

Ithaca population per square mile, 2010 = 5,571 (This and all other US population per square mile data from Census Quick Facts Tool: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts>)

Comparable (less than 10k) populations per square mile (PPSM) for the cities the following universities and colleges are located in are italicized in red font.

Noticing that a lot of places that have a more dense population are making movements to disarm and defund -- more people = more crime

(<https://law.jrank.org/pages/2222/Urban-Crime-Are-crime-rates-higher-in-urban-areas.htm>), and yet, they're still making progress in disarming and defunding. Perhaps Cornell should do the same.

Leads

- <https://calmatters.org/education/2020/06/students-push-uc-to-abolish-police-departments/>
 - *“He pointed to the example of the **University of British Columbia**, which like other Canadian universities relies on unarmed security guards, calling in local police only when a crime is committed. **New York University**, another large, urban university, also uses primarily unarmed guards, with New York City Police Department officers responding in emergencies — though it has recently come under pressure to end even those ties to the NYPD.”*
 - *Vancouver, BC PPSM = greater than 900 people per square kilometer, or about 2,331 people per square mile*
(<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/soe/indicators/sustainability/bc-population.html>)
 - New York, NY PPSM = 27,013
 - Couldn't find corroborating sources for UBC
- <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/06/05/students-demand-universities-break-ties-local-police-few-have>
 - “NYU responded, saying that New York City emergency services, including the New York City Police Department, must respond in “the event of serious emergencies or crimes at NYU or safety conditions beyond the scope of our Department of Public Safety.” **The university’s officers are not peace officers or sworn officers -- they are unarmed, they have no law enforcement powers and they have no powers of arrest.** Therefore, the New York Police Department needs to respond to emergencies or crimes, said a spokesman, John Beckman. (This paragraph has been updated with additional information from Beckman.)”
 - “That said, as a rule, **the presence of the NYPD is not common in NYU's midst -- they have no standing presence, and their appearances tend to be limited to responses to emergency calls or to the annual all-University Commencement**, which is held in Yankee Stadium,” the university said.”
 - university officers are unarmed, but they call in NYPD to respond to serious emergencies and crimes
- https://www.nj.com/news/2015/10/should_campus_security_have_guns_nj_colleges_are_s.html
 - New Jersey in 2015

- *“As recently as two years ago, Princeton University officials said its Ivy League campus was no place for guns, not even for security personnel.” “We have in place a number of measures that will ensure that if there is a risk ... police can rapidly have the appropriate response without having our own police officers armed,” President Shirley Tilghman told The Daily Princetonian at the time.”*
- *Princeton, NJ PPSM = 6,678*
- *“Of the state's larger private universities, Seton Hall, Rider, Fairleigh Dickinson and Drew universities also do not have armed security personnel, officials said. **They do have trained security staffers who work with local police when needed,** officials said. Monmouth University has an armed police force.”*
- *Seton Hall - South Orange, NJ PPSM = 5,674*
- *Rider - Lawrence Township, NJ PPSM = 1,535*
- *Fairleigh Dickinson - Teaneck Township NJ, PPSM = 6,623*
- *Drew - Madison, NJ PPSM = 3,768*
- **“St. Peter's University in Jersey City has four retired police officers who are licensed to carry handguns; the remaining 65 security guards are unarmed,** said Scott F. Torre, director of Campus Safety.”
- **“Among the state's 19 community colleges, 14 do not have armed security personnel,** said Jacob Farbman, communications director for the state Council of County Colleges.”
- *Jersey City, NJ PPSM = 16,736 - bigger city than Ithaca, but presumably less armament.*
- <https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2020/05/29/university-minnesota-reduces-ties-local-police>
 - **University of Minnesota:** *“The university specified that it would no longer contract with the MPD for additional support at events, including football games, concerts and ceremonies, and will not use the department for specialized services such as K-9 explosive detection units. The relationship between the university and city police will be limited to “joint patrols and investigations,” according to a letter from Joan Gabel, the university's president.”*
 - *Minneapolis, MN PPSM = 7,088*
- <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/opinion/us-universities-should-invest-students-not-policing-them>
 - *“the University of Minnesota declared that it would sever its contract with the Minneapolis Police Department for policing large events. The university's own armed campus police, however, will remain.”*
- <https://www.bostonherald.com/2019/02/06/mass-college-of-art-board-votes-against-arming-campus-police/>
 - *“The Board of Trustees at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, or MassArt, voted Tuesday night for the school's campus police officers to stay unarmed. During a contentious and packed public meeting, the trustees voted 8-2 to continue its policy of campus police officers remaining unarmed, ending a yearslong saga that had frustrated many students, faculty and officers.”*
 - *Boston, MA PPSM = 12,793*
- <https://www.enterpriseneews.com/news/20200202/bill-zeroes-in-on-arming-massart-campus-police>

