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This Tennessee city has highest violent crime rate in the country. See where your home ranks

A WSMV analysis explores where violent crime is most common in the country

Take a look at how your city's violent crime rate compares to others in Tennessee in 2024

The average violent crime rate for cities with a population of 50K or more is about 278, according to a WSMV analysis of FBI data

Violent Crime Rate



Data calculations and chart include cities with populations of 50K or higher. Violent crime rate indicates number of
Two major Tennessee cities ranked among the 15 large U.S. cities with the highest violent crime rates in 2024. (Chasity Maynard/WSMV via Datawrapper)

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WSMV) - Two major Tennessee cities ranked among the 15 large U.S. cities with the highest violent crime rates in 2024.



A WSMV analysis of FBI data released last month found that Memphis had the highest rate of violent crime, coming in at 2,501 instances of violent crime for every 100,000 people. Nashville has the 13th-highest rate at 1,124 for every 100,000 people.

But Tennessee was not alone. Two California cities also made the list of the 15 cities with the highest rates of crime in 2024.

See below to compare your city to others across the state and country.

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Nashville, Memphis among US cities with highest violent crime rate in 2024

Memphis had the worst rate in the country and Nashville's was the 13th-worst. Both far exceeded the national average for large cities in the US, which was 706

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	State	City	Violent Crime Rate
1	TENNESSEE	Memphis	2,501
2	CALIFORNIA	Oakland	1,925
3	MICHIGAN	Detroit	1,781
4	MARYLAND	Baltimore	1,606
5	OHIO	Cleveland	1,561
6	MISSOURI	Kansas City	1,547
7	WISCONSIN	Milwaukee	1,431
8	MISSOURI	St. Louis	1,367
9	NEW MEXICO	Albuquerque	1,182
10	MINNESOTA	Minneapolis	1,160
11	TEXAS	Houston	1,148
12	CALIFORNIA	Stockton	1,146
13	TENNESSEE	Nashville	1,124
14	OHIO	Toledo	1,041
15	ALASKA	Anchorage	1,015
16	COLORADO	Denver	993
17	COLORADO	Aurora	948
18	OKLAHOMA	Tulsa	942
19	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Washington	926
20	NORTH CAROLINA	Greensboro	924

Data calculations and chart include cities with populations of 250K or higher. Violent crime rate indicates number of violent crimes that occur among every 100,000 people.



Memphis has highest violent crime rate in Tennessee and US, more than doubling Nashville's rate last year

Memphis had about 1,250 incidents of violent crime per 50K people in 2024, which is over four times the state average of 278

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	City	Violent Crime Rate
1	Memphis	1,251
2	Nashville	562
3	Jackson	475
4	Chattanooga	412
5	Knoxville	370
6	Kingsport	221
7	Murfreesboro	210
8	Clarksville	205
9	Johnson City	201
10	Lebanon	172
11	Smyrna	139
12	Bartlett	125
13	Gallatin	104
14	Spring Hill	82
15	Collierville	75
16	Franklin	66
17	Hendersonville	62

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