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Executive Summary

The Chancellor's Task Force on Sexual and Relationship Violence, in consultation with the Office of Institutional Research, conducted the Syracuse University Survey on Sexual and Relationship Violence in 2020. This survey, which was also administered in 2018, focused on four aspects of sexual and relationship violence: sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and sexual harassment. This effort aligns with New York State's Enough is Enough legislation, which requires that all public and private institutions conduct this type of survey every other year and create greater awareness of University policies and resources.

The survey was distributed to a sample of 3994 undergraduate, graduate, and law students who were enrolled at Syracuse University during the spring 2020 semester. The sample was stratified by type of student (undergraduate, graduate, or law), gender, race/ethnicity, class year (for undergraduate and law students), and school/college to maximize the representativeness of the sample.

The survey was administered online by the Office of Institutional Research using the Qualtrics platform. It was open from February 17 through March 8, 2020. A total of 1161 students responded to the survey, for a response rate of 29 percent. Women were more likely to complete the survey than men (33 percent to 25 percent). Hispanic and Black students were least likely to complete the survey (24 and 23 percent, respectively), as were students in Falk and Architecture (both 23 percent).

Given that less than one in three of the sampled students responded, results should be viewed with a degree of caution.

Key findings from the survey include:

- Nearly 70 percent of students who completed the survey said they knew where they could get help if they or a friend were sexually assaulted.
- About 65 percent said they had a general understanding of Syracuse University's procedures for addressing sexual and relationship violence.
- About 51 percent had a general understanding of the role of the University's Title IX coordinator.

The key takeaways for each of the survey's focus areas are:

Sexual Assault

- About 23 percent indicated that they had witnessed a situation at Syracuse University that they thought might lead to sexual assault.
- About 19 percent reported having experienced sexual contact without their consent since coming to Syracuse University.
- About 65 percent told someone about the incident. Most often, the victim confided in a friend other than their roommate (90 percent) or a roommate (59 percent). (Respondents may have told multiple people.)
- Almost all (95 percent) said they did not file a report.
- Almost half of respondents (46 percent) who reported experiencing a sexual assault reported that the assault was committed by a stranger. About one in three (34 percent) reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, while 31 percent reported being assaulted by a friend. (Respondents may have been assaulted more than one time.)

Stalking

- The most common forms of stalking were being followed or spied upon and being sent electronic or written correspondence that caused fear or harm. About 13 percent of respondents reported experiencing one or both of these behaviors while they were at Syracuse University.
- About half of respondents (54 percent) who experienced stalking behavior told someone about the incident. More than 80 percent told a close friend other than a roommate, 49 percent told a roommate, and 26 percent told a parent or guardian. (Respondents may have told multiple people.)
- More than 88 percent said they did not file a report.

Dating Violence

- About 24 percent of respondents indicated that they had been affected by dating violence since they became a student at this University. These behaviors included physical violence, threats, verbal abuse, and coercive behavior.
- Among those affected, less than 40 percent told someone about the incident. About 90 percent told a close friend other than a roommate, 52 percent told a roommate, and 38 percent told a parent or guardian. (Respondents may have told multiple people.)
- Nearly all victims (96 percent) said they did not file a report.

Sexual Harassment

- About 17 percent of respondents reported that they had experienced sexual harassment during their time at Syracuse University.
- The majority of respondents who reported being harassed reported that the harassment was by a stranger (73 percent). However, a substantial number of respondents who reported being harassed said it was done by an acquaintance (26 percent) or a friend (24 percent).
- More than half (55 percent) of the respondents who reported being sexually harassed told someone about the incident. Nearly 90 percent told a close friend other than roommate, and 60 percent told a roommate. (Respondents may have told multiple people.)
- Nearly all victims (97 percent) said they did not file a report.

Section 1: Sexual and Relationship Violence Awareness

Have you witnessed a situation at Syracuse University that you thought might lead to a sexual assault?

Total Respondents	Yes	No	Unsure
1160	23.3%	60.3%	16.4%

In response to this (these) situation(s): (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Percent Yes	Sub Question	Percent
1160	23.3%	I asked the person who appeared to be at risk if they needed help.	63.7%
		I stepped in, or asked others to step in, to separate or distract the people involved in the situation.	50.4%
		I confronted the person who appeared to be causing the situation.	24.8%
		I considered intervening in the situation, but I could not safely take any action.	17.8%
		I told someone in a position of authority about the situation.	10.7%
		I decided not to take action.	10.4%
		Other	2.6%

Please read each of the following statements and select the response that best matches your opinion.

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Respondents
I feel that I have the ability to intervene in instances of rape culture and risky situations that could lead to sexual assault or sexual violence.	3.0%	7.8%	14.3%	49.7%	25.2%	1149
I would intervene if I heard people using language that promotes rape culture and violence.	1.7%	4.3%	16.2%	48.4%	29.5%	1147
I would intervene in possible cases of sexual or relationship violence when a friend of mine is in a dangerous or risky situation.	1.3%	0.5%	2.2%	23.5%	72.5%	1148
I would intervene in possible cases of sexual or relationship violence when someone I do not know is in a dangerous or risky situation.	1.4%	2.9%	18.8%	49.2%	27.7%	1146

Please read each of the following statements and select the response that best matches your opinion.

