

CQ Press 2007 Safest Metro Area Award

MOST DANGEROUS METRO RANK ORDER

("Metro" includes suburbs and other surrounding areas whereas "City" is limited to the city limits of the named city. All metro area listings are for Metropolitan Statistical Areas (M.S.A.s) except for those ending with "M.D." Listings with "M.D." are Metropolitan Divisions which are smaller parts of ten large M.S.A.s. These ten M.S.A.s, further divided into M.D.s, are indicated by the word "(greater)" following the name. An example is Dallas (greater) which includes the two M.D.s of Dallas-Plano and Fort Worth-Arlington.)

A Score of "0.00" would reflect an average crime rate at the national rate in the six crimes reviewed. A positive score reflects an average rate above the national rate. A negative score, shown in parentheses, reflects an average rate below the national rate.

<u>Dangerous</u>	<u>Safest</u>	<u>Metropolitan Area</u>	<u>2006 Population</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1	333	Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI M.D.	1,993,241	176.5
2	332	Memphis, TN-MS-AR	1,273,452	126
3	331	Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	1,767,730	104.04
4	330	Flint, MI	442,777	95.34
5	329	Pine Bluff, AR	106,062	87.51
6	328	Saginaw, MI	207,837	85.98
7	327	Myrtle Beach, SC	230,522	85.29
8	326	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	363,251	85.17
9	325	Little Rock, AR	650,613	84.54
10	324	Miami-Dade County, FL M.D.	2,416,083	70.55
11	323	Oakland-Fremont, CA M.D.	2,488,907	68.09
12	322	Stockton, CA	670,097	67.88
13	321	Alexandria, LA	140,250	66.59
14	320	Sumter, SC	107,158	66.39
15	319	Jackson, TN	112,267	65.23
16	318	Albuquerque, NM	808,790	65.01
17	317	Lake Charles, LA	184,811	63.75
18	316	Detroit (greater), MI	4,477,154	62.68
19	315	Baton Rouge, LA	695,541	62.51
20	314	Charleston-North Charleston, SC	604,149	60.6
21	313	Florence, SC	201,529	59.69
22	312	Lawton, OK	113,422	59.12
23	311	Anchorage, AK	294,862	57.08
24	310	Gainesville, FL	244,306	55.58
25	309	Orlando, FL	1,965,859	54.93
26	308	New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	1,250,582	54.64
27	307	Visalia-Porterville, CA	414,574	53.45
28	306	Hot Springs, AR	94,619	51.7
29	305	Tucson, AZ	960,135	48.6
30	304	Salisbury, MD	116,566	48.57
31	303	Baltimore-Towson, MD	2,662,948	47
32	302	San Francisco (greater), CA	4,190,087	46.85
33	301	Houston, TX	5,429,705	46.75

