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Safest Cities in Illinois

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	Campton Hills	10,731	0.00	0.00
2	Pingree Grove	11,370	0.00	0.79
3	Hawthorn Woods	9,417	0.00	1.06
4	Brookfield	18,470	0.32	0.22
5	Gilberts	8,756	0.11	1.83
6	Western Springs	13,172	0.08	2.66
7	Homer Glen	24,417	0.16	2.83
8	La Salle	9,353	0.53	1.39
9	Hampshire	7,899	0.38	2.28
10	Hinsdale	17,166	0.12	3.50

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11	Lake in the Hills	28,588	0.35	2.66
12	Manhattan	10,773	0.46	2.41
13	Winfield	10,167	0.39	3.05
14	Mascoutah	8,582	0.23	3.96
15	Island Lake	7,915	0.25	3.92
16	Inverness	7,253	0.69	2.34
17	Wauconda	13,866	0.94	1.37
18	Shorewood	18,316	0.49	3.33
19	Deerfield	18,848	0.32	5.04
20	Sugar Grove	9,138	0.22	5.47

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21	Wheaton	52,581	0.42	4.74
22	Bartlett	39,728	0.65	3.88
23	Clarendon Hills	8,512	0.35	5.17
24	Lake Villa	8,608	0.81	3.60
25	Winnetka	12,208	0.16	6.23
26	Harrisburg	7,878	0.89	3.43
27	Edwardsville	26,584	0.30	5.79
28	Barrington	10,467	0.19	6.31
29	Round Lake Park	7,722	0.52	5.05
30	Huntley	28,325	0.42	5.44

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31	McHenry	28,588	0.49	5.32
32	Sandwich	7,129	0.98	3.37
33	Mahomet	10,359	0.97	3.48
34	Cary	17,842	0.84	3.98
35	Westchester	15,983	0.63	5.07
36	Lincolnshire	7,915	0.25	6.57
37	Frankfort	20,862	0.24	6.66
38	Troy	11,235	0.98	3.74
39	Roselle	22,299	0.99	3.90
40	Plano	12,764	0.71	5.09

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41	Warrenville	15,492	0.52	5.94
42	Lisle	23,056	0.82	4.81
43	Libertyville	20,323	0.39	6.54
44	Glen Ellyn	28,132	0.46	6.29
45	Dixon	15,139	0.99	4.36
46	Lemont	17,465	0.69	5.61
47	Woodridge	33,329	0.45	6.72
48	Woodstock	25,693	0.62	6.07
49	Oak Forest	26,016	0.65	5.96
50	Mokena	19,715	0.51	6.59

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51	Lockport	26,077	0.69	5.87
52	Buffalo Grove	42,310	0.38	7.14
53	Lake Forest	19,205	0.52	6.66
54	Mundelein	31,653	0.57	6.48
55	Maryville	8,326	1.08	4.56
56	Chatham	14,495	0.62	6.42
57	Plainfield	46,910	0.51	6.99
58	Palos Heights	11,442	0.52	6.99
59	Yorkville	24,990	0.84	5.84
60	Channahon	14,160	0.99	5.37

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61	Palos Hills	17,600	0.63	6.88
62	Oswego	36,429	0.74	6.48
63	Itasca	9,283	0.97	5.71
64	La Grange Park	12,800	0.47	7.73
65	Darien	21,380	0.51	7.81
66	Elmhurst	45,046	0.40	8.41
67	Glencoe	8,506	0.59	7.76
68	Bensenville	18,228	0.77	7.52
69	Algonquin	30,089	0.56	8.41
70	Burr Ridge	10,965	0.82	7.57

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71	Park Ridge	37,676	0.66	8.20
72	Round Lake	18,392	0.82	7.61
73	Orland Park	56,990	0.37	9.41
74	Carol Stream	38,691	0.78	7.91
75	West Chicago	24,972	1.16	6.49
76	South Elgin	24,092	1.25	6.23
77	Naperville	150,197	0.63	8.70
78	Geneva	21,164	0.57	8.93
79	New Lenox	27,769	0.54	9.04
80	Round Lake Beach	26,720	0.52	9.17

