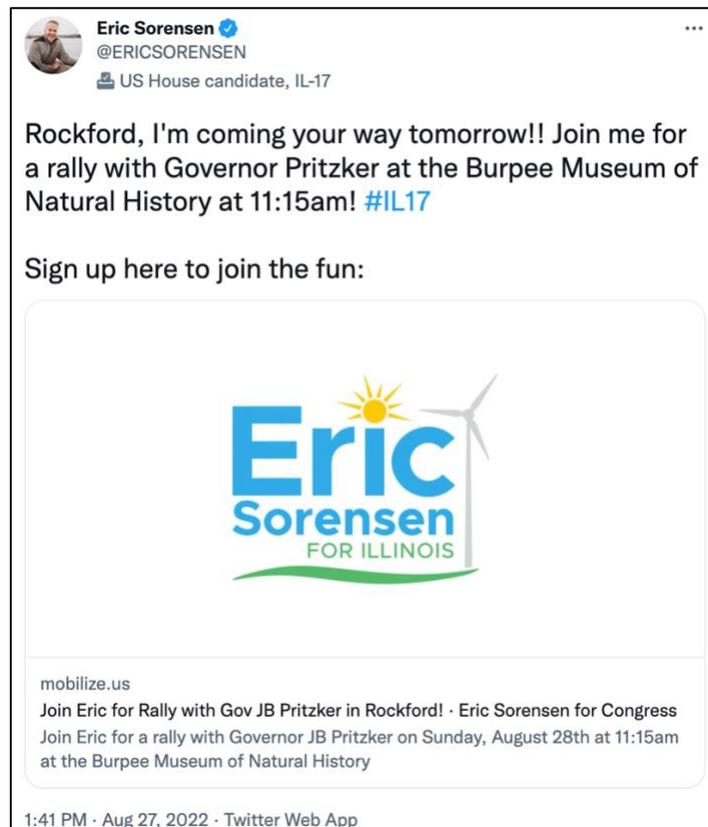


Eric Sorensen is backed by liberal Springfield politicians who's soft on crime approach includes ending cash bail, and letting those charged with violent crimes back on the street before trial. Sorensen has also embraced the support of liberals in Washington who voted for Nancy Pelosi's anti-police bill.

BACKUP:

Eric Sorensen is supported by Governor J.B. Pritzker who signed HB 3653 - a massive criminal justice reform bill that would, among other things, end cash bail, making Illinois the first state in the country to do so - into law:

- On August 27, 2022, Eric Sorensen hosted a political rally with Gov. J.B. Pritzker. "Rockford, I'm coming your way tomorrow!! Join me for a rally with Governor Pritzker at the Burpee Museum of Natural History at 11:15am! #IL17 Sign up here to join the fun:"



(Eric Sorensen, [Twitter](#), 8/27/22)

- In 2021, Illinois state lawmakers passed a massive criminal justice reform bill that would, among other things, end cash bail. "While the nation's attention was focused on the transition of power in Washington, Illinois state lawmakers last week passed a massive criminal justice reform bill that would, among other things, end cash bail." (Bradford Betz, "Illinois poised to end cash bail and possibly set alleged criminals free," [Fox News](#), 1/21/2021)
- Illinois House Bill 3653, a sweeping package of criminal justice measures, included the Illinois Pre-Trial Fairness Act. "The Illinois Pre-Trial Fairness Act, as it's called, is part of

Illinois House Bill 3653, a sweeping package of criminal justice measures. Some of the provisions include requiring police officers to be licensed by the state and to wear body-cams by 2025, expanding training opportunities for officers, making it easier to decertify police officers who commit misconduct, and improving a victims compensation program by making resources more readily available to survivors.” (Cheryl Corley, “Illinois Becomes 1st State To Eliminate Cash Bail,” [NPR](#), 2/22/2021)

