

Executive Summary

On March 28, 2023, our campus began an online administration of the Sexual Violence Prevalence (SVP) Campus Climate Survey. This survey was administered to students and employees and is required to address, at minimum, student and employee knowledge about:

- The Title IX Coordinator's role;
- Campus policies and procedures addressing sexual assault;
- How and where to report sexual violence as a victim/survivor or witness;
- The availability of resources on and off campus, such as counseling, health, academic assistance;
- The prevalence of victimization and perpetration of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on and off campus during a set time period (for example, the last two years);
- Bystander attitudes and behavior;
- Whether victims/survivors reported to the College/University and/or police, and reasons why they did or did not report.
- The general awareness of the difference, if any, between the institution's policies and the penal law; and
- The general awareness of the definition of affirmative consent.

In reviewing the results, we highlight that faculty and staff are more aware of the services available to victims of sexual violence, college policies around sexual violence, and how to report incidents as compared to students. Faculty and staff are more likely to report incidents to college resources, such as the Title IX Coordinator, Human Resources, and Campus Safety. Where students are more likely to report incidents to external parties, such as local police.

Lack of awareness may be contributed to the fact that very few of the survey respondents, including faculty, staff, and students, experienced an incident of sexual violence. None the less, more effort and resources shall be aimed at increasing awareness of sexual violence services and reporting channels for the student body.

If you have any questions about the survey or the results included in this report, please contact Mark Bessette, Title IX Coordinator, TitleIX@sunysccc.edu.

Background

The SVP survey is administered every other year by all SUNY campuses, who work closely with SUNY System Administration to coordinate the survey administration itself. An effort is made to keep the questions from one administration to the next as consistent as possible to allow for reliable and meaningful longitudinal data. System-wide IRB review takes place for each survey administration.

SUNY Schenectady administered the student survey between employee survey between March 28, 2023 and April 18, 2023. Excluded survey populations were individuals under 18 years of age, all incarcerated individuals regardless of age, and all students concurrently enrolled in high school regardless of age.

They survey was sent to all eligible participants via college-issued email and no incentives were offered for participation.

Through the administration of this survey, the college identifies general awareness of services, responsibilities of reporting individuals, and rights of victims. Any gaps in knowledge identified through the survey will inform the work of the Title IX Coordinator.

Results

Category	Total	Responses	Response Rate
Student	1382	130	9%
Faculty	140	51	36%
Staff	276	86	31%

