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America's Most Dangerous Cities 2011

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Detroit, Mich.

Detroit consistently ranks as one of America's most crime-ridden cities, and it comes in first on our list for 2010 with 1,111 violent crimes per 100,000 residents. A precipitous drop in population and employment rates due to suburbanization and the struggles of the Big Three automakers is a big factor, leaving the city strapped of funds to devote to basic services like education and public safety. "Year in, year out, and decade after decade, there's been a very large population loss," says Brian Stults, an assistant professor of criminology at Florida State University. "A large section of the population is gone, and they're not the people doing crime to begin with."