- **Governor JB Pritzker signed the bill, making Illinois the first state in the country to abolish cash bail.** “Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a bill Monday that makes Illinois the first state in the country to abolish cash bail payments for jail release for people who have been arrested and are waiting for their case to be heard.” (Cheryl Corley, “Illinois Becomes 1st State To Eliminate Cash Bail,” [NPR](#), 2/22/2021)
- **Under Illinois’ criminal justice reform bill, judges will no longer be able to set any kind of bail for a defendant charged with a crime.** “Under Illinois’s new law, judges will no longer be able to set any kind of bail for a defendant charged with a crime, making it unique among states that have reformed the bail system, according to legislators.” (Maria Cramer, “Illinois Becomes First State to Eliminate Cash Bail,” [the New York Times](#), 2/23/2021)
- **Except in the cases of the worst felonies, most people charged with crimes would be freed until trial.** “The bill that passed Wednesday would scrap the Illinois bail system and replace it with a ‘pretrial release’ system. Except in the cases of the worst felonies, most people charged with crimes would be freed until trial. But many would have to follow court-imposed conditions such as having to wear a monitoring device or undergo drug treatment.” (Frank Main, “A lesson for Illinois on cash bail? New York, California also got rid of it, but reforms didn’t last,” [the Chicago Sun Times](#), 1/16/2021)
- **Under the new law, almost everyone in jail would be released while awaiting trial unless prosecutors could convince a judge that the defendant is a threat to public safety.** “Should it go into law, almost everyone in jail would be released while awaiting trial unless prosecutors could convince a judge that the defendant is a threat to public safety. In such cases, the accused would remain in jail without the opportunity for cash bail.” (Bradford Betz, “Illinois poised to end cash bail and possibly set alleged criminals free,” [Fox News](#), 1/21/2021)
- **The no cash bail policy will not be put in place until January 2023.** “Many portions of Illinois House Bill 3653 will go into effect on July 1, however it will be another two years, January 2023, until the no cash bail policy is put in place. That’s more than enough time, according to the Illinois attorney general, to work out any challenges that come with such a monumental change.” (Cheryl Corley, “Illinois Becomes 1st State To Eliminate Cash Bail,” [NPR](#), 2/22/2021)

Eric Sorensen is supported by Springfield politicians Dave Koehler and Jehan Gordon-Booth, both of whom voted for H.B. 3653:

- **On September 13th, 2022, Sorensen posted a recap of his campaign event with Sen. Dave Koehler and Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth on Facebook.** “Peoria: You’re wonderful! Look at how many supporters are ready to win on November 8th. There’s so much at stake and we win when we work as one community of people. Special thanks to our host committee, Mayor Rita Ali, Senator Dave Koehler, and Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth. Have you heard the saying, “Will it play in Peoria?” How about the fact that this event happened only

two blocks away from where my Mom and Dad met at 1212 Russell Street more than 50 years ago. We won't just play in Peoria. We will win in Peoria.” (Eric Sorensen, [Facebook](#), 9/13/22)



(Eric Sorensen, [Facebook](#), 9/13/22)

- **Senator Dave Koehler voted for HB3653.** (Illinois General Assembly, "HB3653," [Senate Roll Call Vote](#), Koehler voted Yea, 1/13/21)

State of Illinois
101st General Assembly
Senate Vote

House Bill No. 3653
THIRD READING

Jan 12, 2021

32 YEAS

23 NAYS

0 PRESENT

N Anderson	Y Fine	Y Manar	N Rose
Y Aquino	N Fowler	Y Martwick	N Schimpf
N Barickman	Y Gillespie	N McClure	Y Sims
Y Belt	NV Glowiak Hilton	N McConchie	NV Stadelman
Y Bennett	Y Harris	Y McGuire	Y Steans
Y Bush	Y Hastings	Y Morrison	N Stewart
Y Castro	N Holmes	N Muñoz	N Stoller
Y Collins	Y Hunter	Y Murphy	N Syverson
N Crowe	Y Johnson	N Oberweis	N Tracy
Y Cullerton, T.	Y Jones, E.	Y Pacione-Zayas	Y Van Pelt
N Cunningham	NV Joyce	Y Peters	Y Villanueva
N Curran	Y Koehler	N Plummer	Y Villivalam
N DeWitte	Y Landek	N Rezin	N Wilcox
Y Ellman	Y Lightford	N Righter	Y Mr. President
Y Feigenholtz	N Loughran Cappel		

(Illinois General Assembly, "HB3653," [Senate Roll Call Vote](#), Koehler voted Yea, 1/13/21)

