



# Safest Cities in Tennessee



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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.<sup>1</sup> [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.<sup>2</sup>

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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|------|-----------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1    | Nolensville     | 18,450     | 0.22          | 2.28           |
| 2    | Signal Mountain | 8,896      | 0.00          | 3.48           |
| 3    | Kingston        | 6,194      | 0.81          | 5.33           |
| 4    | Mount Juliet    | 44,062     | 0.86          | 6.67           |
| 5    | Oakland         | 10,569     | 1.51          | 4.64           |
| 6    | Atoka           | 10,673     | 1.12          | 6.00           |
| 7    | Loudon          | 6,469      | 0.93          | 6.80           |
| 8    | Church Hill     | 7,178      | 1.39          | 5.43           |
| 9    | Fairview        | 10,118     | 1.38          | 6.13           |
| 10   | Spring Hill     | 58,200     | 1.36          | 7.29           |

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| 11   | Brentwood      | 45,003     | 0.80          | 9.58           |
| 12   | Hendersonville | 63,291     | 1.11          | 9.21           |
| 13   | Millersville   | 6,216      | 2.57          | 4.99           |
| 14   | Jonesborough   | 6,308      | 1.11          | 9.83           |
| 15   | Portland       | 13,622     | 2.42          | 6.09           |
| 16   | Maryville      | 33,093     | 1.75          | 9.10           |
| 17   | Franklin       | 88,315     | 1.45          | 10.51          |
| 18   | Gallatin       | 49,979     | 1.80          | 9.94           |
| 19   | Greenbrier     | 6,980      | 3.44          | 4.87           |
| 20   | La Follette    | 7,092      | 1.41          | 11.84          |

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| 21   | Collegedale    | 11,324     | 1.59          | 11.83          |
| 22   | Germantown     | 40,560     | 1.06          | 13.73          |
| 23   | Collierville   | 51,686     | 1.20          | 13.76          |
| 24   | Henderson      | 6,473      | 2.78          | 9.42           |
| 25   | Munford        | 6,757      | 3.11          | 10.06          |
| 26   | White House    | 15,295     | 1.83          | 14.45          |
| 27   | Dunlap         | 5,901      | 1.53          | 16.27          |
| 28   | Dayton         | 7,493      | 1.60          | 16.15          |
| 29   | Goodlettsville | 16,892     | 2.43          | 15.51          |
| 30   | Jefferson City | 8,474      | 2.36          | 16.05          |

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| 31   | Elizabethton | 14,107     | 2.48          | 17.01          |
| 32   | Paris        | 10,365     | 3.28          | 15.63          |
| 33   | Bartlett     | 56,324     | 2.43          | 18.41          |
| 34   | Oak Ridge    | 33,211     | 3.40          | 15.54          |
| 35   | Springfield  | 19,434     | 4.68          | 12.66          |
| 36   | Red Bank     | 11,978     | 4.51          | 13.27          |
| 37   | Humboldt     | 7,825      | 4.98          | 11.76          |
| 38   | Lebanon      | 47,083     | 3.95          | 15.48          |
| 39   | Cookeville   | 36,530     | 2.35          | 20.86          |
| 40   | Lenoir City  | 11,924     | 2.68          | 19.96          |

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| 41   | Martin       | 10,930     | 3.02          | 19.40          |
| 42   | Alcoa        | 12,189     | 4.59          | 14.52          |
| 43   | Lafayette    | 5,778      | 0.87          | 27.52          |
| 44   | Harriman     | 6,166      | 3.24          | 21.57          |
| 45   | Clarksville  | 181,916    | 4.54          | 17.46          |
| 46   | Lawrenceburg | 11,919     | 4.53          | 17.70          |
| 47   | Sweetwater   | 6,511      | 5.22          | 16.28          |
| 48   | Smyrna       | 58,096     | 2.89          | 23.84          |
| 49   | La Vergne    | 39,571     | 4.32          | 19.74          |
| 50   | Clinton      | 10,335     | 4.35          | 20.80          |

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| 51   | Tullahoma    | 21,054     | 4.42          | 20.71          |
| 52   | Lewisburg    | 13,013     | 5.53          | 19.21          |
| 53   | Shelbyville  | 24,877     | 5.27          | 21.51          |
| 54   | Murfreesboro | 166,916    | 4.72          | 23.76          |
| 55   | Milan        | 8,304      | 5.18          | 22.52          |
| 56   | Johnson City | 73,225     | 3.81          | 28.19          |
| 57   | East Ridge   | 21,811     | 5.59          | 22.79          |
| 58   | Crossville   | 12,659     | 4.90          | 25.12          |
| 59   | Columbia     | 47,770     | 5.59          | 22.92          |
| 60   | Bristol      | 27,970     | 4.08          | 28.21          |

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| 61   | Greeneville  | 15,667     | 3.89          | 29.30          |
| 62   | Cleveland    | 48,885     | 4.44          | 27.74          |
| 63   | Winchester   | 10,093     | 4.26          | 28.34          |
| 64   | Pulaski      | 8,233      | 5.83          | 26.84          |
| 65   | Fayetteville | 7,053      | 7.66          | 21.69          |
| 66   | Manchester   | 13,417     | 5.52          | 28.62          |
| 67   | Union City   | 10,901     | 4.95          | 32.93          |
| 68   | McMinnville  | 13,781     | 7.40          | 25.83          |
| 69   | Athens       | 14,509     | 4.00          | 38.32          |
| 70   | Morristown   | 31,923     | 6.52          | 30.95          |

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| 71   | Lexington    | 7,950      | 8.18          | 26.04          |
| 72   | Dickson      | 16,488     | 6.85          | 30.57          |
| 73   | Sevierville  | 17,904     | 4.97          | 37.70          |
| 74   | Kingsport    | 56,522     | 6.44          | 36.48          |
| 75   | Knoxville    | 198,132    | 8.16          | 31.78          |
| 76   | Brownsville  | 9,435      | 10.28         | 29.25          |
| 77   | Savannah     | 7,286      | 8.65          | 37.88          |
| 78   | Jackson      | 68,470     | 11.04         | 33.65          |
| 79   | Pigeon Forge | 6,124      | 9.47          | 41.15          |
| 80   | Newport      | 6,921      | 6.65          | 54.47          |

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| 81   | Covington   | 8,568      | 12.96         | 36.88          |
| 82   | Millington  | 10,378     | 9.73          | 47.50          |
| 83   | Ripley      | 7,615      | 17.07         | 24.16          |
| 84   | Nashville   | 690,495    | 11.18         | 44.95          |
| 85   | Chattanooga | 185,370    | 10.85         | 48.82          |
| 86   | Dyersburg   | 15,876     | 12.72         | 52.15          |
| 87   | Memphis     | 616,061    | 26.59         | 87.24          |

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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.