- “Jim Durkin, the legislative director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 93, said the lack of ability to carry a firearm has led to considerable turnover among MassArt police who do not feel like they can adequately protect themselves or students.”
- --> the infrastructure is not yet in place for officers to feel comfortable in their duties without arms
- https://nj1015.com/which-police-security-at-nj-colleges-are-actually-armed/?utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral
 - “Some New Jersey universities have armed police forces, including Rutgers, NJIT, Rowan, Stockton, Saint Peter’s and Monmouth, while others, including **Seton Hall, Rider, Drew, Thomas Edison State College, Jersey City University, Fairleigh Dickinson and most community colleges** do not.”
 - Thomas Edison State College - Trenton, NJ PPSM = 11,103
 - Jersey City University - Jersey City, NJ PPSM = 16,736
 - “He also said most schools, in addition to having a regular police force, also have community safety officers.
 - They don’t carry guns and they don’t generally make arrests, and they don’t generally engage in any kind of risk related conduct,” Clear said. “Typically they’ll direct traffic, respond to conflicts in the classroom, and they escort people from place to place.”
 - So what happens if there’s a major emergency?
 - Clear says every scenario will have a different protocol campus police will follow, but if there’s an active shooter situation, “they will immediately call for backup but they will immediately go to the situation, what police leadership has to do is to be able to quickly understand what the nature of the emergency is.
 - He also said campuses are unique policing situations since they’re usually much more contained than cities. In addition, the residents tend to be younger than the range of people in a city.”
 - “This means the quality of the interactions between the residents, the students and the faculty and the police officers is very important to producing a sense of safety but also confidence in the general public environment,” he said. “Active problem solving is especially important for police on campus because usually the people who are involved in some sort of dispute are all members of a community who are going to live together for quite a while.”
- <https://www.thesetonian.com/2016/02/11/national-campus-violence-no-guns-at-shu/>
 - Seton Hall University has unarmed officers as employees, and unarmed contracted personnel as well, but they have South Orange Police Department officers on campus as well
 - “While **SHU’s campus security has remained unarmed**, Linfante said Public Safety has methods of keeping campus safe. Public Safety has a “**very close working relationship with the South Orange Police Department**,” Linfante said, noting that there are two officers present on campus every day. In addition to the SOPD officers on campus, Linfante said that six or seven of the

current members of Public Safety are retired police officers with “varying degrees of responsibility within their respective police departments,” emphasizing that students can feel safe at Seton Hall. For more than 10 years, Public Safety has also partnered with Securitas, a private security service, that maintains a visible presence on campus. **According to Linfante, the distinction between Securitas and Public Safety is that the members of Public Safety are employees of the University, while Securitas personnel are contracted. Neither are permitted to carry guns on Seton Hall’s campus.** “Securitas is one of the largest providers of contracted security in the world,” Linfante said. “They supplement the coverage we provide.”

