HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE
2017 STUDENT CLIMATE SURVEY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT & GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

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WHAT IS A CLIMATE SURVEY?

National best practice is to measure attitudes and perceptions of a campus community

UH's survey went a step further to measure:

1. The extent of gender-based harassment and violence experienced by students, both on- and off-campus
2. How well UH responds to these experiences
3. Students' awareness of services and programs offered by UH

The results of the survey will also serve as a baseline for key indicators for campus safety and accountability moving forward.

SURVEY QUESTION DESIGN

The UH Survey was designed to estimate the prevalence of the following four types of gender-based violence experienced by our students both on & off campus:

- **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**
- **STALKING**
- **DOMESTIC & DATING VIOLENCE** (INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE)
- **NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL CONTACT**

The UH Survey asked about sexual harassment and gender-based violence and student impacts during two time periods:

1. **AT ANY TIME WHILE ENROLLED AT UH**
WHO WAS SURVEYED?

The sample frame for the survey was a census of 44,671 adult students enrolled in the 2017 Spring Semester across all 10 UH campuses.

Students were eligible to participate if they met the following criteria:

1. ENROLLED IN THE UH SPRING 2017 SEMESTER
2. AGED 18 YEARS OR OLDER

Of all surveys started, 6,311 met the criteria for “completed surveys” resulting in a completed survey response rate of 14.1%.
STUDENTS' PERCEIVED PERSONAL RISK FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Overall, UH survey participants system-wide did not feel at risk of sex harassment & gender-based violence while on campus and at off-campus University events.

ON CAMPUS

- Extremely Likely: 1%
- Very Likely: 2.4%
- Somewhat Likely: 11.3%
- A Little Likely: 26%
- Not At All Likely: 59.3%

OFF-CAMPUS, UH-SPONSORED EVENTS

- Extremely Likely: 1.4%
- Very Likely: 5.2%
- Somewhat Likely: 17.1%
- A Little Likely: 27.8%
- Not At All Likely: 48.4%

STUDENT PARTICIPANTS' AWARENESS OF UH POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Level of knowledge among all student participants:

Where to make a report of sexual assault or sexual harassment:

- Extremely Knowledgeable: 9.3%
- Very Knowledgeable: 17.6%
- Somewhat Knowledgeable: 26.5%
- A Little Knowledgeable: 19.7%
- Not At All Knowledgeable: 26.8%

Where to get help if they or a friend has been assaulted or harassed:

- Extremely Knowledgeable: 9.7%
- Very Knowledgeable: 19.8%
- Somewhat Knowledgeable: 28.9%
- A Little Knowledgeable: 21.1%
- Not At All Knowledgeable: 20.5%

What happens when a student reports an incident; or

- Extremely Knowledgeable: 5.6%
- Very Knowledgeable: 10.7%
- Somewhat Knowledgeable: 24.5%
- A Little Knowledgeable: 22.2%
- Not At All Knowledgeable: 37%

The rights of students making a report:

- Extremely Knowledgeable: 6.6%
- Very Knowledgeable: 12.7%
- Somewhat Knowledgeable: 25.6%
- A Little Knowledgeable: 22.8%
- Not At All Knowledgeable: 32.3%
At any time while enrolled at UH, 9.3% of all UH students reported experiencing sexual harassment both on & off campus.

Most common types of Sexual Harassment: Sexual remarks or insulting/offensive jokes or stories (7.2%) & inappropriate comments regarding body, appearance, or sexual activity (7.2%)

The 5.7% of student participants who reported experiencing sexual harassment during the 2016-17 academic year experienced the following number of incidents:

- 0 times: 35.7%
- 1 time: 16.2%
- 2 times: 17.9%
- 3-5 times: 21.1%
- 6-9 times: 3.5%
- ≥ 10 times: 5.6%

The 9.3% of student participants who reported experiencing sexual harassment at any time while enrolled identified their offender(s) as follows:

- Participant did not know offender’s association with UH: 10.8%
- Offender was not associated with UH: 9.5%
- Offender was UH Faculty or Staff: 33.9%
- Offender was UH Student: 81.2%

Will not add up to 100% because an individual survey participant can provide multiple responses.