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Respondents
If a friend or I were assaulted, I know where to get help.	3.2%	12.6%	15.9%	45.7%	22.6%	1137
I have a general understanding of Syracuse University's policies and procedures addressing sexual and relationship violence.	3.6%	14.6%	17.0%	44.6%	20.2%	1136
I have a general understanding of the role of the Syracuse University Title IX Coordinator.	7.4%	24.3%	17.5%	35.1%	15.7%	1135

At Syracuse University, what does affirmative consent mean?

Defintion	Total Respondents	Percent
The only way to determine affirmative consent is by receiving a verbal "yes"	1128	52.8%
A voluntary and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity		44.9%
The lack of resistance to a sexual advance implies affirmative consent		1.2%
When a person does not say "no" or object to sexual advances		1.1%

Section 2: Non-Consensual Sexual Contact

Question	Yes	No	Not Sure	Total Respondents
Did you experience sexual contact without your consent before you became a student at Syracuse University?	26.0%	70.0%	4.0%	1113
Have you experienced sexual contact without your consent since you became a student at Syracuse University?	19.1%	78.5%	2.3%	1113

The questions below ask about non-consensual sexual contact that involved force or threats of force against you. Force could include someone holding you down with their body weight, pinning your arms, hitting or kicking you, or using or threatening to use a weapon against you.

Question	Yes	No	Not Sure	Prefer not to answer	Total Respondents
Since you became a student at Syracuse, has anyone had non-consensual sexual contact with you by using physical force or threatening to physically harm you?	14.5%	65.1%	10.6%	9.8%	235
Since you became a student at Syracuse, has anyone attempted but not succeeded in having sexual contact with you by using or threatening to use physical force against you or threatening to physically harm you?	20.7%	66.2%	8.0%	5.1%	237

The next set of questions ask about non-consensual sexual contact resulting from verbal or nonphysical coercion. Coercion in this context is defined as unwanted sexual activity that happens when you are pressured, tricked, threatened, or forced in a nonphysical way.

Question	Yes	No	Not Sure	Prefer not to answer	Total Respondents
Since you became a student at Syracuse, has anyone had non-consensual sexual contact with you by using coercion?	34.6%	50.6%	11.0%	3.8%	237
Since you became a student at Syracuse, has anyone attempted but not succeeded in having sexual contact with you by using coercion?	42.6%	42.2%	11.0%	4.2%	237

The next set of questions ask about your experiences with non-consensual sexual contact while you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because your ability to consent was diminished. A person's ability to consent to sexual activity may be diminished or impossible when they are intoxicated by alcohol or drugs, passed out, or asleep. These situations might include times you voluntarily consumed alcohol or drugs or times you were given drugs without your knowledge or consent.

Question	Yes	No	Not Sure	Prefer not to answer	Total Respondents
Since you became a student at Syracuse, has someone had sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because your ability to consent was diminished? This question asks about incidents that you are certain happened.	31.6%	54.0%	11.0%	3.4%	237

The next set of questions relates to any of the types of incidents described above where someone had non-consensual sexual contact with you while you were a student at Syracuse.

Question	1 time	2 times	3 times	4 or more times	Total Respondents
Since you have been a student at Syracuse, how many times have you experienced these incident(s)?	46.2%	32.0%	9.8%	12.0%	225

When did the incident(s) occur? (Please check all that apply.)

Undergraduate first year	Undergraduate second year	Undergraduate third year	Undergraduate fourth year	Graduate Student	While studying abroad
71.0%	43.9%	14.9%	8.1%	3.6%	4.1%

Who had this non-consensual sexual contact with you? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
220	Stranger	45.5%
	Acquaintance	34.1%
	Non-romantic friend	31.4%
	Casual or first date	17.3%
	Ex-dating/romantic partner	12.7%
	Current dating/romantic partner	4.5%
	Coworker	0.9%
	College staff	0.9%
	Family member	0.5%
	Other (please specify)	3.6%

Where did the incident(s) occur? You may use the open-ended text field to specify the location, if desired. (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
218	Local off campus: buildings or spaces near Syracuse University but not affiliated with the school (e.g., private apartment, bar/club)	52.8%
	On campus: buildings or spaces owned by, or affiliated with, Syracuse University (e.g., residence hall, academic building, campus facility, or recognized sorority or fraternity house)	51.8%
	Other location (e.g., family home)	11.9%
	Other Syracuse University locations (e.g., Study Abroad, learning centers in NY, LA, and DC)	3.2%
	Please specify location, if desired	4.1%

Please keep in mind that you are in no way responsible for the incident(s) that occurred, even if you had been drinking or using drugs. Did the incident(s) involve _____? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
219	The other person's use of alcohol	63.5%
	Your use of alcohol	58.0%
	The other person's use of other drugs	17.8%
	No alcohol or drug use indicated	11.0%
	Your use of other drugs	6.8%
	Not sure	16.9%

Did you tell anyone about the incident(s)?