- **In January 2021, Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth voted for HB3653.** (Illinois General Assembly, "HB3653," Gordon-Booth voted yea, [House Roll Call Vote](#), 1/13/21)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ONE HUNDRED FIRST
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE BILL 3653
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CONCURRENCE

Jan 13, 2021

60 YEAS

50 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Ammons	Y Gordon-Booth	NV Pappas
E Andrade	N Grant	Y Ramirez
N Bailey	Y Greenwood	N Reick
N Batinick	Y Guzzardi	N Reitz
N Bennett	N Haas	Y Rita
N Bourne	N Halbrook	Y Robinson
N Brady	Y Halpin	Y Scherer
NV Bristow	N Hammond	N Severin
E Bryant	Y Harper	Y Slaughter
Y Buckner	Y Harris	Y Smith
N Burke	Y Hernandez, Barbara	N Sommer
N Butler	Y Hernandez, Elizabeth	N Sosnowski
N Cabello	Y Hoffman	N Spain
Y Carroll	N Hurley	Y Stava-Murray
Y Cassidy	Y Jones	N Stephens
N Caulkins	Y Kalish	N Stuart
N Chesney	N Keicher	N Swanson
Y Collins	Y Kifowit	Y Tarver

(Illinois General Assembly, "HB3653," [House Roll Call Vote](#), 1/13/21)

The Illinois State’s Attorney’s Association released a statement arguing that the elimination of cash bail would “put the victims of crime and their families at great risk”:

- The Illinois State’s Attorney’s Association released a statement arguing that the elimination of cash bail would “put the victims of crime and their families at great risk.” “But others have warned that ending cash bail would do more harm than good. Ahead of the bill’s passage, the Illinois State’s Attorney’s Association released a statement arguing that the elimination of cash bail would ‘not only exacerbate this problem but would also put the victims of crime and their families at great risk.’” (Bradford Betz, “Illinois poised to end cash bail and possibly set alleged criminals free,” [Fox News](#), 1/21/2021)

The Illinois Law Enforcement Coalition described the legislation as “a blatant move to punish an entire, honorable profession that will end up hurting law-abiding citizens the most”:

- The Illinois Law Enforcement Coalition described the legislation as “a blatant move to punish an entire, honorable profession that will end up hurting law-abiding citizens the most.” “In a statement, the Illinois Law Enforcement Coalition, a collection of police unions and organizations representing police officers and county sheriffs, says the law will put the public and law enforcement at risk. ‘It is a blatant move to punish an entire, honorable profession that will end up hurting law-abiding citizens the most,’ the statement said. ‘We hope that it won’t cause police officers to leave the profession in droves and handcuff those who remain so they can’t stop crimes against people and property.’” (Cheryl Corley, “Illinois Becomes 1st State To Eliminate Cash Bail,” [NPR](#), 2/22/2021)

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- The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police released a statement calling the measure “anti-police,” claiming that it “unfairly targets officers and attempts to punish them, not just make them accountable.” “The executive director of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police released a statement calling the measure ‘anti-police.’ Ed Wojcicki says it ‘unfairly targets officers and attempts to punish them, not just make them accountable.’” (Cheryl Corley, “Illinois Becomes 1st State To Eliminate Cash Bail,” [NPR](#), 2/22/2021)

Eric Sorensen is backed by Washington, D.C. Democrats who voted for Nancy Pelosi’s anti-police bill:

- On June 30, 2022, Sorensen received a \$2,000 from David Cicilline’s campaign committee; on June 22, he received \$2,500 from Cicilline’s leadership PAC – DNC PAC.

Cicilline Committee	1 Park Row Ste 5 Providence, Rhode Island 029031235	* Earmarked Contribution: See Below	06/30/2022	2000.00	4000.00
DNC PAC	1 Park Row Ste 5 Providence, Rhode Island 029031235		06/22/2022	2500.00	2500.00

(Eric Sorensen for Illinois, “Itemized Receipts, Line 11C,” [FEC](#), 6/30/22)

- According to the FEC, DNC PAC is a leadership PAC registered to David Cicilline.

