

Safest Cities in the U.S. with the Best Quality of Life - 2022



Introduction

When moving to a new city, Americans are interested in choosing a safe community to live in. The crime rate is a good indicator of how safe a city is. In 2020, the United States of America registered an average rate of 308 violent crimes per 100,000 people and a property crime rate of 1958, according to the *FBI*. If you're moving somewhere in the United States and are looking for a city that offers a high level of security and safety, [MovingWaldo](#) is here to help you! Here are the Top 10 safest cities in the U.S.!

Methodology

We based our ranking on the 3 following criteria: the violent-crime rate, the property crime rate, and the total crime rate (the sum of both property and violent crime rates). Statistics come from the [FBI Uniform Crime Reporting \(UCR\) Program](#). According to the *Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)*, The UCR Program “includes data from more than 18,000 cities, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies. Agencies participate voluntarily and submit their crime data either through a state UCR Program or directly to the FBI's UCR Program”.

We've used these data to rank the 10 safest cities in America while also considering their quality of life. To support our ranking, we thought it would be relevant to compare the statistics of the cities concerned with the national rates.

Top 10 Safest Cities in the U.S.

1. Carmel, Indiana

Carmel, Indiana, makes our list of safest cities in the US. With a violent crime rate, which is 87% less than the average rate of violent crimes in America, Carmel is a safe community to live in. The city also offers fewer property crimes when compared to the national average. Generally, Carmel has 75% fewer property and violent crimes than the US. Living in Carmel provides you with a dense suburban feel, and most residents own their own homes. There are lots of restaurants, coffee shops, and parks in Carmel. Residents in Carmel, Indiana, are comfortable living conservative lives.

2. Cary, North Carolina

Similar to Carmel, Cary offers its residents a dense suburban feel. Cary is a suburb in Wake County, and it is one of the best places in North Carolina and one of the safest cities to live in America. Its violent crime rate stands at 50 for every 100,000 people. This is much lower than the average violent crime rate in the US, which is 308 per 100,000 people. Combined property and violent crime rates are three times lower than the national average. The Raleigh-Cary area has also been ranked number 1 best place for jobs in the US by Glassdoor. Jobs in Cary are focused on technology, healthcare, and education, with companies like Google, Cisco, Apple, SAS, IBM, and more, calling the area home.

3. Sugar Land, Texas

Sugar Land is a dense urban mid-sized city in Fort Bend County, Texas. Sugar Land's crime rates are much lower than in the other dense urban areas, statewide and nationally. With a violent crime rate of 37 cases per 100,000 people, Sugar Land is 88% safer than most of the US, securing its place on our list of safest cities in America. You are also two times less likely to experience violent property crime in Sugar Land when compared to the national average. Besides the low level of crime, Sugar Land offers a lower cost of living than the national average and most cities in Texas. Recreation is also a strong selling point for this city. There is always a new restaurant to explore and a vibrant nightlife to be a part of.

4. Frisco, Texas

Generally, Texas has many of the safest cities to live in the US, which is why we have up to four cities from Texas making it to this list. Frisco is one of them. At number four on this list, Frisco, Texas, has a violent property crime rate of 808, which means it is two times safer than the national average. Its violent crime rate is also 77% lower than the national average. "Everything is bigger in Texas" holds true in Frisco. The city is home to around 80 different parks stretching over 1,300 acres. Frisco is also big in sports and fitness, with world-class courts and stadiums for golf, baseball, and football.

5. Meridian, Idaho

Meridian, Idaho, is one of the best cities in America not just because it has a low violent crime rate of 122 per 100,000 people and a property crime rate of 608 (one of the lowest in the US), but also because it offers a good job market that has caused an influx of new residents in recent years making it the fastest-growing city in Idaho. Meridian is the third-largest city in Idaho and is located just outside of Boise, the capital city. Due to its proximity to Boise and cheaper real estate market, many people who work in the capital prefer to live in Meridian.

6. McKinney, Texas

Another Texas city to make our list of safest cities in the US is McKinney. McKinney offers a dense suburban experience to its residents, with many residents owning their own homes. McKinney has a diverse economy with a thriving tech scene and a long history of manufacturing. It also offers excellent job prospects in insurance,

finance, and healthcare. McKinney has a violent crime rate that is 66% lesser than the national average. Its violent property crime is also 58% below the national average.

7. Sandy Springs, Georgia

Sandy Springs, located in Fulton County, is one of the best places to live in Georgia and one of the safest cities in America. It has a violent crime rate of 108, 65% below the national average of 308 violent crimes per 100,000 people. Sandy Park is a great place to have a family. There are many restaurants, coffee shops, playgrounds, and parks. The relatively small city boasts more than a dozen parks, with three being run by the National Park Service. If you live near the city's newly renovated downtown areas called City Springs, then you can get every one of your daily needs, from entertainment to groceries, on foot.

8. Pearland, Texas

Yet again, another Texas city to make our list of safest cities in the US with the best quality of life. Pearland ranks as one of the safest places to live in Texas, with a violent crime rate of 71 per 100,000 people. This means it is 77% safer than the average city in America. Pearland is a short distance away from Texas' capital, Houston. You can get to Houston from Pearland in around 23 minutes when driving nonstop. Due to this, many people prefer to live in Pearland and visit Houston for different cultural and social amenities.

9. Sterling Heights, Michigan

Although less safe than it used to be, Sterling Heights, Michigan, is still one of the safest cities in America. Sterling Heights experiences 55% less violent crime than the national average of 308 crimes per 100,000 people. Residents also witness about three times less violent property crime than the national average. Besides from the safety and tranquility, the quality of life in Sterling Heights is also admirable. The cost of living here is lower than the national average, with the cost of housing, grocery items, utilities, transportation, and more being less expensive than other cities.

10. Virginia Beach, Virginia

The last addition to this list of safest cities in the US is Virginia Beach. Located on the southeastern coast of Virginia, the beach city is not only safe; it offers a great quality of life to its residents. In a survey of the best largest cities to live in America by Wallethub, Virginia Beach ranked third in both affordability and quality of life. It is a beach city, so if you enjoy spending time at the beach, swimming or surfing, then you'll love this city. Virginia city is safe; it experiences 75 violent crimes per 100,000 people, 76% below the national average.

Conclusion

There we have it, the top 10 safest cities in America. While they all have varying levels of safety, this list provides you with the safest options if you are looking for a new city to move to. Be sure to consider your preferences in terms of amenities, job

and industry, housing, and more, before making a decision. Nevertheless, whatever your choice is, these ten cities are some of the very best places to live in the US.