

IS IT SAFER TO WALK THE STREETS AT NIGHT IN CANADA OR IN THE UNITED STATES?

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INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

- The safety of walking in North American cities and towns will likely vary based on such factors as specific location, time of day, and local crime rates. Most urban areas have neighborhoods that are considered safe for walking, especially during daylight hours. Nonetheless areas with higher crime rates might be less safe especially at night. A survey conducted by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies reveals that overall Americans and Canadians feel equally safe/unsafe walking the streets at night in downtown areas with Quebecers and mid-western Americans feeling most safe and Manitobans and Saskatchewan least so
- **The survey was conducted by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies with 1539 respondents in Canada over the period November 22 to 24, 2024. A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes. A probability sample of 1539 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.5\%$, 19 times out of 20. In the United States, the survey was conducted by Leger with 1009 respondents over the period November 22-24, 2024 and has a probabilistic margin of error of $\pm 3.9\%$, 19 times out of 20**

OVERALL AMERICANS AND CANADIANS FEEL EQUALLY SAFE/UNSAFE WALKING THE STREETS AT NIGHT IN DOWNTOWN AREAS WITH QUEBECERS AND MID-WESTERN AMERICANS FEELING MOST SAFE AND MANITOBANS AND SASKATCHEWAN LESS SO

It is safe to walk at night in the downtown area of my city												
	US REGIONS					Canada						
	US	NE	MW	South	West	Canada	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	45%	48%	55%	49%	43%	45%	43%	54%	45%	28%	40%	45%
No	42%	33%	33%	34%	44%	42%	47%	33%	42%	63%	45%	46%
I don't know	12%	19%	12%	17%	13%	12%	10%	13%	13%	10%	15%	9%

WOMEN IN THE US FEEL SAFER THAN DO THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN CANADA WALKING THE STREETS AT NIGHT IN DOWNTOWN AREAS

It is safe to walk at night in the downtown area of my city				
	United States		Canada	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Yes	54%	43%	54%	37%
No	32%	40%	34%	50%
I don't know	14%	17%	12%	13%

MONTREALERS FEEL SAFEST WALKING THE STREETS OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA WITH EDMONTON AND VANCOURITES LEAST SO

It is safe to walk at night in the downtown area of my city						
	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver
Yes	54%	47%	42%	45%	17%	37%
No	36%	34%	43%	29%	75%	47%
I don't know	10%	19%	15%	26%	8%	16%

YOUNGER AMERICANS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN THEIR CANADIAN COUNTERPARTS TO THINK THEIR CITIES ARE SAFER AT NIGHT

It is safe to walk at night in the downtown area of my city											
	United States					Canada					
	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65 +	Between 18 and 24	Between 25 and 34	Between 35 and 44	Between 45 and 54	Between 55 and 64	65+
Yes	48%	52%	50%	49%	44%	39%	46%	48%	49%	46%	42%
No	37%	36%	31%	36%	38%	45%	43%	40%	41%	41%	44%
I don't know	15%	12%	19%	15%	18%	15%	11%	12%	10%	12%	14%

It is safe to walk at night in the downtown area of my city

	United States			Canada		
	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Yes	43%	46%	59%	41%	43%	60%
No	44%	34%	28%	47%	42%	32%
I don't know	13%	20%	12%	12%	15%	8%