

OVERALL (344 METROPOLITAN AREAS):**Safest 25:**

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|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Fond du Lac, WI |
| 2 | State College, PA |
| 3 | Bangor, ME |
| 4 | Eau Claire, WI |
| 5 | Appleton, WI |
| 6 | Sheboygan, WI |
| 7 | Bismarck, ND |
| 8 | La Crosse, WI-MN |
| 9 | Logan, UT-ID |
| 10 | Wausau, WI |
| 11 | Columbus, IN |
| 12 | Oshkosh-Neenah, WI |
| 13 | Edison, NJ M.D. |
| 14 | Harrisonburg, VA |
| 15 | Rockingham County, NH M.D. |
| 16 | Nassau-Suffolk, NY M.D. |
| 17 | Elizabethtown, KY |
| 18 | Lancaster, PA |
| 19 | Wheeling, WV-OH |
| 20 | Corvallis, OR |
| 21 | Binghamton, NY |
| 22 | Rochester, MN |
| 23 | Portland, ME |
| 24 | Manchester-Nashua, NH |
| 25 | Cambridge-Newton, MA M.D. |

Most Dangerous 25:

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|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI M.D. |
| 2 | Memphis, TN-MS-AR |
| 3 | Pine Bluff, AR |
| 4 | Las Vegas-Paradise, NV |
| 5 | Florence, SC |
| 6 | Myrtle Beach, SC |
| 7 | Flint, MI |
| 8 | Stockton, CA |
| 9 | Jackson, TN |
| 10 | Shreveport-Bossier City, LA |
| 11 | Miami-Dade County, FL M.D. |
| 12 | Charlotte-Gastonia, NC-SC |
| 13 | Hot Springs, AR |
| 14 | Saginaw, MI |
| 15 | Albuquerque, NM |
| 16 | Little Rock, AR |
| 17 | Yakima, WA |
| 18 | Tucson, AZ |
| 19 | Oakland-Fremont, CA M.D. |
| 20 | Macon, GA |
| 21 | Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ |
| 22 | Houston, TX |
| 23 | Modesto, CA |
| 24 | Sumter, SC |
| 25 | Alexandria, LA |

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Source:

The findings of the 13th annual Safest City and Metropolitan Area Awards are featured in [City Crime Rankings 13th Edition](#), an annual reference book from Morgan Quitno Press. The newly updated edition of this volume will be available November 9th, 2006.

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| 18 | Rockingham County, NH M.D. | 18 | Jackson, TN |
| 19 | Edison, NJ M.D. | 19 | Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC |
| 20 | Williamsport, PA | 20 | Baltimore-Towson, MD |
| 21 | Owensboro, KY | 21 | Wichita Falls, TX |
| 22 | Elizabethtown, KY | 22 | Houston, TX |
| 23 | Jefferson City, MO | 23 | Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ |
| 24 | Harrisonburg, VA | 24 | Tallahassee, FL |
| 25 | Rochester, MN | 25 | Los Angeles County, CA M.D. |

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To perform an analysis on different neighborhoods in the city of Hot Springs, go to the website: <http://www.neighborhoodscout.com/neighborhoods/crime-rates/>. This site has “Neighborhood Scout” software that will provide crime ratings per neighborhood with a rating of “100” being the best (lowest) possible ranking and a rating of “1” being the worst (most crime) possible crime rating. Select “Arkansas” as the state and “Hot Springs National Park” as the city. You will then note that the area referenced as Albert Pike and the area referenced as “Grand Avenue” have ratings of “1” while Central City and MLK have ratings of “2.” The website <http://www.walletpop.com/insurance/dangerous-cities> shows Arkansas as being number 10 in the “Most Dangerous States” category for 2010.

Washington-based CQ Press bases the annual rankings on reported crime rates in six categories — murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft — and the frequency, percentage, rate and percentage change of reported crime and other criminal justice information.

Of statistics based on actual reported crimes, the site <http://www.crimetrends.com/id4.html> gives Hot Springs its best ranking which was the 50th worst crime rate for 2006.

Zoom in on the crime map at <http://www.policymap.com/city-crime-rates/index.html> and you will discover that Garland County ranks with other areas across the US as having the worst crime rate using source data from the FBI, UCR (universal crime reporting), and DOJ (Department of Justice). Note that recent reports also indicate that Garland County has the highest incidence of child abuse in the state.

The site <http://www.idcide.com/citydata/ar/hot-springs.htm> states, “Hot Springs's property crime levels tend to be much higher than Arkansas's average level. The same data shows violent crime levels in Hot Springs tend to be much higher than Arkansas's average level.” This site also shows the actual reported crime numbers for various type of crime. Note that “murders” are up considerably for 2010 from previous years the site reports.

The site <http://www.cityrating.com/citycrime.asp?city=Hot+Springs&state=AR> shows how Hot Springs compares to national averages for violent and property crimes. Note that the charts indicate Hot Springs at almost double the national average for violent crimes and almost triple the national average for property crimes.