34	300	Macon, GA	236,057	45.56
35	299	Fayetteville, NC	352,430	44.19
36	298	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	4,012,817	43.89
37	297	Birmingham-Hoover, AL	1,099,986	43.23
38	296	Rocky Mount, NC	148,410	43.1
39	295	Battle Creek, MI	138,844	42.78
40	294	Jackson, MS	520,697	42.74
41	293	Texarkana, TX-Texarkana, AR	136,867	40.63
42	292	Miami (greater), FL	5,513,643	40.53
43	291	Philadelphia, PA M.D.	3,893,625	40.05
44	290	Tacoma, WA M.D.	766,739	39.25
45	289	Anderson, SC	178,243	39.08
46	288	Vineland, NJ	153,369	37.93
47	287	Sacramento, CA	2,060,675	37.87
48	286	Indianapolis, IN	1,651,458	37.57
49	285	Tallahassee, FL	340,534	37.34
50	284	Lubbock, TX	266,308	36.52
51	283	Tuscaloosa, AL	198,666	36.1
52	282	Fresno, CA	885,487	35.16
53	281	Yakima, WA	235,565	34.47
54	280	Springfield, OH	142,549	34.46
55	279	Bakersfield, CA	763,641	33.88
56	278	Modesto, CA	510,058	33.86
57	277	West Palm Beach, FL M.D.	1,289,942	33.67
58	276	Kansas City, MO-KS	1,961,734	33.49
59	275	Nashville-Davidson, TN	1,440,638	33.19
60	274	Greenville, NC	165,841	33.1
61	273	Los Angeles County, CA M.D.	10,024,953	32.29
62	272	Tulsa, OK	895,554	32.1
63	271	Merced, CA	243,883	31.05
64	270	Longview, WA	98,997	29.95
65	269	Oklahoma City, OK	1,167,026	29.54
66	268	Columbus, OH	1,710,708	29.18
67	267	Mobile, AL	405,058	28.61
68	266	Jonesboro, AR	113,363	28.35
69	265	Laredo, TX	231,062	27.85
70	264	Lima, OH	106,363	26.89
71	263	Gadsden, AL	104,122	26.69
72	262	Longview, TX	207,210	26.65
73	261	Toledo, OH	657,496	26.33
74	260	Seattle (greater), WA	3,258,355	25.56
75	259	Santa Fe, NM	142,770	25.41
76	258	Tampa-St Petersburg, FL	2,692,311	25.27
77	257	Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX M.D.	4,003,448	25.2
78	256	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	553,945	24.48
79	255	Philadelphia (greater) PA-NJ-DE	5,834,113	23.05
80	254	Spartanburg, SC	270,958	23.01
81	253	Columbia, SC	700,605	22.67
82	252	Montgomery, AL	360,475	22.2
83	251	Seattle-Bellevue, WA M.D.	2,491,616	21.39
84	250	Huntsville, AL	371,995	21.14
85	249	Brunswick, GA	101,593	21.06
86	248	Amarillo, TX	245,428	21.04

87	247	Columbus, GA-AL	292,291	20.97
88	246	Greenville, SC	600,445	20.75
89	245	Monroe, LA	162,215	20.6
90	244	Reno-Sparks, NV	407,115	20.42
91	243	Durham, NC	465,289	20.38
92	242	Wichita, KS	591,201	19.75
93	241	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	3,945,166	19.47
94	240	Winston-Salem, NC	457,581	18.66
95	239	Corpus Christi, TX	425,272	18.6
96	238	Dallas (greater), TX	5,984,390	17.86
97	237	Panama City-Lynn Haven, FL	164,283	17.8
98	236	Wilmington, NC	321,432	17.72
99	235	Waco, TX	231,035	17.52
100	234	Vallejo-Fairfield, CA	415,300	16.24
101	233	Greensboro-High Point, NC	687,959	16.15
102	232	San Francisco-S. Mateo, CA M.D.	1,701,180	15.94
103	231	Los Angeles (greater), CA	13,039,935	15.85
104	230	Milwaukee, WI	1,518,404	15.18
105	229	Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	394,399	15.17
106	228	Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ M.D.	693,638	14.58
107	227	Atlantic City, NJ	271,221	14.22
108	226	Ocala, FL	308,560	13.6
109	225	Muskegon-Norton Shores, MI	175,117	13.43
110	224	Washington, DC-VA-MD-WV M.D.	4,124,226	13.15
111	223	San Antonio, TX	1,943,351	12.9
112	222	Augusta, GA-SC	534,131	11.9
113	221	Dover, DE	145,667	10.1
114	220	Chattanooga, TN-GA	501,115	9.57
115	219	Pascagoula, MS	156,631	9.4
116	218	Denver-Aurora, CO	2,404,612	9.07
117	217	Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	2,128,904	8.89
118	216	Lakeland, FL	552,068	8.37
119	215	Yuba City, CA	157,434	8.05
120	214	Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL	684,386	7.9
121	213	St. Louis, MO-IL	2,798,956	7.56
122	212	San Diego, CA	2,959,880	7.17
123	211	Palm Bay-Melbourne, FL	540,209	6.71
124	210	Daytona Beach, FL	498,320	6.48
125	209	Chico, CA	216,114	6.07
126	208	Pensacola, FL	447,295	5.59
127	207	Colorado Springs, CO	598,605	5.5
128	206	Fort Smith, AR-OK	288,013	5.33
129	205	Fort Lauderdale, FL M.D.	1,807,618	5.03
130	204	Hattiesburg, MS	131,395	4.25
131	203	Farmington, NM	127,924	3.48
132	202	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX M.D.	1,980,942	3.41
133	201	Albany, GA	168,071	3.21
134	200	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	1,150,784	2.76
135	199	Lawrence, KS	103,641	2.56
136	198	Spokane, WA	448,278	2.4
137	197	El Centro, CA	157,226	2.36
138	196	Bremerton-Silverdale, WA	244,796	2.16
139	195	Clarksville, TN-KY	246,355	1.27

