

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

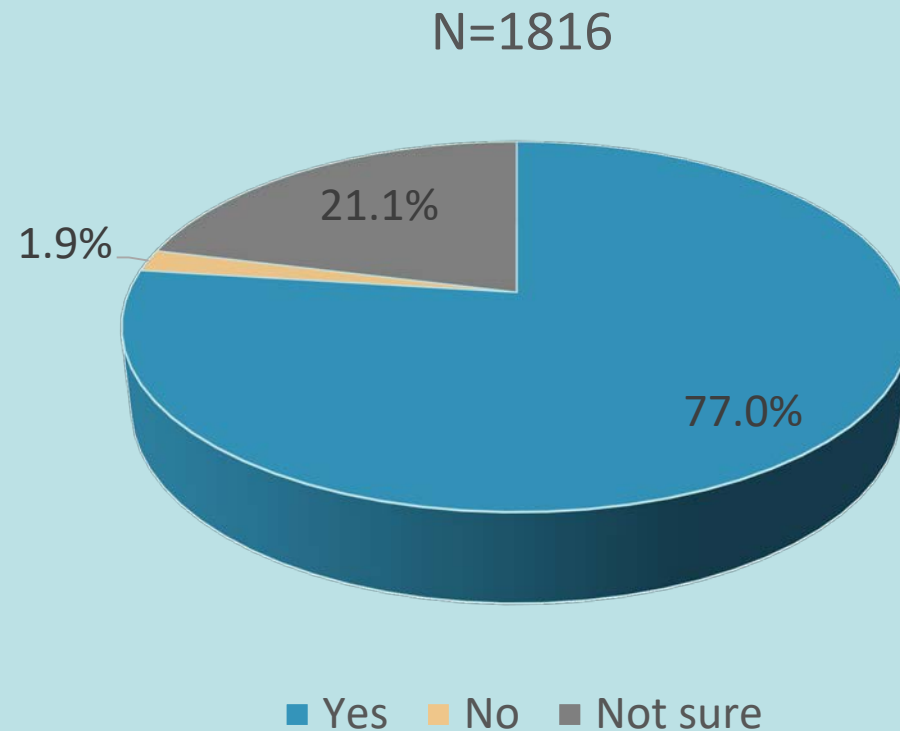
		Survey Sample		UAlbany Population	
		#N	%	#N	%
Gender	Female	1,249	66%	9,574	54%
	Male	637	34%	8,043	46%
Race/Ethnicity/ International	Asian	126	7%	1,379	8%
	Black	252	13%	2,959	17%
	Hispanic	233	12%	2,631	15%
	White	1,096	58%	8,644	49%
	Others	4	0.2%	48	0.3%
	Unknown	54	3%	525	3%
	International	122	6%	1,435	8%
Program Level	Undergraduate	1,449	77%	13,286	76%
	Graduate	437	23%	4,258	24%
Campus Residency	On-campus	940	50%	7,016	40%
	Off-campus	946	50%	10,605	60%

Note: Female, White, and On-campus UAlbany students may be disproportionately represented in the survey results

Knowledge of Policies and Resources

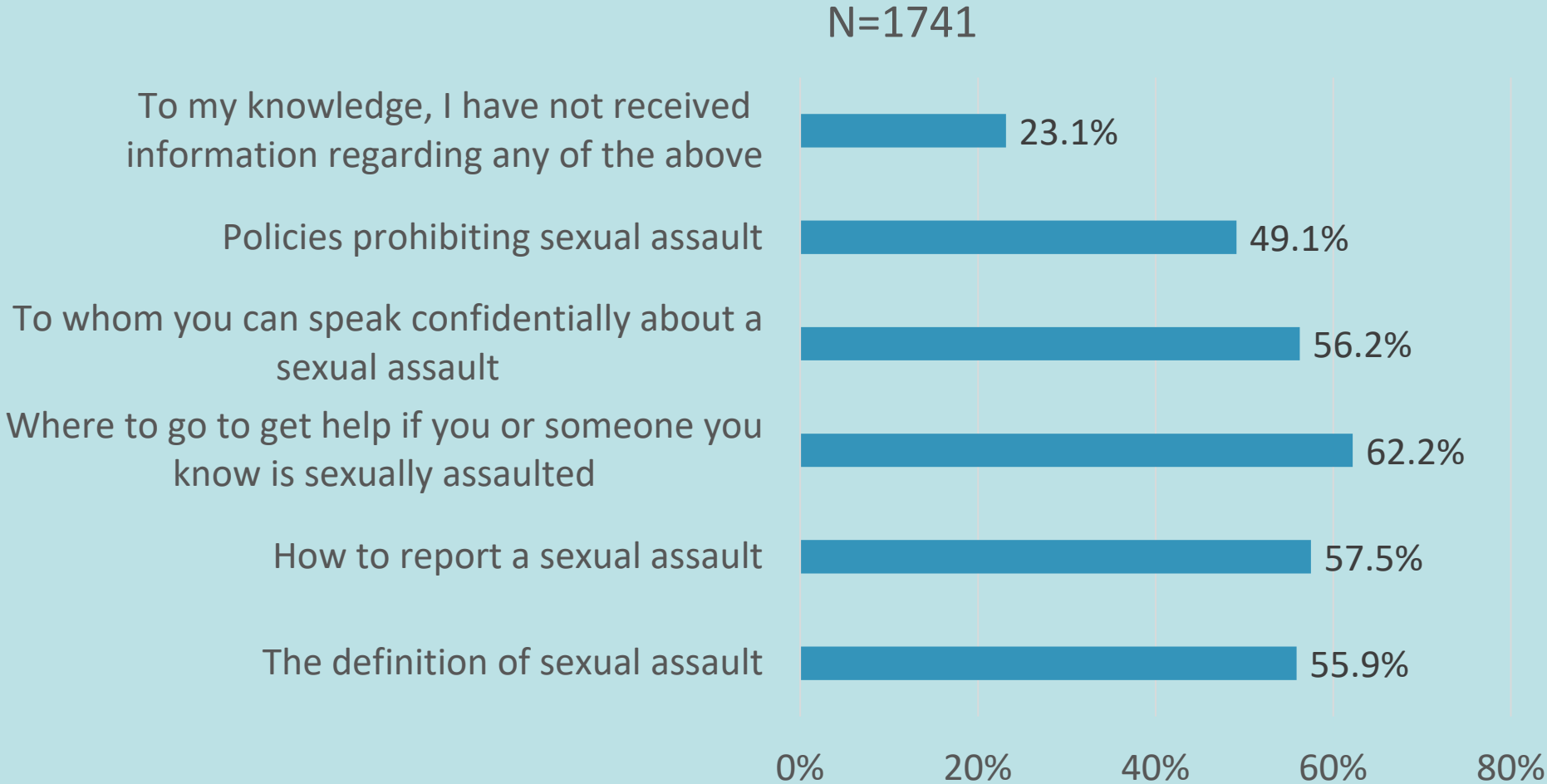
My campus has policies and procedures specifically addressing sexual assault.

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?

