Crime in Iowa's biggest cities

What the Data Shows

Our findings reveal that the cities with the lowest crime rate for lowa's largest metro areas (over 40k population) are Urbandale, Ankeny, Marion, Ames, and Cedar Falls. I could see a correlation between population and crime rate for cities in lowa. The safest cities in lowa tended to have around 40,000 population. In contrast, the more populated areas like Des Moines and Cedar Rapids tended to have more population and a higher crime rate per capita. We can also see that for cities with over 40k population, there are only 4 cities that have a crime rate below the average for the state, indicating that the rural areas have lower crime rates on average than the metro areas in lowa.

About the Data Source

The data used for this analysis is from neighborhood-scout.com and can be accessed here https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/ia/crime.

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