

Safety statistics

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Over the last four years, tourists have rated safety in Barcelona as “very good”, with an average score of 8.

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More than 90% of North American visitors and nearly 80% of European and Asian visitors rate the city’s safety as good or excellent.

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80% of business travellers also give safety a good or excellent rating.

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Half the visitors staying in 5* hotels rate safety as excellent, a higher percentage than other categories. Overall, 80% of hotel guests rate safety as good to excellent.

Source: Barcelona Tourism Observatory survey 2025

01 Crime rate statistics in Barcelona

- ↓ 6.1% Unlawful acts in Barcelona were down by 6.1% in 2025, reinforcing the positive downward trend of 4.7% that began in 2024. At the same time, arrests increased by 4.7% in 2025.
- ↓ 7.0% Property-related offences fell by 7%.
- ↓ 7.6% Thefts in Barcelona fell by 7.6% during 2025, following a 6.3% reduction in 2024 compared with 2023.
- ↓ 19.8% Robberies involving force in Barcelona fell by 19.8% in 2025, following an 8.4% reduction in 2024 compared with 2023.
- ↓ 40.6% Break-ins and thefts in commercial premises have fallen by 40.6%.

Source: Press dossier. 13/02/2026. Government of Catalonia and Barcelona City Council

02 Perception of safety in Barcelona

Different rankings place Barcelona among the safest cities in the world for travellers.

- ◆ The Virtuoso 2026 report has once again ranked Barcelona 3rd globally among the most attractive cities for luxury travel, after Paris and Tokyo.
- ◆ The World's 100 Best Cities 2026 ranking (Resonance Report) places Barcelona as the 10th best city in the world, highlighting the balance it strikes between global prominence and sustainability, with special recognition for its public transport system (Top 3 worldwide).
- ◆ The Europe’s Best Cities 2026 ranking (Resonance Report) places Barcelona as the 5th best city in Europe, highlighting its strong urban and cultural appeal, its ability to balance tourism with long-term sustainability, its excellent public transport system and abundance of green spaces.
- ◆ According to *Safest Cities in the World for Travelers in 2026* by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance, USA, Barcelona is the 7th safest city in the world.

- ◆ Top 10 Destinations 2026 (eDreams Odigeo) ranks Barcelona 4th worldwide.
- ◆ The *Pickpocketing Statistics in Europe* study by Quotezone.uk points out that Spain has a crime rate almost five times lower than Italy, half that of France, placing it on a similar level to the Netherlands and Germany.
- ◆ In Monocle’s 18th annual Quality of Life survey (2025), Barcelona ranks as the 4th most liveable city in the world, thanks to its commitment to urban sustainability, with more green spaces and pedestrian-friendly streets that improve environmental quality. It also stands out for its vibrant urban life, accessible services and people-first urban planning.
- ◆ Top 100 City Destinations 2025 (Euromonitor International) ranks Barcelona 8th worldwide.