

Rank Order - Metro Area

10. Murder Rate in 2003 (continued)

National Rate = 5.7 Murders per 100,000 Population*

| RANK | METROPOLITAN AREA | RATE | RANK | METROPOLITAN AREA | RATE | RANK | METROPOLITAN AREA | RATE |
|------|-----------------------------------|------|------|--------------------------------|------|------|---------------------------------|------|
| 1 | New Orleans, LA | 25.5 | 53 | Houston, TX | 8.0 | 103 | Springfield, OH | 5.6 |
| 2 | Victoria, TX | 25.4 | 53 | Spartanburg, SC | 8.0 | 110 | Charlottesville, VA | 5.5 |
| 3 | Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI M.D. | 19.5 | 53 | Virginia Beach-Norfolk, VA-NC | 8.0 | 110 | Knoxville, TN | 5.5 |
| 4 | Pine Bluff, AR | 16.9 | 58 | Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX M.D. | 7.9 | 110 | Mansfield, OH | 5.5 |
| 5 | Laredo, TX | 14.7 | 58 | Topeka, KS | 7.9 | 110 | Modesto, CA | 5.5 |
| 6 | Shreveport-Bossier City, LA | 14.5 | 60 | Milwaukee, WI | 7.8 | 110 | Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | 5.5 |
| 7 | Richmond, VA | 13.6 | 60 | Visalia-Porterville, CA | 7.8 | 110 | St. Louis, MO-IL | 5.5 |
| 8 | Baltimore-Towson, MD | 13.0 | 62 | Dothan, AL | 7.6 | 110 | Yuba City, CA | 5.5 |
| 9 | Jackson, MS | 12.4 | 63 | Great Falls, MT | 7.5 | 117 | Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA | 5.4 |
| 10 | Fairbanks, AK | 12.3 | 63 | Indianapolis, IN | 7.5 | 118 | Denver-Aurora, CO | 5.3 |
| 10 | Memphis, TN-MS-AR | 12.3 | 63 | Nashville-Davidson, TN | 7.5 | 118 | Madera, CA | 5.3 |
| 12 | Savannah, GA | 11.8 | 66 | Casper, WY | 7.4 | 118 | Oxnard-Thousand Oaks, CA | 5.3 |
| 13 | Vineland, NJ | 11.4 | 67 | Riverside-San Bernardino, CA | 7.3 | 118 | Tampa-St Petersburg, FL | 5.3 |
| 14 | Sumter, SC | 11.3 | 68 | Amarillo, TX | 7.2 | 122 | Anderson, SC | 5.2 |
| 15 | Florence, SC | 11.2 | 68 | Fresno, CA | 7.2 | 122 | New York (greater), NY-NJ-PA | 5.2 |
| 16 | Las Vegas-Paradise, NV | 11.0 | 68 | San Francisco (greater), CA | 7.2 | 122 | Sacramento, CA | 5.2 |
| 16 | Rocky Mount, NC | 11.0 | 71 | Fort Smith, AR-OK | 7.1 | 125 | Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN | 5.1 |
| 16 | Washington, DC-VA-MD-WV M.D. | 11.0 | 71 | Morristown, TN | 7.1 | 125 | San Francisco-S. Mateo, CA M.D. | 5.1 |
| 19 | Los Angeles County, CA M.D. | 10.6 | 73 | Lubbock, TX | 7.0 | 125 | Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA | 5.1 |
| 19 | Rome, GA | 10.6 | 73 | Merced, CA | 7.0 | 128 | Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX | 5.0 |
| 21 | Birmingham-Hoover, AL | 10.5 | 75 | Dallas (greater), TX | 6.9 | 128 | Orlando, FL | 5.0 |
| 22 | Little Rock, AR | 10.1 | 76 | Alexandria, LA | 6.8 | 128 | Reading, PA | 5.0 |
| 22 | Philadelphia, PA M.D. | 10.1 | 77 | Fayetteville, NC | 6.7 | 128 | West Palm Beach, FL M.D. | 5.0 |
| 24 | Detroit (greater), MI | 10.0 | 77 | Lake Charles, LA | 6.7 | 128 | Youngstown, OH-PA | 5.0 |
| 25 | Saginaw, MI | 9.5 | 79 | Bakersfield, CA | 6.6 | 133 | Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, PA | 4.9 |
