, AL	5.59	129	Reno, NV	2.75	328	Temecula, CA	(25.41)
35	Modesto, CA	13.85	20	Rialto, CA	23.38	58	Tempe, AZ	10.22
282	Montgomery, AL	(13.13)	158	Richardson, TX	(0.04)	101	Thornton, CO	5.08
205	Moreno Valley, CA	(4.44)	313	Richmond, CA	(21.15)	191	Thousand Oaks, CA	(3.56)
263	Murfreesboro, TN	(11.06)	6	Richmond, VA	39.62	349	Toledo, OH	(41.36)
NA	Murrieta, CA**	NA	196	Riverside, CA	(3.92)	246	Topeka, KS	(8.49)
60	Napa, CA	10.04	333	Roanoke, VA	(26.31)	177	Torrance, CA	(2.05)
NA	Naperville, IL**	NA	219	Rochester, MN	(6.22)	NA	Tracy, CA**	NA
NA	Nashua, NH**	NA	301	Rochester, NY	(17.46)	354	Trenton, NJ	(49.21)
289	Nashville, TN	(14.22)	NA	Rockford, IL**	NA	203	Troy, MI	(4.33)
238	New Bedford, MA	(7.87)	254	Roseville, CA	(9.66)	119	Tucson, AZ	4.05
100	New York, NY	5.17	17	Roswell, GA	24.53	292	Tulsa, OK	(14.67)
224	Newark, NJ	(6.58)	206	Round Rock, TX	(4.45)	37	Tuscaloosa, AL	13.67
235	Newport Beach, CA	(7.71)	173	Sacramento, CA	(1.71)	194	Tyler, TX	(3.84)
193	Newport News, VA	(3.84)	36	Salem, OR	13.72	249	Upper Darby Twnshp, PA	(8.78)
291	Newton, MA	(14.43)	12	Salinas, CA	34.34	39	Vacaville, CA	13.59
355	Norfolk, VA	(49.96)	30	Salt Lake City, UT	16.06	89	Vancouver, WA	6.41
102	Norman, OK	5.05	80	San Angelo, TX	7.59	144	Ventura, CA	0.84
353	North Charleston, SC	(48.64)	88	San Antonio, TX	6.53	339	Victorville, CA	(30.68)
323	North Las Vegas, NV	(24.18)	94	San Bernardino, CA	5.75	199	Virginia Beach, VA	(4.14)
303	Norwalk, CA	(17.68)	187	San Diego, CA	(2.81)	238	Visalia, CA	(7.87)
227	Norwalk, CT	(6.95)	247	San Francisco, CA	(8.53)	253	Vista, CA	(9.43)
360	Oakland, CA	(57.57)	242	San Jose, CA	(7.96)	201	Waco, TX	(4.15)
93	Oceanside, CA	6.00	251	San Leandro, CA	(8.88)	NA	Warren, MI**	NA
105	Odessa, TX	4.81	74	San Mateo, CA	8.12	304	Warwick, RI	(18.15)
233	Ogden, UT	(7.59)	78	Sandy, UT	7.96	104	Washington, DC	4.90
296	Oklahoma City, OK	(15.49)	135	Santa Ana, CA	1.52	137	Waterbury, CT	1.35
161	Olathe, KS	(0.17)	85	Santa Barbara, CA	7.12	215	West Covina, CA	(5.55)
179	Omaha, NE	(2.32)	150	Santa Clara, CA	0.46	13	West Palm Beach, FL	27.90
72	Ontario, CA	8.20	148	Santa Clarita, CA	0.69	336	West Valley, UT	(27.34)
171	Orange, CA	(1.17)	86	Santa Maria, CA	6.64	33	Westland, MI	14.46
123	Orem, UT	3.70	175	Santa Monica, CA	(1.92)	143	Westminster, CA	1.11
298	Orlando, FL	(16.18)	24	Santa Rosa, CA	19.18	166	Westminster, CO	(0.55)
176	Overland Park, KS	(1.99)	3	Savannah, GA	58.38	153	Whittier, CA	0.33
182	Oxnard, CA	(2.48)	66	Scottsdale, AZ	9.26	4	Wichita Falls, TX	43.87
315	Palm Bay, FL	(21.76)	160	Seattle, WA	(0.17)	125	Wilmington, NC	3.30
211	Palmdale, CA	(5.08)	146	Shreveport, LA	0.76	208	Winston-Salem, NC	(4.51)
228	Parma, OH	(7.11)	107	Simi Valley, CA	4.78	111	Woodbridge Twnshp, NJ	4.47
159	Pasadena, CA	(0.10)	170	Sioux City, IA	(1.12)	51	Worcester, MA	11.15
48	Pasadena, TX	11.55	293	Sioux Falls, SD	(14.68)	358	Yakima, WA	(55.47)
324	Paterson, NJ	(24.19)	68	Somerville, MA	9.20	46	Yonkers, NY	12.00
236	Pembroke Pines, FL	(7.75)	257	South Bend, IN	(9.88)	361	Youngstown, OH	(82.88)
						311	Yuma, AZ	(20.28)

