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Townships Top the 2018 List of Safest Communities in Pennsylvania

Townships make up 45 of the top 50 spots for the safest "cities" in Pennsylvania in 2018. The list was compiled by the National Council for Home Safety and Security based on the most recent FBI uniform crime report statistics, population data, and internal research. Only communities with populations of at least 10,000 that have a local police department and submitted a complete crime report to the FBI were included on the list.

The council ranked the communities 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*) per 1,000 people. These variables were then weighted with violent crimes accounting for 1.5 of the total, due to their severity compared to property crimes.

The box at right shows the PSATS member townships that made the top 50 list and their rank.

To see the complete list, go to **www. alarms.org/safest-cities-in-pennsylvania-2018/.** ✦

1. Adams Township, Butler County
4. New Hanover Township, Montgomery County
5. Buckingham Township, Bucks County
6. Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County
7. Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County
11. Northern Regional (includes Pine and Richland Townships, Allegheny County)
12. Northampton Township, Bucks County
13. Pennridge Regional (East and West Rockhill Townships, Bucks County)
14. Cecil Township, Washington County
15. Warwick Township, Bucks County
16. Forks Township, Northampton County
18. Upper Providence Township, Delaware County
19. Northern Lancaster County Regional (Clay, Penn, and Warwick Townships, Lancaster County)
22. West Deer Township, Allegheny County
23. Franconia Township, Montgomery County
24. Southwestern Regional (includes Heidelberg, Manheim, and North Codorus Townships, York County)

25. Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County
27. East Cocalico Township, Lancaster County
28. Northwest Lancaster County Regional (Mt. Joy and West Donegal Townships, Lancaster County)
29. Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County
31. Towamencin Township, Montgomery County
33. Plumstead Township, Bucks County
35. Upper Southampton Township, Bucks County
36. New Garden Township, Chester County
37. Newtown Township, Bucks County
39. Tredyffrin Township, Chester County
40. Newtown Township, Delaware County
41. Amity Township, Berks County
43. Buffalo Valley Regional (includes East Buffalo Township, Union County)
45. Whitpain Township, Montgomery County
46. Horsham Township, Montgomery County
48. Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County
50. Uwchlan Township, Chester County

Note: *These are the PSATS member townships that made the list of top 50 safest "cities" in Pennsylvania, along with their rank.*