

# Public Safety Risks

Gas stations and truck stops are consistently identified as higher-risk locations for crime, with impacts on both employees and surrounding communities.

According to the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), gas station workers experience some of the highest rates of workplace homicide among retail industries, with about **5.6 homicides per 100,000 employees annually** in gas station environments. The FBI and industry data further show that **convenience stores and gas stations account for roughly 13.8% of robberies nationwide**, and about **4.5% of all violent crimes** occur at these locations.

Truck stops and highway rest areas present similar safety issues due to their remote locations and transient populations. Studies and law enforcement reports have documented frequent incidents of robbery, drug trafficking, and even human trafficking around such sites. Nationally, thousands of crimes are reported at rest areas each year, with thefts being most common but with notable levels of robbery, assault, and vandalism.

The evidence shows that gas stations and truck stops are disproportionately represented in crime statistics, functioning as recurring crime hot spots. Their presence can elevate safety risks not only for workers but also for nearby residents and communities.

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