

KU Public Safety releases 2020 crime data for Lawrence campus

LAWRENCE — Reported crimes were down on the University of Kansas Lawrence campus, according to statistics released today by the KU Public Safety Office.

KU Public Safety took reports of 349 criminal offenses on campus in 2020, which was a 40% decrease from 2019 and the lowest number reported in the past 10 years.

Property crimes, such as theft and criminal damage to property, continued to make up the greatest number of offenses reported on campus, but both were down when compared to previous years.

Violent crimes, such as rape and aggravated battery, were also reported, but they were a small percentage of the overall crime total.

Chief of Police Chris Keary said the number of reported crimes is not surprising considering the decrease in campus population during most of 2020.

“The numbers reflect the fact that, due to the pandemic, there were fewer students in on-campus housing, and most employees were working from home,” Keary said. “I would like to credit the employees who remained working on campus for keeping the buildings locked and secure.”

The Public Safety Office uses various social media platforms, such as [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), to provide tips to the community and to ask for their assistance.

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Criminal Offenses Reported by Year

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Assault	17	24	33	30	31	30	14	34	25	7
Aggravated	1	0	4	4	3	1	1	4	3	1
Simple	13	14	21	6	19	23	8	15	16	5
Intimidation	3	10	8	20	9	6	5	15	6	1
Bad Check	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Blackmail	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Burglary	60	66	36	47	43	48	38	38	18	23
To structure	32	37	26	36	30	27	16	17	10	5
To automobile	28	29	10	11	13	21	22	21	8	18
Forgery	1	4	1	5	4	4	3	1	0	1
Criminal Damage	101	126	121	130	90	128	116	91	85	85
Curfew/Loitering	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Cond.	18	9	8	15	9	7	4	8	8	2
DWI	6	39	28	40	33	20	18	15	8	9
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs/Narcotics	80	87	107	177	186	143	148	113	108	30
Equipment	36	43	53	84	93	67	69	53	50	14
Violations	44	44	54	93	93	76	79	60	58	16
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Family Offenses	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Fraud	2	6	4	6	11	8	9	13	10	8
Impersonation	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	2	2	0
Larceny/Theft	212	215	193	239	175	213	156	150	103	76
Coin-op machine	2	5	13	15	2	2	1	0	0	0
From building	121	107	85	135	92	97	53	62	52	17
From motor vehicle	28	33	12	15	15	22	19	25	9	16
Motor vehicle parts	14	7	8	3	2	6	2	6	5	1
Pick Pocket	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Other	43	63	75	69	63	85	66	51	36	39
Unclassified	2	0	0	0	0	1	15	4	1	1
Liquor Law Viol.	41	27	37	41	23	17	32	22	10	17
Motor Veh. Theft	2	3	5	4	6	6	2	3	3	8
Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	2	0	2	1	1	2	2	0	0
Runaway	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	2	1	9	7	4	5	5	9	3	7
Fondling	2	1	6	3	2	2	1	6	0	5
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	3	3	0	3	4	2	3	2
Sodomy	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Poss. Stolen Prop.	1	2	0	0	1	0	4	1	1	0
Trespassing	26	19	15	26	18	14	15	16	16	21
Weapons Viol.	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
All others	44	44	42	32	23	38	49	27	60	31
Non-NIBRS	40	34	20	26	89	78	54	72	21	10
Sub-total	660	714	661	832	751	767	670	619	483	336

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The table below is a breakdown of all criminal offenses reported to the University of Kansas Public Safety Office that occurred outside its jurisdictional boundaries using NIBRS reporting

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Assault	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Simple Intimidation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To dwelling/structure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To automobile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWI	1	7	3	0	5	1	0	0	0	0
Drugs/Narcotics	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Equipment Violations	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
From building	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
From motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Parts	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Viol.	46	62	0	1	0	0	0	57	48	6
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property (post-offense)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All others	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-NIBRS	8	24	4	0	0	0	0	91	49	7
Sub-total	72	104	9	2	6	3	1	153	99	13
Grand total	732	818	670	834	757	770	671	772	582	349