Total Respondents	Yes	No
219	65.3%	34.7%

Who did you tell about the incident(s)? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
143	Close friend other than roommate	89.5%
	Roommate	59.4%
	Dating/romantic partner	17.5%
	Parent or guardian	14.0%
	Other family member	11.2%
	Barnes Center/Counseling/Sexual and Relationship Violence Response Team	11.2%
	Other confidential support services (Hendricks Chapel or Health Services provider)	4.2%
	Title IX Coordinator/Equal Opportunity, Inclusion, and Resolution Services (EOIRS)	2.8%
	Faculty member	2.1%
	Staff person	2.1%
	Department of Public Safety	1.4%
	Other (please specify)	4.2%

How did you find out about the on- or off-campus resource(s) you contacted? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
25	Friend/roommate/family member	52.0%
	Restroom sticker	24.0%
	Peer advisor/educator	16.0%
	Presentation/training	8.0%
	Internet search (e.g., Google, Syracuse.edu)	4.0%
	Flyer/handout	4.0%
	Other (please specify)	8.0%
	I do not remember	12.0%

There are a lot of good reasons why you would tell someone about an incident of non-consensual sexual contact. What were your reasons for sharing? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
140	I wanted to talk to someone that knows me	51.4%
	I wanted to talk to someone that would understand me	50.0%
	I wanted comfort	46.4%
	I wanted support	45.7%
	I did not want to deal with it alone	32.9%
	I knew that the person I talked with would understand	29.3%
	I wanted guidance on how to navigate the situation	27.9%
	I knew this was serious enough to talk about	22.9%
	I felt like the person I spoke with could help me	18.6%
	I wanted to prevent the person(s) from hurting someone else	16.4%
	Other (please specify)	7.9%

There are a lot of good reasons why someone may not tell anyone about an incident of non-consensual sexual contact. What were your reasons? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
73	I didn't think what happened was serious enough to talk about	56.2%
	It's a private matter—wanted to deal with it on my own	41.1%
	I had other things that needed my attention (e.g., classes, work)	35.6%
	I didn't want others to worry about me	32.9%
	I wanted to forget it happened	32.9%
	I didn't think others would think it was serious	27.4%
	I didn't think others would think it was important	27.4%
	I was ashamed/embarrassed	20.5%
	I thought nothing would be done	20.5%
	I didn't want the person who did it to get in trouble	20.5%
	I didn't think others would understand	17.8%
	I was afraid of retaliation from the person who did it	17.8%
	I thought I would be blamed for what happened	17.8%
	I was afraid of not being believed	15.1%
	I was afraid others would harass me or react negatively toward me	12.3%
	Other (please specify)	9.6%

Did the incident(s) have a negative impact on any of the following? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
208	Your emotional or mental health	55.8%
	Intimate relationships	37.5%
	Social relationships	36.1%
	Schoolwork	27.4%
	Social/recreational activities	27.4%
	Your physical health	10.6%
	Job	7.7%
	Family relationships	7.7%
	Other (please specify)	1.4%
	None of the above	30.8%

Did you file a report of the incident(s) to any of the following resources? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
211	I did not file a report	94.8%
	Syracuse University Department of Public Safety	2.8%
	Title IX Coordinator (Equal Opportunity, Inclusion, and Resolution Services Office)	1.4%
	Syracuse Police Department, New York State Police, or other police agency	0.5%
	Other (please specify)	2.4%

Total Respondents	Question	No	Yes
11	Did you file a formal complaint with the University's Title IX Coordinator/Officer for the purpose of investigation and formal resolution through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Human Resources or Academic Affairs?	90.9%	9.1%

NOTE Data for the two following questions, “Do you feel that you were treated fairly through the University’s formal complaint resolution process?” and “To what extent did the University’s formal complaint resolution process help you deal with the incident?” are suppressed as the questions had a small number of respondents.

Non-Consensual Sexual Contact Part 2

A person’s ability to consent to sexual activity may be diminished or impossible when they are intoxicated by alcohol or drugs, passed out, or asleep. Have you ever taken sexual advantage of someone while their ability to consent was diminished or impossible?

Total Respondents	Yes	No	Not sure
1093	1.7%	95.9%	2.4%

When did the incident(s) occur? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Before I was in college	Undergraduate first year	Undergraduate second year	Undergraduate third year
12	50.0%	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%

How many times have you engaged in this behavior?

Total Respondents	1 time	2 times	3 times	4 or more times
12	66.7%	16.7%	8.3%	8.3%

Have you ever pressured or forced someone into sexual contact without that person’s explicit consent (e.g., used physical force or threatened to physically harm them or used intimidation)?

Total Respondents	No	Not sure	Yes
1090	98.9%	0.9%	0.2%

NOTE: Data for the two following questions asking respondents when and how many times the above incidents occurred have been suppressed due to the small number of respondents.

