Downtown Green Bay and City Deck as seen from across the Fox River. (WTAQ/Casey Nelson)

Green Bay Named 'Safest City in the US' by US News and World Report

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GREEN BAY, WI (WTAQ) — The City of Green Bay is getting some very positive national attention.

Green Bay has been listed [by US News and World Report](#) as the safest city to live in the United States, beating out 149 other Metro areas for the title. Police Chief Andrew Smith says he's proud of the efforts they've taken to control crime.

"When we have a crime problem in Green Bay, we focus on it from every conceivable angle," Smith told WTAQ.

It's something they've had to put into action this year. 2020 was easy for no one, and that includes the Green Bay Police Department. There were a record number of shootings in Green Bay in 2020, more than double the number reported in 2019.

"Everybody in Green Bay knows we've had shootings this year," Smith said. "But we're working together to solve them with the community…we're doing great."

Shootings dropped off towards the end of the year.

Green Bay was also ranked 6th in quality of life and 12th in cheapest places to live.