

The Top 30 Safest Cities in Rhode Island, 2017

1. Glocester	11. Cumberland	21. Johnston
2. Scituate	12. North Kingstown	22. Coventry
3. Portsmouth	13. West Greenwich	23. Middletown
4. Burrillville	14. East Greenwich	24. West Warwick
5. Bristol	15. Smithfield	25. Westerly
6. South Kingstown	16. Charlestown	26. Cranston
7. Narragansett	17. Tiverton	27. Lincoln
8. Barrington	18. North Providence	28. Warwick
9. Richmond	19. East Providence	29. Warren
10. Hopkinton	20. North Smithfield	30. Woonsocket

METHODOLOGY

To identify the safest cities in Rhode Island, we reviewed the most recent [FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics](#) along with our own population data and internal research. We eliminated any cities that failed to submit a complete crime report to the FBI and removed cities with populations under 5,000. Note that our use of the word "cities" is versatile, refers to populations of 5,000 and over, and thus includes places with the words "town" and "township."

The remaining cities were ranked based on the number of reported violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape, and robbery) and property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) per 100,000 people. These variables were then weighted, with violent crimes accounting for 70% of the total (due to their severity) and property crimes accounting for 30%. Finally, we moved the decimal point over a few spots to show rates per 1,000 people.