

Quiet College Town

Murray is one of the nation's top 50 safest college towns, according to findings from SafeWise, a safety-focused consumer research firm based in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The company's analysis looked at violent crime rates in college towns to determine those with the lowest rates. The crimes included violent crimes and property crimes as reported by the FBI Uniform Crime Report, "2017 Crime in the United States."

Murray, home of Murray State University, came in at No. 38 on the list, with a crime rate of 1.35 (or, 1.35 crimes per 1,000 people). It was the only Kentucky school in the top 50.

Topping the list is Princeton, New Jersey, home of Princeton University, and No. 50 was South Hadley, Massachusetts, home of Mount Holyoke College.

Several of Kentucky's border states also had safe cities on the list. Ohio had five safe college towns, the most of all the states. Those towns are Ashland, Athens, Berea, Bowling Green and Kent.

Illinois had three: Deerfield, Edwardsville and Naperville. Virginia had two: Blacksburg and Virginia Beach.

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