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## Murrieta 2<sup>nd</sup> Safest City in the Nation

According to the *Los Angeles Times* and preliminary FBI statistics, **Murrieta is the second safest city in the nation** for cities with a population of over 100,000. The chart below is from the *Los Angeles Times*, page A7, July 7, 2009.

### Irvine: home of America's least wanted

Irvine has ranked lowest in violent crime five years in a row and logged a single homicide in 2008, according to FBI statistics

#### Lowest rate of violent crimes

City	Population	Violent crimes	Rate per 10,000 pop.
Irvine	209,278	129	6.2
<b>Murrieta</b>	<b>105,666</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>8.4</b>
Cary, N.C.	125,277	107	8.5
Gilbert, Ariz.	220,373	238	10.8
Surprise, Ariz.	101,141	115	11.4

#### Highest rate of violent crimes

St. Louis	356,204	7,383	207.3
Flint, Mich.	113,462	2,297	202.4
Oakland	401,587	7,905	196.8
Detroit	905,783	17,428	192.4
Memphis	672,046	12,927	192.4

NOTE: Ranking calculated by The Times based on preliminary FBI statistics.

Source: FBI Uniform Crime report, 2008 preliminary

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