

# Website lists 3 Treasure Coast towns as 'safest places to live in Florida'



John Sahlman photographed a beautiful sunset in Indian River Shores. Indian River Shores was ranked as the "Safest Place to Live in Florida" by Alarm System Reviews.

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Three areas of the Treasure Coast were ranked on a list of the 30 Safest Places To Live in Florida by [Alarm System Reviews](#), a Virginia-based security industry website.

Topping the list was **Indian River Shores**, located just north of Vero Beach in between the Indian River Lagoon and the Atlantic Ocean:

"Ranking as the safest place to live in the state of Florida and with the town council's mission to make Indian River Shores 'the most livable and best-managed town,' it looks like they're making good on their promise so far, with no reported violent crimes and only 12 property crimes for the entire year ... Indian River Shores is one of the highest per capita locations in Florida with a median household income over

\$110,729, more than double that of the national median."

**Population:** 4,050

**Violent crime rates (per 1,000):** 0.0

**Property crime rates (per 1,000):** 3.0

Also making the list was **Tequesta**, coming in at No. 12:

"Another affluent small town in Florida, Tequesta is located in Palm Beach Country and is a suburb of West Palm Beach. Founded in the 1950s and incorporated in 1957 the village was a planned community designed around the Tequesta Country Club."

**Population:** 5,844

**Violent crime rates (per 1,000):** 0.5

**Property crime rates (per 1,000):** 10.8

The Treasure Coast's largest city, **Port St. Lucie**, ranks at No. 25:

"Part of St. Lucie County on the east coast of south Florida, the town was a sparsely inhabited tract of land south of White City through the 1950s when the General Development Corporation purchased a significant portion of land and built the first bridge over the St. Lucie River which allowed for direct access to the Port. The town grew quickly from that point and today stands as one of the most populated and safest cities on our list."

**Population:** 172,453

**Violent crime rates (per 1,000):** 1.4

**Property crime rates (per 1,000):** 14.5

To find the safest places to live in Florida, Alarm System Reviews compiled and analyzed data from several different sources, including the FBI's most recent and complete annual Uniform Crime Report. To help ensure the accuracy of our findings, it limited our research to communities with a population of no less than 2,500 residents.

It looked at the number of violent crimes as well as reported property crimes and combined the total number of both types of crimes and then calculated that number against the reported population to determine the overall rate of crime for the community and its comparable rank among other Florida towns and cities.