

# 2015 Safest Places in Illinois

When deciding where to live, safety is a top priority. Our team at ValuePenguin has analyzed the most recent FBI Crime Report to determine the safety of cities in Illinois. These 298 cities ranged in a crime score from 60 to 2,409. Villages -- not cities, towns or the like -- proved to be the safest. Each

## Safest Places in Illinois (15,000-30,000 population)

- 1 Lake in the Hills
- 2 Charleston
- 3 **Huntley**
- 4 Homer Glen
- 5 Cary
- 6 Hinsdale
- 7 Deerfield
- 8 La Grange
- 9 Mokena
- 10 Glen Ellyn

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Source: FBI

member of our top five safest places classifies itself as such and, interestingly enough, is within 50 miles north or west of Chicago.

To rank these places, we collected data from the 2013 FBI crime statistics by city, which provides the most recent crime data

available. Not every town participates in this report and we also excluded towns with fewer than 5,000 residents because towns with small populations are more sensitive to crime score fluctuations for fewer crimes committed. The raw data report included property crimes (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson), and violent crimes (murder/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) from all law enforcement agencies that chose to partake in the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting program.



We standardized the data to reflect violent and property crimes per 100,000, to account for population. Then, we aggregated a "crime score" by weighting violent crime at 90% and property crime at 10%. Though property crime is more prevalent, we figured that violent crime is more concerning to town residents. We then ranked the cities based on their crime scores.