Source: Morgan Quitno Press using data from F.B.I. "Crime in the United States 2005"

*This chart compares a city's score from last year's survey to this year's. See page 19 for further explanation.

**Not available.

Rank Order - City

Change in Safest City Score (continued)

12th Annual to 13th Annual Safest/Most Dangerous City Award*

RANK	CITY	CHANGE	RANK	CITY	CHANGE	RANK	CITY	CHANGE
1	Camden, NJ	109.19	64	South Gate, CA	9.60	127	Madison, WI	3.20
2	Canton, OH	81.41	65	El Monte, CA	9.49	128	Green Bay, WI	2.83
3	Savannah, GA	58.38	66	Scottsdale, AZ	9.26	129	Reno, NV	2.75
4	Wichita Falls, TX	43.87	67	Davie, FL	9.22	130	Dover Twnshp, NJ	2.73
5	Tampa, FL	43.75	68	Somerville, MA	9.20	131	Lincoln, NE	2.65
6	Richmond, VA	39.62	69	Greece, NY	9.16	132	Springfield, MO	2.32
7	Jackson, MS	36.25	70	Hillsboro, OR	8.77	133	Burbank, CA	2.28
8	Atlanta, GA	36.17	71	Beaverton, OR	8.42	134	Colonie, NY	2.21
9	Columbia, SC	35.20	72	Ontario, CA	8.20	135	Santa Ana, CA	1.52
10	Miami, FL	34.82	73	Buena Park, CA	8.18	136	Anchorage, AK	1.48
11	Miami Beach, FL	34.50	74	San Mateo, CA	8.12	137	Waterbury, CT	1.35
12	Salinas, CA	34.34	75	Charleston, SC	8.06	138	Fresno, CA	1.32
13	West Palm Beach, FL	27.90	75	Cranston, RI	8.06	139	Chesapeake, VA	1.31
14	Dallas, TX	27.45	77	Lakewood, CA	7.97	140	Lowell, MA	1.30
15	Hartford, CT	27.11	78	Sandy, UT	7.96	141	Pomona, CA	1.19
16	Corpus Christi, TX	25.40	79	Denton, TX	7.72	142	Miami Gardens, FL	1.13
17	Roswell, GA	24.53	80	San Angelo, TX	7.59	143	Westminster, CA	1.11
18	Lawrence, KS	23.84	81	Honolulu, HI	7.43	144	Ventura, CA	0.84
19	Springfield, MA	23.65	82	Manchester, NH	7.40	145	Hampton, VA	0.83
20	Rialto, CA	23.38	83	Chattanooga, TN	7.25	146	Shreveport, LA	0.76
21	Los Angeles, CA	22.86	84	Durham, NC	7.19	147	Cheektowaga, NY	0.74
22	Baltimore, MD	22.51	85	Santa Barbara, CA	7.12	148	Santa Clarita, CA	0.69
23	Peoria, AZ	22.41	86	Santa Maria, CA	6.64	149	Garden Grove, CA	0.53
24	Santa Rosa, CA	19.18	87	Hollywood, FL	6.56	150	Santa Clara, CA	0.46
25	Boca Raton, FL	18.34	88	San Antonio, TX	6.53	151	Plano, TX	0.45
26	High Point, NC	17.83	89	Vancouver, WA	6.41	152	Chula Vista, CA	0.40
27	Tallahassee, FL	17.34	90	Jacksonville, FL	6.30	153	Whittier, CA	0.33
28	Hammond, IN	16.61	91	Hawthorne, CA	6.09	154	Cary, NC	0.33
29	Athens-Clarke, GA	16.21	92	Lexington, KY	6.03	155	Chandler, AZ	0.29
30	Salt Lake City, UT	16.06	93	Oceanside, CA	6.00	156	Fremont, CA	0.22
