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Moraga Recognized as a Safe Place to Live

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Three years ago, GreatSchools.org ranked the Moraga School District as the sixth best in the nation. In June, the small town landed near the top of another list - according to Movoto, a national online real estate brokerage based in San Mateo, Moraga is the fifth safest city in the state.

The Bay Area was well represented on Movoto's Top 10 Safest Places in California. Hillsborough gets bragging rights to the No. 1 spot, along with Saratoga (No. 2), Los Altos (No. 7) and Danville (No. 10). Lafayette is among the 50 safest cities, coming in at No. 35.

Informed by the FBI's 2012 Uniform Crime Report, Movoto looked at 365 California locations with populations over 10,000. "Known throughout the state for its stellar school district, this Bay Area town is also one of the state's safest," the company reported.

"This is very gratifying," said Robert Priebe, Moraga's police chief. "But realistically, these good numbers say a lot about our citizenry and the type of people who live here." Priebe added that there were fewer crimes committed in Moraga during 2013 - 184, down from 193 in 2012 - although he said there are still too many thefts. "We can do even better," said the chief. "We show our presence around town and we've done a very good job solving crimes."

Delving further into Movoto's blog, Lamorinda Weekly also found that no Lamorinda city is among the sexiest, most exciting, or, as shocking as this news will be to local teens, the most boring places in California.

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