

Two Ohio cities among the Top 10 nationally in study of porch piracy complaints

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PROVO, Utah – A study by Vivant, a home security company, found that two Ohio cities were among the Top 10 in the nation for worst package theft rates from porch deliveries.

Vivant used Google Trends searches [to build a database on porch piracy](#). The study used the search volume for common phrases, such as “package stolen,” “package lost” and “package theft” to create an index for the 100 most populous cities. The higher the score (up to 100), the greater the incidence of package theft, Vivant said. The company dubbed the ranking system the porch pirate index, or PPI for short.

Cincinnati and Cleveland each cracked the Top 10. Cincinnati ranked No. 9 with an index of 77.3 searches using common phrases per 100,000 people. Cleveland ranked No. 10 with 75.2 searches.

St. Louis topped the cities list, scoring 100 searches of comment package theft phrases per 100,000 residents. Here’s the full Top 10, and each city’s score:

1. St. Louis --100
2. Jersey City, New Jersey -- 97.7
3. Madison, Wisconsin -- 94.1
4. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania -- 88.7
5. Fremont, California -- 84.9
6. Saint Paul, Minnesota -- 84.7
7. Orlando -- 84
8. Irvine, California -- 83.5
9. Cincinnati -- 77.3
10. Cleveland -- 75.2

Among states, Vermont ranked No. 1 for package thefts, scoring 100 Google search hits per 100,000 residents.

Ohio had one of the lowest rates at 16.5 searches per 100,000, tying it with Florida. Michigan was the lowest, with a rating of 15.7.