31	Long Beach, CA	15.38	94	San Bernardino, CA	5.75	157	Berkeley, CA	0.00
32	Lee's Summit, MO	14.74	95	Mobile, AL	5.59	158	Richardson, TX	(0.04)
33	Westland, MI	14.46	96	Carson, CA	5.56	159	Pasadena, CA	(0.10)
34	Spokane Valley, WA	14.42	97	Irving, TX	5.41	160	Seattle, WA	(0.17)
35	Modesto, CA	13.85	98	Daly City, CA	5.33	161	Olathe, KS	(0.17)
36	Salem, OR	13.72	99	Bellevue, WA	5.21	162	Amherst, NY	(0.35)
37	Tuscaloosa, AL	13.67	100	New York, NY	5.17	163	Plantation, FL	(0.39)
38	Broken Arrow, OK	13.60	101	Thornton, CO	5.08	164	Rancho Cucamong., CA	(0.42)
39	Vacaville, CA	13.59	102	Norman, OK	5.05	165	Clinton Twnshp, MI	(0.46)
40	Hialeah, FL	12.75	103	St. Petersburg, FL	4.92	166	Westminster, CO	(0.55)
41	Portland, OR	12.51	104	Washington, DC	4.90	167	Livermore, CA	(0.76)
42	Dayton, OH	12.34	105	Odessa, TX	4.81	168	Grand Prairie, TX	(0.85)
43	Gilbert, AZ	12.26	106	Fontana, CA	4.81	169	Anaheim, CA	(0.88)
44	Escondido, CA	12.09	107	Simi Valley, CA	4.78	170	Sioux City, IA	(1.12)
45	Melbourne, FL	12.08	108	Concord, CA	4.67	171	Orange, CA	(1.17)
46	Yonkers, NY	12.00	109	Denver, CO	4.63	172	Port St. Lucie, FL	(1.23)
47	Brick Twnshp, NJ	11.63	110	Greeley, CO	4.62	173	Sacramento, CA	(1.71)
48	Pasadena, TX	11.55	111	Woodbridge Twnshp, NJ	4.47	174	Carlsbad, CA	(1.87)
49	Coral Springs, FL	11.22	112	Irvine, CA	4.43	175	Santa Monica, CA	(1.92)
50	Grand Rapids, MI	11.17	113	El Cajon, CA	4.30	176	Overland Park, KS	(1.99)
51	Worcester, MA	11.15	114	Colorado Springs, CO	4.24	177	Torrance, CA	(2.05)
52	Dearborn, MI	10.90	115	Fullerton, CA	4.23	178	Mission Viejo, CA	(2.06)
53	Clifton, NJ	10.83	116	Henderson, NV	4.22	179	Omaha, NE	(2.32)
54	Danbury, CT	10.75	117	Tacoma, WA	4.22	180	Fort Worth, TX	(2.44)
55	Quincy, MA	10.66	118	Austin, TX	4.22	181	Columbus, OH	(2.46)
56	Lewisville, TX	10.39	119	Tucson, AZ	4.05	182	Oxnard, CA	(2.48)
57	McKinney, TX	10.35	120	Edison Twnshp, NJ	4.00	183	Costa Mesa, CA	(2.62)
58	Tempe, AZ	10.22	121	Laredo, TX	3.88	184	Cedar Rapids, IA	(2.65)
59	Spokane, WA	10.16	122	Lubbock, TX	3.81	185	Cambridge, MA	(2.70)
60	Napa, CA	10.04	123	Orem, UT	3.70	185	Gainesville, FL	(2.70)
61	Glendale, AZ	9.93	124	McAllen, TX	3.64	187	San Diego, CA	(2.81)
62	Huntington Beach, CA	9.80	125	Wilmington, NC	3.30	188	Stamford, CT	(2.99)
63	Sterling Heights, MI	9.70	126	Davenport, IA	3.25	189	Lafayette, LA	(3.18)
						190	Gresham, OR	(3.23)

