



Safest Cities in Ohio



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	Sagamore Hills	10,719	0.09	0.75
2	Broadview Heights	19,580	0.15	0.82
3	Olmsted Township	14,471	0.07	2.21
4	Montville Township	13,309	0.15	2.93
5	Hamilton Township, Warren County	27,954	0.39	2.50
6	North Royalton	30,683	0.23	3.19
7	New Philadelphia	17,321	0.69	1.56
8	Brook Park	18,056	0.50	2.44

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9	Parma Heights	20,268	0.39	2.91
10	Avon Lake	25,789	0.08	4.19
11	Madison Township, Franklin County	19,247	0.57	2.34
12	Genoa Township	27,349	0.07	4.39
13	North Ridgeville	37,534	0.53	2.96
14	Loveland	13,045	0.15	4.83
15	Bay Village	15,820	0.32	4.30
16	Berea	18,423	0.60	3.53
17	Mount Vernon	16,551	0.42	4.23

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18	Goshen Township, Clermont County	16,384	0.55	3.97
19	Brecksville	13,502	0.44	4.52
20	Hudson	22,839	0.48	4.38
21	Brunswick	35,083	0.48	4.76
22	Willowick	14,097	0.78	3.69
23	Rocky River	21,247	0.47	4.94
24	Mason	35,845	0.28	5.83
25	New Franklin	13,711	0.36	5.62
26	Springboro	19,583	0.36	6.54
27	Perrysburg	25,223	0.36	6.66

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28	Montgomery	10,736	0.19	7.45
29	Poland Township	11,996	0.67	5.84
30	Powell	14,463	0.28	7.33
31	Aurora	17,663	0.40	6.91
32	Dover	12,902	1.09	4.57
33	Mayfield Heights	19,793	1.01	4.90
34	North Olmsted	31,536	0.44	7.10
35	Seven Hills	11,531	0.35	7.81
36	Twinsburg	19,495	0.56	7.03

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37	Miami Township, Clermont County	44,674	0.51	7.25
38	Upper Arlington	35,641	0.14	9.09
39	Troy	26,839	0.37	8.23
40	Amherst	12,976	0.62	7.48
41	Trenton	13,697	1.53	4.60
42	Conneaut	12,445	1.04	6.59
43	Sylvania	19,057	0.84	7.45
44	Wickliffe	12,582	0.48	8.90
45	Bedford	12,756	1.02	6.90

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46	Shawnee Township	12,469	0.80	8.02
47	Pierce Township	15,339	0.65	8.61
48	Avon	25,595	0.55	9.14
49	University Heights	13,105	1.45	5.80
50	Parma	78,913	1.19	6.91
51	Strongsville	45,576	0.92	9.00
52	Marysville	27,913	0.36	11.75
53	Perrysburg Township	13,702	0.36	11.75
54	Pickerington	25,182	0.56	11.28
55	North Canton	17,622	0.62	11.07

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56	Dublin	48,827	0.61	11.24
57	Union Township, Clermont County	50,463	0.69	11.06
58	Medina	26,013	0.58	11.57
59	Wadsworth	24,757	1.33	8.93
60	Bellefontaine	14,062	1.21	9.60
61	Clayton	13,200	0.91	10.76
62	Tallmadge	18,212	0.88	11.37
63	Willoughby	24,261	0.91	11.38
64	Centerville	25,629	0.47	13.19
65	Solon	23,681	1.14	10.68

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66	Fremont	15,787	1.58	9.25
67	Copley Township	18,209	0.93	11.75
68	Delaware	45,041	1.91	8.08
69	Bowling Green	29,135	0.51	13.45
70	Macedonia	12,136	0.33	14.34
71	Norwalk	17,089	1.58	9.71
72	Hilliard	37,500	1.01	11.95
73	New Albany	11,140	0.90	12.48
74	Marietta	13,091	0.76	13.06
75	Kettering	56,633	0.57	14.67

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76	Lebanon	21,802	1.19	12.57
77	West Chester Township	62,860	0.83	14.25
78	American Township	12,442	1.45	12.62
79	Green Township	59,277	1.06	14.58
80	Austintown	35,441	0.65	16.17
81	Kent	26,805	1.57	12.72
82	Cleveland Heights	43,891	1.91	11.82
83	Lyndhurst	13,633	1.17	14.89
84	Washington Court House	14,383	1.53	13.91

