

The 50 Safest College Towns in America of 2019

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So many things are out of your control when you send your kid off to college, but one thing you can do is make sure they're heading to a college town with a good safety record. Our latest roundup of the **safest college towns in America represents 28 states and more than 50 colleges and universities.**

To deem a college town "safe," we zeroed in on violent crimes per 1,000 people for each city. Violent crimes include murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. We also looked at property crimes (burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson), but those numbers didn't impact our final determination unless there was a tie on the violent crime rate—so don't stress if you see a safe city with higher property crime rates ranking better than one with lower property crime rates.

The Top 30 Safest College Cities:

- #1 Princeton, New Jersey
- #2 Deerfield, Illinois
- #3 Rexford, Idaho
- #4 Wellesley, Massachusetts
- #5 Berea, Ohio
- #6 University Park, Texas
- #7 Smithfield, Rhode Island
- #8 Clemson, South Carolina
- #9 Blacksburg, Virginia

#10 - Durham, New Hampshire

Population:	16,751
Median Income:	\$74,267
Average Monthly Rent:	\$1,868
Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000):	0.54
Property Crime Rate (per 1,000):	4.95

This New England college town reported fewer than 100 total crimes to the FBI in 2017. Durham had just nine violent crimes and 83 property crimes. But it's not just the city that's safe, the University of New Hampshire reported a total of 62 criminal offenses on campus in 2017. That's an impressive number for a campus with more than 13,000 undergrads.