RANK	CITY	CHANGE	RANK	CITY	CHANGE	RANK	CITY	CHANGE
191	Thousand Oaks, CA	(3.56)	254	Roseville, CA	(9.66)	317	Fargo, ND	(22.56)
192	Garland, TX	(3.56)	255	Kent, WA	(9.79)	318	Provo, UT	(23.35)
193	Newport News, VA	(3.84)	256	Baton Rouge, LA	(9.81)	319	Aurora, CO	(23.51)
194	Tyler, TX	(3.84)	257	South Bend, IN	(9.88)	320	Detroit, MI	(23.78)
195	Clarksville, TN	(3.88)	258	Boulder, CO	(10.05)	321	Las Cruces, NM	(23.91)
196	Riverside, CA	(3.92)	259	Buffalo, NY	(10.13)	322	Charlotte, NC	(24.15)
197	Fort Wayne, IN	(3.95)	260	Pittsburgh, PA	(10.14)	323	North Las Vegas, NV	(24.18)
198	Fort Lauderdale, FL	(4.08)	261	Antioch, CA	(10.94)	324	Paterson, NJ	(24.19)
199	Virginia Beach, VA	(4.14)	262	Arvada, CO	(11.01)	325	Downey, CA	(24.28)
200	Lakeland, FL	(4.14)	263	Murfreesboro, TN	(11.06)	326	Beaumont, TX	(24.47)
201	Waco, TX	(4.15)	264	Philadelphia, PA	(11.27)	327	Bellflower, CA	(25.33)
202	Albany, GA	(4.32)	265	Sparks, NV	(11.31)	328	Temecula, CA	(25.41)
203	Troy, MI	(4.33)	266	Lansing, MI	(11.31)	329	Greensboro, NC	(25.77)
204	Lawton, OK	(4.40)	267	Gary, IN	(11.34)	330	Syracuse, NY	(26.02)
205	Moreno Valley, CA	(4.44)	268	Baldwin Park, CA	(11.39)	331	Macon, GA	(26.07)
206	Round Rock, TX	(4.45)	269	Southfield, MI	(11.53)	332	Columbia, MO	(26.24)
207	Louisville, KY	(4.47)	270	Mesa, AZ	(11.59)	333	Roanoke, VA	(26.31)
208	Winston-Salem, NC	(4.51)	271	Boston, MA	(11.71)	334	Kansas City, KS	(26.33)
209	El Paso, TX	(4.77)	272	Fort Collins, CO	(11.89)	335	Jersey City, NJ	(27.05)
210	Phoenix, AZ	(4.95)	273	Independence, MO	(11.94)	336	West Valley, UT	(27.34)
211	Palmdale, CA	(5.08)	274	Sunnyvale, CA	(12.35)	337	Kansas City, MO	(28.68)
212	Livonia, MI	(5.11)	275	Billings, MT	(12.44)	338	Fort Smith, AR	(29.62)
213	Stockton, CA	(5.22)	276	Cape Coral, FL	(12.57)	339	Victorville, CA	(30.68)
214	Abilene, TX	(5.29)	277	Inglewood, CA	(12.89)	340	Killeen, TX	(30.76)
215	West Covina, CA	(5.55)	278	Pompano Beach, FL	(12.91)	341	Bridgeport, CT	(33.19)
216	Miramar, FL	(5.57)	279	Canton Twnshp, MI	(12.97)	342	Evansville, IN	(33.73)
217	Brownsville, TX	(5.90)	280	Ann Arbor, MI	(12.98)	343	Memphis, TN	(34.60)
218	Raleigh, NC	(6.02)	281	Farmington Hills, MI	(13.04)	344	Portsmouth, VA	(34.81)
219	Rochester, MN	(6.22)	282	Montgomery, AL	(13.13)	345	Flint, MI	(36.55)
220	Alhambra, CA	(6.29)	283	Providence, RI	(13.21)	346	Cleveland, OH	(38.56)
221	Lake Forest, CA	(6.33)	284	Elizabeth, NJ	(13.22)	347	Milwaukee, WI	(39.27)
