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If there were a zombie apocalypse, would your city prevail or be overrun by the walking dead? For a Halloween survey, CareerBuilder conducted a totally scientific and, of course, completely 100 percent feasible, study that gauges survival rates in various cities based on their concentration of particular occupational skills and industries.

The spooky “research” was comprised of a weighted index ranking the 53 largest U.S.

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spooky post. We guess.

For the more scientifically-focused, the index will come in handy when considering that, in a separate and equally practical CareerBuilder study, 36 percent of workers said, if they were a zombie, they would feast on their co-workers. The survey did not note the preferred side items, such as mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, or desserts.

See the following chart to see where your city would rank in winning the battle against the living dead:

MSA	Defense Score	Containment Score	Cure Score	Food Score	Total Score	Final Rank
Boston, MA	13.69	11.05	20	3.59	48.33	1
Kansas City, MO	23.38	10.02	4.53	3.10	41.03	2
Salt Lake City, UT	8.29	18.61	10.49	3.62	41.01	3
Baltimore, MD	17.55	7.68	11.56	2.79	39.58	4
San Diego, CA	16.44	9.89	11.69	1.41	39.43	5

Seattle, WA	9.58	17.86	8.45	1.99	37.88	6
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Minneapolis, MN	17.51	8.19	5.57	3.94	35.21	10
Indianapolis, IN	8.73	9.39	10.79	5.01	33.92	11
Richmond, VA	14.61	11.16	4.73	3.38	33.89	12
Grand Rapids, MI	0.08	9.73	2.08	20	31.89	13
San Francisco, CA	6.43	8.97	14.86	1.48	31.73	14
Portland, OR	3.71	13.41	6.35	8.01	31.48	15
Washington, D.C.	16.55	7.96	6.80	0	31.31	16
Sacramento, CA	8.80	12.29	4.77	4.99	30.85	17

Pittsburgh,	5.98	13.38	7.26	3.60	30.22	18
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Memphis, TN	14.07	2.96	5.15	6.26	28.43	22
Louisville, KY	11.56	6.76	2.03	8.04	28.39	23
Cleveland, OH	10.36	4.24	8.02	5.32	27.93	24
Birmingham, AL	9.84	6.73	5.29	5.51	27.37	25
Oklahoma City, OK	8.25	10.69	6.53	1.55	27.01	26
St. Louis, MO	13.96	8.24	2.99	1.62	26.81	27
Houston, TX	6.08	15.92	2.71	1.37	26.09	28
New Orleans, LA	13.55	8.85	2.12	1.23	25.75	29
Phoenix, AZ	12.81	7.39	1.96	3.44	25.59	30
Charlotte,	8.65	6.12	0.50	9.78	25.06	31

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Providence, RI	8.82	5.37	4.19	4.85	23.23	34	
Austin, TX	5.83	12.13	4.45	0.70	23.11	35	
Cincinnati, OH	5.46	5.63	5.16	6.62	22.87	36	
Rochester, NY	5.16	4.92	3.87	8.69	22.64	37	
Nashville, TN	8.53	7.15	3.77	2.89	22.34	38	
Milwaukee, WI	6.29	7.48	4.09	3.95	21.81	39	
Dallas, TX	7.66	7.50	2.12	4.53	21.80	40	
San Antonio, TX	9.88	4.27	1.95	5.48	21.58	41	
Philadelphia, PA	8.53	1.18	7.46	3.90	21.07	42	

Jacksonville,	11.40	6.04	1.63	1.27	20.33	43
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Buffalo, NY	10.23	3.35	3.38	1.83	18.80	47
Atlanta, GA	6.73	5.87	2.65	3.30	18.56	48
Miami, FL	12.67	1.10	1.57	2.78	18.11	49
Riverside, CA	4.44	4.99	0	7.30	16.72	50
Los Angeles, CA	7.37	0.68	3.89	1.70	13.65	51
Tampa, FL	6.07	2.33	2.97	1.52	12.89	52
New York City, NY	12.44	-10.08	4.33	1.99	8.69	53

[This is revisiting an oldie article, for Halloween...]

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