

Report: Area cities among state's safest

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According to a study released earlier this week, a handful of local cities are among the safest in South Carolina.

LendE- DU, a marketplace for student loans and student loan refinance, according to its website, ranked Clemson as the state's seventh-safest city, while Central was close behind at No. 9, with Seneca also making the list at No. 46.

The company said it gathered the total crime risk score for every

town in the country, with the scores based on the combined risk of rape, murder, assault, robbery, burglary, larceny and vehicle theft

compared to the national average of 100.

Clemson came in 56 percent lower than the national average, while Central and Seneca came in at 47 and 2 percent below the average, respectively.

The state's top five safest cities, according to the report, are Piedmont (97), Tega Cay (84), Laurel Bay (84), Sangaree (63) and Mauldin (59).

