SafeWise Announces Annual Safest Cities in Alabama Report for 2019

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SALT LAKE CITY – April 2, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. SafeWise, the leading resource for all things safety and security, announced today the release of its 20 safest cities in Alabama report for 2019—with 100% reporting fewer than 2.5 violent crimes per 1,000 people, and 65% of them making the list for the second year in a row.

See the full report here:

https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-alabama/

SafeWise names Satsuma the safest in the state, moving up from number five last year to claim the top spot. Satsuma reported only two violent crimes in 2017 and has a low property crime rate of 8.07 incidents per 1,000 residents.

The SafeWise report notes that statewide, Alabama continues to have a higher violent crime rate than the rest of the country, reporting 6.44 violent crime incidents per 1,000 people, compared to 4.49 incidents nationwide. And although the state average for property crime is 12 points higher than the national average, every one of Alabama's safest cities had property crime rates below state numbers.

Key findings from the Safest Cities in Alabama Report include:

- 75% of Alabama's safest cities saw zero counts of murder.
- 90% of the safest cities limited violent crime to less than two incidents per 1,000 people.
- Alabama's statewide property crime rate is 39.37 incidents per 1,000 people, compared to just 27.11 nationwide.
- Property crime ranges from 32 incidents to 1,280 among the cities on our list, with nearly 50% reporting more than 500 property crimes.
- Property crime is the biggest safety concern in Alabama, according to our State of Safety study.
- 16% of Alabama respondents experienced a property crime in the past year—which is the same as the national average.
- Having a home break-in was cited as the top property crime concern, with 61% worried about a break-in when they're not at home and 60% scared of a break-in when they're at home asleep.

Quote

"Alabama's statewide crime rates are higher than national averages," says Rebecca Edwards, SafeWise safety and security analyst, "but the 20 safest cities demonstrate a trend across the state to make communities safer. Satsuma, the number one city, reported only two violent crimes in 2017, which is impressive for any city."

Methodology

To identify the cities with the best safety records, SafeWise analysts looked at the number of violent crimes reported in the 2017 FBI Unified Crime Report, the most recent data available. They also calculated the number of violent crime incidents per 1,000 people in each city. Analysts established population thresholds and, in the event of a tie, property crimes were considered.

About SafeWise

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