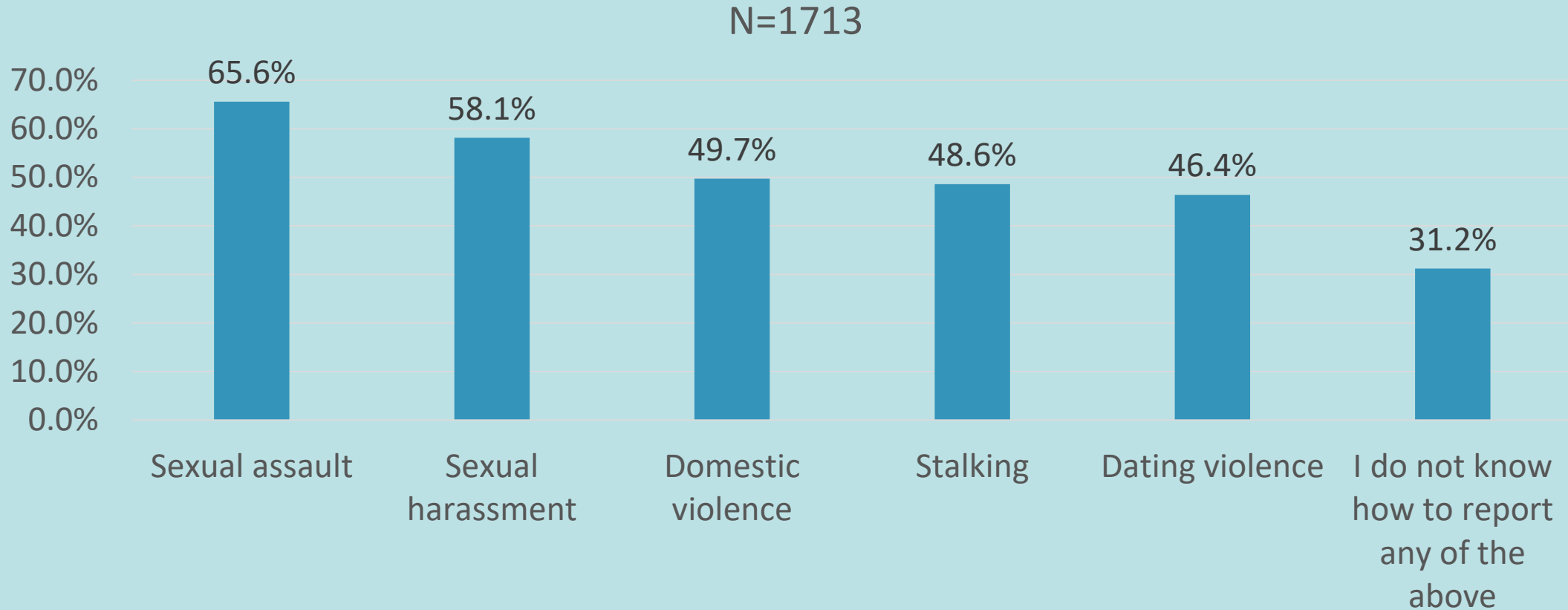
56% participants reported receiving information about “to whom you can speak confidentially about a sexual assault”.



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

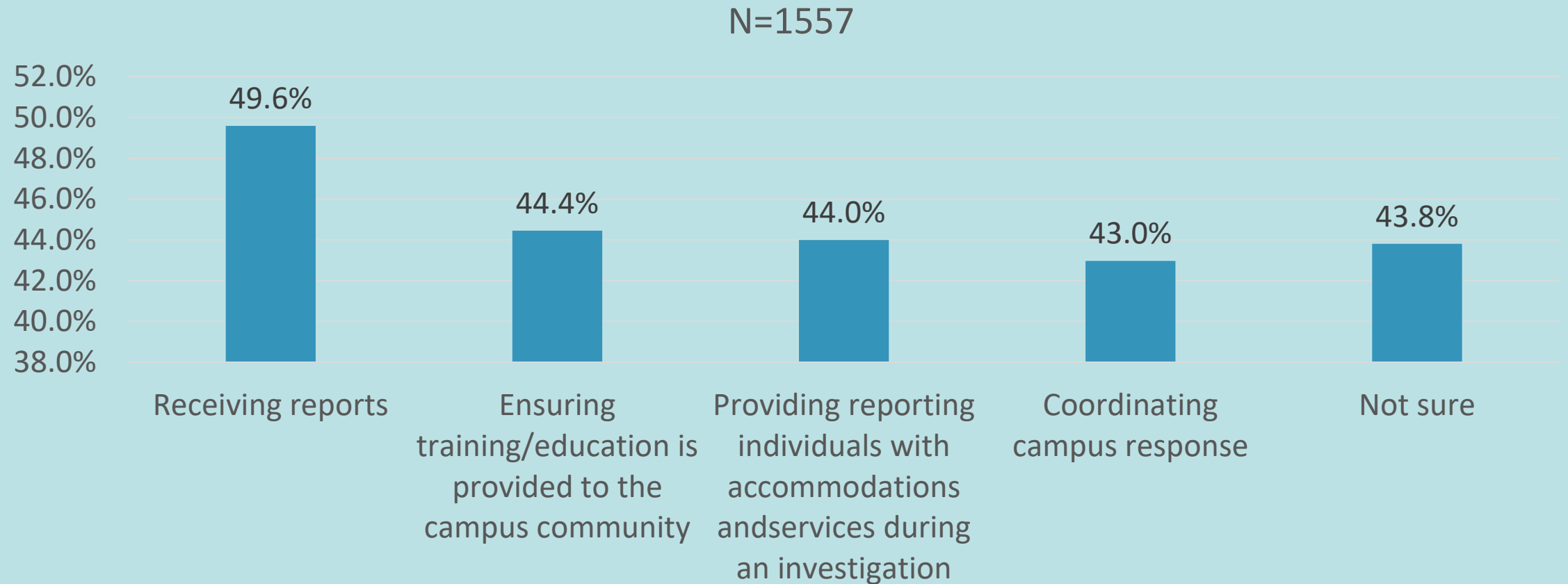
Among 1,713 survey participants, 65.6% students claimed that they know how to report sexual assault, while only 46.4% of participants said they know how to report dating violence.

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?