Committee information	
Committee name:	DNC PAC
Mailing address:	ONE PARK ROW SUITE 5 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
Treasurer:	GALVIN, BRENDAN
Committee type:	PAC - Qualified
Committee designation:	Leadership PAC
Statement of organization:	Current version (PDF) FEC-1505368 Filed 03/19/2021
Leadership PAC sponsor:	CICILLINE, DAVID N Candidate for House Rhode Island Democratic party

- **In June 2020, Rep. David Cicilline voted for H.R. 7120.** (H.R. 7120, [Roll Call #119](#), Passed 236-181, R 3-180, D 233-0, I 0-1, Cicilline Voted Yea, 6/25/20)
- **Sorensen received \$7000 from Speaker Pelosi’s campaign committee and her leadership PAC, PAC to the Future on June 30, 2022.**

PAC to the Future	700 13th St NW Ste 800 Washington, DC 200055938	06/30/2022	5000.00	5000.00
Nancy Pelosi for Congress	700 13th St NW Ste 800 Washington, DC 200055938	06/30/2022	2000.00	2000.00

(Eric Sorensen for Illinois, “Itemized Receipts, Line 11C,” [FEC](#), 6/30/22)

- According to the FEC, PAC to the Future is Nancy Pelosi’s leadership PAC.

Committee information	
Committee name:	PAC TO THE FUTURE
Mailing address:	700 13TH STREET, NW SUITE 800 WASHINGTON, DC 20005
Treasurer:	PELOSI, PAUL F.
Committee type:	PAC - Qualified
Committee designation:	Leadership PAC
Statement of organization:	Current version (PDF) FEC-1554545 Filed 01/06/2022
Leadership PAC sponsor:	PELOSI, NANCY Candidate for House California Democratic party

(PAC to the Future, “About this committee,” [FEC](#), Assessed 7/18/22)

- **In June 2020, Rep. Nancy Pelosi voted for H.R. 7120.** (H.R. 7120, [Roll Call #119](#), Passed 236-181, R 3-180, D 233-0, I 0-1, Pelosi Voted Yea, 6/25/20)
- **On June 30, 2022, Sorensen received \$7000 from Cheri Bustos' campaign fund and her LPAC - CherPAC.**

Friends of Cheri Bustos	PO Box 65322 Washington, DC 200355322				06/30/2022	2000.00	2000.00	
CherPAC	1050 17th St NW Ste 590 Washington, DC 200365592				06/30/2022	5000.00	5000.00	

(Eric Sorensen for Illinois, "Itemized Receipts, Line 11C," [FEC](#), 6/30/22)

- **CherPAC is a Leadership PAC sponsored by Cheri Bustos.**

Committee information

Committee name: CHERPAC

Mailing address: PO BOX 65322
WASHINGTON, DC 20035

Treasurer: HUNTER, JEANETTE

Committee type: PAC - Qualified

Committee designation: Leadership PAC

Statement of organization: [Current version \(PDF\)](#)
Filed 01/23/2013

Leadership PAC sponsor:
BUSTOS, CHERI
Candidate for House |
Illinois | Democratic party

(CherPAC, "Committee Information," [FEC](#), assessed 7/25/22)

- **In June 2020, Rep. Cheri Bustos voted for H.R. 7120.** (H.R. 7120, [Roll Call #119](#), Passed 236-181, R 3-180, D 233-0, I 0-1, Bustos Voted Yea, 6/25/20)
- **On June 28, 2022, Eric Sorensen received \$1,000 from Mark Takano's leadership PAC - the Inland Empire Strikes PAC - and another payment of \$2,000 on June 30.**

Inland Empire Strikes PAC	PO Box 15320 Washington, DC 200030320				06/28/2022	1000.00	3000.00	
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(Eric Sorensen for Illinois, "Itemized Receipts, Line 11C," [FEC](#), 6/30/22)

- **According to the FEC, Inland Empire Strikes PAC is a leadership PAC registered to Mark Takano.**

Committee information	
Committee name:	INLAND EMPIRE STRIKES PAC; THE
Mailing address:	PO BOX 15320 WASHINGTON, DC 20003
Treasurer:	MAY, JENNIFER
Committee type:	PAC - Nonqualified
Committee designation:	Leadership PAC
Statement of organization:	Current version (PDF) FEC-1506008 Filed 03/23/2021
Leadership PAC sponsor:	<div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px;"> TAKANO, MARK Candidate for House California Democratic party </div>