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81	Highland	9,998	0.90	7.70
82	Montgomery	22,536	0.93	7.72
83	Glendale Heights	32,179	1.09	7.74
84	Hanover Park	35,899	1.75	5.26
85	Antioch	14,855	1.21	7.47
86	Roscoe	10,829	1.39	6.83
87	Downers Grove	48,972	0.92	8.72
88	Grayslake	24,330	0.70	9.66
89	Northbrook	33,722	0.30	11.42
90	Manteno	9,158	1.42	7.10

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91	Arlington Heights	74,094	0.85	9.41
92	Macomb	14,798	1.15	8.24
93	North Chicago	30,382	1.51	6.81
94	Morton Grove	23,960	0.75	10.02
95	Wilmette	26,864	0.34	11.76
96	Berwyn	54,052	1.48	7.22
97	Batavia	26,077	0.69	10.35
98	Wood Dale	13,600	1.10	8.75
99	Shiloh	14,693	1.57	6.94
100	West Dundee	7,941	0.88	9.95

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101	Addison	34,875	1.23	8.95
102	Streamwood	37,521	1.55	7.84
103	Palatine	64,407	1.18	9.39
104	Des Plaines	57,672	1.34	8.79
105	Crystal Lake	40,878	0.91	10.57
106	Harvard	9,342	1.28	9.10
107	Wheeling	37,321	1.07	9.99
108	Mount Prospect	53,932	1.04	10.20
109	Hickory Hills	13,788	0.94	10.59
110	St. Charles	32,610	0.83	11.19

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111	Hoffman Estates	49,843	1.34	9.25
112	Prospect Heights	15,238	1.51	8.60
113	Swansea	13,993	1.00	10.86
114	Bethalto	9,167	0.87	11.45
115	Rockton	7,757	0.77	11.86
116	Belvidere	25,116	2.43	5.30
117	Westmont	23,776	1.05	11.02
118	Elmwood Park	23,202	1.21	10.65
119	Tinley Park	53,528	1.05	11.41
120	Marengo	7,571	2.25	6.74

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121	Morton	17,452	1.83	9.17
122	Crest Hill	20,032	1.90	8.94
123	Lincoln	13,005	1.38	11.07
124	Romeoville	40,242	1.62	10.19
125	Bourbonnais	17,970	2.39	7.23
126	La Grange	15,599	1.67	10.19
127	Sycamore	18,697	1.66	10.27
128	Princeton	7,673	0.39	15.64
129	Franklin Park	17,891	1.40	11.91
130	Lake Zurich	19,559	1.64	11.04

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131	River Forest	11,155	0.81	14.34
132	Bolingbrook	74,138	2.20	8.97
133	Elgin	112,470	2.25	9.02
134	Vernon Hills	26,728	0.97	14.40
135	Streator	12,163	1.56	12.50
136	Villa Park	21,587	1.71	11.95
137	Glen Carbon	13,859	0.36	17.46
138	O'Fallon	32,059	1.53	12.98
139	Monmouth	8,530	1.52	13.01
140	Rolling Meadows	23,296	0.99	15.28

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141	Worth	10,423	2.21	10.46
142	Vandalia	7,372	1.36	14.11
143	Bloomingdale	22,312	0.58	17.30
144	Morris	14,438	1.32	14.68
145	Niles	29,319	0.48	18.73
146	Lombard	43,596	1.26	15.87
147	Willowbrook	8,980	2.00	13.03
148	Peru	9,698	0.82	17.74
149	Oak Lawn	55,368	1.35	15.68
150	Elk Grove Village	31,148	1.67	14.83