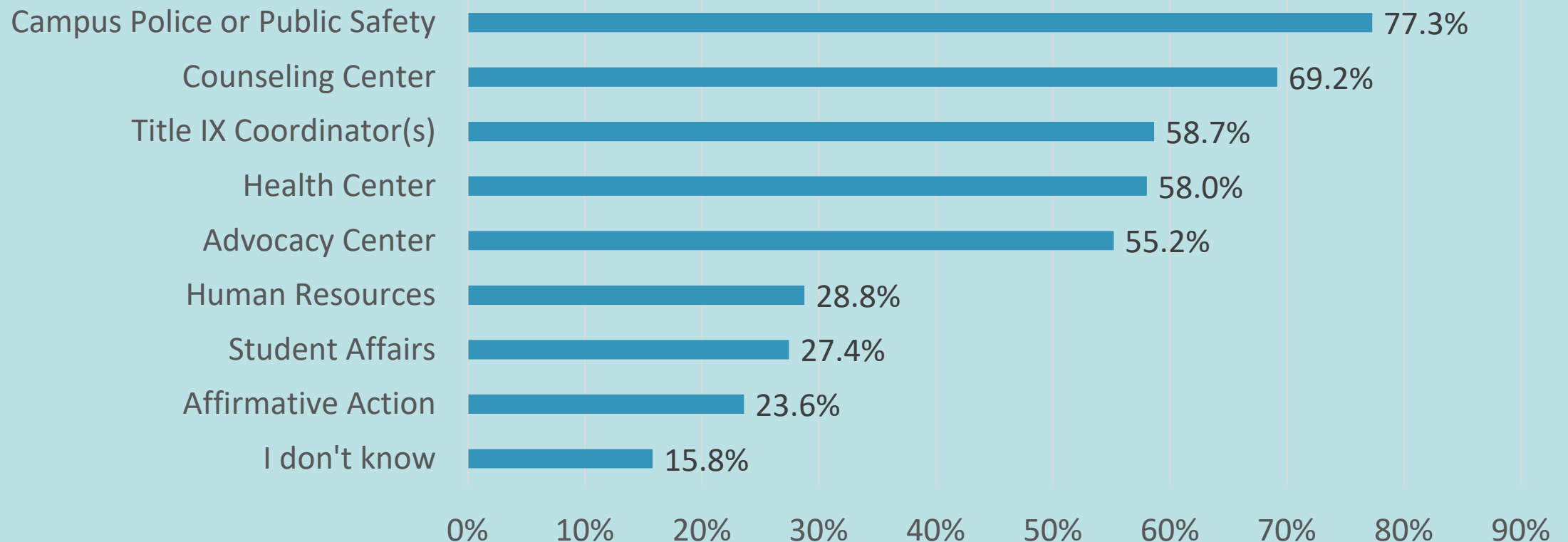
44% of participants are not sure about the roles of a Title IX Coordinator in regards to sex discrimination/sexual assault/sexual misconduct.



To whom can a victim/survivor or witness formally disclose a sexual assault on campus? (Check all that apply)

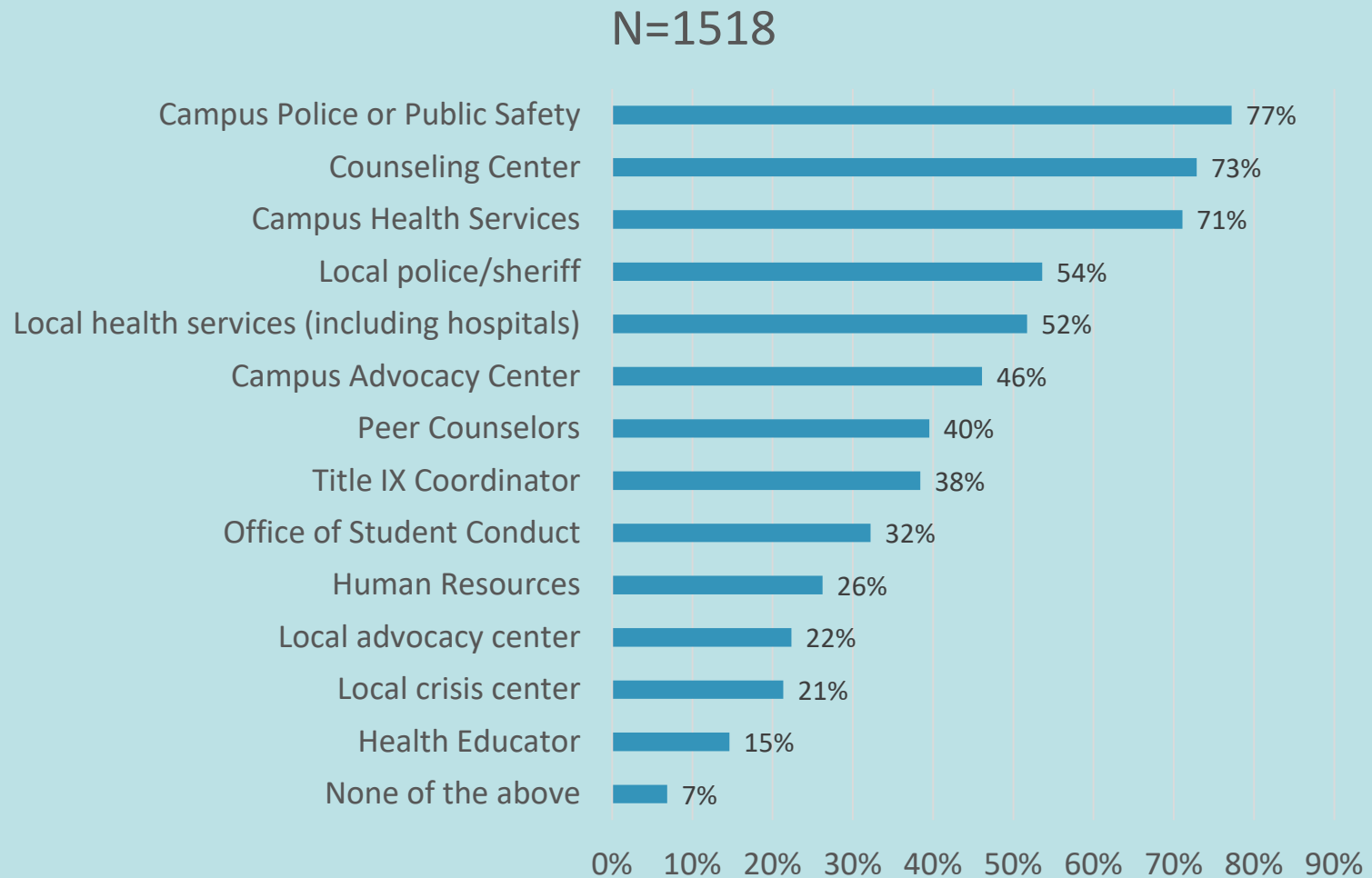
The responses with the highest percentages were Campus Police or Public Safety (77%), Counseling Center (69%), and Title IX Coordinator(s) (59%).