Section 3: Unwanted Communication or Behavior

This section asks questions about experiences you might have had in romantic or intimate relationships and other forms of social contact (from strangers, friends, relatives, spouses, and/or partners) since you became a student at Syracuse. Please do not refer to relationships or contact prior to your time at Syracuse.

Not including bill collectors, telephone solicitors, or other sales people, has anyone, of any gender, ever:

Question	Yes	No	Not sure	Total Respondents
Intentionally followed or spied on you?	13.1%	69.4%	17.5%	1072
Sent you unsolicited electronic or written correspondence that caused fear or harm?	12.5%	83.1%	4.4%	1072
Made repeated unsolicited phone calls to you that caused fear or harm?	5.9%	90.7%	3.5%	1072
Showed up at places where you were even though they had no business being there?	9.8%	85.8%	4.4%	1072
Left several unwanted items for you to find that caused fear or harm?	2.0%	95.2%	2.8%	1072
Tried to communicate in other ways against your will and for no legitimate purpose?	7.8%	88.9%	3.3%	1072
Vandalized your property or destroyed something you loved?	3.1%	93.7%	3.3%	1072

Since you have been a student at Syracuse, how many times have you experienced these incidents?

Total Respondents	1 time	2 times	3 times	4 or more times
251	49.0%	29.5%	10.4%	11.2%

When did the incident(s) occur? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
246	Undergraduate first year	52.4%
	Undergraduate second year	26.0%
	Undergraduate third year	15.9%
	Undergraduate fourth year	8.5%
	Undergraduate fifth year or later	0.8%
	Graduate Student	20.7%
	While studying abroad	2.0%

Did you tell anyone about the incident(s)?

Total Respondents	Yes	No
250	53.6%	46.4%

Who did you tell about the incident? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
134	Close friend other than roommate	82.1%
	Roommate	48.5%
	Parent or guardian	26.1%
	Dating/romantic partner	19.4%
	Department of Public Safety	11.9%
	Other family member	8.2%
	Faculty member	7.5%
	Barnes Center/Counseling/Sexual and Relationship Violence Response Team	6.7%
	Title IX Coordinator/Equal Opportunity, Inclusion, and Resolution Services (EOIRS)	4.5%
	Staff person	4.5%
	Other (please specify)	6.0%

How did you find out about the on- or off-campus resource(s) you contacted? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
31	Friend/roommate/family member	29.0%
	Restroom sticker	16.1%
	Presentation/training	16.1%
	Peer advisor/educator	16.1%
	Internet search (e.g., Google, Syracuse.edu)	9.7%
	Student employee	9.7%
	Flyer/handout	3.2%
	Other (please specify)	35.5%
	I do not remember	12.9%

There are a lot of good reasons why you would tell someone about incidents of this nature. What were your reasons for sharing? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
134	I wanted support	53.0%
	I did not want to deal with it alone	48.5%
	I wanted comfort	41.8%
	I wanted to talk to someone that knows me	38.8%
	I wanted guidance on how to navigate the situation	33.6%
	I wanted to talk to someone that would understand me	33.6%
	I knew this was serious enough to talk about	32.8%
	I wanted to prevent the person(s) from hurting someone else	25.4%
	I felt like the person I spoke with could help me	23.1%
	Other (please specify)	9.7%

There are a lot of good reasons why someone may not tell anyone about incidents of this nature. What were your reasons? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
116	It's a private matter—wanted to deal with it on my own	52.6%
	I didn't think what happened was serious enough to talk about	35.3%
	I had other things that needed my attention (e.g., classes, work)	24.1%
	I didn't think others would think it was serious	21.6%
	I thought nothing would be done	19.8%
	I didn't want others to worry about me	16.4%
	I wanted to forget it happened	16.4%
	I was ashamed/embarrassed	15.5%
	I didn't think others would think it was important	14.7%
	I didn't want the person who did it to get in trouble	13.8%
	I was afraid of retaliation from the person who did it	12.9%
	I was afraid of not being believed	10.3%
	I thought I would be blamed for what happened	6.9%
	I didn't think others would understand	6.0%
	I was afraid others would harass me or react negatively toward me	6.0%
	Other (please specify)	5.2%

Did the incident(s) have a negative impact on any of the following? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
246	Your emotional or mental health	44.7%
	Social relationships	35.0%
	Schoolwork	26.8%
	Social/recreational activities	25.6%
	Intimate relationships	22.8%
	Job	12.6%
	Your physical health	7.7%
	Family relationships	5.7%
	Other (please specify)	2.8%
	None of the above	32.9%

Did you file a report of the incident(s) to any of the following resources? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
246	I did not file a report	88.6%
	Syracuse University Department of Public Safety	5.7%
	Title IX Coordinator (Equal Opportunity, Inclusion, and Resolution Services Office)	2.4%
	Syracuse Police Department, New York State Police, or other police agency	1.2%
	Other (please specify)	3.7%

Total Respondents	Question	No	Yes
26	Did you file a formal complaint with the University's Title IX Coordinator/Officer for the purpose of investigation and formal resolution through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Human Resources or Academic Affairs?	84.6%	15.4%

NOTE Data for the two following questions, “Do you feel that you were treated fairly through the University’s formal complaint resolution process?” and “To what extent did the University’s formal complaint resolution process help you deal with the incident?” are suppressed as the questions had a small number of respondents.

