New Bedford ranked as one of Massachusetts "Most Dangerous" cities according to FBI statistics

Recently released crime statistics from the FBI's 2018 Uniform Crime Reporting [UCR] Program show that for two years running the number of crimes in the United States has decreased compared to previous years.

Since 2017 violent crime dropped 3.3% to 368.9 offenses per 100,000 inhabitants, and property crimes fell to 2,199.5 offenses per 100,000 inhabitants, a decrease of 6.3%.

Within Massachusetts, 23,000 violent crimes were reported — crimes that fall into the categories of aggravated assault, rape, robbery, and murder and nonnegligent manslaughter. These crimes were factored with population and per capita frequency to devise the rankings of the "Most Dangerous" cities in the Commonwealth.

The top ten most dangerous cities per capita according to the FBI's statistics are as follow:

- #10 — Lawrence: 500 Violent Crimes, 6 Murders
- #9 — Boston: 4,324 Violent Crimes, 56 Murders
- #8 — New Bedford: 603 Violent Crimes, 3 Murders
- #7 — Chelsea: 277 Violent Crimes, 0 Murders
- #6 — Worcester: 1,271 Violent Crimes, 4 Murders
- #5 — Pittsfield: 356 Violent Crimes, 3 Murders
- #4 — Brockton: 868 Violent Crimes, 9 Murders
- #3 — Holyoke: 391 Violent Crimes, 1 Murder
- #2 — Springfield: 1,534 Violent Crimes, 19 Murders
- #1 — Fall River: 908 Violent Crimes, 1 Murder

New Bedford was listed at #5 last year.