Regulatory Topic / Thematic Area	Student Tableau tab (in bold), followed by survey question(s)	Faculty / Staff Tableau tab (in bold), followed by survey question(s)
<i>The Title IX Coordinator's role</i>	<p>Awareness of Policies Do you know how to contact the Title IX Coordinator? * 22.3%, Yes * 46.9%, No * 22.3%, Not sure</p> <p>To whom can a victim/survivor or witness formally disclose a sexual assault on campus? * 41.5% Title IX Coordinator * 53.1% Campus Security * 46.2% Counseling Center * 30.8% Advocacy Services * 33.8% Student Affairs * 41.5% Health Center * 31.5% Affirmative Action * 33.1% Human Resources</p> <p>Which are the roles of a Title IX Coordinator in regards to sex discrimination/sexual assault/sexual misconduct? * 32.3% Receiving reports * 26.2% Coordinating campus response * 29.2% Providing training and education * 28.5% Accommodations during investigations</p>	<p>Policy Awareness 2 Do you know how to contact the Title IX Coordinator? * 66.4%, Yes * 10.9%, No * 19.0%, Not Sure</p> <p>To whom can a victim/survivor or witness formally disclose a sexual assault on campus? * 81.0% Title IX Coordinator * 75.9% Campus Security * 72.3% Counseling Center * 52.6% Advocacy Services * 52.6% Student Affairs * 59.1% Health Center * 47.4% Affirmative Action * 67.2% Human Resources</p> <p>Which are the roles of a Title IX Coordinator in regards to sex discrimination/sexual assault/sexual misconduct? * 77.4% Receiving reports * 71.5% Coordinating campus response * 65.7% Providing training and education * 63.5% Accommodations during investigations</p>
<i>Campus policies and procedures addressing sexual assault</i>	<p>Awareness of Policies My campus has policies and procedures specifically addressing sexual assault. * 56.9%, Yes * 01.5%, No * 35.4%, Not sure</p> <p>Have you received written and/or verbal information from anyone at your campus about the following? * 20.8%, Definition of sexual assault * 20.0%, How to report sexual assault * 22.3%, Where to go to if sexually assaulted * 20.8%, Whom to speak with confidentially * 20.0%, Policies prohibiting sexual assault * 53.8%, Have not received information</p> <p>Do you know about SUNY's alcohol and/or drug use amnesty policy in reporting sexual violence? * 30.8%, Yes * 34.6%, No * 15.4%, Not sure</p>	<p>Policy Awareness 1 My campus has policies and procedures specifically addressing sexual assault. * 89.1%, Yes * 0.70%, No * 8.00%, Not sure</p> <p>Have you received written and/or verbal information from anyone at your campus about the following? * 75.9%, Definition of sexual assault * 78.1%, How to report sexual assault * 73.0%, Where to go to if sexually assaulted * 70.1%, Whom to speak with confidentially * 74.5%, Policies prohibiting sexual assault * 12.4%, Have not received information</p> <p>Do you know about SUNY's alcohol and/or drug use amnesty policy in reporting sexual violence? * 51.1%, Yes * 27.7%, No * 16.8%, Not sure</p>
<i>How and where to report sexual violence as a victim/survivor or witness</i>	<p>Awareness of Policies Which of the following incidents do you know how to report to the college? * 36.2%, Sexual Assault * 37.7%, Sexual Harassment * 31.5%, Domestic/Dating Violence</p>	<p>Policy Awareness 1 Which of the following incidents do you know how to report to the College? * 78.8%, Sexual Assault * 83.9%, Sexual Harassment * 68.6%, Domestic/Dating Violence</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 28.5%, Stalking * 44.6%, Do not know how to report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 65.7%, Stalking * 10.9%, Do not know how to report <p>Student Incidents To which office(s) did you report the most recent disclosed incident?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Title IX Coordinator * Campus Safety * Student Affairs * Human Resources <p>Unwanted Sexual Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 06.6%, Yes * 78.8%, No * 02.9%, Prefer not to respond
<i>The availability of resources on and off campus, such as counseling, health, academic assistance</i>	<p>Please indicate your awareness of the following on-campus and community resources?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 23.8%, Office of Student Conduct * 13.8%, Local crisis center * 09.2%, Local advocacy center * 26.9%, Local health services * 39.2%, University police or public safety * 15.4%, Peer counselors * 10.8%, Campus advocacy services * 32.3%, Counseling center * 18.5%, Campus health services * 09.2%, Health educator * 18.5%, Human Resources staff * 40.0%, Local police or Sheriff * 10.8%, None of the above 	<p>Please indicate your awareness of the following on-campus and community resources?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 50.4%, Office of Student Conduct * 25.5%, Local crisis center * 21.2%, Local advocacy center * 46.0%, Local health services * 74.5%, University police or public safety * 22.6%, Peer counselors * 29.2%, Campus advocacy services * 60.6%, Counseling center * 20.4%, Campus health services * 08.8%, Health educator * 79.6%, Human Resources staff * 02.9%, None of the above
<i>The prevalence of victimization and perpetration of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on and off campus during a set time period (for example, the last two years)</i>	<p>Incidents DB During the last year, have you experience any of the following...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Unwanted sexual comments, slurs, or demeaning jokes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 06.9%, Yes > 56.2%, No > 02.3, Prefer not to answer * Someone viewing your sexual activity or nakedness, or taking explicit pictures or recordings, without your consent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 02.3%, Yes > 59.2%, No > 02.3%, Prefer not to answer * Unwanted sexually suggestive digital communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 06.9%, Yes > 53.8%, No > 01.5%, Prefer not to answer <p>During the last year, has someone....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fondled, kissed, or rubbed up against the private areas of your body even though you did not give consent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 60.8%, No > 01.5%, Attempted, but not completed 	<p>Student Incidents During the last year, have any students disclosed to you that they were a victim of an unwanted sexual experience, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, regardless of where such incident is reported to have occurred?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 08.0%, Yes * 73.7%, No * 02.9%, Prefer not to respond <p>Unwanted Sexual Comments During the last year, have you experienced unwanted sexual comments, sexual slurs, or demeaning jokes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 06.6%, Yes * 78.8%, No * 02.9%, Prefer not to respond <p>Unwanted Digital Communications During the last year, have you received unwanted sexually suggestive digital communications, either words or images or both, including emails, texts, social medial communications, or in letters or written communications?</p>

