

Lancaster County gets secure ranking

Lancaster County ranked as the nation's eighth-most-secure mid-sized metropolitan area in a survey released Thursday by the Farmers Insurance Group of Companies.

The fifth-annual rankings were compiled by database experts based on crime statistics, extreme weather, risk of natural disasters, housing depreciation, foreclosures, air quality, life expectancy and job loss numbers from 379 U.S. municipalities.

The study divided communities into three groups: large metropolitan areas, mid-sized cities and small towns.

Among mid-sized cities, with populations of 150,000 to 500,000, Lancaster County was ranked eighth — the highest ranking of any East Coast metropolitan area. The top ranked city was Olympia, Wash.

Among large metropolitan areas, Harrisburg-Carlisle ranked sixth, while Pittsburgh was 10th and Scranton-Wilkes-Barre was 16th. Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash. topped that list.

Among small towns, State College ranked fifth, while Lebanon was 13th. Corvallis, Ore. topped that list.