Section 4: Behaviors in Relationships

Have you been in a romantic or intimate relationship since you became a student at Syracuse?

Total Respondents	Yes	No	Not sure
1069	61.6%	36.3%	2.2%

This page reviews a list of behaviors that some students report have been used by their partners in current or previous relationships. We would like you to estimate how often the following behaviors have occurred during a relationship you've had since you became a student at Syracuse.

Select a response for each of the items listed below to show your closest estimate of how often your partner(s) have used any of the following behaviors in your current and/or previous relationship(s) since you became a student at Syracuse.

Question	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Very frequently	Prefer not to answer	Total Respondents
Repeatedly called you a name and/or criticized you	66.9%	16.7%	8.6%	4.2%	1.9%	1.6%	671
Repeatedly tried to keep you from doing something you wanted to do (e.g., going out with friends, going to meetings)	69.3%	13.9%	7.6%	5.4%	2.7%	1.2%	670
Repeatedly put down your family and friends	79.0%	9.9%	6.6%	2.4%	0.9%	1.3%	670
Repeatedly accused you of paying too much attention to someone or something else	69.0%	11.8%	9.1%	5.4%	3.7%	1.0%	670
Pressured or forced you to sext or take naked photos	85.5%	6.7%	4.0%	1.5%	1.0%	1.2%	670
Intentionally drove recklessly when you were in the car to cause fear or harm	93.6%	3.4%	1.0%	0.3%	0.4%	1.2%	670

Select a response for each of the items listed below to show your closest estimate of how often your partner(s) have used any of the following behaviors in your current and/or previous relationship(s) since you became a student at Syracuse.

Question	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Very frequently	Prefer not to answer	Total Respondents
Repeatedly prevented you from having money for your own use	94.0%	3.0%	1.0%	0.4%	0.4%	1.0%	669
Threatened to hit or throw something at you	93.4%	3.4%	1.5%	0.3%	0.3%	1.0%	669
Pushed, grabbed, or shoved you	87.7%	8.1%	1.8%	0.9%	0.4%	1.0%	668
Slapped, hit, punched, or kicked you	93.5%	3.3%	0.9%	0.8%	0.3%	1.2%	666
Made you do something humiliating or degrading (e.g., begging for forgiveness, having to ask permission to do something you want to do)	89.8%	4.3%	1.8%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	667
Repeatedly and unreasonably checked up on you (e.g., listened to your phone calls, checked the mileage on your car, called you repeatedly during class)	88.8%	4.2%	2.8%	1.6%	1.5%	1.0%	667
Repeatedly pressured you to have sex in a way that you didnt like or want	86.2%	6.8%	3.8%	1.5%	0.9%	0.9%	665
Stopped you or tried to stop you from going to work or school	91.7%	3.8%	2.4%	0.9%	0.3%	0.9%	666
Pretended to choke or strangle you	91.7%	4.2%	1.8%	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	664

Select a response for each of the items listed below to show your closest estimate of how often your partner(s) have used any of the following behaviors in your current and/or previous relationship(s) since you became a student at Syracuse.

Question	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Very frequently	Prefer not to answer	Total Respondents
Said things to scare you (e.g., told you something bad would happen, threatened to commit suicide)	88.3%	5.2%	3.4%	1.0%	0.7%	1.2%	667
Threatened you with a knife, gun, or other weapon	97.3%	1.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.9%	667
Threw, hit, kicked, or smashed something	93.0%	3.1%	2.1%	0.3%	0.4%	1.0%	667
Physically forced you to have sex	96.1%	2.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.9%	666
Choked or strangled you	96.2%	1.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1.1%	666
Used a knife, gun, or other weapon against you	98.0%	0.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	1.1%	663

Since you have been a student at Syracuse, in how many relationships did you experience the incident(s)?

Total Respondents	1 relationship	2 relationships	3 relationships	4 or more relationships
159	79.2%	17.6%	1.3%	1.9%

When did the incident(s) occur? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Undergraduate first year	Undergraduate second year	Undergraduate third year	Undergraduate fourth year	Graduate student	While studying abroad
155	49.7%	38.1%	21.3%	12.9%	13.5%	3.2%

Did you tell anyone about the incident(s)?