222	Las Vegas, NV	(6.35)	285	Kenosha, WI	(13.24)	348	Allentown, PA	(40.71)
223	Columbus, GA	(6.45)	286	Fairfield, CA	(13.38)	349	Toledo, OH	(41.36)
224	Newark, NJ	(6.58)	287	Erie, PA	(13.60)	350	Huntsville, AL	(46.98)
225	Knoxville, TN	(6.68)	288	Centennial, CO	(14.03)	351	St. Louis, MO	(48.01)
226	Amarillo, TX	(6.87)	289	Nashville, TN	(14.22)	352	Racine, WI	(48.24)
227	Norwalk, CT	(6.95)	290	Eugene, OR	(14.29)	353	North Charleston, SC	(48.64)
228	Parma, OH	(7.11)	291	Newton, MA	(14.43)	354	Trenton, NJ	(49.21)
229	Albuquerque, NM	(7.36)	292	Tulsa, OK	(14.67)	355	Norfolk, VA	(49.96)
230	Hamilton Twnshp, NJ	(7.41)	293	Sioux Falls, SD	(14.68)	356	Longview, TX	(51.67)
231	Corona, CA	(7.44)	294	Lynn, MA	(15.29)	357	Federal Way, WA	(53.18)
232	Everett, WA	(7.46)	295	Cincinnati, OH	(15.49)	358	Yakima, WA	(55.47)
233	Ogden, UT	(7.59)	296	Oklahoma City, OK	(15.49)	359	Birmingham, AL	(57.53)
234	Boise, ID	(7.61)	297	Pueblo, CO	(15.71)	360	Oakland, CA	(57.57)
235	Newport Beach, CA	(7.71)	298	Orlando, FL	(16.18)	361	Youngstown, OH	(82.88)
236	Pembroke Pines, FL	(7.75)	299	Clovis, CA	(16.36)	362	Compton, CA	(93.95)
237	Bakersfield, CA	(7.77)	300	Carrollton, TX	(17.29)	NA	Alexandria, VA**	NA
238	New Bedford, MA	(7.87)	301	Rochester, NY	(17.46)	NA	Aurora, IL**	NA
238	Visalia, CA	(7.87)	302	Redding, CA	(17.55)	NA	Brockton, MA**	NA
240	Lakewood, CO	(7.89)	303	Norwalk, CA	(17.68)	NA	Chicago, IL**	NA
241	Sunrise, FL	(7.91)	304	Warwick, RI	(18.15)	NA	Chino Hills, CA**	NA
242	San Jose, CA	(7.96)	305	Hayward, CA	(18.70)	NA	Chino, CA**	NA
243	Clearwater, FL	(7.99)	306	St. Paul, MN	(18.97)	NA	Des Moines, IA**	NA
244	Albany, NY	(8.01)	307	Reading, PA	(19.57)	NA	Joliet, IL**	NA
245	Lancaster, CA	(8.16)	308	Arlington, TX	(19.85)	NA	Midland, TX**	NA
246	Topeka, KS	(8.49)	309	Fayetteville, NC	(19.97)	NA	Murrieta, CA**	NA
247	San Francisco, CA	(8.53)	310	Indianapolis, IN	(20.07)	NA	Naperville, IL**	NA
248	Little Rock, AR	(8.71)	311	Yuma, AZ	(20.28)	NA	Nashua, NH**	NA
249	Upper Darby Twnshp, PA	(8.78)	312	Minneapolis, MN	(20.54)	NA	Peoria, IL**	NA
250	Houston, TX	(8.85)	313	Richmond, CA	(21.15)	NA	Rockford, IL**	NA
251	San Leandro, CA	(8.88)	314	Akron, OH	(21.29)	NA	Springfield, IL**	NA
252	Mesquite, TX	(9.06)	315	Palm Bay, FL	(21.76)	NA	Suffolk, VA**	NA
253	Vista, CA	(9.43)	316	Glendale, CA	(21.98)	NA	Tracy, CA**	NA
						NA	Warren, MI**	NA

