

D'YOUVILLE

Campus Climate Survey

INTRODUCTION AND RESPONSE RATE

As required by New York State Law 129B, Clery federal reporting requirements and because the safety of our college community is a priority, D'Youville University conducted a campus climate survey. An invitation to participate in the climate survey was sent to the student body via email and an invitation was done via the Student Activities/Student Government Association Facebook page. These invitations were generated on April 7, 2021 and were repeatedly sent throughout the month of April and the first two weeks of May. The survey was voluntary and individual respondents were anonymous. Of the 2920 students who received the email invitation, 84 students participated comprising a 12% response rate.

The response rate of students across class years, racial identity and sexual orientation is in proportion to our student population. These factors allowed us to conclude that we have a representative sample of students who responded to the survey. *Data from a national survey of college women suggests that approximately 20% of the respondents experience sexual victimization at some time during their college years.* * Although we are below the national average, as an institution we continue to educate and adjudicate to try to reduce our percentage.

THE SURVEY

The survey began with this introduction:

This survey is intended to gather information about sexual and interpersonal violence and knowledge of related policies and resources on your campus. The questionnaire takes about 15 minutes to complete. and your participation is voluntary. Your responses will be helpful to our campus as we are committed to ensuring a safe, healthy, and nondiscriminatory environment for our students.

Your responses will be confidential. *Your responses will be reported in terms of groups of students rather than as individuals. Some of the questions will ask about sexual and personal information. Some individuals might experience emotional discomfort while answering some of the questions.*

You may choose not to answer particular questions or stop taking the survey at any time. If you would like to continue, clicking on the link below will take you back to the survey.

All students who complete the survey will be entered into a chance to win one of three \$100 Visa Giftcards!

The survey consisted of 19 questions and included questions in the following areas:

- General Climate of the campus as it pertains to employee interaction with students and their treatment of students; students believing they are a part of a community; their sense of safety on campus; the response of college officials in the event of a crisis; and support systems
- Perceptions of leadership, policies and reporting as they pertain to: the response of college officials to reports of sexual assault, sharing information in the appropriate manner, taking steps to ensure the safety/wellbeing of the person making the report and taking corrective action to address factors that may have led to the sexual assault

- Receiving training in policies and procedures as they pertain to reporting sexual assault, confidential resources and procedures for investigating a report; and knowing where to get help
- Student experiences and perceptions as they relate to sexual assault, harassment and relationship violence on and off campus
- Campus policies, procedures and the promotion of healthy programs and activities for students

RESPONSES TO KEY QUESTIONS

My campus has policies and procedures specifically addressing sexual assault

- 1.2% - No
- 11.9% - Not Sure
- 70% - Yes

Do you know how to contact the Title IX Coordinator?

- 22.6% - No
- 19% - Not Sure
- 42.9% - Yes

Have you received written (Brochures/Emails) and/or verbal information (e.g., presentations, training) from anyone at your campus about the following? (Check all that apply)

- 51.2% - How to report sexual assault
- 48.8% - Policies prohibiting sexual assault
- 54.8% - The definition of sexual assault
- 21.4% - To my knowledge, I have not received information regarding any of the above
- 54.8% - To whom you can speak confidentially about a sexual assault
- 54.8% - Where to go to get help if you or someone you know is sexually assaulted

Do you know the definition of Affirmative Consent?

- 6% - No
- 10.7% - Unsure
- 67.9% - Yes

Do you know about D'Youville's alcohol and/or drug use amnesty policy in reporting sexual violence?

- 28.6% - No
- 11.9% - Not Sure
- 31% - Yes

During the last year, have you experienced any of the following:

Unwanted sexual comments, sexual slurs or demeaning jokes

- 28.6% - Yes
- 31% - No
- 1.2% - Prefer Not to Answer

Someone viewing your sexual activity or nakedness without your consent

- 6% - Yes
- 65.5% - No
- 1.2% - Prefer Not to Answer

Unwanted sexual suggestive digital communications, either words or images

16.7% - Yes

31% - No

2.4% - Prefer Not to Answer

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

32.1% - Strongly Agree

27.4% - Agree

Conduct a fair investigation

20.2% - Strongly Agree

32.1% - Agree

Provide the student with necessary support during the process

26.2% - Strongly Agree

34.5% - Agree

Full Climate Survey and Results

For a complete review of the survey in its entirety please click [this link](#)

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*Fisher B, Cullen FT, Turner MG. The sexual victimization of college women. 2000. [Accessed October 4, 2008]; U.S. Department of Justice, NIJ 182369. 2003 Available at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/182369.pdf>.