(Inland Empire Strikes PAC, [FEC](#), accessed 9/22/22)

- In June 2020, Rep. Mark Takano voted for H.R. 7120. (H.R. 7120, [Roll Call #119](#), Passed 236-181, R 3-180, D 233-0, I 0-1, Takano Voted Yea, 6/25/20)
- On June 20, 2022, Sorensen received \$2,000 from Mark Pocan's leadership PAC – the Blue Majority PAC.

PO Box 327 Blue Majority PAC Madison, Wisconsin 537010327	06/30/2022 2000.00 2000.00
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(Eric Sorensen for Illinois, "Itemized Receipts, Line 11C," [FEC](#), 6/30/22)

- According to the FEC, Blue Majority PAC is a leadership PAC registered to Mark Pocan.

Committee information	
Committee name:	BLUE MAJORITY PAC
Mailing address:	PO BOX 327 MADISON, WI 53701
Treasurer:	LOWE, GRETCHEN
Committee type:	PAC - Qualified
Committee designation:	Leadership PAC
Statement of organization:	Current version (PDF) FEC-949579 Filed 09/02/2014
Leadership PAC sponsor:	<div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px;"> POCAN, MARK Candidate for House Wisconsin Democratic party </div>

(Blue Majority PAC, [FEC](#), accessed 9/22/22)

- **In June 2020, Rep. Mark Pocan voted for H.R. 7120.** (H.R. 7120, [Roll Call #119](#), Passed 236-181, R 3-180, D 233-0, 10-1, Pocan Voted Yea, 6/25/20)
 - **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other top Democrats unveiled the bill, which has been reported as "far-reaching legislation to overhaul policing in the United States."** " House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and other top Democrats in the House and the Senate on Monday unveiled far-reaching legislation to overhaul policing in the United States as protests over excessive force by law enforcement against African Americans and others have gripped the nation. The bill, called the 'Justice in Policing Act,' would ban chokeholds, including the kind used by a then-Minneapolis police officer in the death of George Floyd last month, as well as no-knock warrants in drug cases, as was used in the incident leading to the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky, in March, according to a House Democratic aide and a bill summary obtained by NBC News." (Leigh Ann Caldwell and Rebecca Shabad, "Congressional Democrats unveil sweeping police reform bill that would ban chokeholds, no-knock warrants in drug cases," [NBC News](#), 6/8/20)

H.R. 7120 restricts the use of certain policing practices and shifts the standard for the use of force while making police officers more liable as individuals for actions taken in the line of duty:

- **The bill restricts the use of certain policing practices by federal law enforcement agencies and state and local agencies receiving certain federal policing grants.** "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would establish reporting and oversight requirements related to policing data and restrict the use of certain policing practices by federal law enforcement agencies and state and local agencies receiving certain federal policing grants. It would restrict a number of policing practices by federal law enforcement agencies and state and local agencies that receive federal funding, including to prohibit the use of "no-knock warrants" to execute searches in drug cases; the use of deadly force, including chokeholds, except as a "last resort" to prevent imminent injury to an officer or another person; and the use of deadly or "less lethal" force before exhausting reasonable alternatives, including de-escalation tactics...It would eliminate "qualified immunity" protections for law enforcement officers by prohibiting legal defenses based on an officer acting "in good faith" or the purported absence of "clearly established" law." ([CQ Summary, H.R. 7120](#), Introduced 6/8/20)
- **The bill would withhold funding to state and municipalities for not enacting prohibitions on chokeholds and no-knock warrants.** "The Justice in Policing Act of 2020 would ban chokeholds, establish a national database to track police misconduct and prohibit certain no-knock warrants, among other initiatives. The bill, which has more than 200 Democratic co-sponsors, contains several provisions that would make it easier to hold officers accountable for misconduct in civil and criminal court...The bill seeks to ban chokeholds, carotid holds and no-knock warrants in drug cases at the federal level, while pressuring states and municipalities to enact similar prohibitions by withholding funding." (Paul Kane and John Wagner, "Democrats unveil broad police reform bill as Floyd's death sparks protests nationwide," [Washington Post](#), 6/9/20)
 - **"Beginning in the first fiscal year that begins after the date that is one year after the date of enactment of this Act, a State or unit of local government may not receive funds under the Byrne grant program or the COPS grant program for a**

fiscal year if, on the day before the first day of the fiscal year, the State or unit of local government does not have in effect a law that prohibits law enforcement officers in the State or unit of local government from using a chokehold or carotid hold.” (H.R. 7120, [Bill Text](#), Introduced 6/8/20)

