

Texas Ranks 48th Safest in U.S.

A new report reveals a stark contrast to Dallas' image.

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48th

National Safety Rank

Texas ranked 48th out of 50 states in the 2026 WalletHub safety report.

This ranking reflects systemic challenges in emergency preparedness, personal safety, and infrastructure resilience. Texas' position at the bottom of the list underscores vulnerabilities that extend beyond crime rates to climate disaster exposure and financial security gaps.

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<https://dallas.culturemap.com/news/city-life/top-stories-mico-rodriguez-death/>



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Safety Is a Value Driver

In the Dallas-Fort Worth MSA, where lifestyle branding shapes market perception, a national safety ranking of 48th creates a cognitive dissonance. Investors and high-income households increasingly prioritize long-term resilience over short-term affordability. This disconnect may delay capital deployment in high-growth areas unless safety narratives are actively reshaped through policy and infrastructure investment.

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The Hidden Cost of Perception

A state ranked 48th in safety can still attract top-tier talent and capital — but only if the narrative is managed. The DFW MSA's real estate value isn't just about price or growth; it's about perceived stability. If the state's safety reputation remains unaddressed, even high-income buyers may delay purchases, favoring states with stronger safety credentials, regardless of local economic strength.



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