

Inspector Rex's History Snippet #7

St. Louis, Missouri – Gateway to the West



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Another city in Missouri known for its barbecue and blues music, but it also ranks very high among the most dangerous cities in the US. Its violent crime rate is at 2,082 per 100,000 residents.

St. Louis ranks first among the most dangerous cities in the US in 2019, and your chance of becoming a victim of a crime in St. Louis is one in 48.

With just over 300,000 people, 138 homicides have already been reported this year, with 121 listed as African American and over 90% of the deaths from incidents involving guns.

Just this summer, an 8-year-old girl was among four victims shot in a parking lot near a school hosting a football jamboree.

With the current model of police work not proving to be effective, an increased focus on jobs, healthcare, and economic issues might help keep people, especially children, safe.

Comment by Inspector Rex

Violent crime rate of 2,082 per 100,000 residents is 4,164 per 200,000 – the size of Townsville. Unbelievable – am sure Townsville doesn't have that many.

Then too with 138 homicides for 300,00 people is 92 per 200,000 for Townsville. Can you imagine if there were 92 homicides in a year in Townsville!!

Many years ago I was in St. Louis overnight before catching a flight to NY. I've been up the sloping arch (goes by elevator).

It is meant to symbolise the *Gateway to the West!*