- **The bill would shift the standard to determine whether police officers are justified in using force and ban some policing maneuvers.** “The bill would shift the standard to evaluate whether use of force was justified from whether the use of force was reasonable to whether it was necessary. It would ban chokeholds and carotid holds in the police force and no-knock warrants for drug cases, following the death of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Ky., who was fatally shot as police allegedly executed a no-knock warrant on the wrong house.” (Morgan Phillips, “Justice in Policing Act’: What’s in the Democratic police reform bill,” [Fox News](#), 6/8/20)
- **H.R. 7120 would reform qualified immunity, removing protections for police officers.** “The “Justice in Policing Act” would reform qualified immunity for police officers. Qualified immunity was meant to allow officers to perform their duties without fear of having to defend themselves against insubstantial claims for damages. It was meant to protect all but the plainly incompetent or those who knowingly break the law.” (Morgan Phillips, “Justice in Policing Act’: What’s in the Democratic police reform bill,” [Fox News](#), 6/8/20)

Crime in IL-17

ROCKFORD

Violent crime has risen in Illinois for the last two years and, in 2020, Rockford was among the most dangerous metro areas in the United States:

- **Violent crime in Illinois has risen for the last two years and concern about violent crime has also risen.** “Violent crime rose slightly (2%) in the last year, from 4.2 incidents per 1,000 to 4.3. But Illinois’s rise isn’t an isolated incident... This is the second year in a row that violent crime rates have risen and the first year that concern about violent crime has also risen in Illinois.” (Rebecca Edwards, “The State of Safety in Illinois 2022,” [Safewise](#), 3/8/22)
- **HEADLINE: The Center Square on November 9, 2021, “Rockford, IL Is Among the Most Dangerous US Metro Areas.”**

Rockford, IL Is Among the Most Dangerous US Metro Areas

(Samuel Stebbins, “Rockford, IL Is Among the Most Dangerous US Metro Areas,” [The Center Square](#), 11/9/21)

- **In 2020, Rockford was the fourth most dangerous metro area in the Midwest and was the 17th most dangerous in America.** Rockford is the second most dangerous metro area in Illinois and the fourth most dangerous in the Midwest. There were 2,566 violent crimes reported in Rockford in 2020, or 771 for every 100,000 people. Violent crimes surged in 2020, and the area's violent crime rate is now 21.5% higher than it was in 2019. Rising rates of violence in the metro area were led by an 80% spike in murders, from 20 in 2019

to 36 in 2020. The metro area also reported a 30% jump in cases of aggravated assault last year. (Samuel Stebbins, "Rockford, IL Is Among the Most Dangerous US Metro Areas," [The Center Square](#), 11/9/21)

Rank	Metro area	Violent crimes per 100,000 people, 2020	Total violent crimes, 2020	Murders per 100,000 people, 2020	Total murders, 2020
1	Memphis, TN	1,359	18,324	24.2	327
2	Monroe, LA	1,309	2,605	11.6	23
3	Anchorage, AK	1,171	3,576	5.9	18
4	Pine Bluff, AR	1,098	950	27.7	24
5	Detroit, MI	1,088	18,894	22.3	387
6	Danville, IL	1,050	785	17.4	13
7	Albany, GA	1,008	1,469	15.8	23
8	Albuquerque, NM	1,006	9,296	9.4	87
9	Alexandria, LA	968	1,464	14.5	22
10	Little Rock, AR	939	7,014	13.1	98
11	Lubbock, TX	919	2,985	9.5	31
12	Florence, SC	860	1,764	19.0	39
13	Fairbanks, AK	841	277	9.1	3
14	Sumter, SC	812	1,140	19.9	28
15	Saginaw, MI	795	1,501	17.5	33
16	Lake Charles, LA	789	1,663	9.0	19
17	Rockford, IL	771	2,566	10.8	36