| 26 | Stockton, CA | 9.3 | 79 | Santa Fe, NM | 6.6 | 134 | Dayton, OH | 4.8 |
| 27 | Charleston-North Charleston, SC | 9.2 | 81 | Atlantic City, NJ | 6.5 | 134 | Fort Wayne, IN | 4.8 |
| 27 | Macon, GA | 9.2 | 81 | Salinas, CA | 6.5 | 134 | Fort Worth-Arlington, TX M.D. | 4.8 |
| 27 | Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ | 9.2 | 83 | Chattanooga, TN-GA | 6.4 | 134 | Odessa, TX | 4.8 |
| 30 | Washington (greater) DC-VA-MD | 9.1 | 84 | Athens-Clarke County, GA | 6.3 | 134 | Pittsburgh, PA | 4.8 |
| 31 | Augusta, GA-SC | 9.0 | 84 | Miami (greater), FL | 6.3 | 134 | Vallejo-Fairfield, CA | 4.8 |
| 31 | Danville, VA | 9.0 | 84 | Rochester, NY | 6.3 | 134 | Winston-Salem, NC | 4.8 |
| 33 | Jacksonville, FL | 8.9 | 84 | San Antonio, TX | 6.3 | 141 | Pueblo, CO | 4.7 |
| 34 | Goldsboro, NC | 8.8 | 88 | Huntsville, AL | 6.2 | 142 | Tuscaloosa, AL | 4.6 |
| 35 | Atlanta, GA | 8.7 | 88 | Jackson, MI | 6.2 | 143 | Gainesville, GA | 4.5 |
| 35 | Los Angeles (greater), CA | 8.7 | 88 | Myrtle Beach, SC | 6.2 | 143 | Panama City-Lynn Haven, FL | 4.5 |
| 37 | Miami-Dade County, FL M.D. | 8.6 | 88 | South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI | 6.2 | 145 | Burlington, NC | 4.4 |
| 37 | Oakland-Fremont, CA M.D. | 8.6 | 92 | Corpus Christi, TX | 6.1 | 145 | Lawton, OK | 4.4 |
| 37 | Tulsa, OK | 8.6 | 92 | New York-W. Plains NY-NJ M.D. | 6.1 | 145 | Palm Bay-Melbourne, FL | 4.4 |
| 40 | Baton Rouge, LA | 8.5 | 92 | Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce, FL | 6.1 | 145 | San Diego, CA | 4.4 |
| 40 | Mobile, AL | 8.5 | 95 | Anchorage, AK | 6.0 | 145 | Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL | 4.4 |
| 42 | Flint, MI | 8.4 | 95 | Columbia, SC | 6.0 | 145 | Trenton-Ewing, NJ | 4.4 |
| 42 | Greensboro-High Point, NC | 8.4 | 95 | Greenville, SC | 6.0 | 145 | Yakima, WA | 4.4 |
| 44 | Philadelphia (greater) PA-NJ-DE | 8.3 | 98 | Auburn-Opelika, AL | 5.9 | 152 | Abilene, TX | 4.3 |
| 44 | Tucson, AZ | 8.3 | 98 | Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX | 5.9 | 152 | Albany, GA | 4.3 |
| 46 | McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr, TX | 8.2 | 98 | Oklahoma City, OK | 5.9 | 152 | Chico, CA | 4.3 |
| 46 | Montgomery, AL | 8.2 | 98 | Warner Robins, GA | 5.9 | 152 | Elkhart-Goshen, IN | 4.3 |
| 46 | Newark-Union, NJ-PA M.D. | 8.2 | 98 | Wichita Falls, TX | 5.9 | 152 | Kingsport, TN-VA | 4.3 |
| 49 | Albuquerque, NM | 8.1 | 103 | Camden, NJ M.D. | 5.6 | 152 | Lakeland, FL | 4.3 |
| 49 | El Centro, CA | 8.1 | 103 | Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL | 5.6 | 152 | Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA | 4.3 |
| 49 | Tyler, TX | 8.1 | 103 | Cleveland, TN | 5.6 | 159 | Columbus, IN | 4.2 |
| 49 | Waco, TX | 8.1 | 103 | Durham, NC | 5.6 | 159 | Longview, WA | 4.2 |
| 53 | Columbus, GA-AL | 8.0 | 103 | Joplin, MO | 5.6 | 159 | Vero Beach, FL | 4.2 |
| 53 | Columbus, OH | 8.0 | 103 | Reno-Sparks, NV | 5.6 | 162 | Lafayette, LA | 4.1 |