Read the narrative on the “Crime Epidemic in Hot Springs” at www.arktimes.com/blogs/arkansasblog/spacrime.doc to get a feel for how the city leaders dismiss the city’s crime problem.

Select Hot Springs from the list of Arkansas cities at <http://www.disastercenter.com/arkansas/crime/index.html> and see the Hot Springs Police Department’s own crime reporting numbers from 1985 to 2005.

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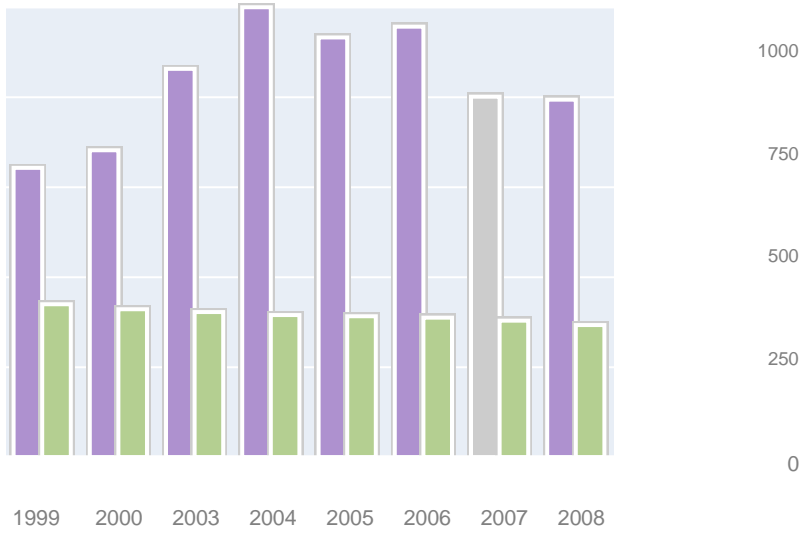
Yes the area is beautiful when you are on the outside looking in but there is something odd and insidious about the whole area. There are a lot of crimes that do not even make it to the media and a lot of people think that since this is a tourist town that it is that way on purpose because the powers that be do not want to hurt the tourist trade and stop the flow of money here.

When we moved here in 1999 we noticed the stand-offishness and when I was talking to a old timer down here he told me that even our great- grandchildren would be considered outsiders if born here. There are a lot of old families in the area and little cliques who just do not care for or want to associate with outsiders. Oh it is one thing to come here as a tourist spending money at hotels, restaurants, stores ..etc... but if you go to resident status everyones treatment of you changes. As far as the crime goes there is plenty of it. You can get the Sentinel Record online and check out the statistics section. There are lots of B&E's, Bad checks, Drug cases, and the court system is very busy as are the courts everywhere else in the country. Drugs? yes there is a abundancy of drugs here It seems Meth and crack are in a close race for 1st position followed by pills of any kind. It also seems that almost everyone knows how to cook meth, knows someone who cooks or has cooked meth, or has friends or family in the pen for cooking meth, it is a whole sub-culture here. And regardless what other posters may say there are areas of town I would not want to break down in and have to walk out of after dark. Lately there have been a lot of random beatings and robberies by people walking up to others in broad daylight (1 was right across the street from the police station) and the suspects were not caught. There are lots of thefts that go unsolved also, I have personally lost 3 thousand dollars in rims and tires while out of town (the thieves jacked up my truck and actually were considerate enough to put on some wore out rims and tires on in their place) a complete running 1978 three quarter ton GMC pickup truck and a bass boat. My garage has been broken into numerous times and tools and equipment stolen. Each time I filed a report (I had serial numbers and titles in hand) and one CID officer in the sherriffs dept even told me that any chance of recovery was slim to none and that the truck had probably been stripped and what was left of it was probably sitting at the bottom of one of the numerous lakes in the area. Some help he was. If you move to the area just be careful who you befriend, who you let into your life and house. Don't get me wrong there are some wonderful people in the area but as the saying goes" you gotta go through a whole lot of chaff to get to the wheat."

Source: Forum at <http://www.city-data.com/forum/arkansas/220619-high-crime-hot-springs.html>. Note at top how many people have read this report.

