

Carriers have tools to alert them to dogs on their routes. A dog alert feature on carriers' handheld scanners can remind them of a possible dog hazard, and dog warning cards may be used during mail sorting to alert carriers to routes where a dog may interfere with delivery.

Lastly, when a carrier feels unsafe, mail service could be halted — not only for the dog owner, but for the entire neighborhood. When mail service is stopped, mail must be picked up at the Post Office. Service will not be restored until the aggressive dog is properly restrained.

2022 Dog Attack Rankings by City

The top 20 ranking are comprised of 36 cities, as some cities reported the same number of attacks. For 2022 dog attack data in your specific city or town, contact [your local USPS public relations representative](#).

Calendar Year 2022			
City	State	2022	Rank
HOUSTON	TX	57	1
LOS ANGELES	CA	48	2
DALLAS	TX	44	3
CLEVELAND	OH	43	4
SAN DIEGO	CA	39	5
CHICAGO	IL	36	6
ST. LOUIS	MO	34	7
KANSAS CITY	MO	33	8
PHOENIX	AZ	32	9
SAN ANTONIO	TX	32	9
DETROIT	MI	30	10
PHILADELPHIA	PA	28	11
LOUISVILLE	KY	26	12
COLUMBUS	OH	23	13
MINNEAPOLIS	MN	22	14
MILWAUKEE	WI	22	14
CINCINNATI	OH	22	14
CHARLOTTE	NC	21	15
MIAMI	FL	21	15
INDIANAPOLIS	IN	21	15
TOLEDO	OH	20	16
BATON ROUGE	LA	20	16
MEMPHIS	TN	19	17
SAN FRANCISCO	CA	19	17
PITTSBURGH	PA	19	17
DENVER	CO	19	17
AKRON	OH	19	17
BUFFALO	NY	18	18
DAYTON	OH	18	18

FORT WORTH	TX	17	19
LONG BEACH	CA	16	20
STOCKTON	CA	16	20
JACKSONVILLE	FL	16	20
OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	16	20
EL PASO	TX	16	20
BALTIMORE	MD	16	20

Top 10 Dog Bite States:

State	2021	2022
CA	656	675
TX	368	404
NY	239	321
PA	281	313
OH	359	311
IL	226	245
FL	201	220
MI	244	206
MO	161	166
NC	126	146

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