	<p>> 02.3%, Prefer not to answer * Removed some of your clothes even though you did not give consent: > 61.5%, No > 00.8%, Attempted, but not completed > 02.3%, Prefer not to answer * Performed oral sex on you or forced you to perform oral sex even though you did not give consent: > 62.3%, No > 02.3%, Prefer not to answer * Sexually penetrated you or were you made to penetrate even though you did not give consent: > 62.3%, No > 02.3%, Prefer not to answer</p> <p>Domestic Partner In the last year, has an intimate partner... * Scratched, slapped, hit, kicked, beaten, punched, or physically harmed you: > 02.3%, Yes > 60.8%, No > 00.8%, Prefer not to answer * Threatened to hurt you, your family/friends, or themselves in order to influence you: > 02.3%, Yes > 59.2%, No > 01.5%, Prefer not to answer * Controlled or tried to control you in the past year: > 02.3%, Yes > 60.0%, No > 01.5%, Prefer not to answer</p> <p>Stalking In the past year, has anyone-from stranger to a friend or current or ex-partner- repeatedly followed you, watched you, texted, called, written, e-mailed, or communicated with you in ways that seemed obsessive and made you afraid or concerned or your safety? * 03.8%, Yes * 58.5%, No * 02.3%, Prefer not to answer</p>	<p>* 01.5%, Yes * 83.2%, No * 01.5%, Prefer not to respond</p>
<p><i>Bystander attitudes and behavior</i></p>	<p>Incidents – Tell Did any of the following thoughts or concerns cross your mind when you decided not to report or otherwise share your experience? * 01.5%, Did not recognize it as sexual assault at the time * 00.8%, Did not recognize it as domestic/dating violence at the time</p>	<p>Readiness to help The following items relate to your understanding of a fellow employee’s willingness to help if they become aware of an incident. You may interpret the phrase “do something” to mean acting in some way, such as asking for help, creating a distraction, or talking directly. * Call for help if they hear a neighbor yelling: > 51.1%, Very likely</p>

