Sexual Violence Prevalence (SVP) Campus Climate Survey Results
UAlbany Students
Spring 2019
Background

The SVP Survey was administered to all UAlbany students who were 18 years of age and older and who were enrolled in at least one class for credit at the institution in Spring 2017 and Spring 2019.

Response Rates:
Spring 2019: 11% (1,886/16,899)
Spring 2017: 5% (851/16,425)

The response rates of the survey were low. The samples have limited representation of the whole student population at UAlbany (see slide 3 for more details). The results are vulnerable to sampling bias, and thus should be interpreted with caution.
## Demographics Representation

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Note: Female, White, and On-campus UAlbany students may be disproportionately represented in the survey results.
Knowledge of Policies and Resources
My campus has policies and procedures specifically addressing sexual assault.

Participants most often responded “Yes” (77%).
Have you received written (e.g., brochures, emails) and/or verbal information (e.g., presentations, training) from anyone at your campus about the following?

56% participants reported receiving information about “to whom you can speak confidentially about a sexual assault”.

- To my knowledge, I have not received information regarding any of the above: 23.1%
- Policies prohibiting sexual assault: 49.1%
- To whom you can speak confidentially about a sexual assault: 56.2%
- Where to go to get help if you or someone you know is sexually assaulted: 62.2%
- How to report a sexual assault: 57.5%
- The definition of sexual assault: 55.9%

N=1741
Which of the following incidents do you know how to report to the college?

Among 1,713 survey participants, 65.6% students claimed that they know how to report sexual assault, while only 46.4% of participants said they know how to report dating violence.

31% of participants did not know how to report any of the incidents listed.
Which are the roles of a Title IX Coordinator in regards to sex discrimination/sexual assault/sexual misconduct?

44% of participants are not sure about the roles of a Title IX Coordinator in regards to sex discrimination/sexual assault/sexual misconduct.
To whom can a victim/survivor or witness formally disclose a sexual assault on campus? (Check all that apply)

The responses with the highest percentages were Campus Police or Public Safety (77%), Counseling Center (69%), and Title IX Coordinator(s) (59%).

N=1589
Availability of Sexual and Interpersonal Violence Resources: Please indicate your awareness of the following on-campus and community resources

Participants reported being most aware of Campus Police or Public safety (77%), and least aware of Health Educators (14.6%).

N=1518
Do you know how to find the Title IX Coordinator?

20% of participants reported knowing how to find the Title IX Coordinator.

N=1551
Sexual Violence Experiences & Consequences
Experienced Sexual Harassment (during the past year).

- Unwanted sexual comments, sexual slurs, or demeaning jokes: 36.4% (N=1515)
- Received unwanted sexual suggestive digital communications: 25.2% (N=1503)
- Aware of someone viewing their sexual activity or nakedness without their consent, or taking pictures or recordings without their consent: 5.1% (N=1509)
Experienced Attempted and Completed Sexual Assault (during the past year).

- **Someone fondled, kissed, or rubbed up against the private areas of their body though they did not give consent to that activity**: 22.4% Attempted, 12.8% Completed
- **Removed some of their clothes even though they did not give consent**: 7.7% Attempted, 5.1% Completed
- **Someone has performed oral sex on them or forced them to perform oral sex even though they did not give consent**: 4.4% Attempted, 3.6% Completed
- **Someone sexually penetrated them or they were made to penetrate even though they did not give consent**: 5.3% Attempted, 5.6% Completed

N=1502 Attempted, 1497 Completed
N=1502 Attempted, 1495 Completed
N=1493 Attempted, 1490 Completed
N=1485 Attempted, 1488 Completed
For the most recent incident, was the person affiliated with the campus community?

Participants most often responded “No” (47%).
In the past year, has a casual, steady, or serious dating or other intimate partner done any of the following to you?

- None of the above: 76.2%
- Called you derogatory names (e.g. fat, stupid, ugly, etc.): 10.4%
- Did not want you to see, talk to, or spend time with others (e.g., family, friends, etc.): 9.6%
- Forced, or tried to force, making decisions for you that should have been your own to make (e.g., what to wear, food to eat or not eat, acceptable friends, etc.): 9.1%
- Was very angry towards you such that you felt threatened or genuinely fearful: 8.9%

N=1401
Have any of the incidents disclosed in this survey caused you to modify your education plans?

