

(Archive) Safest Places to Live in North Carolina 2016

This is an archived document of the Safest Places in North Carolina in 2016.

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(The list of Safest Places in 2016 was based on [2015 FBI Crime Score](#)).

30 Safest Places in North Carolina 2016

Rank	City	Population	Total Number of Crimes	Crime Score
1	Rutherfordton	4,158	0	0.00
2	Whispering Pines	3,151	0	0.00
3	Valdese	4,449	1	0.22
4	Trent Woods	4,233	1	0.24
5	Havelock	20,689	5	0.24
6	Cary	160,291	81	0.51
7	Fletcher	7,560	4	0.53
8	Holly Springs	31,640	18	0.57
9	Kitty Hawk	3,425	2	0.58
10	Morrisville	23,891	16	0.67
11	Pinehurst	15,617	11	0.70
12	Black Mountain	8,221	6	0.73
13	Waxhaw	13,593	10	0.74
14	Weaverville	3,952	3	0.76
15	Stallings	15,258	12	0.79
16	Davidson	12,247	10	0.82
17	Granite Falls	4,661	4	0.86
18	Newport	4,833	5	1.03
19	Rolesville	6,433	7	1.09
20	Leland	17,878	21	1.17
21	Wake Forest	38,477	46	1.20
22	Mint Hill	25,664	31	1.21
23	Cornelius	28,139	35	1.24
24	Wendell	6,259	8	1.28
25	Brevard	7,695	10	1.30
26	Huntersville	52,786	73	1.38
27	Clayton	19,024	28	1.47

28	Concord	87,167	133	1.53
29	Jacksonville	68,614	106	1.54
30	Garner	28,320	44	1.55

All Cities in North Carolina

Elite Personal Finance made a detailed analysis of all cities in North Carolina and divided them into the following categories:

- under 3,000 residents
- 3,000 – 10,000 residents
- 10,000 – 30,000 residents
- over 30,000 residents

Under 3,000 residents

Rank	City	Population	Total Number of Crimes	Crime Score
1	Southern Shores	2,843	0	0.00
2	Rockwell	2,140	0	0.00
3	Drexel	1,864	0	0.00
4	Manteo	1,377	0	0.00
5	Pine Knoll Shores	1,371	0	0.00
6	West Jefferson	1,313	0	0.00
7	Lake Lure	1,184	0	0.00
8	Richlands	1,709	1	0.59
9	Bethel	1,632	1	0.61
10	Tryon	1,630	1	0.61
11	Pilot Mountain	1,467	1	0.68
12	Troutman	2,524	2	0.79
13	Laurel Park	2,303	2	0.87
14	Taylorsville	2,087	2	0.96
15	Maysville	1,011	1	0.99
16	Lake Royale	2,641	3	1.14
17	Belhaven	1,594	2	1.25
18	Mars Hill	2,300	3	1.30
19	Newland	691	1	1.45
20	Claremont	1,362	2	1.47
21	Marshville	2,642	4	1.51
22	Spring Hope	1,315	2	1.52
23	Blowing Rock	1,232	2	1.62
24	Columbus	991	2	2.02

25	Star	867	2	2.31
26	Holly Ridge	2,143	5	2.33
27	Cape Carteret	2,073	5	2.41
28	Middlesex	815	2	2.45
29	Snow Hill	1,579	4	2.53
30	Mount Gilead	1,171	3	2.56
31	Duck	380	1	2.63
32	North Topsail Beach	732	2	2.73
33	Bunn	360	1	2.78
34	Biscoe	1,682	5	2.97
35	Nags Head	2,860	9	3.15
36	Dobson	1,575	5	3.17
37	St. Pauls	2,428	8	3.29
38	Kenansville	881	3	3.41
39	Pine Level	1,847	7	3.79
40	Carthage	2,392	10	4.18
41	Wrightsville Beach	2,566	11	4.29
42	Highlands	927	4	4.31
43	Atlantic Beach	1,507	7	4.64
44	Andrews	1,756	9	5.13
45	Rose Hill	1,692	9	5.32
46	Yadkinville	2,922	18	6.16
47	Fair Bluff	914	6	6.56
48	Haw River	2,387	16	6.70
49	Pinetops	1,329	9	6.77
50	Surf City	2,185	15	6.86
51	Jonesville	2,261	16	7.08
52	Maxton	2,460	18	7.32
53	Sylva	2,605	20	7.68
54	Scotland Neck	1,975	18	9.11
55	Murphy	1,610	16	9.94
56	Weldon	1,580	18	11.39
57	Chadbourn	1,792	21	11.72
58	Robersonville	1,417	22	15.53

3,000 – 10,000 residents

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1	Rutherfordton	4,158	0	0.00
2	Whispering Pines	3,151	0	0.00
3	Valdese	4,449	1	0.22
4	Trent Woods	4,233	1	0.24
5	Fletcher	7,560	4	0.53