Total Respondents	Yes	No
158	38.6%	61.4%

Who did you tell about the incident(s) that you marked in the chart above? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
61	Close friend other than roommate	90.2%
	Roommate	52.5%
	Parent or guardian	37.7%
	Dating/romantic partner	23.0%
	Other family member	16.4%
	Barnes Center/Counseling/Sexual and Relationship Violence Response Team	9.8%
	Department of Public Safety	6.6%
	Other confidential support services (Hendricks Chapel or Health Services provider)	6.6%
	Faculty member	4.9%
	Staff person	4.9%
	Title IX Coordinator/Equal Opportunity, Inclusion, and Resolution Services (EOIRS)	3.3%
	Other (please specify)	4.9%

How did you find out about the on- or off-campus resource(s) you contacted? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
16	Friend/roommate/family member	43.8%
	Internet search (e.g., Google, Syracuse.edu)	25.0%
	Restroom sticker	12.5%
	Presentation/training	12.5%
	Student employee	12.5%
	Flyer/handout	6.2%
	Other (please specify)	25.0%

There are a lot of good reasons why you would tell someone about an incident of this nature. What were your reasons for sharing? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
61	I wanted guidance on how to navigate the situation	52.5%
	I wanted support	52.5%
	I wanted comfort	52.5%
	I wanted to talk to someone that knows me	45.9%
	I felt like the person I spoke with could help me	41.0%
	I did not want to deal with it alone	37.7%
	I wanted to talk to someone that would understand me	37.7%
	I knew this was serious enough to talk about	26.2%
	I wanted to prevent the person(s) from hurting someone else	14.8%
	Other (please specify)	11.5%

There are a lot of good reasons why someone may not tell anyone about an incident of this nature. What were your reasons? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
90	It's a private matter—wanted to deal with it on my own	57.8%
	I had other things that needed my attention (e.g., classes, work)	35.6%
	I didn't think what happened was serious enough to talk about	35.6%
	I didn't want others to worry about me	28.9%
	I was ashamed/embarrassed	26.7%
	I didn't think others would think it was serious	21.1%
	I didn't think others would understand	21.1%
	I didn't think others would think it was important	20.0%
	I wanted to forget it happened	18.9%
	I didn't want the person who did it to get in trouble	16.7%
	I thought nothing would be done	12.2%
	I thought I would be blamed for what happened	11.1%
	I was afraid of retaliation from the person who did it	8.9%
	I was afraid others would harass me or react negatively toward me	7.8%
	I was afraid of not being believed	6.7%
	Other (please specify)	8.9%

Did the incident(s) that you marked in the chart above have a negative impact on any of the following? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
153	Your emotional or mental health	57.5%
	Social relationships	41.2%
	Intimate relationships	41.2%
	Schoolwork	36.6%
	Social/recreational activities	28.8%
	Your physical health	17.6%
	Job	15.0%
	Family relationships	12.4%
	Other (please specify)	1.3%
	None of the above	26.1%

Did you file a report of the incident(s) to any of the following resources? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
149	I did not file a report	96.0%
	Title IX Coordinator (Equal Opportunity, Inclusion, and Resolution Services Office)	1.3%
	Syracuse University Department of Public Safety	1.3%
	Syracuse Police Department, New York State Police, or other police agency	1.3%
	Other (please specify)	0.7%

NOTE Data for the three following questions, “Did you file a formal complaint with the University’s Title IX Coordinator/Officer for the purpose of investigation and formal resolution through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Human Resources or Academic Affairs?”, “Do you feel that you were treated fairly through the University’s formal complaint resolution process?”, and “To what extent did the University’s formal complaint resolution process help you deal with the incident?” are suppressed as the questions had a small number of respondents.

Section 5: Sexual Harassment

This section asks questions about experiences of sexual harassment you might have had during your time as a student at Syracuse. Sexual harassment can be defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where the behavior creates a hostile environment, or when it is made a term or condition of employment, education, living environment or participation in the University community.

Have you experienced sexual harassment during your time as a student at Syracuse?

Total Respondents	Yes	No	Not sure
1057	17.4%	79.6%	3.0%

Since you have been a student at Syracuse, how many times have you been sexually harassed?

Total Respondents	1 time	2 times	3 times	4 or more times
210	27.6%	23.3%	15.2%	33.8%

When did the incident(s) occur? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
208	Undergraduate first year	68.8%
	Undergraduate second year	51.0%
	Undergraduate third year	26.9%
	Undergraduate fourth year	19.2%
	Undergraduate fifth year or later	1.4%
	Graduate Student	11.1%
	While studying abroad	9.6%

Who sexually harassed you? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
208	Stranger	73.1%
	Acquaintance	26.0%
	Non-romantic friend	24.0%
	Casual or first date	7.7%
	Ex-dating/romantic partner	6.2%
	Coworker	5.8%
	Employer/supervisor	2.9%
	College staff	1.9%
	College professor/instructor	1.4%
	Current dating/romantic partner	0.5%
	Other (please specify)	4.8%

Did you tell anyone about the incident(s)?

