



The rate of homicides in Philadelphia was 16 per 100,000 residents in 2014, down from 21.6 in 2012. Compared with nine other cities with similar demographic and economic makeups, Philly fell in the middle. It was also one of five cities with rates that have dropped since 2012. A city's homicide rate is just one measure of public safety; in the last several years, the number of all major crimes in Philadelphia has declined as well.

Source: Official city counts; U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey one-year population estimates

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