2015 Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct: Overview of Cornell Results

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Cornell participated in this AAU survey along with 26 other colleges and universities

- Conducted by Westat from April 13 to May 4
- 3,906 Cornell students completed the survey for an overall response rate of 19%

Goals of the survey:

- Estimate the prevalence of nonconsensual sexual contact, as well as harassment, stalking and intimate partner violence
- Explore student views of the campus climate regarding sexual assault and sexual misconduct
- Assess students’ knowledge and use of campus policies and resources related to sexual assault and sexual misconduct
Nonconsensual sexual contact:

- Penetration (completed and attempted) plus
- Sexual touching

that involved the use of:

- Physical force or threats of physical force
- Incapacitation
  - Coercive threats of non-physical harm
  - Failure to obtain affirmative consent

Sexual misconduct:

- Sexual harassment
- Intimate partner violence
- Stalking
Prevalence of nonconsensual sexual contact* involving force or incapacitation by gender and enrollment status, since at Cornell

*Nonconsensual sexual contact includes completed or attempted penetration and sexual touching.
Prevalence of nonconsensual sexual contact* involving force or incapacitation by gender and enrollment status, Cornell and AAU

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Prevalence of sexual harassment by gender and enrollment status, since at Cornell

- **All**: 51%
- **UG Female**: 67%
- **Grad Female**: 50%
- **UG Male**: 47%
- **Grad Male**: 32%
Prevalence of sexual harassment by gender and enrollment status, Cornell and AAU

- **Cornell**
  - All: 51
  - UG Female: 67
  - Grad Female: 50
  - UG Male: 47
  - Grad Male: 32

- **AAU**
  - All: 48
  - UG Female: 62
  - Grad Female: 44
  - UG Male: 43
  - Grad Male: 30

% of students reporting
(Not) Reporting nonconsensual sexual experiences

Substantial gap between experiencing and reporting sexual assault or misconduct to a program or resource

Reporting rates (from highest to lowest):

- Stalking (35%)
- Penetration by force (24%)
- Intimate partner violence (18%)
- Penetration by incapacitation (13%)
- Sexual touching by force (9%)
- Sexual harassment (7%)
- Sexual touching by incapacitation (2%)
Cornell survey results and AAU aggregate results are available at: share.cornell.edu