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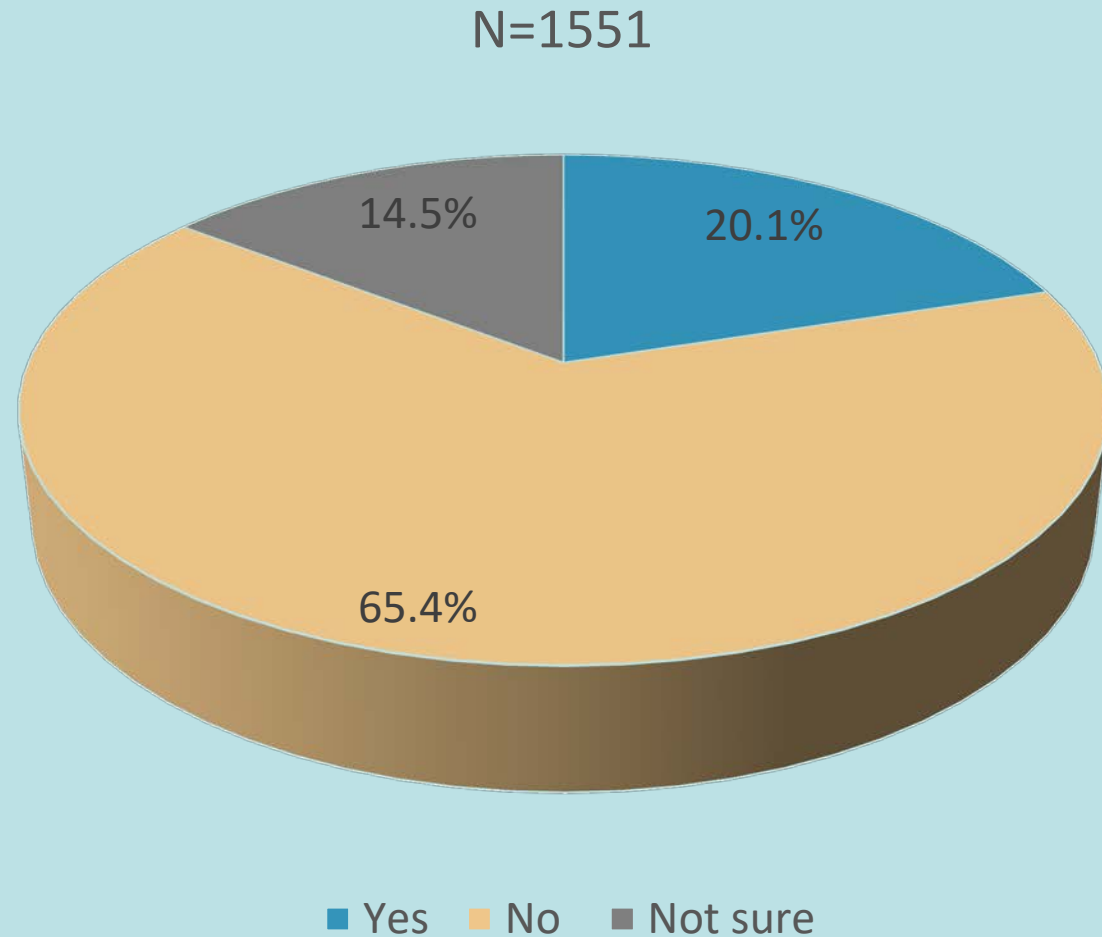
Availability of Sexual and Interpersonal Violence Resources: Please indicate your awareness of the following on-campus and community resources

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



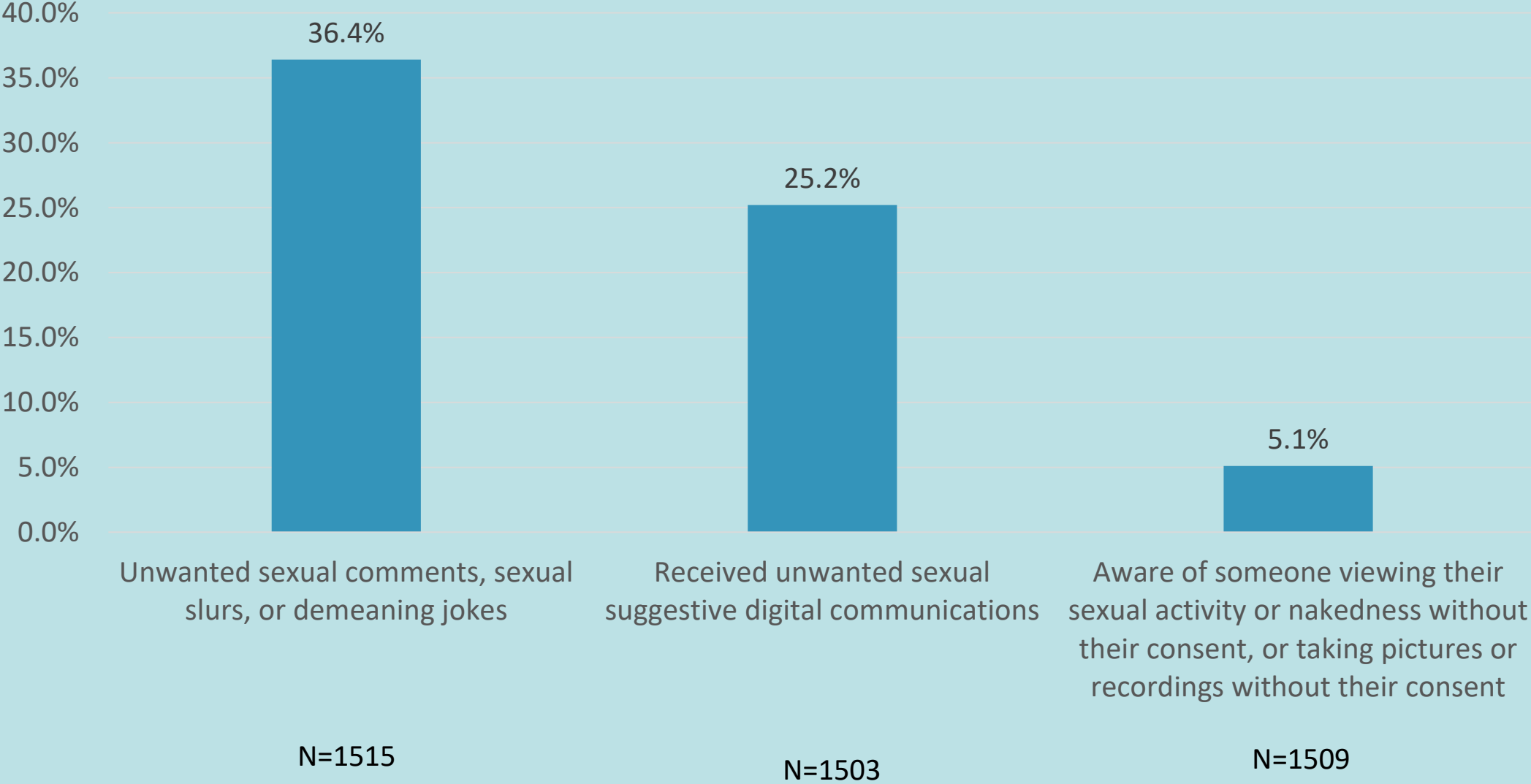
Do you know how to find the Title IX Coordinator?

