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Alaska's crime rate increased from 2014 to 2015, but criminal activity remained low among the state's five safest cities—four of which were on our list last year. In fact, based on the most recent [FBI Crime Report](https://web.archive.org/web/20170316041920/https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2015/crime-in-the-u.s.-2015/tables/table-4) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20170316041920/https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2015/crime-in-the-u.s.-2015/tables/table-4>), the crime rate in these cities is around half of the national average—with fifteen crimes reported per 1,000 citizens. What's more, none of Alaska's five safest cities reported a murder and only one reported a robbery.

SafeWise is impressed with the proactive measures Alaska's leaders, law enforcement professionals, and citizens take to make Alaska a safe place to live, work, and play. For example, the state recently enacted a [criminal justice reform bill](https://web.archive.org/web/20170316041920/http://gov.alaska.gov/newsroom/2016/07/governor-walker-signs-historic-criminal-justice-reform-bill/) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20170316041920/http://gov.alaska.gov/newsroom/2016/07/governor-walker-signs-historic-criminal-justice-reform-bill/>) that aims to reduce costs associated with criminal detention. It will avert millions of dollars to developing new crime reduction programs, strengthening probation and parole supervision, and enhancing victims' services. Measures are also taken at the local level. Safest-city Cordova, for example, encourages [citizen and police collaboration](https://web.archive.org/web/20170316041920/http://www.cityofcordova.net/government/public-safety/police/) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20170316041920/http://www.cityofcordova.net/government/public-safety/police/>)—which may help reduce crime over time.

For detailed information about safety and security in the forty-ninth state, take a look at our [Alaska Safety Directory](https://web.archive.org/web/20170316041920/http://www.safewise.com/home-security/ak/) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20170316041920/http://www.safewise.com/home-security/ak/>). This resource offers everything from crime prevention tips to a map of the state's most and least burglarized counties.

How We Chose the Safest Cities in Alaska

To identify the 5 safest cities in Alaska, we reviewed the most recent FBI Crime Report statistics from 2015, along with population data. We eliminated all cities with fewer than 2,000 residents as well as any cities that failed to submit a complete crime report to the FBI.

*If your city made the list, share the news by embedding the “**Alaska Safest Cities**” badge on your site. [Click here to get the code](#), then just copy and paste.*

From there, we evaluated the remaining cities. We narrowed it down 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) in each city. To further level the playing field, we calculated the likelihood of these crimes occurring out of 1,000 people in each city.

[Learn more about how we rank our Safest Cities reports.](#)

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1. Cordova ↑

Previous rank: 2

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 2.70

Property Crimes per 1,000: 7.21

2. Unalaska

Previous rank: 2

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 2.20

Property Crimes per 1,000: 10.98

3. Haines ↑

Previous rank: 4

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 3.90

Property Crimes per 1,000: 9.35

4. Wrangell ↓

Previous rank: 1

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.43

Property Crimes per 1,000: 13.61

5. Sitka ↑

Previous rank: 8

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 1.58

Property Crimes per 1,000: 16.61

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Didn't see your city rank in the top 5?

Check the remaining cities below, and take a look at the most recent FBI crime data [here](https://web.archive.org/web/20170316041920/https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2015/crime-in-the-u.s.-2015/home) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20170316041920/https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2015/crime-in-the-u.s.-2015/home>).

6. North Slope Borough	7. Palmer	8. Nome
9. Valdez	10. Seward	11. Petersburg
12. Homer	13. Ketchikan	14. Bethel
15. Dillingham	16. Fairbanks	17. Kodiak
18. Soldotna	19. Juneau	20. Kenai
21. Anchorage	22. North Pole	23. Wasilla
24. Kotzebue		

How safe is your home?

Wherever you live, feeling safe in your home can bring greater peace of mind and happiness. Whether your city made our list or not, we recommend adding extra security to your home with monitored security services provided by the nation's leading home security providers.

To learn more about the home security options available to you in your area, select the city nearest you in the drop down menu below.

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