For female undergraduate participants reporting sexual harassment, 25.4% of offenders were Faculty or Staff and 85.1% of offenders were UH Students. For female graduate participants, 52.6% of offenders were Faculty or Staff and 68.7% were UH Students.
At any time while enrolled at UH, **9.7%** of all UH students reported experiencing stalking both on & off campus.

**Most common stalking tactics:** Made unwanted phone calls, spread rumors about the participant, or sent emails, voice, text, or instant messages (6.1%) & Showed up somewhere or waited for participant unwanted (5.3%)

The 6.0% of student participants who reported experiencing stalking during the 2016-17 academic year experienced the following number of incidents:

- **37.4%** 0 times
- **15.3%** 1 time
- **21.4%** 2 times
- **16.6%** 3-5 times
- **5.5%** 6-9 times
- **3.9%** ≥ 10 times

The 9.3% of student participants who reported experiencing stalking at any time while enrolled identified their offender(s) as follows:

- **10.4%** Participant did not know offender’s association with UH
- **23%** Offender was not associated with UH
- **14.1%** Offender was UH Faculty or Staff
- **68.4%** Offender was UH Student

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At any time while enrolled at UH, 19.1% of all UH students reported experiencing DV/IPV both on & off campus.

**DV/IPV tactics that offenders used on participants:**
- Partner controlled or tried to control participant's actions (9.5%);
- Partner isolated participant from or tried to control participant's relationships or social activities (10.8%);
- Partner controlled how others saw participant (11.8%);
- Partner threatened to physically harm participant (8.6%);
- Partner used any kind of physical force against participant (7.5%).

The 10.6% of student participants who reported experiencing DV/IPV during the 2016-17 academic year experienced the following number of incidents:

- 0 times: 44.4%
- 1 time: 14.2%
- 2 times: 4.3%
- 3-5 times: 14.0%
- 6-9 times: 16.1%
- ≥ 10 times: 6.9%

*The estimate of Dating/Domestic Violence was based on responses of students who had ever been in a partnered relationship while enrolled at UH (79% of all survey participants).*
At any time while enrolled at UH, 6.3% of all UH students reported experiencing nonconsensual sexual contact both on & off campus. 2.4% reported experiencing nonconsensual sexual penetration. 5.4% reported experiencing nonconsensual sexual touching.

29.9% of incidents of nonconsensual sexual contact occurred on campus or on a University-associated off-campus property.

Number of Incidents Reported by Student Participants:

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The 6.3% of student participants who reported experiencing nonconsensual sexual contact at any time while enrolled identified their offender(s) as follows:

- **Nonconsensual Sexual Penetration (2.4%)**
  - 7.1% Participant did not know offender’s association with UH
  - 45.3% Offender was not associated with UH
  - 3.7% Offender was UH Faculty or Staff
  - 50.8% Offender was UH Student

- **Nonconsensual Sexual Touching (5.4%)**
  - 10% Participant did not know offender’s association with UH
  - 28% Offender was not associated with UH
  - 5.1% Offender was UH Faculty or Staff
  - 66% Offender was UH Student

Will not add up to 100% because an individual survey participant can provide multiple responses.
The Survey found higher rates of sexual harassment, stalking, dating & domestic violence, and nonconsensual sexual contact reported by the following characteristics:

- Female undergraduates;
- Native Hawaiian students;
- Transgender/genderqueer/questioning or non-conforming (TGQN) students;
- Lesbian/gay/bisexual/questioning/not listed (LGBN) students;
- Students with disabilities;
- Students living on campus; and
- Students at four-year campuses (as opposed to two-year campuses).

These patterns are similar to national campus surveys, with the exception of Native Hawaiian students, for whom there is no comparable national data.
STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF UH PROCESSES

Generally, students showed more confidence in their interaction with University officials and somewhat less in the follow up process (i.e., reporting and investigation process/procedure).

Across all campuses, 94.8% of student participants thought the survey was valuable in developing policies around sexual harassment and gender-based violence at UH.
COMPARISON OF UH & AAU FINDINGS*
PERCENT OF PARTICIPANTS THAT EXPERIENCED GENDER VIOLENCE BY TYPE AT ANY TIME WHILE ENROLLED

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Number of participants for UH Study: 6,311 / Number of participants for AAU study: 150,380

*UH Survey questions were not identical to AAU Survey questions