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

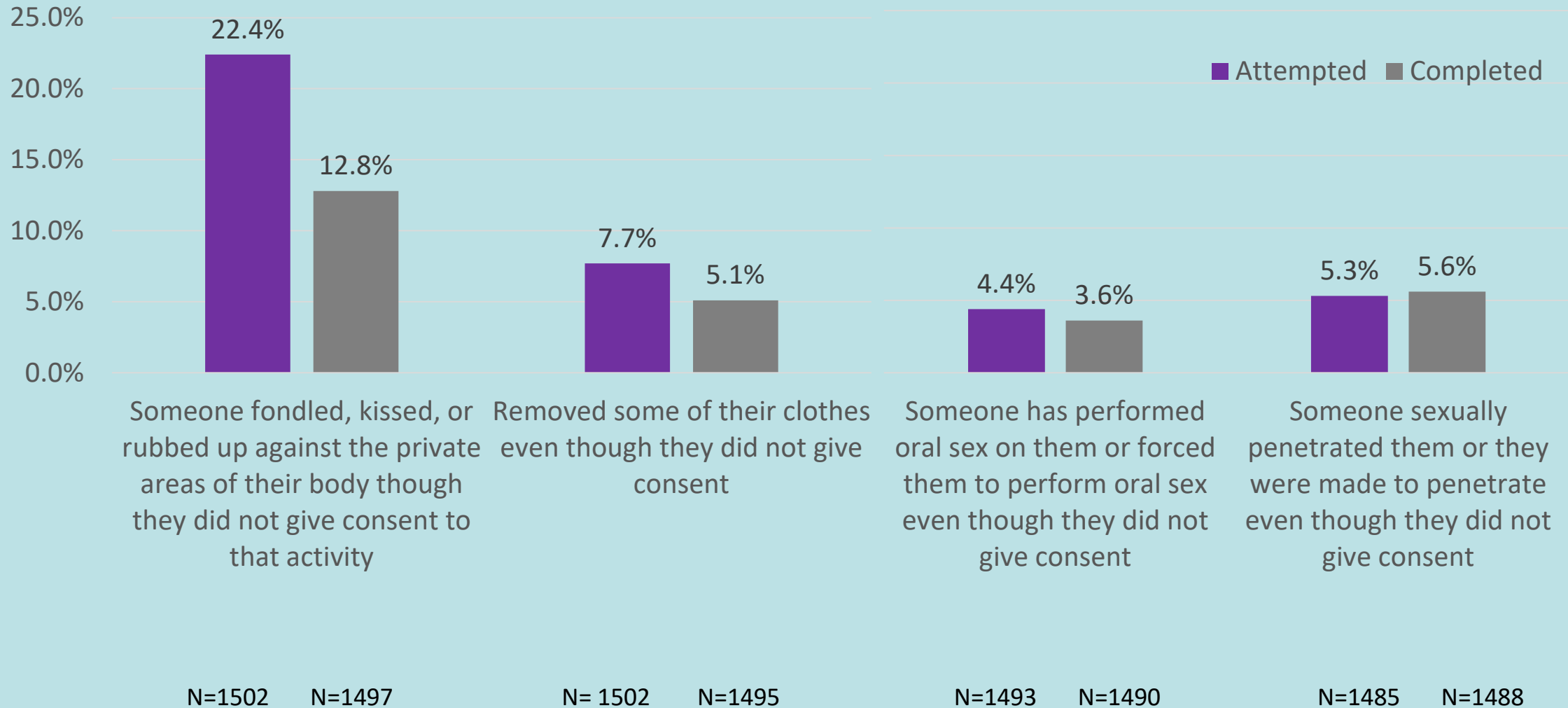


Sexual Violence Experiences & Consequences

Experienced Sexual Harassment (during the past year).

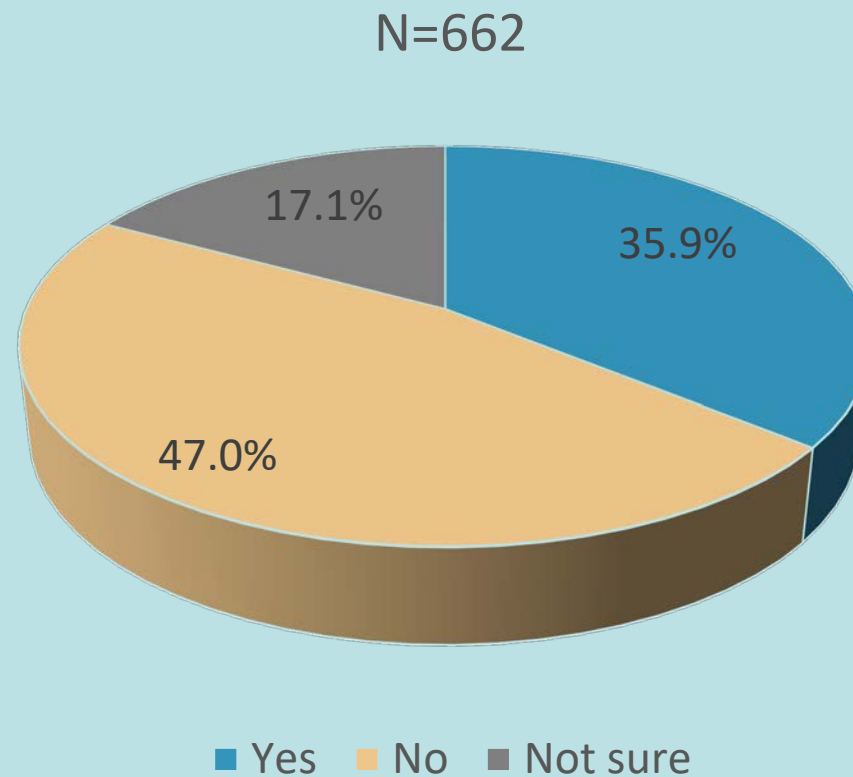


Experienced Attempted and Completed Sexual Assault (during the past year).



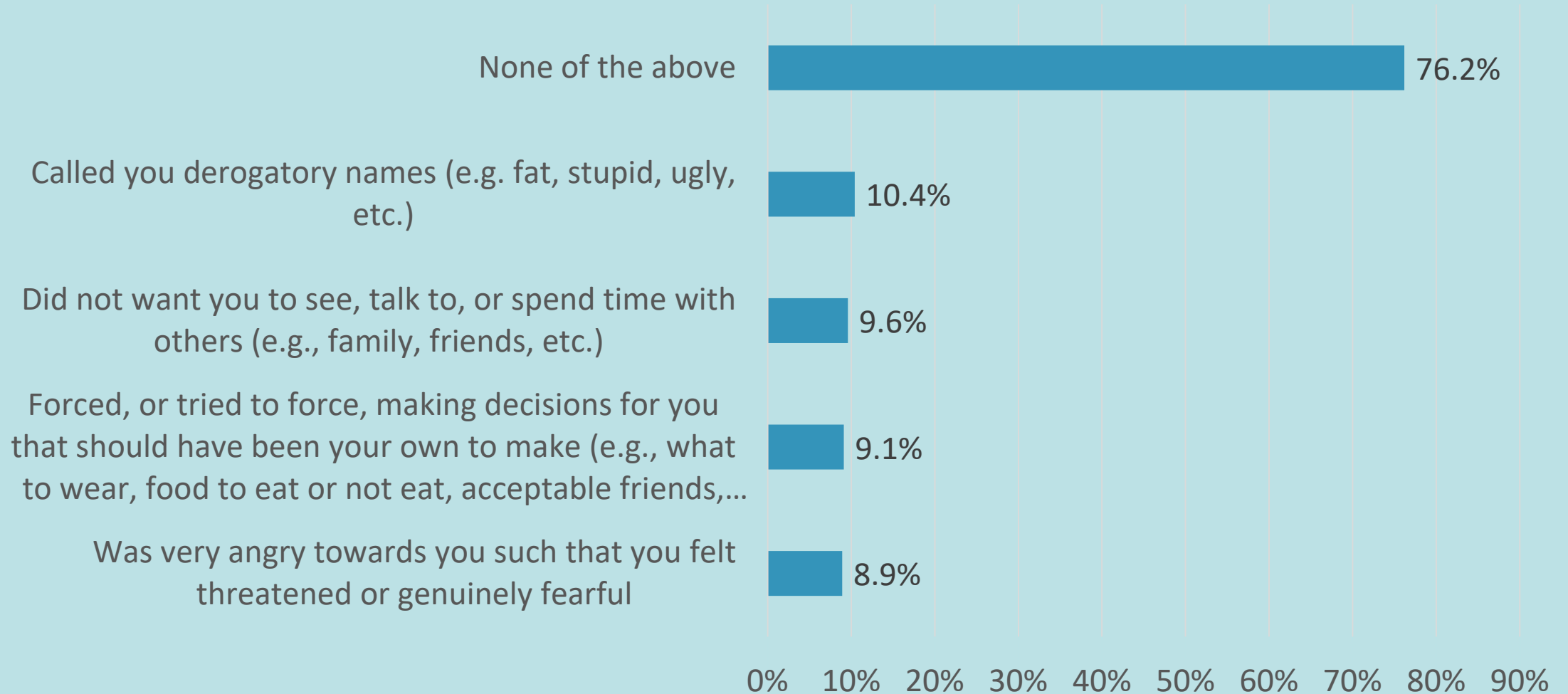
For the most recent incident, was the person affiliated with the campus community?

