



Safest Cities in Massachusetts

2025

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Summary

Everyone wants to feel safe at home. Whether you're checking in on your current city or scouting out a new one, we've crunched the numbers on crime rates across the country.¹ Our rankings are based on the number of reported violent crimes and property crimes per 1,000 people in each city. The "safest" cities rankings are intended to highlight cities with low crime rates and ignite conversation and action around how to make all cities and communities safer.²

In this report, you'll get exclusive access to complete data tables for every city that qualified in your state—not just the top-ranked ones featured on our website. Using the latest FBI-submitted statistics, we've calculated crime rates for all cities that met our population and data reporting criteria.

If you don't find your city, it is likely due to incomplete data or not meeting the state's median population threshold (using FBI population data). This report gives you a broader view of safety trends, helping you see where your community stands.

A closer look at the safest cities in the U.S.

Each year, we analyze crime data to provide a clearer picture of safety across the country. While the nationwide crime rate estimates from the FBI have been inconsistent in recent years, we still look at the most reliable data available to identify trends.

National Crime Trends: 2025

- Property crime rate: 19.1 per 1,000 people (8% decrease year over year)
- Violent crime rate: 3.6 per 1,000 people (10% decrease year over year)

Even with overall declines in both violent and property crime, not all states followed the trend:

- 15 states saw an increase in violent crime
- 16 states experienced a rise in property crime
- 9 states reported higher rates in both violent and property crime

While these numbers provide a broad perspective, it's important to remember that crime trends can vary significantly by location. By focusing on city-level crime data, we aim to give a more accurate and actionable look at safety in communities across the US.

How to make your community safer

No matter where your city ranks, staying proactive about home security is key—especially since over 60% of Americans don't have a security system, despite most burglaries targeting homes. Unfortunately, many people install security only after experiencing a break-in. A monitored security system can help prevent burglaries and ensure fast emergency response. Get more safety tips on our News page.

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Rank	City	Population	VC per 1,000*	PC per 1,000**
1	Northborough	15,694	0.19	0.89
2	Clinton	15,576	0.26	0.58
3	Wayland	13,597	0.07	2.35
4	Sharon	18,449	0.27	2.82
5	Lexington	34,044	0.29	3.08
6	Medway	13,630	0.22	3.45
7	Holliston	14,849	0.27	3.30
8	Scituate	20,065	0.55	2.29
9	Charlton	13,434	0.60	2.08
10	Winchester	22,585	0.22	4.03

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11	Westford	24,262	0.54	3.01
12	Marshfield	26,764	0.90	1.31
13	Wellesley	31,209	0.26	4.58
14	Holden	19,941	0.85	1.91
15	Rehoboth	13,330	0.60	3.30
16	Pembroke	19,052	0.63	3.25
17	Andover	36,398	0.33	4.78
18	Ipswich	13,941	0.65	3.23
19	Norton	19,124	1.10	1.05
20	Reading	25,135	0.28	5.33

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21	Duxbury	16,809	0.89	2.32
22	Franklin	34,538	0.93	2.35
23	Shrewsbury	40,640	0.27	5.73
24	Hopkinton	19,559	0.66	3.99
25	Sudbury	19,077	0.68	3.98
26	Grafton	19,971	1.15	1.85
27	Acton	23,856	0.67	4.23
28	Billerica	41,220	0.61	4.56
29	Bedford	14,117	0.57	4.82
30	Uxbridge	14,535	0.69	4.33

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31	Milton	28,417	0.60	4.79
32	Ashland	18,356	0.98	3.16
33	Amherst	48,936	1.06	3.25
34	Newton	86,996	0.61	5.61
35	North Andover	31,631	0.66	5.44
36	North Reading	15,607	1.15	3.46
37	Arlington	45,365	0.97	4.76
38	Medfield	13,288	1.28	3.31
39	Swampscott	15,418	0.52	7.13
40	Concord	17,824	0.73	6.45

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41	East Bridgewater	14,906	1.48	3.15
42	Sandwich	20,869	1.10	5.13
43	Hanover	15,357	0.52	8.01
44	Wakefield	27,175	1.03	5.56
45	Westport	16,506	1.21	4.73
46	Newburyport	18,912	1.16	5.23
47	Needham	32,309	0.71	7.58
48	Brookline	62,639	0.65	8.09
49	Belmont	26,556	0.60	8.55
50	Harwich	13,806	1.01	6.66

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51	Mashpee	15,732	1.40	4.96
52	Beverly	42,205	1.33	5.50
53	Marblehead	20,222	1.09	6.87
54	Melrose	28,982	1.38	5.73
55	Swansea	17,437	1.26	6.77
56	Northbridge	16,405	1.77	4.57
57	Ludlow	21,038	1.09	8.08
58	Kingston	14,477	1.66	5.94
59	Oxford	13,313	0.90	9.69
60	Whitman	15,981	1.75	5.63

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61	Belchertown	15,311	1.89	5.16
62	Lynnfield	12,983	1.54	7.01
63	Easthampton	15,980	1.44	7.82
64	Amesbury	17,160	1.57	7.23
65	South Hadley	19,030	1.31	8.78
66	Stoneham	22,554	1.15	9.62
67	Foxborough	18,542	1.46	8.14
68	Rockland	18,273	2.35	3.89
69	Chelmsford	35,807	1.17	9.77
70	Walpole	26,314	1.44	8.74

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71	Norwood	31,381	1.40	8.95
72	Easton	25,413	1.57	8.74
73	Winthrop	18,216	1.81	7.63
74	Westwood	16,322	0.67	13.29
75	Longmeadow	15,626	1.86	7.55
76	Danvers	27,757	1.33	10.63
77	Westborough	21,566	1.81	8.35
78	Mansfield	23,880	1.76	8.63
79	Somerset	18,208	1.59	9.45
80	Hingham	25,093	1.63	9.37

