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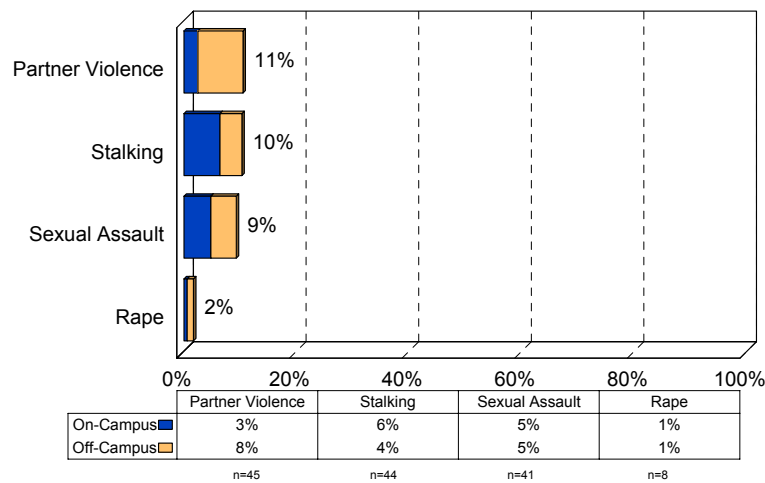
## Violence To Women Students

In an effort to stem campus violence against women, colleges across the nation are demonstrating a new resolve to reduce physical, sexual, and psychological violence. Part of this effort includes gathering data through assessment procedures to help understand and curb acts of violence.

A fall 2003 student survey on violence against women at UH-Mānoa revealed that 11 percent of undergraduate women experienced partner violence, 10 percent stalking, and 9 percent sexual assault. Thus, about 10 percent or 1 in 10 women experience partner violence, stalking or sexual assault. A smaller percentage, about 2 percent, are raped. (Figure 1) These figures reflect local and national research studies.

While acts of violence against women occur on- and off-campus, most incidences of partner violence occur off-campus and most stalking occur on-campus. Women report being sexually assaulted or raped in equal percentages on- and off-campus. (Figure 1) However, most assault and rape victims live on-campus. (Figure 4 and 5)

Figure 1  
 Violence On- and Off-Campus Experienced by Women Undergraduates Since Entering UHM



While rape is most often reported to UHM personnel, partner violence is seldom if ever reported to the University. In fact, of all violence experienced by women students, partner violence is least likely to be reported to anyone followed by rape, sexual assault, and stalking. See Figures 2-5 for more details. Since responses, especially to rape, are based on small numbers, caution should be exercised when drawing conclusions.

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Source: 2003 Student Survey on Violence. Research Briefs No. 21 was developed collaboratively with the Program Against Violence to Women, Women’s Center.

Figure 2

### Partner Violence

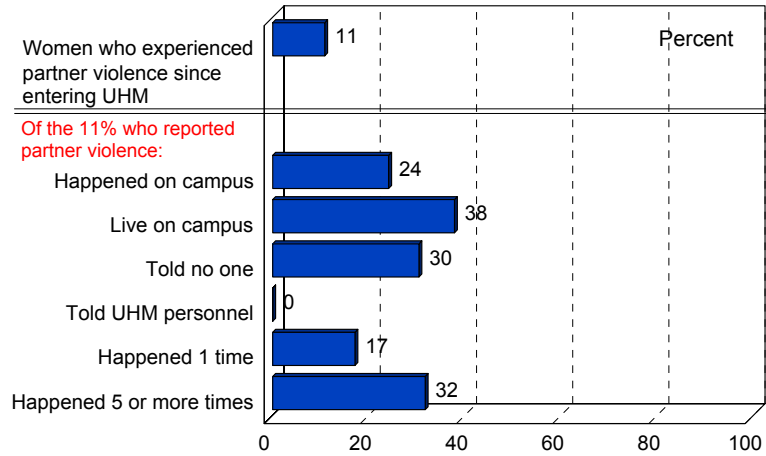


Figure 3

### Stalking

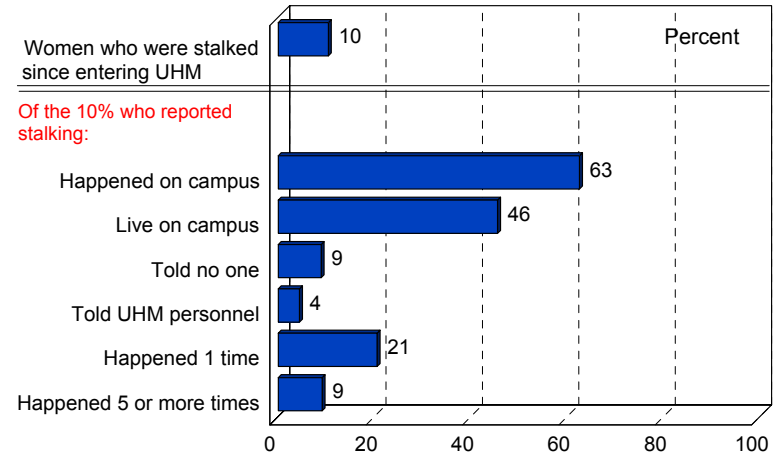


Figure 4

### Sexual Assault

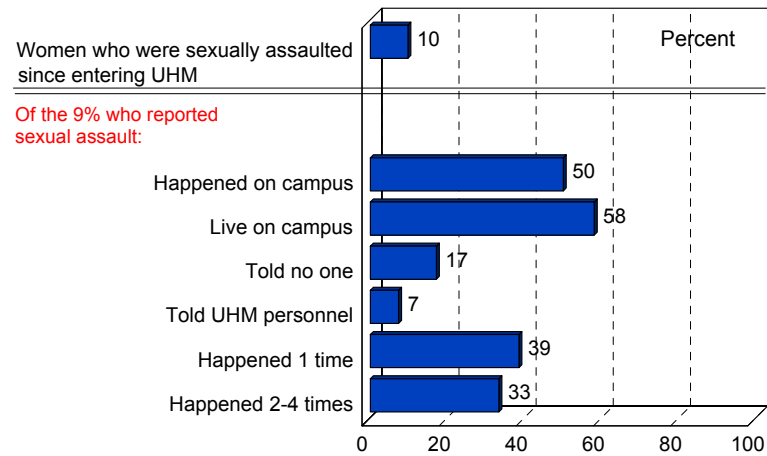


Figure 5

### Rape

