

AAU Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct

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What is the AAU Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct?

- Launched by the Association of American Universities in 2015 the “survey” is administered by a voluntary group AAU universities.
- Developed in response to Federal Title IX and Obama administration.
- The survey measures campus climate, awareness of services, and incidence.
- 33 North American Research institutions participated in 2019 (27 participated in 2015). Minnesota participated in both years.



What was the impact of the first survey?



- The 2015 Survey contributed to campus understanding of the issues surrounding sexual misconduct and sexual assault.
- Concerns raised on campus by various survey findings, community concerns, and incidents led to the **President's Initiative to Prevent Sexual Misconduct (PIPSM)**.

Who took the current survey?

Survey sent to all degree-seeking students over the age of 18 at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

- 44,110 students at the undergrad, grad and professional levels.

29.1% Response rate (n=12,833)

- Nearly double the 2015 rate

Outreach through campus communications, Student Affairs, Greek Councils, Student Governance, and Housing & Residential Life, among others.



CAMPUS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT STUDENT SURVEY

OPEN NOW - MARCH 19



CHECK YOUR EMAIL
A survey link can be found in your UMN email account

TAKE THE SURVEY
Your experience matters

Students will be eligible for prizes by taking the time to participate.



What were students asked about?

- Student demographics and campus engagement
- Awareness of campus policies and services
- Opinions of safety and support on campus
- Experiences with sexual harassment, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence
- Experiences as a bystander
- Experiences reporting to local agencies and campus services



Who responded?



Survey responses included a cross-section of students by gender identity*, sexual orientation, race/ethnicity, college, and academic level.

*The report combines students responding as transgender woman, transgender man, nonbinary/genderqueer, gender questioning, and gender not listed into a single category: TGQN.

Because a small number of students identify as TGQN, further data breakdowns, such as undergrad / graduate / professional are not reported.



What did we learn about campus trainings on sexual assault and other misconduct?

87.7%

of the incoming students indicated that they completed at least one training.

79.0%

of the returning students reported that they completed at least one training since arriving at the school.

Topics included:

- How sexual assault or other misconduct is defined on campus
- How to Prevent Sexual Assault and other misconduct
- Where to seek help if they or someone else experiences sexual assault or other misconduct.



What did we learn about perceptions of whether the University will take a report of assault or misconduct seriously?

Undergraduate students

50.6% of women

74.1% of men

Graduate/
Professional students

62.0% of women

78.0% of men

TGQN students

40.0%

perceived that it is very or extremely likely



What did we learn about how problematic sexual assault or other misconduct is on campus?



reported that it is very or extremely problematic



What did we learn about the prevalence of sexual assault*?

Undergraduate
students

25.6% of women
5.8% of men

Graduate/
Professional students

8.2% of women
1.8% of men

TGQN
students

22.3%

reported this type of victimization since entering college

*For this data brief, “nonconsensual sexual contact by physical force or inability to consent or stop what was happening” are being referred to as sexual assault.



Campus Rates of Sexual Assault UMN and National survey*

	UMN	National
Undergraduate women	25.6	25.9
Undergraduate men	5.8	6.8
Graduate/Professional women	8.2	9.7
Graduate/Professional men	1.8	2.5
TGQN	22.3	20.3

*data are under embargo until October 15, 2019



What else did we learn about who is sexually assaulted at the UMN?

Non-heterosexual students (gay or lesbian, other or multiple categories) had a prevalence rate of

21.3%

Heterosexual students had a rate of

11.2%

Race/Ethnicity	Woman	Man	TGQN	Total
Hispanic or Latino	20.2	3.3	33.1	12.5
Not Hispanic or Latino	20.2	4.4	21.5	13.0
White	23.1	4.9	22.6	15.1
Black	11.6	2.9	s	7.7
Asian	9.5	1.9	26.0	5.6
Other or multiracial	19.7	5.6	20.4	12.8



What else did we learn about who is sexually assaulted at the UMN?