Participants most often responded “No” (47%).



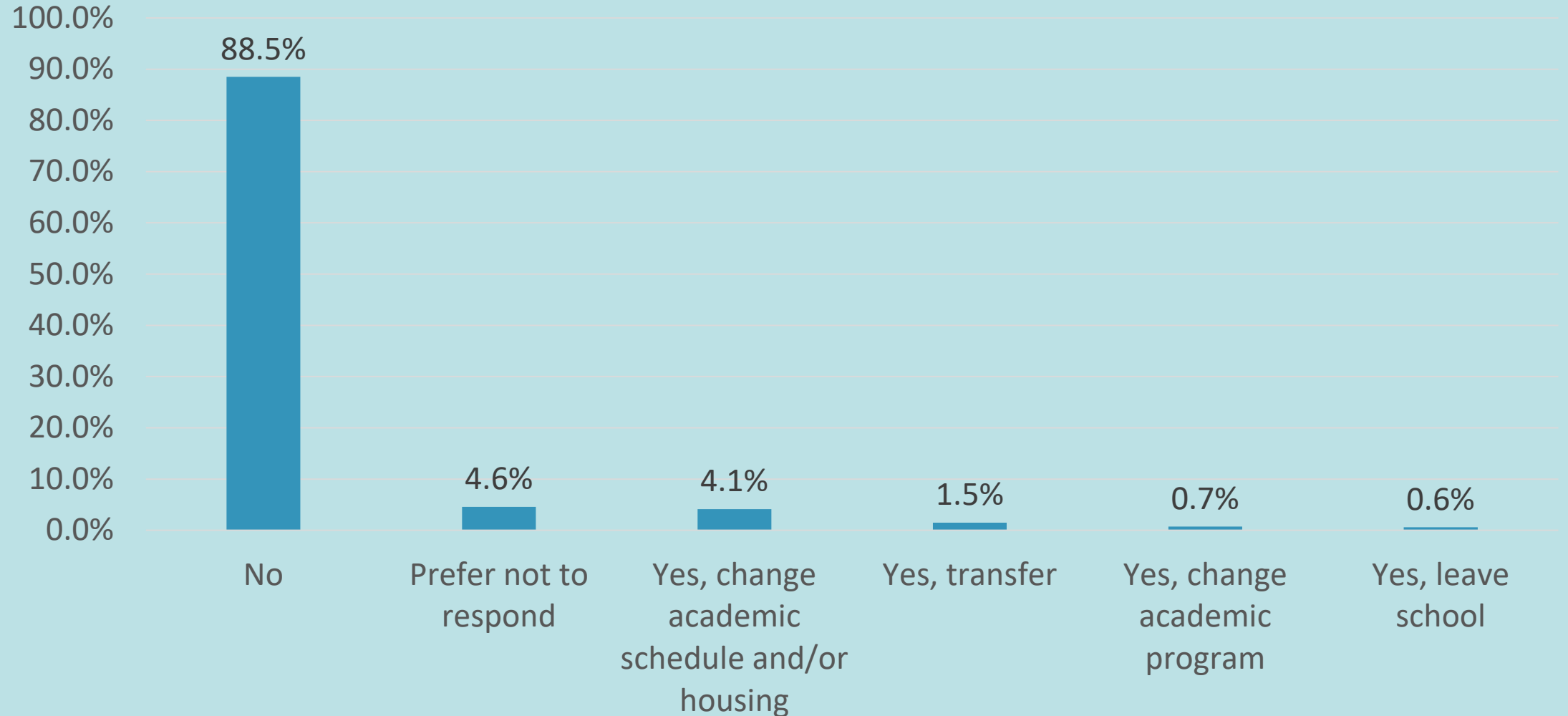
In the past year, has a casual, steady, or serious dating or other intimate partner done any of the following to you?

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

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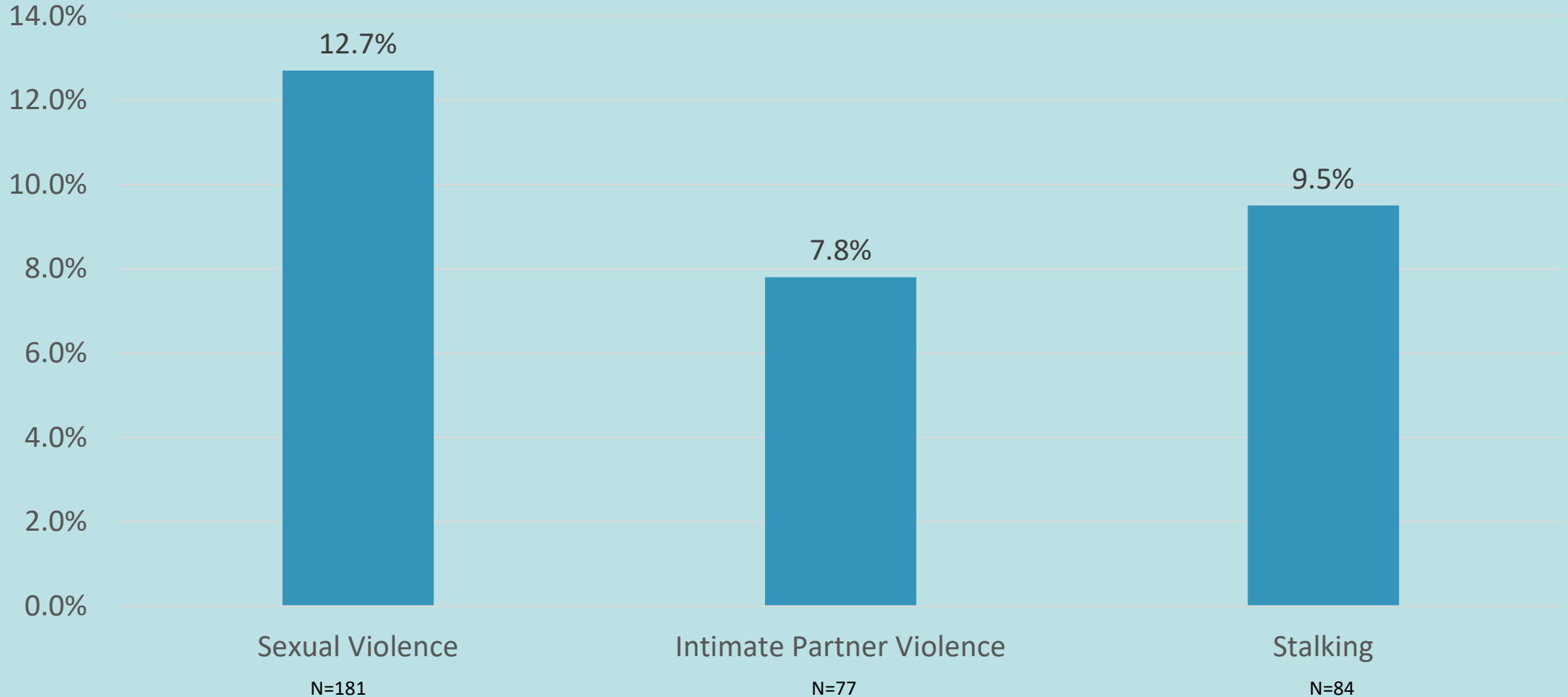


Reporting of Incidents

Did you use your campus's formal procedures to report the incident(s)?

