

Does Massachusetts want to be like Nevada?

Nevada's Rank Among States	Category	Sources, etc
1	Most dangerous state in the nation	<i>Morgan Quitno Press, which has published comparative analysis for more than 15 years, released its latest "safety" rankings and found the gambling state the most dangerous place in the nation. The company compared rates per 100,000 for murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft.</i> http://www.governmentguide.com/community_and_home/where_i_live/factors.adp
1	Suicides	<i>Highest in the nation from 1990-1999. Other states have won the honor in 2,000 and 2001, but Nevada has never dropped below third. As the experts note, "Annual fluctuations in state levels combined with often relatively small populations can make these data highly variable. The use of several years' data is preferable to conclusions based on single years alone."</i> http://www.suicidology.org/
1	Divorce	<i>At 6.8 per 1,000, Nevada is 1.7 times the national average. U.S. Bureau of Census, 2001</i>
1	Prostitution	<i>10 of Nevada's 17 counties split about \$500,000 in license fees for 28 licensed brothels that hire hundreds of women. State health officials estimate those women perform about 365,000 sex acts a year, or 1,000 per day.</i>
1	Women Killed by Men	<i>Sue Glick, "Number of Females Murdered by Males in Single Victim Offender Homicides and Rates by States, 1996, ranked by Rate," Violence Policy Center, Washington D.C., Sept. 1998</i>
1	Gambling Addictions	<i>Rob Bhatt, "Assigning Responsibility for Gambling," Las Vegas Business Press, June 22, 1998</i>
3	High School Dropouts	<i>National Center for Education Statistics</i> http://nces.ed.gov/programs/quarterly/vol_4/4_3/3_5.asp#H3
3	Poor mental health	<i>Nevada residents reported they were in poor mental health 39% of the past 30 days in 2001. Kaiser Family Foundation. http://statehealthfacts.kff.org</i>
3	Alcohol Related Deaths	<i>National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2002</i> http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/sdataadj.txt
4	Bankruptcies	<i>2004 estimates for all states</i> http://www.abiworld.org/statcharts/HouseRank.htm
4	Deaths from firearms	<i>17.3 per 100,000. US average 10.2 in 2000. Kaiser Family Foundation.</i> http://statehealthfacts.kff.org
10	Prisoners Locked Up	<i>U.S. Department of Justice. Office of Justice Programs</i> http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/p02.pdf
47	Voter Participation	<i>Federal Elections Commission, 2000 Presidential Election</i>