

Roosevelt crime piece

A small, cozy campus in a big city but how safe is it? Roosevelt University is in the heart of the south loop of downtown Chicago. The Chicago campus of Roosevelt University is many levels of security to go through. On the first floor of the Wabash building there are security guards and students must scan their IDs to get past. The 14th floor is the beginning of the residence halls in which students must go through another set of security and ID scanning, then scan their IDs in the elevators to get to their floors.

According to [College Factual](#), in 2019, there were 251 safety-related incidents on or near campus and affiliated with students. Compared to Columbia College Chicago who had 340 incidents in 2019.

This number has significantly gone down however in 2020. This was due to the lockdown and fewer students being on campus. According to the [Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#), there were 126 Drug Law Violations on campus in 2019 whereas in 2020 there were only 2.

Jeff DeBrizzio, Assistant VP of Operations at Roosevelt explains the data on the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. "The report includes crim statistics for the three previous calendar years, including crimes reported on campus, in certain off-campus buildings, on property owned or controlled by Roosevelt University, and on public property adjacent to campus."

Second year Roosevelt student and resident Sophia Sarmiento explains her feelings of safety on campus as well as her confidence in the campus safety. The political science major explained that there have been some incidents that students were unaware of until much later. "I would have liked to know sooner." Sarmiento says.

However, DeBrizzio says, "In the event of a major incident [Campus Safety](#) uses Rave to push messages to cell phones, emails, and social media accounts." This has been done when there are protests or possible dangerous situations due to a political decision. "We're very confident in the ability of Campus Safety to prevent and resolve major incidents."

Floor RAs carry the weight of the [safety of their residents](#) on their shoulders, and are very passionate about their jobs, but what about their own safety? Sadie Cavalancia, a musical theater major and an RA for the residence halls. "As an RA, anyone can knock on my door to ask for help, but not all people have good intentions." Cavalancia says. "I would like to see campus safety do rounds within the residence halls. RAs can only do so much when it comes to escalated situations. An increased presence of campus safety could deter people from making bad decisions."

Numbers have been down due to the recent lockdown, but will Roosevelt be able to keep crime numbers to a minimum in the upcoming years?