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85	Howland Township	17,067	1.00	15.94
86	Mentor	46,856	1.45	14.43
87	Salem	11,654	1.37	14.76
88	Euclid	48,170	1.85	12.97
89	Stow	34,096	1.03	16.16
90	Ashland	18,912	1.06	16.23
91	Delhi Township	28,287	1.48	14.67
92	Perry Township, Stark County	28,146	1.49	14.74
93	Streetsboro	17,924	0.89	17.07
94	Fostoria	13,033	2.38	11.66

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95	Worthington	14,552	1.51	15.26
96	Monroe	17,903	1.28	16.14
97	Lakewood	49,304	1.46	15.88
98	Fairborn	35,181	2.47	12.39
99	Springfield Township, Hamilton County	35,162	1.73	15.41
100	Elyria	53,024	2.00	14.58
101	Sylvania Township	31,756	0.82	19.18
102	Norton	11,448	1.57	16.51
103	Brimfield Township	11,408	0.88	19.37

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104	Athens	19,516	1.54	17.63
105	Beavercreek	47,112	0.66	21.20
106	Blue Ash	13,333	1.28	18.90
107	Miamisburg	19,715	1.88	16.99
108	Defiance	16,965	2.59	14.56
109	Liberty Township	11,871	2.61	14.57
110	Beachwood	13,732	0.80	21.48
111	Springdale	10,802	2.68	15.18
112	Gahanna	34,841	1.81	18.54
113	Huber Heights	43,261	1.94	18.86

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114	Riverside	24,296	2.51	16.75
115	Cuyahoga Falls	50,459	2.00	18.95
116	Marion	34,992	3.49	13.43
117	Findlay	40,230	2.41	17.50
118	Maple Heights	22,987	5.05	7.83
119	Ravenna	11,218	1.60	21.04
120	Jackson Township, Stark County	42,741	1.38	22.20
121	South Euclid	21,266	1.79	20.78
122	Wilmington	12,653	1.66	21.34
123	Westerville	38,085	1.89	21.22

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124	Middletown	51,328	1.93	22.05
125	Forest Park	19,735	2.58	19.71
126	Sandusky	24,273	1.44	24.06
127	Colerain Township	58,268	2.35	20.70
128	Xenia	25,692	2.49	20.36
129	Urbana	11,115	1.98	22.58
130	Hamilton	62,705	2.85	19.57
131	Sidney	20,163	2.38	22.02
132	Sharonville	13,799	2.46	21.74

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133	Miami Township, Montgomery County	30,642	1.50	25.42
134	Bucyrus	11,470	2.44	22.76
135	Barberton	24,671	3.12	20.55
136	Grove City	42,706	2.01	24.96
137	Alliance	21,305	3.43	20.70
138	Wooster	26,945	2.49	25.42
139	Reading	11,114	3.96	20.42
140	Circleville	14,453	2.77	24.98
141	Newark	51,147	2.74	26.12
142	Lorain	65,436	4.78	18.46

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143	West Carrollton	12,843	4.13	21.65
144	Lancaster	41,448	4.25	21.26
145	Norwood	19,157	2.19	29.13
146	Bexley	12,411	2.26	28.93
147	Steubenville	17,974	1.34	32.49
148	Maumee	13,603	1.91	30.36
149	Englewood	13,216	1.66	31.40
150	Niles	18,224	2.85	27.77
151	Garfield Heights	28,878	5.23	19.05
152	Boardman	39,526	1.44	34.89

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153	Springfield Township, Summit County	14,029	2.35	31.79
154	Columbus	908,834	3.76	26.98
155	Van Wert	11,042	4.17	25.81
156	Piqua	20,722	3.14	29.78
157	Oregon	19,678	2.13	35.12
158	Mansfield	48,034	3.75	30.83
159	Reynoldsburg	41,150	4.30	29.11
160	Franklin	11,624	3.96	34.93
161	Zanesville	24,512	3.26	39.25
162	Chillicothe	21,863	2.06	46.06

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163	Trotwood	22,900	6.07	34.10
164	Youngstown	58,773	6.81	31.83
165	Lima	34,706	6.94	34.98
166	Akron	187,705	7.88	31.61
167	Cincinnati	309,484	7.34	42.03
168	Portsmouth	17,285	7.69	44.14
169	Toledo	264,341	11.44	30.44
170	Canton	69,164	9.88	42.98
171	East Cleveland	13,351	15.73	28.69
172	Dayton	135,181	11.12	47.28

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173	Springfield	57,866	12.62	47.71
174	Whitehall	19,816	9.89	65.05
175	Cleveland	358,146	17.10	52.74

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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.