| Crime in Hot Springs by Year | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Type | 1999 | 2000 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Murders | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| per 100,000 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 18.9 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 18.0 | 2.5 |
| Rapes | 16 | 26 | 18 | 17 | 26 | 23 | 10 | 19 |
| per 100,000 | 41.9 | 64.0 | 49.2 | 45.8 | 69.1 | 60.1 | 25.8 | 48.2 |
| Robberies | 79 | 60 | 80 | 90 | 87 | 133 | 116 | 104 |
| per 100,000 | 207.0 | 147.7 | 218.8 | 242.4 | 231.4 | 347.4 | 298.8 | 263.6 |
| Assaults | 156 | 272 | 291 | 328 | 379 | 351 | 309 | 389 |
| per 100,000 | 408.8 | 669.4 | 795.8 | 883.3 | 1007.9 | 917.0 | 795.8 | 986.0 |
| Burglaries | 961 | 795 | 915 | 1,311 | 894 | 1,162 | 848 | 737 |
| per 100,000 | 2518.6 | 1956.5 | 2502.3 | 3530.6 | 2377.4 | 3035.6 | 2184.0 | 1868.1 |
| Thefts | 2,213 | 2,781 | 3,246 | 3,361 | 3,348 | 3,215 | 2,894 | 2,996 |
| per 100,000 | 5799.9 | 6844.2 | 8877.1 | 9051.2 | 8903.3 | 8398.9 | 7453.4 | 7594.2 |
| Auto thefts | 191 | 131 | 230 | 301 | 286 | 237 | 209 | 189 |
| per 100,000 | 500.6 | 322.4 | 629.0 | 810.6 | 760.6 | 619.1 | 538.3 | 479.1 |
| Arson | 5 | N/A | 17 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| per 100,000 | 13.1 | N/A | 46.5 | 8.1 | 34.6 | 5.2 | 7.7 | 22.8 |
| City-data.com crime index (higher means more crime, U.S. average = 320.9) | 641.5 | 680.7 | 861.2 | 997.7 | 931.0 | 954.6 | 799.5 | 792.8 |

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|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
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| Hot Springs City-data.com crime index PURPLE | U.S. average City-data.com crime index GREEN |
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Full-time Law Enforcement Employees in 2006: 126 (95 officers).

Officers per 1,000 residents here: 2.41

US city average: 3.00


Source: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Hot-Springs-Arkansas.html>

Hot Springs AR Crime Statistics (2006 Crime Data)

Compare City Crime Rates

City 1: State 1:

City 2: State 2:



[AreaConnect Hot Springs](#)

CRIME RESOURCES

- ▶ [Home Security](#)
- ▶ [Criminal Attorney](#)
- ▶ [Burglar Alarms](#)
- ▶ [Motion Detectors](#)
- ▶ [Self Defense](#)
- ▶ [Car Alarms](#)
- ▶ [Crime Rate Comparison](#)
- ▶ [Police Supplies](#)
- ▶ [Background Checks](#)
- ▶ [Disaster Recovery](#)

[Spy Cameras](#)

Security equipment, spy cameras, bug detectors, night scopes and other unusual electronics products.

WHAT ARE THE ICONS?

Indicates Hot Springs crime level is **better** than national average.

Indicates Hot Springs crime level is **worse** than national average.

HOT SPRINGS STATISTICS

Hot Springs Population: 8397

Male Population: 3943

Female Population: 4454

Households: 4295


Median Age: 67

Average Household Size: 1.94

[Hot Springs Population](#)

[Hot Springs Crime Level:](#)

| Crime Type | | 2006 Total | Per 100,000 People | National per 100,000 People |
|--|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Overall Hot Springs Crime Index | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5125 | 13388.5 | 4479.3 |
| Hot Springs Violent Crimes | <input type="checkbox"/> | 511 | 1334.9 | 553.5 |
| Hot Springs Murders | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | 10.4 | 7 |
| Hot Springs Rapes | <input type="checkbox"/> | 23 | 60.1 | 33.1 |
| Hot Springs Robberies | <input type="checkbox"/> | 133 | 347.4 | 205.8 |
| Hot Springs Aggravated Assaults | <input type="checkbox"/> | 351 | 917 | 336.5 |
| Hot Springs Property Crimes | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4614 | 12053.6 | 3906.1 |
| Hot Springs Burglaries | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1162 | 3035.6 | 813.2 |
| Hot Springs Larceny/Thefts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3215 | 8398.9 | 2601.7 |

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|----------------------------------|---|-----|-------|-------|--|
| Hot Springs Motor Vehicle Thefts |  | 237 | 619.1 | 501.5 | MORE AR CRIME STATS ▶ Little Rock ▶ Fayetteville ▶ Melbourne ▶ Fort Smith ▶ North Little Rock ▶ Hot Springs ▶ Bentonville ▶ Jonesboro ▶ Jacksonville ▶ Russellville ▶ Texarkana ▶ More... |
| Hot Springs Arsons ¹ | | 2 | 5.22 | N/A | |

For more city crime stats go to [AreaConnect](#) and select a city.

1 - National arson data is not available. Therefore, arson data is not used in a comparative manner, and arson data is excluded from property crimes total.

Notes:

- Based on the final 2006 FBI Crime Reports.
- Results are tabulated using the Hot Springs crime collection area population of 38,279.
- Hot Springs crime collection population may not match US Census data. Population is based on the agencies participating in the reporting.
- 2007 Hot Springs crime stats will be available October 2008.

Source: <http://hotsprings.areaconnect.com/crime1.htm>