

How Safe Are We?

Analyzing "*crimes against persons*" from the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The FBI's data comes from both Summary Reporting System (SRS) and National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) reports, which are derived from individual police department data that's voluntarily submitted. To generate the overall scores of our report, we first determined the prevalence of each crime per 10,000 residents by state; then, we multiplied each incidence by its weighted value and summed the totals. The higher the score, the higher the prevalence of crime in that state... Crime types and weights: Homicide offenses (50%),



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Kidnapping/abduction (11%), Human trafficking offenses (11%), Sex offenses (20%), Assaults (8%) As of August 20th, 2023. **Different Statisticians have New Jersey as the 3rd or 4th Safest State to live in overall, still pretty good in my book!**

That being said, larceny, "*crimes against property*", auto theft, burglary, shop-lifting puts New Jersey as the 4th safest state, The main reasons are that thieves want to steal high end autos, clothing, jewelry, etc., and what better place to be than Northern NJ, Shopping Mecca of the World, plenty of high-end

homes, and lots of high-end cars.



What can one do to better protect themselves and their property! Well for auto theft (*which has gone up appreciably, with only a 7% chance of the vehicle being returned to its owner*)

the number one reason was the owner parked it unlocked with the key

fob in it... There are also gangs that target airports, and valet parking at restaurants. Lock your car and take the keys!

Most thieves and burglars *look for the best opportunity*, if your house has a camera or alarm system, the thief just moves down the street to the next house. If your car is locked, with no key fob, he will just try the next car.

Secure your doors and windows... Upgrade locks on windows and doors, *especially on the first floor*, put your *back up key in a combination lock box, everybody checks under the door mat!*

Buy a home security system... Today, for a nominal amount you can purchase a camera system that will cover your whole property (many are battery operated and easy to install and maintain) and can be operated from your smart phone.

Keep your valuables hidden... Get a safe and hide it... Do not leave your expensive jewelry out, and do not show it off when in public.

Install outdoor lighting... Leave a few lights on all night, have the rest on motion sensors... make sure your trees and shrubs do not provide hiding places for intruders.

Lock your garage... Always, and while on vacation or away make sure the garage doors can not be opened from the outside.

Make it look like someone is home... Have lights on timers throughout the home, especially when away... Same with music, or tv, keep some sounds going!

Social Media... Do not advertise that you are away, or put anything on there that that would invite a thief... Save the pics for after you are home, and do not flash your Rolex!

Neighbors... Get to know your neighbors... while you are away, they can keep an eye on your home, pick up your mail, remove packages from your porch... some neighbors have tied their RING door bells in to the local police department.

Just In Case... And in the worst-case scenario, *do not engage with a burglar or thief, ever...* Be quiet, let them do what they do and leave... then call the Police immediately. Stay Safe.



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