N=678

- 88.5% No
- 4.6% Prefer not to respond
- 4.1% Yes, change academic schedule and/or housing
- 1.5% Yes, transfer
- 0.7% Yes, change academic program
- 0.6% Yes, leave school
Reporting of Incidents
Did you use your campus's formal procedures to report the incident(s)?

% Yes

Less than 15% of participants reported using campus’s formal procedures to report the incidents.

Note: X% = Number of students who reported using formal procedures / Number of students who reported those incidents (e.g., stalking)
Did you tell anyone about the most recent incident?

60% of participants did not tell anyone about the most recent incidents.

N=671

Yes: 29.6%
No: 59.8%
Prefer not to Respond: 10.6%
Who did you tell?

In 2018-2019, participants reported telling a friend (81%) most often.

![Bar chart showing who participants told](image-url)
It is common to have mixed feelings when deciding whether or not to share your experience with someone else. Did any of the following thoughts or concerns cross your mind when you decided not to report or otherwise share your experience?

In 2018-2019, participants reported thinking it was not important enough most frequently (49%).

- I did not think it was important enough: 52.63%
- I just did not want to deal with it: 42.11%
- I did not recognize it as dating violence at the time: 36.84%
- I was ashamed or embarrassed: 22.22%
- I worried that it was partly my fault: 23.98%

N=373
Perception of Fellow Students’ Willingness to Help
Please consider the following behaviors. Indicate how likely or unlikely you think a fellow student is to do the following:

Get help and resources for a friend who tells them that they have been assaulted. Call for help (e.g. call 911) if they hear a neighbor yelling "help." Confront a friend who tells them that they had sex with someone who was passed out or who didn't give consent. Tell an RA or other campus authority about information they have that might help in a sexual assault case even if pressured by their friends to stay silent. Express their discomfort if someone makes a joke about a person's body.

Percentage of “Very likely” and “ Likely” : Perception of Fellow Student Helping Behavior

- Get help and resources for a friend who tells them that they have been assaulted: 85%
- Call for help (e.g. call 911) if they hear a neighbor yelling "help": 67%
- Confront a friend who tells them that they had sex with someone who was passed out or who didn't give consent: 64%
- Tell an RA or other campus authority about information they have that might help in a sexual assault case even if pressured by their friends to stay silent: 56%
- Express their discomfort if someone makes a joke about a person's body: 44%

N=1434  N=1440  N=1430  N=1432  N=1440
Summary

Knowledge of Policies and Procedures:

• 77% respondents acknowledge that UAlbany has policies and procedures specifically addressing sexual assault
• 31% participants do not know how to report incidents (e.g., sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking) to the college
• 44% participants are not sure the roles of a Title IX Coordinator in regards to sex discrimination/sexual assault/sexual misconduct
• 65% participants do not know how to find the Title IX Coordinator.
Sexual Violence Experiences & Consequences

• 698 of 1487 respondents (47%) reported that they experienced different severity of incidents, either sexual harassment or sexual assault, during the last year.

• Higher percentage of undergraduate respondents (39%) reported sexual violence incidents than graduate respondents (28%) during the last year.

• Higher percentage of female respondents (47%) reported sexual violence incidents than male respondents (16%) during the last year.

• For the most recent incident, 47% respondents reported that the perpetrator was not affiliated with the campus community.

• For those who reported knowing the perpetrator, higher percentage of respondents described that non-romantic friend and other college students the relationship with the person(s) at the time of the incident.

• About 11% of 678 respondents modified their education plans caused by the incidents disclosed in this survey.
Reporting of Incidents

• About 66% respondents reported that they did not tell anyone about the most recent incident

• About 85% respondents reported that they did not use campus’ formal procedures to report the incident(s).

• Participants reported that they were much more likely to tell friends, roommates or housemate, romantic partner, and family about the most recent incident than campus staff.

• The top reason for not reporting sexual violence reported by respondents was “I did not think it was important enough”.
Perception of Fellow Students’ Willingness to Help

• About 85% respondents believed that a fellow student is very likely or likely to get help and resources for a friend who tells them that they have been assaulted.

• About 64% respondents believed that a fellow student is very likely or likely to confront a friend who tells them that they had sex with someone who was passed out or who didn’t give consent.

• About 56% respondents believed that a fellow student is very unlikely or unlikely to express their discomfort if someone makes a joke about a person’s body.