

Is craigslist.org legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

craigslist.org

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

craigslist.org appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-12 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 70%.

What this site appears to be

Regional Craigslist landing page for Finland listing categories (jobs, housing, for sale, services, community). Primarily informational and listing navigation with no visible financial product or credential-harvesting forms.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	29 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1998 863 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by DigiCert Global G3 TLS ECC SHA384 2020 CA1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1998.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The Finland regional Craigslist website is a local classifieds marketplace presenting visitor-posted listings across jobs, housing, goods for sale, services, community activities, and events. Its apparent business model is listing and advertising facilitation rather than a custodial financial or investment service.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed: the available evidence shows no phishing, impersonation, blacklist, or malicious-content indicators. The Helsinki landing page presents ordinary classifieds navigation and informational links such as help, abuse, legal, safety, and “avoid scams & fraud”; it does not solicit financial products or expose a login, password, payment, or other sensitive form. The site’s established domain continuity and aligned historical presence further support provenance consistent with an established service, although the real-world operator identity remains independently unverified.

EVIDENCE

- The Finland/Helsinki landing page lists jobs, housing, goods, services, community, and events, with no visible financial solicitation or credential-harvesting form.
- The page behavior recorded zero external posts, zero non-whitelisted external requests, zero wallet activity, zero hidden forms, and no cloaking classification.
- The domain was registered in 1997 and is approximately 28.94 years old.
- Historical records contain 863 snapshots spanning 1998–2008, covering 11 tracked years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The reviewed service is presented as a classifieds marketplace, not as a bank, broker, exchange, lender, or other regulated financial provider. The landing page exposes links to legal, abuse, help, safety, and about information, but no licensing claim or registration number is evident in the reviewed content; this is a transparency item for any transaction that could involve a regulated activity, not evidence of fraud. The domain is registered through MarkMonitor Inc., and the site’s transport certificate identifies Craigslist, Inc.; these technical and administrative signals support an established presentation but do not independently prove the operator’s legal identity. No matching broker-related warning was identified in the available third-party context.

EVIDENCE

- The site's transport encryption uses an OV certificate issued by DigiCert Global G3 TLS ECC SHA384 2020 CA1 for Craigslist, Inc., valid to 2027-01-31.
- Domain registration lists MarkMonitor Inc. as registrar, with an expiration date of 2028-09-10.
- The page's legal, abuse, help, safety, and about navigation provides general governance resources, while no licensing number is shown in the reviewed landing-page content.
- Available external reputation checks reported zero malicious and zero suspicious findings, with no blacklist or broker-dataset match identified.

What to Verify Next

Before a credential or payment interaction connected to a particular listing, independently confirm the counterparty's identity, the applicable terms and return or dispute process, and the payment method's protection and recovery options. Where a listing involves a regulated service, confirm the provider's authorization directly with the relevant official registry rather than relying on a listing or page claim. Official support and contact channels should also be confirmed through an independent route before sensitive information is exchanged.

EVIDENCE

- The platform model involves user-posted advertisements, so the risk of an individual transaction depends on the specific advertiser and listing.
- The reviewed page provides safety, abuse, legal, and help pathways that can be used when assessing a listing or reporting conduct.
- No sensitive form or login form was present in the inspected landing-page experience, so any later credential or payment request should be treated as a separate transaction context requiring independent review.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website with a high-trust, low-risk posture. The site's identity and legitimacy signals are coherent, while the real-world operator connection is not independently verified; this supports confidence in the website's apparent legitimacy without treating operator identity as proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves through direct Craigslist infrastructure rather than a detected CDN edge, with no CDN vendor identified and three likely origin addresses observed. This reduces the role of intermediary protection layers but does not create a contradiction with the otherwise established technical posture.

EVIDENCE

- Hosting infrastructure is identified as AS22414, CRAIGS-NET-1 - Craigslist, Inc., US.
- The resolved infrastructure contains 3 unique IP addresses, with 0 edge IP addresses and 3 likely origin IP addresses.
- The hosting registry is ARIN and the infrastructure country is the US.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary use is proportionate to the available evidence, subject to independent checks of the specific counterparty, transaction terms, and payment protections before credentials or funds are committed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-12 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of craigslist.org.

- The request stayed on craigslist.org. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under MarkMonitor Inc.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by craigslist.org, across 6 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2028-09-10. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1998-12-02. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CRAIGS-NET-1, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	MarkMonitor Inc.
Hosting	CRAIGS-NET-1 - Craigslist, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	208.82.237.145
Name servers	ns1a.craigslist.org, ns2a.craigslist.org, ns1f.craigslist.org, ns2f.craigslist.org, ns9a.craigslist.org, ns9f.craigslist.org
SSL issuer	DigiCert Global G3 TLS ECC SHA384 2020 CA1
SSL expiry	2027-01-31
Domain age	28.94 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2028-09-10
Archive first seen	1998-12-02

Archive snapshots	863
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about craigslist.org at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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