Sexual Orientation	Woman	Man	TGQN	Total
Heterosexual or straight	18.6	3.4	3	11.2
Gay or Lesbian	21.8	10.2	3	12.6
Other, Multiple Categories	27.6	10.8	25.9	23.7
Identify with a disability	Woman	Man	TGQN	Total
Identify as a student with any disability	31.0	7.8	25.4	23.0
No disability identified	13.5	3.4	13.3	8.3
Marital Status	Woman	Man	TGQN	Total
Never married	22.9	5.1	21.3	14.4
Married	3.8	0.4	18.2	2.1



Have contacted a program or resource about this experience/these experiences (Yes)

Penetration

26.3% of women

14.3% of men

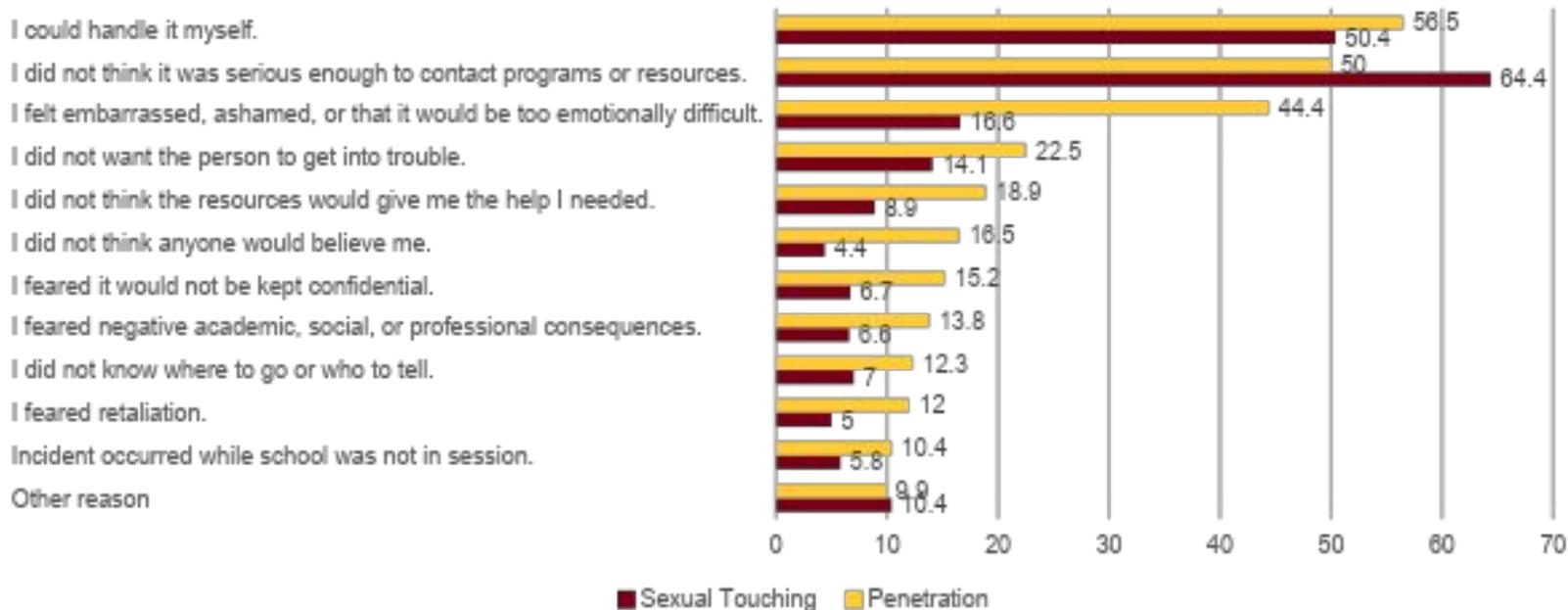
Touching

10.3% of women

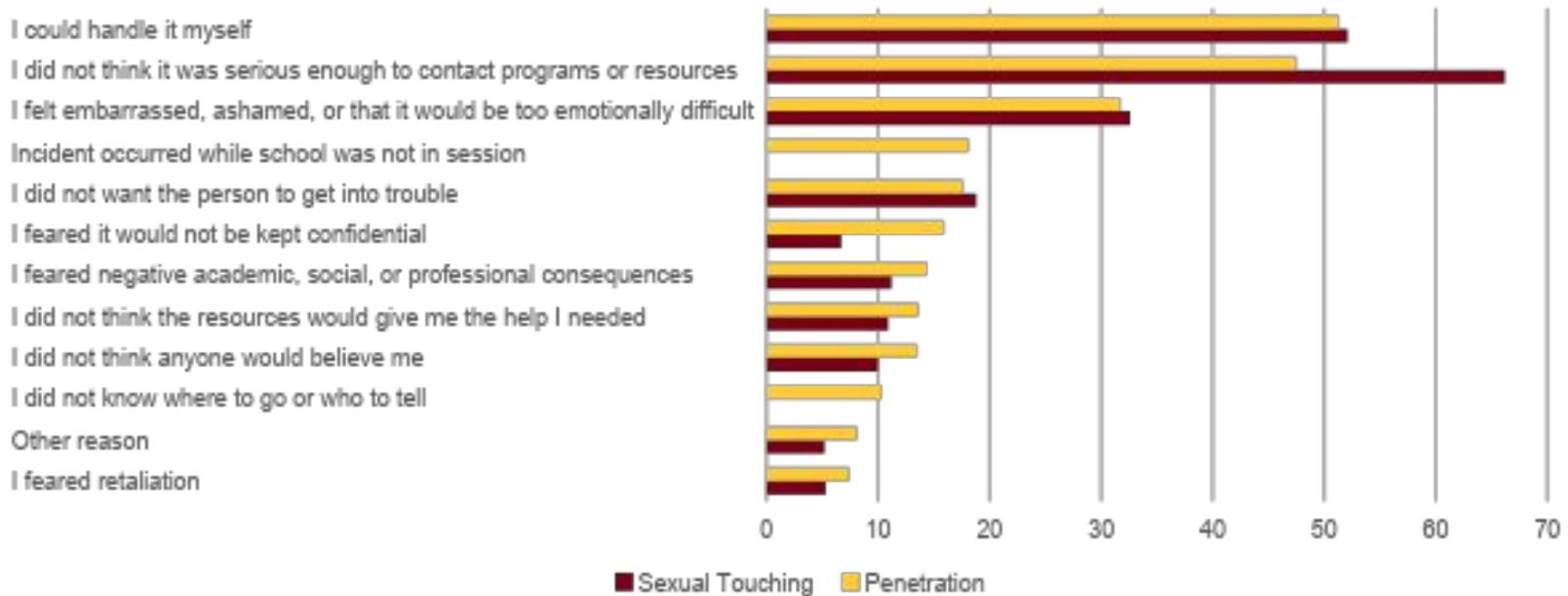
4.0% of men



Why did you decide to not contact any programs or resources? (Women)



Why did you decide to not contact any programs or resources? (Men)



Notable changes from 2015

- The prevalence of sexual assault reported by undergraduate women **increased from 23.5 percent (2015) to 25.6 percent (2019)**
- The percentage of undergraduate women reporting they are knowledgeable about how sexual assault and other misconduct are defined **increased from 30.5 percent (2015) to 35.7 percent (2019)**.
- For Graduate and Professional women this **increased from 11.9 percent (2015) to 36.6 percent (2019)**.
 - Graduate and Professional women also **increased in knowledge about where to get help from 23.9 percent (2015) to 38.1 percent (2019)**



What is happening this month (and next)?

- The Evaluation Subcommittee of the President's Initiative to Prevent Sexual Misconduct is meeting to develop inquiry questions to guide survey analysis.
- The AAU aggregate report of all institutions and the UMN report will be released on **October 15**.

