

2019 Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct

Prevalence of Sexual Misconduct

- **11.6%** of students reported at least one incident of nonconsensual sexual contact, including attempted penetration using physical force, since enrolling at Northwestern. Rates for undergraduate women (**30.8%**) and trans, genderqueer, nonbinary, and questioning (“TGQN”) students (**30.7%**) were significantly higher than rates for undergraduate men (**11%**). This appears to have decreased from 2015, when **16%** of survey respondents reported experiencing sexual contact without consent and **4%** reported experiencing sexual penetration without consent
- **35%** of students reported experiencing at least one type of sexually harassing behavior since enrolling in school, with **15.3%** of students experiencing behavior that met the definition of sexual harassment. This is consistent with the 2015 rate of **15%**
- **6.8%** of students reported experiencing at least one type of intimate partner violence. This is an increase from the 2015 rate of **4%**
- **3.7%** of students experienced stalking. This is a decrease from the 2015 rate of **8%**

Certain groups reported experiencing higher rates of sexual misconduct than other groups:

- Undergraduate women and TGQN students
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and asexual (LGBQA) students
- Students with disabilities

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Perceptions and Knowledge

- **74.3%** of students perceived that it is very or extremely likely that campus officials would take a report of sexual misconduct at Northwestern seriously
- **58.5%** of students believed it is very or extremely likely that campus officials would conduct a fair investigation in response to a report of sexual misconduct
- Students reported being very or extremely knowledgeable about
 - how sexual assault and sexual misconduct are defined at Northwestern (**49.9%**)
 - where to get help (**45.6%**), and
 - where to make a report of sexual misconduct (**39.2%**)
- Students' awareness of resources was lower than hoped for
 - **50%** of students indicated they are aware of the Office of Equity
 - **50.8%** indicated they were aware of CARE

For more information, including additional data, please visit the Office of Equity website and click on the "Campus Climate Survey" banner at the top of the page
www.northwestern.edu/equity

Questions?

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