

Top 25: Most dangerous and safest cities

St. Louis nudges out Detroit for most crime; Brick Township, N.J., tops survey as safest.

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NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) -- St. Louis has been judged the most dangerous city in the United States, according to a survey released Monday by Morgan Quitno Press, an independent research publisher in Lawrence, Kansas.

The Missouri city, with a crime rate of 2,405.5 crimes per 100,000 residents, just nosed out Detroit (2,357.6), providing another matchup of the 2006 World Series participants.

Morgan Quitno compared all cities with populations of more than 75,000 to come up with its list of the most dangerous. The survey analyzed FBI statistics for 49 states and the District of Columbia. Illinois was left out because the state's rape case data do not match the FBI's.

The survey compared rates for six major crimes - murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary and auto theft - with national averages.

The safest city in the country, according to the survey, was Brick Township, N.J., with just 55.9 incidents per 100,000. Click on names in the lists below for more stats on each place. ■

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Most dangerous cities

City	Crime rate: violent incidents per 100,000
St. Louis, MO	2,405.5
Detroit, MI	2,357.6
Flint, MI	2,260.2
Camden, NJ	2,096.7
Memphis, TN	1,860.0
Miami Gardens, FL	1,854.3
Orlando, FL	1,807.5
Compton, CA	1,786.9
Springfield, MA	1,774.2
Little Rock, AR	1,771.8
Trenton, NJ	1,770.6
Baltimore, MD	1,754.5
	1,724.5

Safest cities

City	Crime rate: violent incidents per 100,000
Brick, NJ	55.9
Greece, NY	70.8
Orem, UT	71.0
Irvine, CA	84.1
Troy, MI	88.3
Amherst, NY	91.7
Colonie, NY	101.2
Mission Viejo, CA	113.5
Fargo, ND	113.8
Cary, NC	129.2
Chino Hills, CA	131.4
Gilbert, AZ	132.5
Newton, MA	136.4

North Charleston, SC		Thousand Oaks, CA	138.2
Atlanta, GA	1,674.8	Warwick, RI	139.7
Nashville, TN	1,611.0	Dover, NJ	140.7
Miami, FL	1,579.7	Simi Valley, CA	143.7
St. Petersburg, FL	1,545.7	Round Rock, TX	145.1
Pompano Beach, FL	1,520.7	Bellevue, WA	145.2
Stockton, CA	1,491.4	Newport Beach, CA	151.6
Birmingham, AL	1,470.3	Lake Forest, CA	156.1
Philadelphia, PA	1,467.1	Murrieta, CA	162.6
Kansas City, MO	1,459.2	Danbury, CT	163.2
Minneapolis, MN	1,454.2	Orange, CA	167.0
Tampa, FL	1,430.5	Roswell, GA	167.1
Oakland, CA	1,420.8		

Source: Morgan Quinto Press using FBI statistics

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