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## Bay Area suburbs ranked as the safest places to live in 2016

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**Kensington:**

Ranking by state: 13

National ranking: 778

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Deciding where to live can be a tough task given all the variables you need to consider and prioritize. If safety is among your top concerns for a new city, then look no further.

In a [list curated by Niche.com](#), a number of Bay Area towns were rated among the safest places to live in California this year. Five Bay Area suburbs made the top 10 in California, but none made the [top 25 in the country](#).

The study looked at municipalities with at least 5,000 residents. The factors considered in Niche's ratings were the following:

- Assault rate

- Robbery rate
- Murder rate
- Burglary rate
- Vehicle theft rate
- Larceny rate

In addition to ranking each city statewide, Niche also ranked larger cities on the national level. Each city was also given a letter grade to measure an area's safety and security.

Not surprisingly, San Francisco didn't make the list of safest cities, which might be attributed to the city's epidemic of smash-and-grab car burglaries, as the Chronicle **recently reported**. Sunnyvale and Santa Clara - both classified as cities by Niche - did make **that list**.

**Check out the safest suburbs in the Bay Area for 2016 in the slideshow above.**

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