Total Respondents	Yes	No
208	55.3%	44.7%

Who did you tell about the incident(s)? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
114	Close friend other than roommate	88.6%
	Roommate	59.6%
	Dating/romantic partner	20.2%
	Parent or guardian	17.5%
	Other family member	9.6%
	Staff person	6.1%
	Faculty member	4.4%
	Barnes Center/Counseling/Sexual and Relationship Violence Response Team	3.5%
	Department of Public Safety	2.6%
	Title IX Coordinator/Equal Opportunity, Inclusion, and Resolution Services (EOIRS)	2.6%
	Other confidential support services (Hendricks Chapel or Health Services provider)	0.9%
	Other (please specify)	2.6%

How did you find out about the on- or off-campus resource(s) you contacted? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
11	Friend/roommate/family member	36.4%
	Restroom sticker	27.3%
	Presentation/training	18.2%
	Internet search (e.g., Google, Syracuse.edu)	9.1%
	Flyer/handout	9.1%
	Student employee	9.1%
	Peer advisor/educator	9.1%
	Other (please specify)	27.3%

There are a lot of good reasons why you would tell someone about an incident of sexual harassment. What were your reasons for sharing? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
112	I wanted to talk to someone that would understand me	47.3%
	I wanted support	43.8%
	I wanted to talk to someone that knows me	42.9%
	I wanted comfort	42.9%
	I did not want to deal with it alone	27.7%
	I felt like the person I spoke with could help me	19.6%
	I knew this was serious enough to talk about	18.8%
	I wanted guidance on how to navigate the situation	17.9%
	I wanted to prevent the person(s) from hurting someone else	16.1%
	Other (please specify)	10.7%

There are a lot of good reasons why someone may not tell anyone about an incident of this nature. What were your reasons? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
93	I didn't think what happened was serious enough to talk about	43.0%
	I had other things that needed my attention (e.g., classes, work)	35.5%
	It's a private matter—wanted to deal with it on my own	28.0%
	I didn't think others would think it was serious	19.4%
	I was ashamed/embarrassed	17.2%
	I wanted to forget it happened	16.1%
	I didn't want others to worry about me	12.9%
	I thought nothing would be done	11.8%
	I didn't think others would think it was important	7.5%
	I was afraid of retaliation from the person who did it	7.5%
	I thought I would be blamed for what happened	7.5%
	I didn't want the person who did it to get in trouble	5.4%
	I was afraid of not being believed	4.3%
	I was afraid others would harass me or react negatively toward me	3.2%
	I didn't think others would understand	2.2%
Other (please specify)	10.8%	

Did the incident(s) of sexual harassment have a negative impact on any of the following? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
197	Your emotional or mental health	40.1%
	Social relationships	22.3%
	Social/recreational activities	19.8%
	Intimate relationships	17.8%
	Schoolwork	16.2%
	Job	10.2%
	Your physical health	6.6%
	Family relationships	4.6%
	Other (please specify)	1.5%
	None of the above	46.2%

Did you file a report of the incident(s) to any of the following resources? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
201	I did not file a report	96.5%
	Title IX Coordinator (Equal Opportunity, Inclusion, and Resolution Services Office)	1.5%
	Syracuse University Department of Public Safety	1.0%
	Syracuse Police Department, New York State Police, or other police agency	0.5%
	Other (please specify)	1.0%

Total Respondents	Question	No	Yes
7	Did you file a formal complaint with the University's Title IX Coordinator/Officer for the purpose of investigation and formal resolution through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Human Resources or Academic Affairs?	85.7%	14.3%

NOTE Data for the two following questions, “Do you feel that you were treated fairly through the University’s formal complaint resolution process?” and “To what extent did the University’s formal complaint resolution process help you deal with the incident?” are suppressed as the questions had a small number of respondents.

Section 6: Scenarios

Please read the following scenarios and then indicate your level of agreement with whether you believe the sex that occurred was consensual (meaning that both partners gave their consent to engage in sexual activity).

Question	Yes, the sex was definitely consensual	No, the sex was definitely not consensual	Unsure about whether the sex was consensual	Total Respondents
<p>M and J are dating. J is uncertain about whether they should have sex, but M pressures J and finally obtains J's agreement. As they engage in sex, J says "wait-stop-that hurts." M nonetheless continues for several more minutes, restraining J. Afterwards, J is upset. M apologizes, but says they were past the point of interruption.</p>	1.9%	92.8%	5.4%	1024
<p>J and M have been flirting all semester, and agree to meet at a party. After dancing closely together for a while, M proposes going to one of their rooms and J agrees. Once in the room, they begin touching. Each is interested in hearing what the other wants, and each is paying attention to the other's signals. Throughout their sexual encounter, each person expresses their continued interest through verbal and non-verbal communication.</p>	91.1%	2.4%	6.5%	1029
<p>M and J are kissing and touching each other. M begins to intensify the sexual contact and J responds by pulling away slightly. M reads this signal and returns to less intense contact for a few minutes, but then intensifies the contact once more and begins having sex with J. J puts up no fight and offers no physical resistance; instead J lies there motionless, without making a sound. J waits until M has finished before making a move to leave the room.</p>	2.4%	73.6%	23.9%	1032

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What was your assigned sex at birth?