- “Students are split on the issue of arming campus security. Alex Pfisterer, junior communication major, does not see the need for SHU Public Safety to be armed. “We’re a private Catholic school in the Big East,” Pfisterer said, “so I don’t think it would be necessary.” Pfisterer mentioned that there has not been any violent crimes on campus that he can recall. “There’s crime everywhere, but relatively the crime we have is not violent,” Linfante said.”
- <https://publicsafety.princeton.edu/about/sworn-officers>
 - princeton is not disarmed (I think), but they say this about the unarmed police officers, which shows that there are options where officers are only armed in emergency situations: “Our University police officers who are unarmed on a daily basis have access to a rifle in two limited situations, an active shooter incident or when there is someone brandishing a firearm on campus”
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Other information

- <https://www.macleans.ca/opinion/how-armed-police-officers-on-campus-have-become-a-ubiquitous-part-of-american-college-life/>
 - “Just like municipal police forces, campus police forces have become increasingly militarized. Over 100 American universities have contracts with the Department of Defense. Through a specialized program operated by the Defense Logistics Agency, a combat logistics support agency in the U.S. Department of Defense that assists the military in acquiring weapons, campus police departments receive excess equipment from the military—for free. This has allowed universities to procure grenade launchers, armoured vehicles and military assault rifles like the M-16. According to reporting by the New York Times, over 66 institutions have procured the high-powered semi-automatic rifles, with one university, Arizona State, possessing 70.”
- <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cle1112.pdf>

TABLE 11**Weapons authorized for use by campus law enforcement agencies, by type and size of 4-year campus, 2011–12**

Type and size of 4-year campus	Sworn officers				Nonsworn officers			
	Sidearms	Batons	Chemical/ pepper spray	Conducted energy device	Sidearms	Batons	Chemical/ pepper spray	Conducted energy device
All campuses	94%	93%	94%	40%	11%	32%	48%	4%
Public	98%	95%	95%	45%	0%	39%	58%	6%
15,000 or more	98	97	98	54	0	67	83	0
10,000–14,999	100	94	96	43	0	33	67	0
5,000–9,999	98	93	92	38	0	27	45	18
2,500–4,999	99	93	93	39	0	36	55	0
Private	82%	86%	89%	23%	13%	31%	46%	4%
15,000 or more	94	93	93	13	27	18	45	0
10,000–14,999	89	93	100	27	8	31	38	0
5,000–9,999	81	86	89	23	23	42	45	3
2,500–4,999	77	83	85	25	10	30	47	5

Note: See appendix table 7 for other types of weapons authorized for use.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Campus Law Enforcement Agencies, 2011–12.

APPENDIX TABLE 4**25 largest campus law enforcement agencies, by number of full-time employees, 2011–12**

Campus served	Full-time employees
Temple University	481
University of Pennsylvania	478
New York University	359
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	347
University of Southern California	259
Pennsylvania State University - Main Campus	227
Drexel University	212
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	207
Fordham University	193
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey	188
Columbia University in the City of New York	188
University of Chicago	181
Duke University	176
CUNY City College	173
George Washington University	171
University of Alabama at Birmingham	164
University of Maryland - Baltimore	158
Georgia State University	155
Arizona State University	150
Vanderbilt University	146
Johns Hopkins University	142
University of Texas at Austin	140
University of Maryland - College Park	139
Virginia Commonwealth University	138
University of Illinois at Chicago	137

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Campus Law Enforcement Agencies, 2011–12.

APPENDIX TABLE 5**25 largest campus law enforcement agencies, by number of full-time sworn personnel, 2011–12**

Campus served	Full-time sworn personnel
Temple University	133
University of Pennsylvania	116
University of Southern California	102
University of Maryland - College Park	99
Howard University	94
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	92
George Washington University	90
Tulane University	90
Vanderbilt University	88
University of Chicago	86
University of Alabama at Birmingham	84
Yale University	84
Virginia Commonwealth University	82
University of Illinois at Chicago	81
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey	80
CUNY Brooklyn College	80
Harvard University	80
University of Connecticut	76
Georgia Institute of Technology	76
University of Florida	74
University of Georgia	74
Arizona State University	73
Michigan State University	71
CUNY City College	70
University of Pittsburgh	70

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Campus Law Enforcement Agencies, 2011–12.