Source: Morgan Quitno Press using data from F.B.I. "Crime in the United States 2005"

*This chart compares a city's score from last year's survey to this year's. See page 19 for further explanation.

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An Overview of 2005 Crime

According to final data from the FBI, crime was up in 2005, while property crime was down. Numbers of violent crime increased 2.3 percent from 2004 to 2005 and the nation's violent crime rate moved up 1.3 percent in that one-year period. An examination of property crime numbers showed a decline of 1.5 percent from 2004 to 2005. The property crime rate dropped 2.4 percent for that same one-year time frame.

This Overview provides definitions, basic facts and brief summaries of violent crime and its subcategories of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, as well as property crime and its subcategories of burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft. Also included is a summary of numbers and rates of police officers serving the nation's cities.

Murder

Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, as defined by the FBI, is the willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another. Up 2.4 percent from 2004, the national murder rate in 2005 was 5.6 murders per 100,000 population, or 16,692 murders. Five-year trends show the 2005 murder rate was 0.2 percent higher than in 2001. A 10-year comparison shows a drop of 24 percent from levels recorded in 1996.

For those murders for which complete weapons data were available, 72.6 percent involved firearms. FBI data showed that 23.4 percent of murders were committed in conjunction with felonious activities such as robberies, drug deals, rapes, etc. Slightly more than 25 percent of murders were committed by strangers. Nearly 79 percent of murder victims were male, 48.7 percent were white, 48.6 percent black.

Compton, California was the highest ranking city for murder. Compton's murder rate of 67.1 murders per 100,000 population in 2005 was well above the national rate of 5.6 murders per 100,000 population.

Forcible Rape

Forcible rape, as defined by the FBI, is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. While assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are not included.

An estimated 62.5 of every 100,000 females in the United States were reported rape victims in 2005. Although the FBI's definition of rape is limited to female victims, the 2005 national rape rate of 31.7 per 100,000 is determined using male and female population. This national rape rate was 2.1 percent lower than in 2004 and 0.5 percent lower than in 2001. A rape occurred every 5.6 minutes in 2005.

A total of 93,934 rapes were reported to the FBI by law enforcement agencies in 2005. Of that total, 91.8 percent constituted rapes by force. The remainder was attempts or assaults to commit forcible rape.

Robbery

Robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything by force or threat of force. The 417,122 robberies that occurred in 2005 represented an increase of 3.9 percent from levels recorded in 2004. The national rate of 140.7 robberies per 100,000 is higher as well, moving up 2.9 percent from 2004.

The average dollar loss per robbery was \$1,230. Banks lost an average of \$4,169 per robbery. Forty-four percent of robberies occurred on streets or highways, 14.3 percent took place in commercial establishments such as stores, banks and service stations, and 14.2 percent were at residences. The remaining robbery locations were termed "miscellaneous."

Firearms of different types were used in 42.1 percent of robberies. Robberies committed with strong-arm tactics accounted for 39.7 percent, knives or cutting instruments were used in 8.9 percent, and other dangerous weapons were involved in the remaining 9.4 percent.

Aggravated Assault

Aggravated assault is the unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe bodily injury. This type of assault usually involves the use of a dangerous weapon. Attempts are included in the FBI aggravated assault data.

The 862,947 aggravated assaults that occurred in 2005 represent a 1.8 percent increase from 2004 levels. The nation's 2005 aggravated assault rate of 291.1 aggravated assaults per 100,000 population is a .9 percent increase from 2004. Aggravated assault rates fell 8.6 percent from 2001 levels and 25.5 percent from 1996 levels.