(Samuel Stebbins, "Rockford, IL Is Among the Most Dangerous US Metro Areas," [The Center Square](#), 11/9/21)

- **Year-to-date in July 2022, violent crime was slightly decreased but auto theft had increased by 80% when compared to the same time in 2021.** "Newly released crime statistics from the Rockford Police Department show a slight decrease in year-to-date violent crimes compared to the same time last year, despite a more than 80% increase in auto thefts. According to RockStat numbers from January to July 2022, violent crimes saw a 2% decrease, shots fired decreased by 7%, aggravated assaults decreased by 3% and domestic-related violent crime decreased by nearly 5%, compared to the same time frame in 2021." ("Rockford crime stats: Violent crimes down slightly, auto thefts rise," [WIFR](#), 8/26/22)

THE QUAD CITIES

In 2020, the Quad Cities area saw a 225% increase in homicides:

- **HEADLINE:** The Center Square on November 2, 2021, "Homicide is Soaring in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL Metro Area."

Homicide is Soaring in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL Metro Area

(Samuel Stebbins, "Homicide is Soaring in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL Metro Area," [The Center Square](#), 11/2/21)

- **In 2020, the Quad Cities saw a 225% surge in homicides – the second worst increase in the nation.** "The Davenport-Moline-Rock Island metro area, which covers parts of Iowa and Illinois, reported a 225% surge in homicides last year, the second worst increase of the all large U.S. metro areas. As a result, the local homicide rate of 6.9 incidents per 100,000 people is now slightly higher than the 6.5 per 100,000 national rate, while in 2019, the metro area's homicide rate of 2.1 per 100,000 was far below the 5.1 per 100,000 national

rate that year.” (Samuel Stebbins, “Homicide is Soaring in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL Metro Area,” [The Center Square](#), 11/2/21)

“Shots fired” incidents have increased in Rock Island and Moline in 2022:

- **Incidents where a shot was fired have increased in Rock Island and Moline during 2022 with 50 incidents and 18 incidents, respectively.** “Rock Island has experienced an increase in shots fired incidents from 38 in July 2021 to 50 this year. In 2022, there have been 14 injuries from those shootings compared to last year, at 12 injuries. Along with Rock Island, Moline has experienced an increase in shots fired incidents, at 18 this year compared to 8 in 2021. They did not say which incidents resulted in injuries.” (Darby Sparks, “Shots fired and stolen car numbers down from last year, reports show,” [KWQC](#), 7/12/22)

PEORIA

In 2019, Peoria was the 15th “deadliest city” in the country and broke a 30-year record for homicides in 2021:

- **HEADLINE: Central Illinois Proud on April 27, 2021, “Peoria is the 15th deadliest city in the nation, report says.”**



Peoria is the 15th deadliest city in the nation, report says

(Shabnam Danesh, “Peoria is the 15th deadliest city in the nations, report says,” [Central Illinois Proud](#), 4/27/21)

- **As Illinois reopened in 2021, the crime rate was “rebounding” and in 2019, Peoria was ranked as the 15th “deadliest city” in the United States.** “A recent study by CBS is putting Peoria in the spotlight for the wrong reasons. The study, based on 2019 data from the FBI, named Peoria the 15th deadliest city in the country with 22.53 murders per 100,000. Peoria Police said killings stalled in 2020, with the pandemic reportedly driving down murders. But, as the state reopens, the crime rate is rebounding with it. (Shabnam Danesh, “Peoria is the 15th deadliest city in the nations, report says,” [Central Illinois Proud](#), 4/27/21)
- **There were a 30-year record number of homicides in Peoria in 2021.** “The city of Peoria has recorded 26 homicides this year, which breaks at least a 30-year record. Police said they responded to a shooting Friday evening where a male was found unresponsive with gunshot wounds. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital. Police were investigating the killing.” (“Illinois City of Peoria Records 30-Year Record for Homicides,” [Associated Press](#), 10/24/21)