Note: All listings are for Metropolitan Statistical Areas (M.S.A.s) except for those ending with "M.D." Listings with "M.D." are Metropolitan Divisions which are smaller parts of ten large M.S.A.s. These ten M.S.A.s, further divided into M.D.s, are indicated by the word "(greater)" following the name. An example is Dallas (greater) which includes the two M.D.s of Dallas-Plano and Fort Worth-Arlington. The data for the M.D.s are included in the data of the overall M.S.A. Statistics for principal cities alone begin on page 186.

| RANK | METROPOLITAN AREA | RATE | RANK | METROPOLITAN AREA | RATE | RANK | METROPOLITAN AREA | RATE |
|------|-----------------------------|------|------|----------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------|------|
| 163 | La Crosse, WI-MN | 3.9 | 217 | Bloomington, IN | 2.8 | 270 | Lima, OH | 1.8 |
| 163 | Lawrence, KS | 3.9 | 217 | Kingston, NY | 2.8 | 270 | Lincoln, NE | 1.8 |
| 163 | Salt Lake City, UT | 3.9 | 217 | Pensacola, FL | 2.8 | 270 | Olympia, WA | 1.8 |
| 163 | Wenatchee, WA | 3.9 | 217 | San Jose, CA | 2.8 | 270 | Sheboygan, WI | 1.8 |
| 163 | Wichita, KS | 3.9 | 217 | Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ M.D. | 2.8 | 275 | Bellingham, WA | 1.7 |
| 168 | Daytona Beach, FL | 3.8 | 222 | Bay City, MI | 2.7 | 275 | Cedar Rapids, IA | 1.7 |
| 168 | Dover, DE | 3.8 | 222 | Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA | 2.7 | 275 | Edison, NJ M.D. | 1.7 |
| 168 | Fort Lauderdale, FL M.D. | 3.8 | 222 | Medford, OR | 2.7 | 275 | Fort Walton Beach, FL | 1.7 |
| 168 | Greenville, NC | 3.8 | 222 | Michigan City-La Porte, IN | 2.7 | 275 | Honolulu, HI | 1.7 |
| 168 | Lewiston-Auburn, ME | 3.8 | 222 | Salisbury, MD | 2.7 | 275 | Midland, TX | 1.7 |
| 168 | Syracuse, NY | 3.8 | 222 | San Luis Obispo, CA | 2.7 | 275 | Poughkeepsie, NY | 1.7 |
| 174 | Colorado Springs, CO | 3.7 | 222 | Winchester, VA-WV | 2.7 | 282 | Altoona, PA | 1.6 |
| 174 | Hanford-Corcoran, CA | 3.7 | 229 | Boise City-Nampa, ID | 2.6 | 282 | Binghamton, NY | 1.6 |
| 174 | Lansing-East Lansing, MI | 3.7 | 229 | Punta Gorda, FL | 2.6 | 282 | Flagstaff, AZ | 1.6 |
| 174 | Spokane, WA | 3.7 | 229 | Racine, WI | 2.6 | 282 | Lebanon, PA | 1.6 |
| 178 | Anniston-Oxford, AL | 3.6 | 229 | Rapid City, SD | 2.6 | 286 | Essex County, MA M.D. | 1.5 |
| 178 | College Station-Bryan, TX | 3.6 | 229 | Sherman-Denison, TX | 2.6 | 286 | Eugene-Springfield, OR | 1.5 |
| 178 | Jonesboro, AR | 3.6 | 229 | Springfield, MO | 2.6 | 286 | Napa, CA | 1.5 |
| 178 | Ocala, FL | 3.6 | 235 | Bethesda-Frederick, MD M.D. | 2.5 | 286 | Sioux Falls, SD | 1.5 |
| 178 | Tallahassee, FL | 3.6 | 235 | Bremerton-Silverdale, WA | 2.5 | 290 | Boulder, CO | 1.4 |
| 183 | Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL | 3.5 | 235 | Bridgeport-Stamford, CT | 2.5 | 290 | Greeley, CO | 1.4 |
| 183 | Houma, LA | 3.5 | 235 | Providence-New Bedford, RI-MA | 2.5 | 292 | Monroe, MI | 1.3 |
| 183 | Jefferson City, MO | 3.5 | 235 | Valdosta, GA | 2.5 | 292 | Oshkosh-Neenah, WI | 1.3 |
| 183 | Longview, TX | 3.5 | 240 | Allentown-Bethlehem, PA-NJ | 2.4 | 294 | Cheyenne, WY | 1.2 |