% Yes

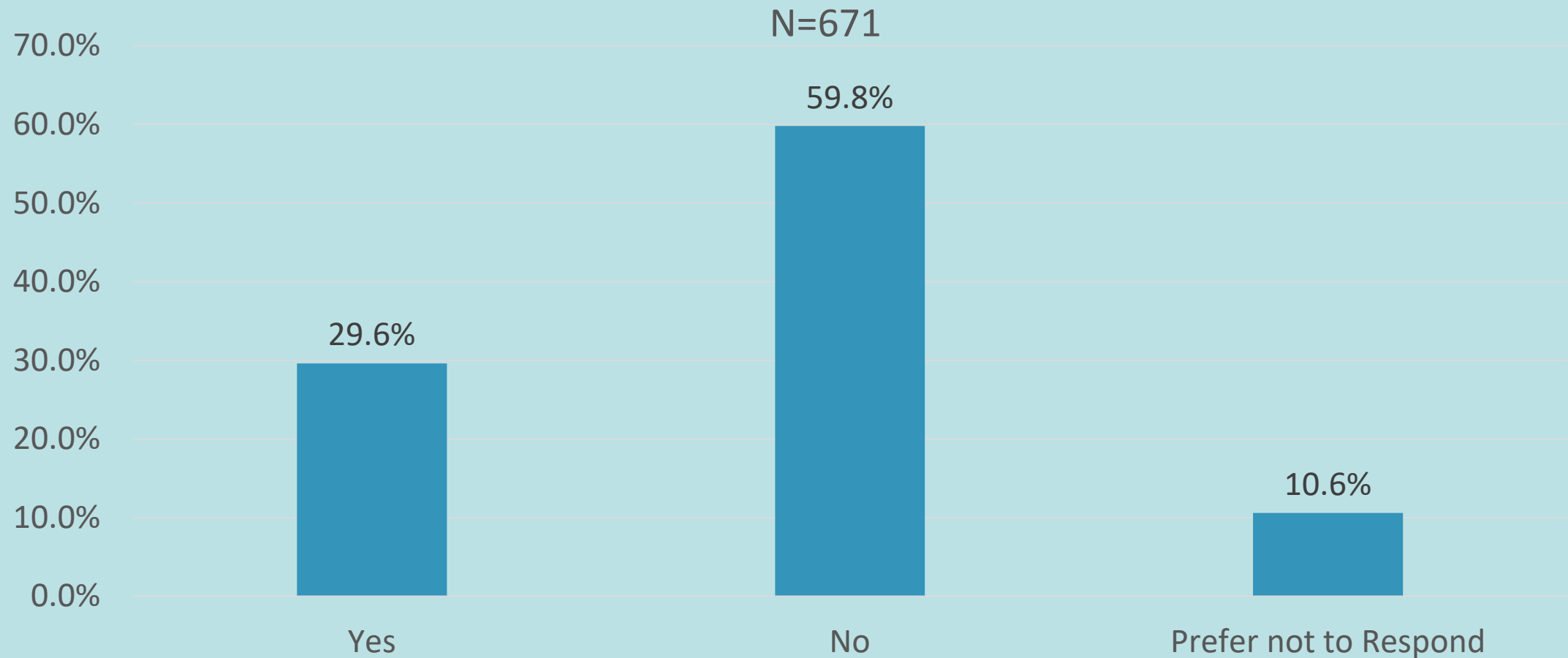
Less than 15% of participants reported using campus's formal procedures to report the incidents.



Note: X%=Number of students who reported using formal procedures/ Number of students who reported those incidents (e.g., stalking)

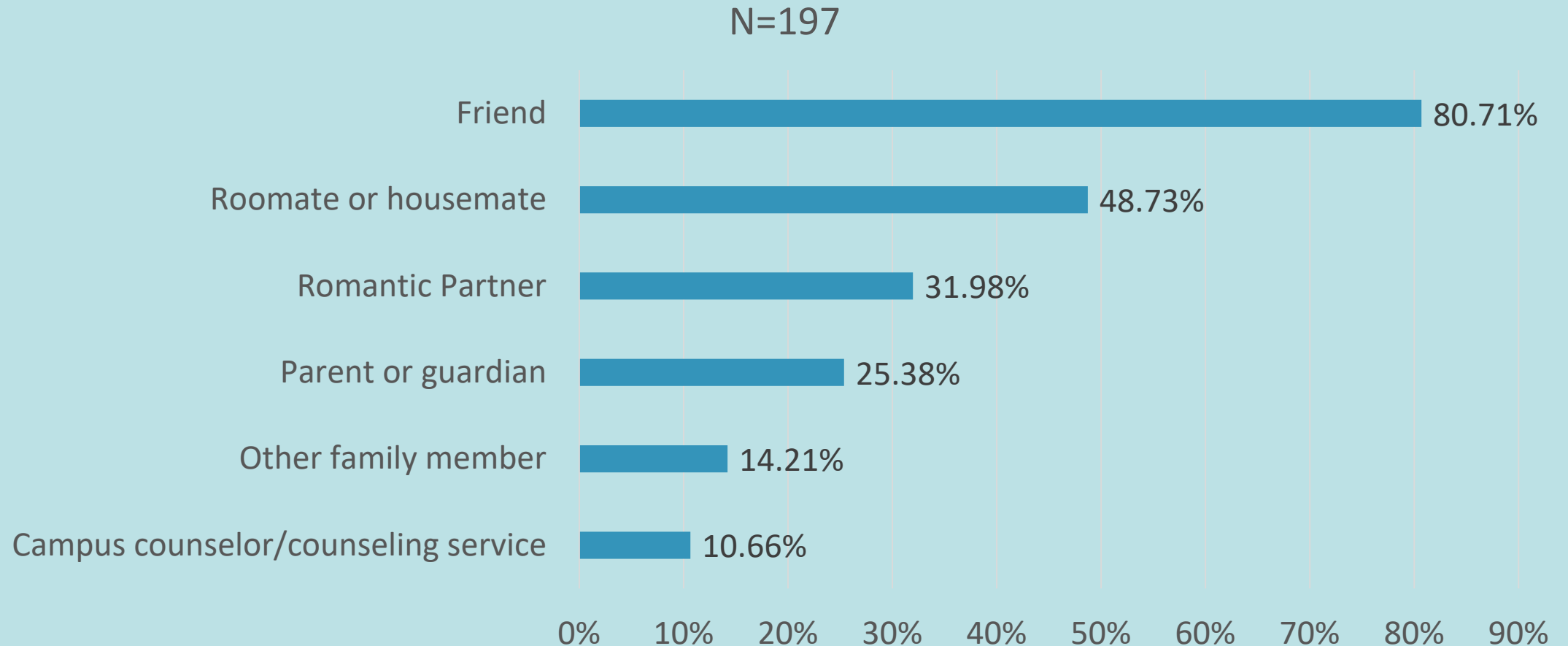
Did you tell anyone about the most recent incident?