6	Kitty Hawk	3,425	2	0.58
7	Black Mountain	8,221	6	0.73
8	Weaverville	3,952	3	0.76
9	Granite Falls	4,661	4	0.86
10	Newport	4,833	5	1.03
11	Rolesville	6,433	7	1.09
12	Wendell	6,259	8	1.28
13	Brevard	7,695	10	1.30
14	Mocksville	5,114	8	1.56
15	Emerald Isle	3,729	6	1.61
16	Aberdeen	7,332	12	1.64
17	Cherryville	5,943	11	1.85
18	Cramerton	4,307	8	1.86
19	Winterville	9,570	18	1.88
20	Conover	8,223	16	1.95
21	Louisburg	3,582	7	1.95
22	Windsor	3,483	7	2.01
23	King	6,883	14	2.03
24	Woodfin	6,342	13	2.05
25	Stanley	3,664	8	2.18
26	Burgaw	4,107	9	2.19
27	Pittsboro	4,137	10	2.42
28	Lillington	3,512	9	2.56
29	Waynesville	9,740	25	2.57
30	Gibsonville	6,765	18	2.66
31	Creedmoor	4,437	12	2.70
32	Swansboro	3,178	9	2.83
33	Butner	7,747	23	2.97
34	Beaufort	4,230	13	3.07
35	Hudson	3,715	12	3.23
36	Bessemer City	5,521	18	3.26
37	Maiden	3,363	11	3.27
38	Troy	3,373	12	3.56
39	Siler City	8,368	30	3.59
40	Carolina Beach	6,124	22	3.59
41	Wilkesboro	3,557	13	3.65
42	Shallotte	3,830	14	3.66
43	Edenton	4,897	19	3.88
44	Mount Olive	4,743	19	4.01
45	Forest City	7,288	31	4.25
46	Erwin	4,661	20	4.29
47	Wallace	4,029	18	4.47
48	Warsaw	3,221	16	4.97

49	Ahoskie	4,955	25	5.05
50	Hamlet	6,498	34	5.23
51	Morehead City	9,401	50	5.32
52	Raeford	4,839	26	5.37
53	Clinton	8,820	50	5.67
54	Rockingham	9,209	53	5.76
55	Selma	6,300	38	6.03
56	Spencer	3,290	20	6.08
57	Tabor City	3,886	24	6.18
58	Zebulon	4,828	30	6.21
59	Plymouth	3,674	23	6.26
60	Roxboro	8,293	53	6.39
61	Farmville	4,797	35	7.30
62	Long View	4,882	37	7.58
63	Washington	9,800	82	8.37
64	Oxford	8,771	79	9.01
65	Williamston	5,275	53	10.05
66	Wadesboro	5,574	69	12.38

10,000 – 30,000 residents

Rank	City	Population	Total Number of Crimes	Crime Score
1	Havelock	20,689	5	0.24
2	Morrisville	23,891	16	0.67
3	Pinehurst	15,617	11	0.70
4	Waxhaw	13,593	10	0.74
5	Stallings	15,258	12	0.79
6	Davidson	12,247	10	0.82
7	Leland	17,878	21	1.17
8	Mint Hill	25,664	31	1.21
9	Cornelius	28,139	35	1.24
10	Clayton	19,024	28	1.47
11	Garner	28,320	44	1.55
12	Boone	18,394	32	1.74
13	Archdale	11,569	21	1.82
14	Mebane	13,781	27	1.96
15	Carrboro	21,340	42	1.97
16	Lenoir	17,844	39	2.19
17	Mount Holly	14,109	31	2.20
18	Belmont	10,510	27	2.57
19	Kings Mountain	10,644	32	3.01
20	Asheboro	26,041	89	3.42
21	Lincolnton	10,790	40	3.71

22	Thomasville	27,056	106	3.92
23	Newton	13,014	52	4.00
24	Lexington	19,340	78	4.03
25	Tarboro	11,281	49	4.34
26	Hope Mills	16,466	78	4.74
27	Albemarle	15,995	80	5.00
28	Mount Airy	10,378	52	5.01
29	Spring Lake	13,726	75	5.46
30	Southern Pines	13,453	75	5.57
31	Graham	14,519	83	5.72
32	Reidsville	13,983	87	6.22
33	Smithfield	11,924	94	7.88
34	Shelby	20,269	176	8.68
35	Laurinburg	15,507	181	11.67
36	Lumberton	21,746	362	16.65

Over 30,000 residents

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1	Cary	160,291	81	0.51
2	Holly Springs	31,640	18	0.57
3	Wake Forest	38,477	46	1.20
4	Huntersville	52,786	73	1.38
5	Concord	87,167	133	1.53
6	Jacksonville	68,614	106	1.54
7	Matthews	30,723	58	1.89
8	Kannapolis	45,905	98	2.13
9	New Bern	30,433	116	3.81
10	Hickory	40,162	157	3.91
11	Asheville	89,003	447	5.02
12	Greenville	91,114	510	5.60
13	High Point	109,669	620	5.65
14	Greensboro	285,950	1,707	5.97
15	Wilson	49,442	301	6.09
16	Charlotte-Mecklenburg	877,817	5,948	6.78
17	Burlington	52,006	372	7.15
18	Gastonia	74,196	531	7.16
19	Salisbury	33,761	251	7.43
20	Wilmington	115,434	880	7.62
21	Rocky Mount	55,978	442	7.90
22	Durham	257,911	2,185	8.47
23	Goldsboro	36,034	465	12.90