140	194	Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	194,356	1.24
141	193	Washington (greater) DC-VA-MD	5,275,654	0.74
142	192	Dothan, AL	137,829	0.28
143	191	Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	817,568	0.26
144	190	Topeka, KS	230,694	0.19
145	189	Dayton, OH	844,605	-0.43
146	188	Kalamazoo-Portage, MI	318,553	-0.61
147	187	Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	162,206	-0.69
148	186	Pueblo, CO	154,183	-1.12
149	185	Goldsboro, NC	116,732	-1.53
150	184	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	251,914	-1.55
151	183	Houma, LA	189,259	-1.68
152	182	South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI	319,789	-1.86
153	181	Newark-Union, NJ-PA M.D.	2,154,623	-1.96
154	180	Las Cruces, NM	192,019	-2.07
156	178	Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	2,076,054	-2.35
156	178	Virginia Beach-Norfolk, VA-NC	1,663,994	-2.35
157	177	Knoxville, TN	663,737	-2.4
158	176	College Station-Bryan, TX	195,111	-2.55
159	175	Rome, GA	97,223	-3.12
160	174	Salinas, CA	415,815	-3.39
161	173	Yuma, AZ	188,206	-3.94
162	172	Victoria, TX	116,568	-4.27
164	170	Charleston, WV	306,706	-4.81
164	170	Joplin, MO	167,393	-4.81
165	169	Redding, CA	181,524	-5.23
166	168	Louisville, KY-IN	1,217,627	-5.26
167	167	Richmond, VA	1,187,370	-5.28
168	166	Port St. Lucie, FL	387,459	-6.04
169	165	Wichita Falls, TX	150,422	-6.08
170	164	Madera, CA	144,074	-6.7
171	163	Salt Lake City, UT	1,068,196	-6.73
172	162	Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA	115,116	-7.54
173	161	Burlington, NC	143,337	-7.57
174	160	Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	769,263	-9.02
175	159	San Angelo, TX	108,353	-9.62
176	158	Abilene, TX	162,776	-10.19
177	157	Athens-Clarke County, GA	180,707	-10.3
178	156	Jackson, MI	163,221	-11.09
179	155	Jacksonville, NC	155,482	-11.27
180	154	Flagstaff, AZ	128,601	-11.32
181	153	Midland, TX	124,810	-11.33
182	152	Lansing-East Lansing, MI	454,180	-11.48
183	151	Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	389,032	-12.26
184	150	Bowling Green, KY	111,859	-12.54
185	149	Trenton-Ewing, NJ	366,535	-13.17
186	148	Muncie, IN	117,133	-13.19
187	147	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	697,496	-13.23
188	146	Cleveland, TN	109,410	-13.77
189	145	Eugene-Springfield, OR	340,676	-13.81
190	144	Tyler, TX	195,995	-13.91
191	143	Mansfield, OH	128,105	-14.39
192	142	Lexington-Fayette, KY	433,254	-14.4