| 183 | Naples-Marco Island, FL | 3.5 | 240 | Ann Arbor, MI | 2.4 | 294 | Pocatello, ID | 1.2 |
| 183 | Raleigh-Cary, NC | 3.5 | 240 | Des Moines, IA | 2.4 | 294 | Rockingham County, NH M.D. | 1.2 |
| 183 | Seattle (greater), WA | 3.5 | 240 | Kennewick-Richland-Pasco, WA | 2.4 | 297 | Fargo, ND-MN | 1.1 |
| 183 | Seattle-Bellevue, WA M.D. | 3.5 | 244 | Muskegon-Norton Shores, MI | 2.3 | 297 | Lafayette, IN | 1.1 |
| 183 | Tacoma, WA M.D. | 3.5 | 244 | Yuma, AZ | 2.3 | 299 | Appleton, WI | 1.0 |
| 192 | Decatur, AL | 3.4 | 246 | Battle Creek, MI | 2.2 | 299 | Grand Forks, ND-MN | 1.0 |
| 192 | Lynchburg, VA | 3.4 | 246 | Dubuque, IA | 2.2 | 301 | Barnstable Town, MA | 0.9 |
| 192 | Springfield, MA | 3.4 | 246 | Johnson City, TN | 2.2 | 301 | Coeur d'Alene, ID | 0.9 |
| 195 | Brownsville-Harlingen, TX | 3.3 | 246 | Salem, OR | 2.2 | 301 | Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA | 0.9 |
| 195 | Farmington, NM | 3.3 | 246 | Santa Ana-Anaheim, CA M.D. | 2.2 | 301 | Owensboro, KY | 0.9 |
| 195 | Pascagoula, MS | 3.3 | 251 | Billings, MT | 2.1 | 305 | Glens Falls, NY | 0.8 |
| 195 | Prescott, AZ | 3.3 | 251 | Brunswick, GA | 2.1 | 305 | Grand Junction, CO | 0.8 |
| 195 | Toledo, OH | 3.3 | 251 | Erie, PA | 2.1 | 305 | Muncie, IN | 0.8 |
| 200 | Boston-Quincy, MA M.D. | 3.2 | 251 | Lancaster, PA | 2.1 | 305 | St. Joseph, MO-KS | 0.8 |
| 200 | Duluth, MN-WI | 3.2 | 251 | Wilmington, NC | 2.1 | 305 | Wausau, WI | 0.8 |
| 202 | Asheville, NC | 3.1 | 256 | Bangor, ME | 2.0 | 305 | Williamsport, PA | 0.8 |
| 202 | Bismarck, ND | 3.1 | 256 | Columbia, MO | 2.0 | 311 | Cambridge-Newton, MA M.D. | 0.7 |
| 202 | Dalton, GA | 3.1 | 256 | Cumberland, MD-WV | 2.0 | 311 | Iowa City, IA | 0.7 |
| 202 | Madison, WI | 3.1 | 256 | Nassau-Suffolk, NY M.D. | 2.0 | 311 | Provo-Orem, UT | 0.7 |
| 202 | Niles-Benton Harbor, MI | 3.1 | 256 | Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA | 2.0 | 311 | Sioux City, IA-NE-SD | 0.7 |
| 207 | Clarksville, TN-KY | 3.0 | 256 | Warren-Farmington Hills, MI M.D. | 2.0 | 311 | State College, PA | 0.7 |
| 207 | El Paso, TX | 3.0 | 262 | Boston (greater), MA-NH | 1.9 | 316 | Portland, ME | 0.6 |
| 207 | Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI | 3.0 | 262 | Fayetteville, AR-MO | 1.9 | 317 | Holland-Grand Haven, MI | 0.4 |
| 207 | Pittsfield, MA | 3.0 | 262 | Idaho Falls, ID | 1.9 | 318 | Ames, IA | 0.0 |
| 207 | Utica-Rome, NY | 3.0 | 262 | Janesville, WI | 1.9 | 318 | Bend, OR | 0.0 |
| 212 | Akron, OH | 2.9 | 262 | Ocean City, NJ | 1.9 | 318 | Carson City, NV | 0.0 |
| 212 | Gainesville, FL | 2.9 | 262 | San Angelo, TX | 1.9 | 318 | Fond du Lac, WI | 0.0 |
| 212 | Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI | 2.9 | 262 | Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA | 1.9 | 318 | Harrisonburg, VA | 0.0 |
| 212 | Kokomo, IN | 2.9 | 262 | Worcester, MA | 1.9 | 318 | Lewiston, ID-WA | 0.0 |
| 212 | Redding, CA | 2.9 | 270 | Jackson, TN | 1.8 | 318 | Rochester, MN | 0.0 |
| | | | | | | 318 | Sandusky, OH | 0.0 |

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

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*Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.