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Grand Junction among Top 20 most secure places to live

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Grand Junction was ranked among the Top 20 most secure places to live in a study released last week by the Farmers Insurance Group.

Judges looked at crime statistics, extreme weather, risk of natural disasters, housing depreciation, foreclosures, air quality, life expectancy and job-loss numbers in 138 towns nationwide with populations under 150,000 to determine the ranking.

It marked the second time in the past four years that Grand Junction made the list. This time, it came in at No. 12.

“The Farmers Most Secure Places to Live survey reveals a lot about how local governments and citizens work together to make their communities a desirable choice for individuals and families to live, work and grow,” Robert Woudstra, CEO of Farmers Group, said in a statement.

The study said the Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash., area is the most secure large metropolitan area, and the most secure midsize city with a population of between 150,000 and 500,000 is Olympia, Wash.

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