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## SafeWise Announces Annual Safest Cities in Michigan Report for 2019

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**SALT LAKE CITY – March 21, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.** SafeWise, the leading resource for all things safety and security, announced today the release of its 20 safest cities in Michigan report for 2019—with 75% of them kept violent crime below 10 total incidents.

#### See the full report here:

<https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-michigan/>

SafeWise names Grosse Ile Township the safest city in Michigan with 0 reported incidents of violent crime and only 2.88 property crimes per 1,000 residents. Beverly Hills jumped up five spots to claim the second safest city in the state and Houghton was new this year, ranking at number three.

The SafeWise report notes that only 15% of Michigan's safest cities are in the U.P, with 85% in the Lower Peninsula. Michigan overall has a higher violent crime rate than the national average (5.53 violent crimes per 1,000 people compared to the national rate of 2.29). But its property crime numbers are on the lower end at 21.47 per 1,000 people versus 27.11 nationwide.

#### Key findings from the Safest Cities in Michigan Report include:

- Only three of the top 20 safest cities in Michigan are in the Upper Peninsula, but two of the top five are Yoopers: Houghton and Kinross Township.
- 50% of this year's cities are new to the list compared to the 2018 report.
- Violent crime is the top concern in Michigan, with 56% of State of Safety participants rating it a top concern. That's the same as the national average.
- Being robbed was the number one violent crime worry among Michiganders, even though 55% of the state's safest cities reported zero robberies and none had more than five.

#### Quote

"Half of the safest cities in Michigan are brand new to our list this year," says Rebecca Edwards, a safety analyst for SafeWise. "It's always encouraging to see different cities making strides to improve the safety of their community. But I also like to watch a repeat take over the top spot like Grosse Ile Township did this year. In 2018, Grosse Ile Township was number six, but thanks to zero violent crimes it was able to jump to number one."

#### Methodology

To identify the cities with the best safety records, SafeWise analysts looked at the number of violent crimes reported in the 2017 FBI Unified Crime Report, the most recent data available. They also

calculated the number of violent crime incidents per 1,000 people in each city. Analysts established population thresholds and, in the event of a tie, property crimes were considered.

**About SafeWise**

SafeWise is the leading resource for all things safety and security. We are real people seeking the best products to help you live your safest, smartest life. Guided by our Buy Smart, Live Safe philosophy, we figure out how things work and whether or not they're worth your money. At SafeWise, we believe simplifying home security and safety helps bring peace of mind to you and your family.

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