193	141	El Paso, TX	742,047	-14.77
194	140	Kingsport, TN-VA	304,872	-15.35
195	139	Elkhart-Goshen, IN	196,656	-16.12
196	138	Honolulu, HI	912,693	-16.87
197	137	New York-W. Plains NY-NJ M.D.	11,509,472	-16.95
198	136	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA	2,130,553	-17.24
199	135	Valdosta, GA	127,788	-18.82
200	134	Rochester, NY	1,041,811	-18.85
201	133	Springfield, MO	401,034	-19.65
202	132	Fayetteville, AR-MO	409,630	-19.89
203	131	Decatur, AL	149,687	-20.39
204	130	Reading, PA	396,665	-21.37
205	129	Roanoke, VA	295,903	-21.41
206	128	Pittsfield, MA	132,660	-21.72
207	127	Kokomo, IN	102,034	-21.96
208	126	Greeley, CO	233,271	-22.24
209	125	Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL	130,763	-22.31
210	124	Lincoln, NE	283,081	-23.2
211	123	Johnson City, TN	191,348	-23.26
212	122	Salem, OR	381,718	-24.61
213	121	Camden, NJ M.D.	1,246,850	-24.96
214	120	Coeur d'Alene, ID	131,006	-24.99
215	119	Austin-Round Rock, TX	1,493,692	-25.15
216	118	San Jose, CA	1,770,793	-25.22
217	117	Grand Junction, CO	132,327	-25.3
218	116	Raleigh-Cary, NC	968,631	-25.58
219	115	Odessa, TX	128,891	-25.98
220	114	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria, CA	404,371	-25.99
221	113	Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	470,678	-26.29
222	112	Hanford-Corcoran, CA	144,712	-26.5
223	111	Asheville, NC	400,669	-26.54
224	110	Bay City, MI	108,757	-26.89
225	109	Hartford, CT	1,001,896	-27.05
226	108	Rapid City, SD	119,115	-27.39
227	107	New York (greater), NY-NJ-PA	18,785,139	-27.45
228	106	Michigan City-La Porte, IN	111,244	-28.04
229	105	Prescott, AZ	206,296	-28.15
230	104	Warren-Farmington Hills, MI M.D.	2,483,913	-28.69
231	103	Idaho Falls, ID	116,402	-28.8
232	102	Bellingham, WA	186,623	-28.86
233	101	Boise City-Nampa, ID	558,432	-28.89
234	100	Warner Robins, GA	130,215	-29.22
235	99	Fort Walton Beach, FL	185,244	-29.39
236	98	Ann Arbor, MI	340,995	-30.73
237	97	Morristown, TN	132,236	-30.79
238	96	Janesville, WI	158,116	-30.81
239	95	Pittsburgh, PA	2,388,185	-31.17
240	94	Fort Wayne, IN	407,093	-31.26
241	93	Winchester, VA-WV	117,226	-31.53
242	92	Sioux Falls, SD	209,523	-31.81
243	91	Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA	162,756	-32.13
244	90	Columbia, MO	154,404	-32.4
245	89	Ocean City, NJ	99,362	-33.07