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81	Gloucester	29,991	2.57	5.23
82	Westfield	40,649	1.89	8.63
83	Methuen	53,558	2.09	8.44
84	Wilmington	22,797	2.11	8.73
85	Bellingham	17,750	1.52	11.83
86	Woburn	41,620	1.83	10.38
87	Watertown	34,988	1.26	13.46
88	Raynham	15,697	2.10	9.56
89	Milford	30,233	2.71	6.58
90	Medford	68,280	1.90	10.56

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91	Hudson	19,676	2.29	8.69
92	North Attleboro	31,089	1.42	13.12
93	Waltham	63,797	2.52	7.96
94	Dracut	31,951	2.66	7.57
95	Bourne	20,885	2.44	8.67
96	Gardner	20,816	2.64	8.02
97	Falmouth	33,512	2.80	7.61
98	Natick	36,090	1.58	14.19
99	Peabody	53,841	2.73	8.77
100	Nantucket	14,567	2.13	12.08

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101	Plymouth	68,771	3.08	7.49
102	Dennis	15,117	2.58	10.05
103	Wilbraham	14,572	1.99	13.18
104	Attleboro	46,825	2.41	11.23
105	Dartmouth	34,610	2.37	11.76
106	Saugus	28,619	2.20	13.00
107	Dedham	25,038	2.60	11.90
108	Fairhaven	15,854	3.41	7.95
109	Randolph	32,757	2.93	10.44
110	Stoughton	29,003	2.45	13.00

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111	Salem	45,005	1.91	15.64
112	Tewksbury	30,740	2.60	12.56
113	Millbury	14,040	2.56	12.82
114	Yarmouth	25,465	3.18	10.09
115	Wareham	24,072	2.91	11.59
116	Framingham	70,624	2.90	11.62
117	Weymouth	57,725	3.03	11.33
118	Canton	24,864	3.90	7.24
119	Somerville	79,513	2.60	14.58
120	East Longmeadow	16,411	2.80	13.95

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121	Middleboro	25,474	4.16	7.42
122	Agawam	28,430	2.74	14.63
123	Malden	64,291	2.77	14.51
124	Barnstable	50,034	4.02	8.59
125	Northampton	30,422	3.52	11.21
126	Quincy	102,465	3.47	11.46
127	Burlington	25,894	1.93	19.93
128	Braintree	38,544	3.01	14.71
129	Auburn	16,769	3.46	13.06
130	Abington	17,641	3.51	12.92

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131	Marlborough	40,773	3.63	12.75
132	Leominster	43,746	3.86	12.16
133	Seekonk	15,757	2.54	19.10
134	Taunton	60,356	4.64	9.21
135	Everett	49,740	3.84	13.81
136	Southbridge	17,633	3.91	14.06
137	Lynn	101,144	4.81	10.50
138	Haverhill	67,133	5.15	8.95
139	Lawrence	87,806	4.87	10.91
140	Fitchburg	41,566	4.55	12.56

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141	Revere	57,132	4.03	15.18
142	New Bedford	100,876	4.86	16.20
143	Webster	17,596	6.14	10.00
144	Greenfield	17,249	5.39	17.16
145	Pittsfield	43,078	6.36	13.26
146	Chicopee	55,043	5.56	20.09
147	Cambridge	118,960	5.00	24.91
148	Boston	642,823	6.22	19.69
149	Brockton	108,938	6.32	20.51
150	West Springfield	28,521	5.29	33.87

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151	Fall River	93,879	9.12	15.22
152	Chelsea	37,837	9.25	16.39
153	Springfield	154,218	8.70	30.72
154	Holyoke	37,706	9.92	48.98

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About SafeWise.com

What is our mission?

Our mission is to inspire people to embrace safety as a lifestyle, turn their homes into sanctuaries, and invest in their communities.

Who is SafeWise?

We are a research and review resource dedicated to helping people live safer lives at home and in their communities. We provide home security insights, product reviews, and expert recommendations. By contextualizing national crime and safety trends, SafeWise offers valuable information on how these issues impact individuals at home and in their neighborhoods.

What do we do?

Our homes—and the people (and pets) we share them with—are what truly matter. Protecting them means more time to enjoy life. We break down national crime trends to show their impact on your community and put safety products to the test. If we spot flaws or gaps, we make sure both brands and consumers know.



How do we do it?

We do more than conduct research—we test home security systems and smart devices in-house to report on the good, the bad, and the ugly. SafeWise streamlines it for you by putting reviews, videos, & articles in one place.

SafeWise Expertise

Real Experience: Our expert team has 65+ years of combined safety experience and has spent thousands of hours testing hundreds of safety products and services.

Respected Authority: SafeWise experts are actively sought by publications, broadcast journalists, non-profit organizations, community groups, podcasts, and more.

Prominently Featured: Our expert tips, recommendations, and proprietary safety studies have been featured by: Good Morning America, the Today Show, PBS NewsHour, USA Today, NPR Marketplace, The Washington Post, MSNBC, Real Simple, The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, Reader's Digest, and more.

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Endnotes

1. We rely on voluntary, self-reported information that cities and jurisdictions across the country report through the FBI Summary Reporting System (SRS) and National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). For our 2025 reporting year, the most recent FBI data was released in October 2024 for crimes reported in 2023. Read more in our [methodology](#).
2. For the purposes of city ranking reports, the terms “dangerous” and “safest” refer explicitly to crime rates as calculated from FBI crime data—no other characterization of any community is implied or intended.
3. The SafeWise State of Safety survey collects data from 5,000 Americans (at least 100 from every state) each year since 2018.