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



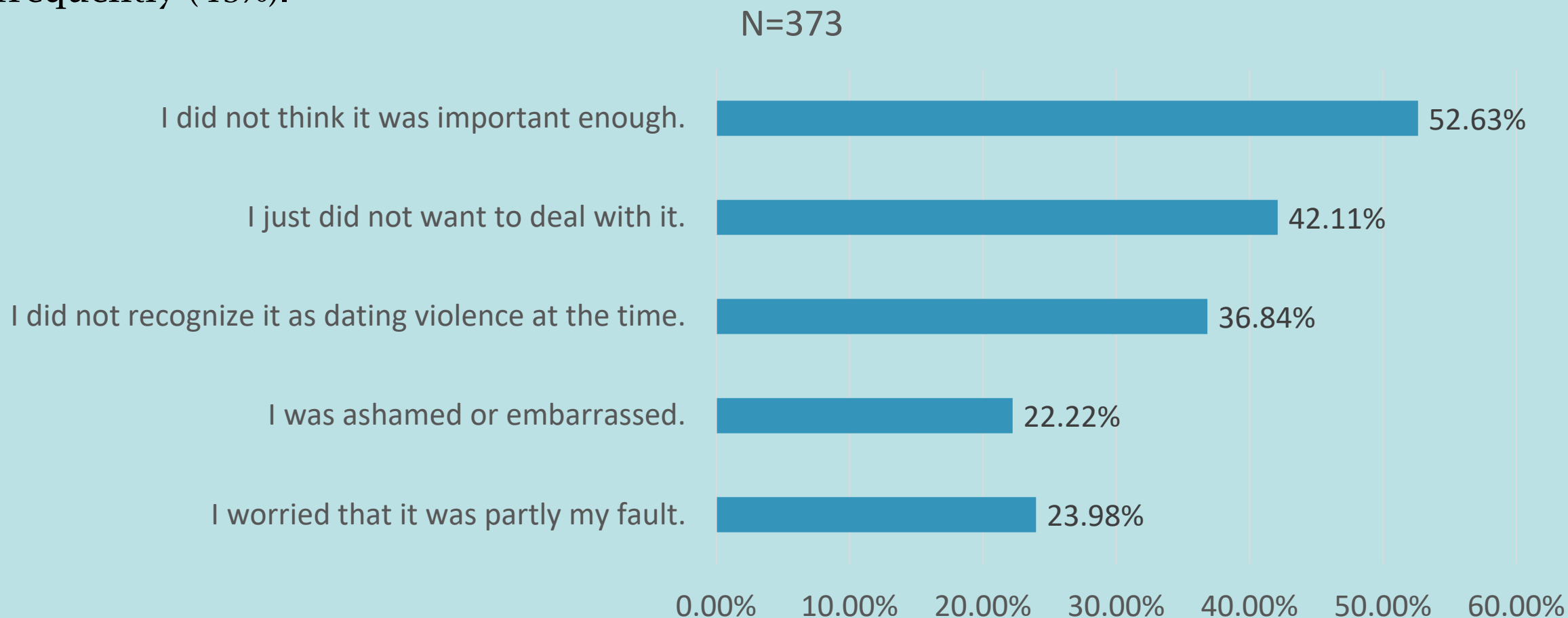
Who did you tell?

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



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?

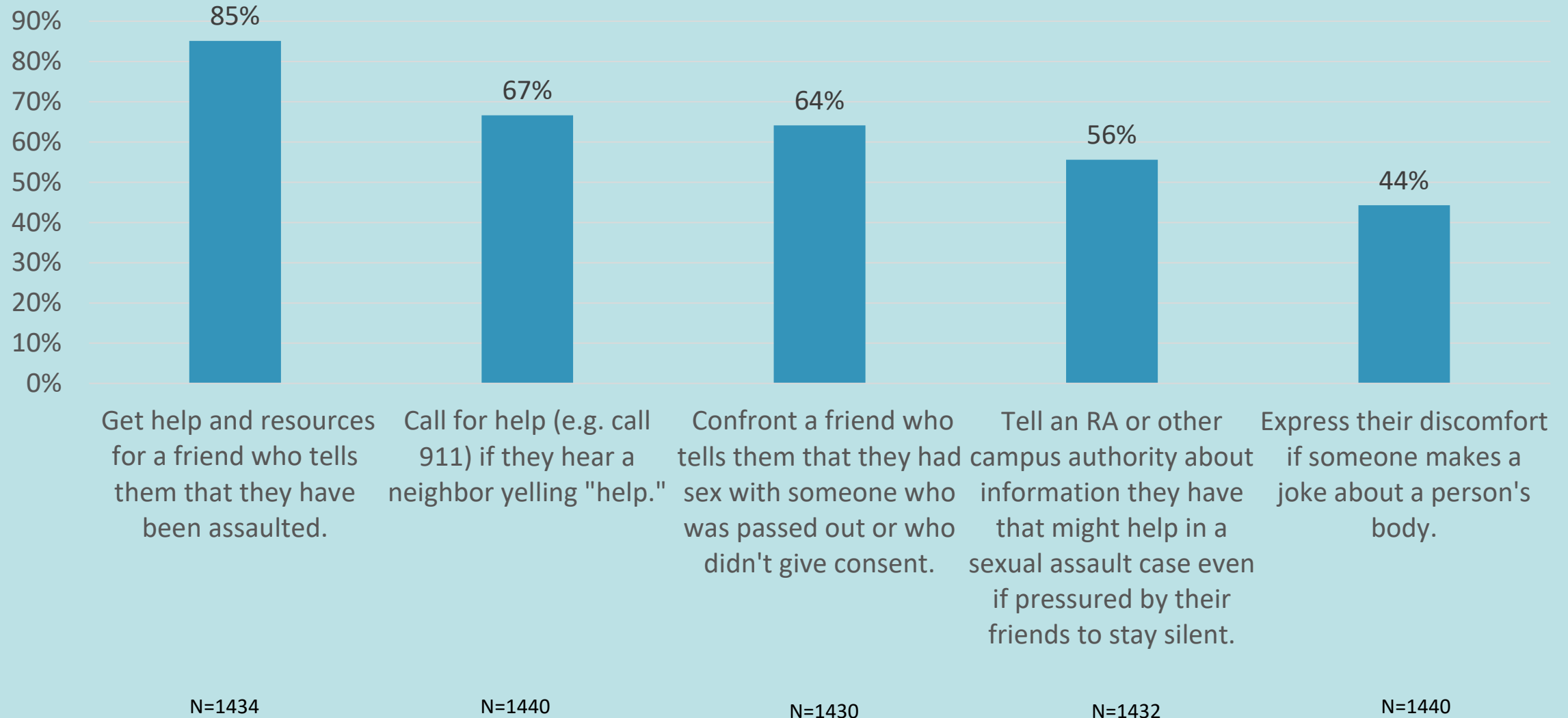
In 2018-2019, participants reported thinking it was not important enough most frequently (49%).



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:

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



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.