



SUMMARY

NYU's Sexual Misconduct Campus Climate Survey

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In Spring 2016, NYU retained the National Campus Climate Survey (NCCS) to administer a sexual misconduct campus climate survey at its New York, Abu Dhabi, and Shanghai campuses. The survey was designed to assess students' personal experiences, and to measure how strongly students felt the university serves their needs in preventing sexual misconduct as well as in reporting, investigating, adjudicating and supporting them through a sexual misconduct incident.

A stratified random sample of 2,593 students, aged 18 or older, and currently enrolled in an NYU part-time or full-time undergraduate, graduate, or professional program were invited to participate. Furthermore, we intentionally oversampled students who self-identified as underrepresented racial minorities to ensure that the survey results captured the voices of this student population. Participants were invited on April 16, 2016 and the survey closed on May 20, 2016.

Survey results reflect a 54.4% response rate (1,218 students) and a 92.9% overall completion rate. Response rate of underrepresented racial minority students was 54.5%. Our response rate overall, as well as for underrepresented racial minority students, allows us to be confident that the results of the survey reflect the experiences and beliefs of our student body.

Student Awareness and Perceptions of University Resources

- While 90.5% of participants knew that NYU has a local policy, fewer were aware of NYU's process for addressing complaints (68.7%). Similarly, 61.7% knew where to get help on campus if a sexual assault occurs and 53.4% knew where to find/read the policy.
- 92.9% feel relatively safe from sexual misconduct at NYU.
- 92.0% believe NYU takes sexual misconduct complaints seriously.
- 90.2% believe NYU responds fairly to sexual misconduct complaints.
- 87.3% believe NYU takes training in sexual assault prevention seriously.
- If they experienced a sexual assault:
 - 93.7% believe NYU would protect their privacy.
 - 92.7% believe NYU would treat them with dignity and respect.
 - 88.6% believe NYU would take their case seriously.
 - 79.8% believe NYU would enable them to continue their education without having to interact with their assailant.

Personal Experiences

- Participants report experiencing significant nonconsensual sexual contact prior to enrolling in college:
 - Fondling: 36.2% lifetime, 14.1% since enrollment.
 - Oral sex: 8.3% lifetime, 3.3% since enrollment.
 - Vaginal penetration: 16.8% lifetime, 6.0% since enrollment.
 - Anal penetration: 4.1% lifetime, 2.0% since enrollment.
- 11.4% of participants experienced at least one nonconsensual sexual incident within the past 12 months:

	Female	Male
Undergraduate	20.1%	9.7%
Graduate	8.8%	3.5%

- Among the 11.4% of participants who experienced at least one nonconsensual sexual incident within the past 12 months:
 - 66.7% of alleged perpetrators were not affiliated with NYU; alleged perpetrators included someone met at a party, social event or gathering (19.6%), non-romantic friend (17.8%), hook-up (14.5%), ex-romantic partner (12.7%) and stranger (12.0%).
 - 69.1% of participant nonconsensual sexual experiences occurred off campus; 17.8% were on campus; 13.1% were near campus.
 - 52.7% told no one about the event; 47.3% say they told someone.
 - Of those who did tell someone about the incident, the individuals most often told were a friend (97%); roommate (32.5%); counselor, therapist or social worker (20.2%).
 - Of those who did not tell someone about the incident, reasons included not thinking it was serious enough to report (66.7%); feeling embarrassed or ashamed (38.5%); blaming oneself (23.7%); concerns about legal, academic or other consequences (18.0%); thinking no one would do anything about it (17.4%); not wanting the person who did it to get in trouble (15.8%).
- 19.4% of participants reported intimate partner violence in the past 12 months (e.g. jealousy, verbal abuse, physical assault).
- 69.0% took affirmative action as a bystander to intervene in a situation where sexual misconduct could have or did occur.

Prevention, Education and Training

- 86.9% believe NYU is doing a good job of providing services to those who have experienced sexual assault.
- 84.6% believe NYU is doing a good job of educating students about sexual assault.
- 83.8% believe NYU is doing a good job of trying to prevent sexual assault from happening.
- 80.9% have received training or attended a program that provided education on sexual relationships or sexual misconduct since they started attending NYU.