Assailants chose a variety of weapons with which to carry out their attacks in 2005. Slightly more than 35 percent of assaults were committed with blunt objects (e.g. clubs), 25 percent with "personal weapons" (e.g. hands or feet), 21 percent with firearms and 18.9 percent with knives. An assault occurred every 36.5 seconds in 2005.

Burglary

Burglary is defined as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. The use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense as burglary. The FBI tracks data for three types of burglaries: forcible entry, unlawful entry where no force is used and attempted forcible entry. Burglary accounted for 21.2% of the estimated number of property crimes committed in 2005.

The 2005 burglary rate of 726.7 burglaries per 100,000 population is .5 percent lower than in 2004. A total of 2,154,126 burglaries were reported. Five and 10-year trends show that burglary rates have decreased 2 percent since 2001 and decreased 23.1 percent since 1996.

The majority of burglaries in 2005 were residential. Of these, 62.4 percent occurred during the daytime, while 58 percent of nonresidential burglaries occurred at night. The average dollar loss per burglary was \$1,725 in 2005. A burglary occurred every 14.6 seconds in 2005.

Motor Vehicle Theft

The motor vehicle theft category includes the stealing of automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motor scooters, snowmobiles, etc. The definition does not include the taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by those persons having lawful access to the vehicle.

The national motor vehicle theft rate of 416.7 vehicles stolen per 100,000 population represents a decrease of 1.1 percent from the 2004 rate. A total of 1,235,226 motor vehicle thefts were committed in 2005. This represents a .2 percent decrease from 2004 numbers.

A motor vehicle theft occurred every 25.5 seconds in 2005. Total estimated value of the vehicles stolen was \$7.6 billion, or an average of \$6,173 per stolen vehicle. Automobiles were the most frequently stolen vehicle type, accounting for 73.4 percent of all vehicles stolen.

Important Notes Regarding City and Metro Crime Data

- Crime data used in the Safest City and Metropolitan Area Award are final 2005 statistics collected through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Approximately 17,000 city, county and state law enforcement agencies report data on crimes committed in their jurisdictions through this nationwide effort. Approximately 94% of the U.S. population resides in areas participation the UCR program.
- City crime rates for 2005 were calculated using population estimates provided by the FBI. These estimates sometimes differ from those reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Forcible rape data reported to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program by the state of Illinois were not in accordance with national UCR guidelines. Therefore, these numbers are not available for all Illinois cities and metro areas.
- The Hamilton Township, NJ data are for Mercer County.
- Honolulu, HI has a combined city-county government. Accordingly, the population and crime data provided include areas outside the principal city of Honolulu.
- Indianapolis, IN crime and population data include Marion County.
- Charlotte, NC crime and population data include Mecklenburg County.
- Louisville KY data includes offenses reported by Louisville and Jefferson County Police Departments.
- Las Vegas, NV has a metropolitan police department and its crime and population numbers include areas outside of the principal city of Las Vegas.
- Savannah, GA crime and population data include Chatham County.
- The population shown for the city of Mobile, AL includes 55,864 inhabitants from the jurisdiction of the Mobile County Sheriff's Department.

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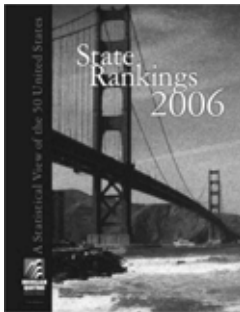
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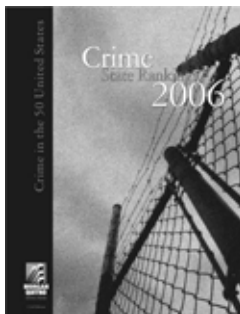
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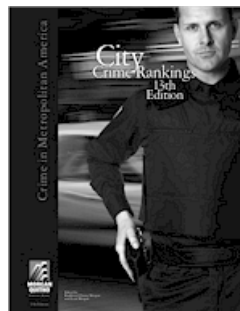
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