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Summary: Here are the rates for the three non-homicide violent crimes. I've kept the cities in the safest-to-least-safe order determined by the Gallup poll. New York City is no longer such a standout on the safe side, although it still is on the safe side by every measure. Minneapolis is worst for robbery, New Orleans for rape, and Detroit — by a mile — for aggravated assault. After my experience compiling these statistics I have to say I'm not super-confident in their reliability. At the national level the errors seem mostly to cancel out, with the FBI data usually showing similar trends to those found in the Bureau of Justice Statistics' annual crime victimization surveys. Then again, in 2022 the FBI statistics showed a decline in violent crime and the BJS survey a substantial increase, and the local data can be a mess. Related: New York's Subways Have Less Crime but More Violence and The Collapse of Broken-Windows Policing in New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC, 2013–22 and "New York, Just Like I Pictured It"

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