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
1034	Female	60.3%
	Male	39.7%

What is your gender/gender identity? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
1033	Woman	45.3%
	Cisgender (your sex assigned at birth aligns with your gender identity)	34.3%
	Man	32.7%
	Non-binary	1.3%
	Transgender (your sex assigned at birth does not align with your gender identity)	0.7%
	Genderfluid	0.5%
	Agender	0.3%
	Genderqueer	0.3%
	A gender identity not listed here (please specify)	0.2%

What is your current gender expression? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
1019	Feminine	60.2%
	Masculine	38.7%
	Androgynous	2.5%
	A gender expression not listed here (please specify)	1.1%

Although the categories listed below may not represent your full identity or use the language you prefer, for the purpose of this survey, please indicate which group below most accurately describes your racial/ethnic identification. (If you are of a multi-racial/multi-ethnic/multi-cultural identity, please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
1013	White/European American (if you wish, please specify)	62.8%
	Asian or Asian American (if you wish, please specify)	25.5%
	Hispanic/Latin@/Chican@/ (if you wish, please specify)	7.7%
	Black or African American (if you wish, please specify)	7.5%
	First Nation/American Indian/Indigenous (if you wish, please specify your enrolled or principal tribe)	1.4%
	Middle Eastern (if you wish, please specify)	1.4%
	A racial/ethnic identity not listed here (please specify)	0.7%
	Pacific Islander (if you wish, please specify)	0.3%
	Alaska Native (if you wish, please specify your enrolled or principal corporation)	0.1%

Although the categories listed below may not represent your full identity or use the language you prefer, for the purpose of this survey, please indicate which choice below most accurately describes your sexual identity. (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
999	Heterosexual	78.3%
	Bisexual	9.5%
	Asexual	5.4%
	Questioning	3.3%
	Queer	3.0%
	Gay	2.9%
	Pansexual	1.9%
	Lesbian	1.6%
	A sexual identity not listed here (please specify)	1.2%

Do you self-identify as disabled?

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
1028	No	97.3%
	Yes	2.7%

What is your birth year?

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
1011	2002	0.2%
	2001	14.2%
	2000	18.7%
	1999	16.5%
	1998	13.5%
	1997	9.1%
	1996	4.9%
	1995	4.3%
	1994	3.1%
	1993	3.0%
	1992	2.0%
	1991	1.1%
	1990	1.2%
	1989	1.0%
	1988	1.1%
	1987	0.5%
	1986	0.7%
	1985	0.6%
	1984	0.7%
	1983	0.3%
	1982	0.2%
	1981	0.4%
	1980	0.3%
	1979	0.3%
	1978	0.6%
	1977	0.3%
	1976	0.1%
	1975	0.2%
	1974	0.1%
	1972	0.1%
1971	0.1%	
1968	0.1%	
1967	0.2%	
1964	0.3%	
1959	0.1%	
1958	0.1%	

Are you currently or were you ever a member of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
1027	Never served in the military	97.9%
	ROTC	0.9%
	On active duty in the past, but not now	0.8%
	Now on active duty (including Reserves or National Guard)	0.5%

How long have you been a student at Syracuse University?

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
1029	This is my first year.	36.1%
	This is my second year.	26.8%
	This is my third year.	15.9%
	This is my fourth year.	15.6%
	This is my fifth year.	3.0%
	This is my seventh year or more.	1.8%
	This is my sixth year.	0.7%

What is your school or college? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
1023	College of Arts and Sciences	30.4%
	Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs	13.1%
	College of Engineering and Computer Science	12.5%
	Martin J. Whitman School of Management	11.5%
	S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications	10.9%
	College of Visual and Performing Arts	8.9%
	David B. Falk College of Human Dynamics	6.8%
	School of Information Studies	6.5%
	School of Education	5.3%
	College of Law	3.2%
	School of Architecture	3.0%
	University College	1.3%

Do you participate in any of the following at Syracuse University? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents	Answer	Percent
1005	I do not participate in any organizations/clubs at Syracuse.	34.5%
	Fraternity/sorority life	22.9%
	Academic department club/organization (e.g., Architecture Student Organization, Psychology Club)	22.4%
	Sports & recreation (e.g., Club Sports)	14.7%
	Art & entertainment (e.g., First Year Players, A Capella, Dance Troupe)	9.4%
	Media/publication (e.g., Citrus TV, Daily Orange)	8.6%
	Service (e.g., Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity)	8.6%
	Cultural/international (e.g., Caribbean Student Association, European Student Association)	8.4%
	Special interest (e.g., Gaming Club, Statistics Club)	8.0%
	Honorary (e.g., National Society of Collegiate Scholars)	6.9%
	Professional (e.g., American Marketing Association, Sport Professionals of Color)	6.9%
	Religious (e.g., Chabad House, Baptist Campus Ministry)	4.1%
	Governance (e.g., IFC, SA, GSO)	3.3%
	Intercollegiate athletics (e.g., D1 Soccer, Lacrosse)	2.9%
	Political/advocacy (e.g., Amnesty International, NYPIRG)	2.7%