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151	River Grove	10,299	1.94	13.79
152	Charleston	17,058	2.52	12.14
153	South Beloit	7,875	2.41	12.57
154	Cicero	80,455	2.57	12.26
155	Taylorville	10,230	3.03	10.46
156	Glenview	46,623	1.59	16.28
157	Northlake	12,202	1.88	15.49
158	Aurora	176,712	3.10	11.27
159	Mattoon	16,575	3.80	8.63
160	Freeport	23,177	2.72	12.99

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161	Schaumburg	75,140	0.90	20.43
162	Washington	15,808	1.33	18.98
163	Jerseyville	8,243	1.70	17.59
164	Melrose Park	23,494	2.55	14.73
165	Summit	10,543	2.94	13.28
166	Wood River	10,309	1.94	17.46
167	Machesney Park	22,663	2.74	14.38
168	Midlothian	13,595	1.84	17.95
169	Sauk Village	9,422	3.82	10.08
170	Waukegan	87,412	3.66	10.91

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172	Chicago Ridge	13,770	1.96	18.16
173	Park Forest	20,627	2.96	14.25
174	Ottawa	18,579	2.85	15.02
175	Joliet	149,940	4.08	10.26
176	Bellwood	17,768	2.76	15.87
177	Pontiac	11,049	4.07	10.68
178	Burbank	27,986	2.39	17.90
179	Collinsville	23,799	2.31	18.32
180	Crete	8,290	3.14	15.20

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181	Normal	52,883	2.95	16.60
182	Fox Lake	10,787	3.15	15.85
183	Hillside	7,870	2.29	19.70
184	Richton Park	12,296	2.36	19.84
185	Paris	7,997	4.13	13.00
186	Flossmoor	9,181	0.98	25.81
187	Robinson	7,071	2.83	19.23
188	Gurnee	30,131	2.29	22.00
189	Bradley	15,159	2.37	21.70
190	Homewood	18,418	1.90	24.00

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191	Olney	8,389	3.34	18.83
192	Jacksonville	17,127	2.80	20.96
193	Zion	24,162	4.43	15.69
194	Steger	9,223	3.47	19.84
195	East Moline	20,651	2.13	25.18
196	Belleville	40,820	4.09	17.56
197	Effingham	12,169	2.88	23.26
198	Skokie	64,417	2.06	26.56
199	Herrin	12,135	3.30	21.84
200	Champaign	89,687	4.26	18.71

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201	Crestwood	10,333	1.45	30.00
202	Pekin	31,053	3.25	23.83
203	Evanston	74,413	1.71	31.49
204	East Peoria	21,990	3.05	28.01
205	Glenwood	8,214	4.87	21.06
206	Centralia	11,823	5.24	20.05
207	South Holland	20,342	4.47	23.25
208	Lansing	27,525	4.07	25.03
209	DeKalb	40,222	4.23	25.11
210	Alsip	18,048	3.21	29.64

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211	Rantoul	12,024	6.15	18.80
212	Granite City	26,927	5.35	22.13
213	Fairview Heights	16,156	3.28	31.88
214	Oak Park	51,655	2.98	33.51
215	Urbana	38,597	4.82	27.02
216	Silvis	7,842	2.42	37.36
217	Rock Island	35,883	5.60	25.05
218	Country Club Hills	15,904	5.28	26.72
219	Moline	41,601	4.18	31.37
220	Blue Island	21,344	4.64	30.03

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221	Forest Park	13,568	4.86	31.18
222	Hazel Crest	12,681	5.13	30.60
223	Decatur	68,301	6.78	25.86
224	Chicago	2,628,298	6.10	34.78
225	Carbondale	21,659	7.62	33.80
226	Evergreen Park	18,890	2.01	59.18
227	Alton	25,025	9.15	30.93
228	Oak Brook	7,964	0.50	68.56
229	Rockford	145,873	11.55	28.24
230	Harvey	19,264	10.95	30.68

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231	Springfield	112,781	7.84	48.21
232	Peoria	110,118	12.27	40.03
233	Chicago Heights	26,018	17.26	30.94
234	Danville	28,149	16.34	47.75

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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.

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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.