	<p>* 00.8%, Feared the person who did it would try to hurt them again in some way</p> <p>* 00.8%, Did not trust the police to take appropriate action</p> <p>* 01.5%, Just did not want to deal with it</p> <p>* 00.8%, Was concerned that others would find out</p> <p>* 02.3%, Did not think it was important enough</p> <p>* 00.8%, Was ashamed or embarrassed</p> <p>* 00.8%, Did not think they would be believed</p> <p>* 02.3%, None of the above</p> <p>Change of Plans Have any incidents disclosed in this survey caused you to modify your education plans?</p> <p>* Transfer > 10.0%, No</p> <p>* Leave school > 10.0%, No</p> <p>* Change academic program > 10.0%, No</p> <p>Change academic schedule or housing > 10.0%, No</p> <p>Student College Response Indicate how likely or unlikely you think a fellow student is to do the following:</p> <p>* Express their discomfort if someone make a joke about a person's body: > 10.0%, Very likely > 14.6%, Likely > 23.8%, Don't know > 10.8%, Unlikely > 02.3%, Very unlikely</p> <p>* Call for help if they hear a neighbor yelling for help: > 15.4%, Very likely > 14.6%, Likely > 18.5%, Don't know > 09.2%, Unlikely > 02.3%, Very unlikely</p> <p>* Get help and resources for a friend who tells them that they have been assaulted: > 20.8%, Very likely > 17.7%, Likely > 16.2%, Don't know > 04.6%, Unlikely > 01.5%, Very unlikely</p> <p>If you or a friend filed a formal complaint of sexual violence on your campus, do you think your college would...? * Take the report seriously > 28.5%, Strongly agree > 24.6%, Agree > 06.2%, Neither agree or disagree</p>	<p>> 24.1%, Likely > 11.7%, Don't know</p> <p>* Talk to a student who they suspect is in an abusive relationship: > 21.2%, Very likely > 40.1%, Likely > 20.4%, Don't know > 03.6%, Unlikely > 00.7%, Very unlikely</p> <p>* Get help and resources for a friend who tells them that they have been assaulted: > 43.1%, Very likely > 31.4%, Likely > 09.5%, Don't know > 02.2%, Unlikely</p> <p>* Tell a campus authority about information they have that might help in a sexual assault case even if pressured by their friends to stay silent: > 31.4%, Very likely > 33.6%, Likely > 19.0%, Don't know > 00.7%, Unlikely > 00.7%, Very unlikely</p>
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<p><i>Whether victims/survivors reported to the College/University and/or police, and reasons why they did or did not report</i></p>	<p>Incidents – Perpetrator Did you tell anyone about the most recent incident?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 02.3%, Yes * 06.9%, No * 01.5%, Prefer not to respond <p>Incidents – Tell Who did you tell about the most recent incident?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 00.8%, Resource outside the college * 00.8%, Other * 02.3%, Friend * 00.8%, Parent or guardian * 00.8%, Other family member <p>Did you file a formal complaint about this incident with anyone at the college?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 02.3%, No <p>Domestic Partner Did you tell anyone about the most recent incident (intimate partner)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 00.8%, Yes * 02.3%, No * 01.5%, Prefer not to respond <p>Stalking Did you tell anyone about the most recent incident?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 03.1%, Yes <p>Who did you tell about the most recent incident?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 00.8%, Campus counselor * 00.8%, Resource outside the college * 01.5%, Other * 03.1%, Friend * 01.5%, Romantic partner * 02.3%, Parent or guardian * 00.8% Other family member <p>Did you file a formal complaint about this incident with anyone at the college?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 00.8%, Yes 	<p>Student Incidents For the most recent disclosed incident, did you report the disclosure to the Title IX Coordinator, Campus Police/Public Safety, Student Affairs, or another office on campus?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 05.1%, Yes * 00.7%, No * 00.7%, Prefer not to respond <p>To which office(s) did you report the most recent disclosed incident?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 02.9%, Title IV Coordinator * 00.7%, University police or public safety * 00.7%, Counseling center * 02.2%, Student Affairs * 00.7%, Human Resources <p>Unwanted Sexual Comments Did you take any action after this experience/s?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 00.7%, Confronted the person who made the comment * 01.5%, Spoke to my chair/supervisor * 00.7%, I no longer go to that place/venue * 04.4%, No

	* 02.3%, No	
<i>The general awareness of the difference, if any, between the institution's policies and the penal law</i>	Awareness of Policies Do you know the difference between the college disciplinary process and the criminal justice system? * 50.8%, Yes * 18.5%, No * 13.1%, Not sure	Policy Awareness 1 Do you know the difference between the college disciplinary process and the criminal justice system? * 81.8%, Yes * 04.4%, No * 09.5%, Not sure
<i>The general awareness of the definition of affirmative consent</i>	Awareness of Policies Do you know the definition of Affirmative Consent? * 59.2%, Yes * 11.5%, No * 13.8%, Not sure Can someone who is incapacitated provide consent? * 05.4%, Yes * 63.8%, No * 13.8%, Not sure	Policy Awareness 1 Do you know the definition of Affirmative Consent? * 87.6%, Yes * 02.9%, No * 05.1%, Not sure Can someone who is incapacitated provide consent? * 03.6%, Yes * 85.4%, No * 06.6%, Not sure

Discussion and next steps

The survey responses indicate that sexual violence is not a common occurrence at SUNY Schenectady. While this is notable, we would like to see the response rate increase in future distributions of this survey to ensure this conclusion is accurate. Even with the low number of incidents, it is still important that everyone in our college community is aware of the services available to victims, how to report incidents, how incidents will be investigated, and how the college will support victims.

The Title IX Coordinator holds primary responsibility to educate students on Title IX. Human resources holds primary responsibility to educate faculty and staff. All faculty and staff have annual training requirements and Title IX is incorporated into this training. This may be the reason we see greater awareness across faculty and staff. Efforts are underway to work with the Student Government Association, student clubs, and Student Affairs to increase awareness across the student body.