246	88	Kennewick-Richland-Pasco, WA	224,758	-33.14
247	87	Olympia, WA	232,799	-33.38
248	86	Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	525,225	-33.55
250	84	Blacksburg, VA	152,562	-33.64
250	84	Punta Gorda, FL	160,193	-33.64
251	83	Racine, WI	196,426	-33.96
252	82	Cumberland, MD-WV	100,893	-34.49
253	81	Casper, WY	70,582	-34.88
254	80	Morgantown, WV	114,603	-34.92
255	79	Naples-Marco Island, FL	312,424	-35.03
256	78	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	286,889	-35.25
257	77	Dalton, GA	135,931	-35.57
258	76	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	851,151	-35.82
259	75	St. Joseph, MO-KS	122,851	-36.01
260	74	Lebanon, PA	125,689	-36.04
261	73	Sioux City, IA-NE-SD	143,363	-36.14
262	72	Napa, CA	133,960	-36.16
263	71	Altoona, PA	126,907	-37
264	70	Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	522,275	-37.01
265	69	Syracuse, NY	653,507	-37.26
266	68	Erie, PA	280,694	-37.65
267	67	Lafayette, IN	184,554	-37.97
268	66	Jefferson City, MO	144,919	-38.08
269	65	Gainesville, GA	171,095	-38.16
270	64	Charlottesville, VA	190,302	-38.69
271	63	Danville, VA	109,073	-38.75
272	62	Santa Ana-Anaheim, CA M.D.	3,014,982	-38.83
273	61	Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV	251,797	-38.96
274	60	San Luis Obispo, CA	257,779	-39.05
275	59	Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA	551,034	-39.74
276	58	Fort Collins-Loveland, CO	277,068	-39.79
277	57	Missoula, MT	101,045	-40.23
278	56	Evansville, IN-KY	351,930	-40.24
279	55	Cheyenne, WY	86,117	-40.8
280	54	Bend, OR	143,700	-40.9
281	53	Pocatello, ID	88,155	-41
282	52	Bloomington, IN	178,886	-41.42
283	51	Oxnard-Thousand Oaks, CA	803,276	-41.47
284	50	Palm Coast, FL	77,699	-42.36
285	49	Dubuque, IA	92,118	-43.6
286	48	Bethesda-Frederick, MD M.D.	1,151,428	-43.87
288	46	Holland-Grand Haven, MI	254,770	-44.01
288	46	Sherman-Denison, TX	120,145	-44.01
289	45	Sandusky, OH	78,761	-44.15
290	44	Lancaster, PA	490,996	-44.29
291	43	Monroe, MI	153,551	-44.74
292	42	Iowa City, IA	139,260	-44.78
293	41	Cedar Rapids, IA	247,720	-44.84
294	40	Ames, IA	80,377	-44.86
295	39	Carson City, NV	57,936	-45.36
296	38	Columbus, IN	74,027	-45.58
297	37	Wenatchee, WA	106,568	-46.49
298	36	Madison, WI	539,008	-47.02

299	35	Medford, OR	198,525	-48.06
300	34	Lynchburg, VA	239,271	-48.18
301	33	Kingston, NY	183,182	-48.41
302	32	Johnstown, PA	148,204	-48.56
303	31	Billings, MT	147,997	-48.96
304	30	Utica-Rome, NY	298,683	-49.1
305	29	Ogden-Clearfield, UT	502,708	-50.16
306	28	Harrisonburg, VA	112,802	-51.48
307	27	Bismarck, ND	99,220	-53.32
308	26	Elmira, NY	89,752	-53.47
309	25	Binghamton, NY	249,087	-53.64
310	24	Poughkeepsie, NY	669,529	-54.06
311	23	Green Bay, WI	298,584	-54.09
312	22	Lewiston-Auburn, ME	108,045	-54.3
313	21	Great Falls, MT	80,331	-54.39
314	20	Fond du Lac, WI	99,701	-55.67
315	19	Portland, ME	514,252	-56.32
316	18	Sheboygan, WI	115,030	-57.98
317	17	Williamsport, PA	118,500	-58.77
318	16	Wheeling, WV-OH	148,832	-58.79
319	15	Glens Falls, NY	128,917	-58.87
320	14	Manchester-Nashua, NH	402,810	-59.11
321	13	Lewiston, ID-WA	60,465	-59.95
322	12	Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	160,067	-60.47
323	11	Ithaca, NY	100,286	-61.32
324	10	Edison, NJ M.D.	2,305,462	-61.36
325	9	Wausau, WI	129,414	-62.36
326	8	Nassau-Suffolk, NY M.D.	2,815,582	-62.57
327	7	Elizabethtown, KY	111,512	-64.06
328	6	Provo-Orem, UT	467,608	-64.59
329	5	Appleton, WI	215,932	-66.53
330	4	Bangor, ME	147,076	-67.88
331	3	State College, PA	140,685	-68.57
332	2	Eau Claire, WI	154,604	-71.06
333	1	Logan, UT-ID	113,944	-72.45