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The Murrieta Police Department is proud to announce its 2022 Crime Rankings

Murrieta, CA – The Murrieta Police Department continues to keep Murrieta ranked as one of the safest cities in the nation to live in and conduct business in. Our top three crime rankings for 2022 highlight the City’s unwavering dedication to fostering a safe and secure environment for its residents, visitors, and business owners.

The department recently received crime data rankings for 2022, and that data was compared to other cities in California, and nationwide who utilize the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and have a population that falls within the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Population Group II (Population 100,00 to 249,999).

In California, 22 cities categorized in Group II submitted NIBRS data:

- Murrieta ranks 3rd when comparing Crimes Against Persons per capita 100,000.
- Murrieta ranks 1st when comparing Crimes Against Property per capita 100,000.
- Murrieta ranks 3rd when comparing Crimes Against Persons, Property & Society per capita 100,000.

California - 2022 NIBRS Ranking (Population Group II - 100,000-249,999)	
Crimes Against Persons	3rd
Crimes Against Property	1st
All Group A NIBRS Offenses	3rd

In the nation, 168 cities categorized in Group II submitted NIBRS data.

- Murrieta ranks 10th when comparing Crimes Against Persons per capita 100,000.
- Murrieta ranks 13th when comparing Crimes Against Property per capita 100,000.
- Murrieta ranks 15th when comparing Crimes Against Persons, Property & Society per capita 100,000.

United States - 2022 NIBRS Ranking (Population Group II - 100,000-249,999)	
Crimes Against Persons	10th
Crimes Against Property	13th
All Group A NIBRS Offenses	15th

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“I am happy to see we are remaining at the top as the city grows. The secret to our success is our community,” noted Murrieta Police Chief Anthony Conrad. “Yes, we have the support of our elected officials and City Hall, but the strong community relationships and open communication channels with our residents have been instrumental during these past 3 years. We continue to solve crime with technology. My officers hold those accountable that commit crime through proactive police work and we prioritize our victims. A #1 and #3 ranking is quite an accomplishment for our officers, dispatchers and professional staff! I’m very proud of the work they do every day.”

As a best practice and at the request of the California Department of Justice and the FBI, the Murrieta Police Department submits data under the NIBRS methodology and has done so since 2021. The data submitted is vetted by the FBI and Department of Justice (DOJ), and ultimately released publicly by the FBI. Murrieta PD no longer submits under the old Summary Reporting System (SRS). The 2022 ranking was obtained using the crime statistics that can be viewed under the NIBRS tables published by the FBI and available on the agency’s “Crime Data Explorer (CDE)” website. Cities in Population Group II were compared. A ranking of #1 represents the safest city in that category.

“We remain dedicated to hiring the best officers, dispatchers and professional staff. As we see the rate of violent crime increasing in California, it’s clear that our hiring practices, collaboration, innovation, and community engagement will keep Murrieta safe and ranked as one of the safest cities in California and the nation,” said Chief Conrad.

The Murrieta Police Department is accountable to the citizens we serve. Each year, the department publishes an [annual report](#) which highlights the department’s talented personnel, crime fighting programs and technology used to keep the city safe. A monthly report that includes detailed crime statistics, crime trends and relevant data is published on the police department [website](#) under the “resources” tab.

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