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### **Louisville Named One of Safest Places to Live in Colorado in 2017**

Louisville, CO – Elite Personal Finance recently named the City of Louisville among the top 20 safest places to live in Colorado in 2017. To determine the rankings of the 125 cities and towns in Colorado, Elite Personal Finance used data from the FBI's 2015 crime statistics and created a formula to calculate each municipality's safety score (violent crimes / population \* 1,000 = safety score). The safest cities and towns received the lowest scores and those that are more vulnerable to crime received higher scores. The City of Louisville was ranked #13 with a crime score of 0.78.

Elite Personal Finance reports that when it comes to crime rates, Colorado is below the national average, with many cities and towns in the state reporting fewer than 10 violent crimes. Colorado is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest state in terms of size and 21<sup>st</sup> most populated state in the United States. With a total of 5.5 million residents in 2016, Colorado has experienced a 10% increase in population since 2010. Crime rates in Colorado have also increased from 2010 (176,212) to 2016 (203,765) by 16% and 5.5% from 2015 (193,112) to 2016 (203,765).

While crime is on the rise in Colorado, Louisville's crime rates have dropped significantly. Reported offenses in Louisville went down from 188 in 2015 to 139 in 2016, resulting in a 26% reduction in reported crimes. The Louisville Police Department attributes this trend to proactive efforts on the part of our staff to help prevent crime.

To learn more about Elite Personal Finance's rankings of the safest places to live in Colorado in 2017, visit <http://www.elitepersonalfinance.com/safest-places-colorado/>.

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