



# IUPUC

**Community Attitudes and Experiences with Sexual  
Assault and Misconduct - Survey Report**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of Indiana University's ongoing and comprehensive commitment to effectively addressing the issue of sexual assault, IU distributed a climate survey on sexual assault and sexual misconduct to students at IUPUC in Spring 2019. IUPUC's Community Attitudes and Experiences with Sexual Assault and Misconduct Survey asked students about their attitudes, perceptions, and direct experiences with sexual assault and other forms of sexual misconduct, as well as their opinions on university resources and practices related to preventing and responding to instances of sexual misconduct. The information gathered through this anonymous survey and shared in this report has already been, and will continue to be, used to inform the university's ongoing prevention, education, and response efforts and to move us closer to the ultimate goal of eliminating sexual violence that affects our campus community.

While 188 students — approximately 15 percent of the student population — responded to some part of the survey, the results set forth in this report were compiled from the 185 students (“participants”) who completed at least 50 percent of the survey, were 18 years or older, were not online-only students, and who self-identified their sex/gender as male or female. This report total represents approximately 15 percent of the total student population at IUPUC. Of participants whose answers are reported here, 94.6 percent were undergraduate students and 5.4 percent were graduate students; 82.7 percent were women and 17.3 percent were men. There were not enough graduate student participants to publicly report data for this student population.

Questions in the survey were organized into three different categories: (1) Sexual misconduct experiences (before and since coming to IUPUC); (2) attitudes, beliefs and educational experiences related to sexual misconduct; and (3) engagement in sexual violence prevention efforts. Having a better understanding of prevalence rates of students' sexual misconduct experiences are critical for informing both prevention and response efforts.

One set of noteworthy findings is that undergraduate participants reported experiencing much higher rates of sexual misconduct across the range of behaviors prior to attending IUPUC than the rates reported since coming to IUPUC. This set of findings is consistent with data from 2016 and continues to demonstrate that the problem of sexual assault is not unique to college life and that IUPUC faculty, staff, and students must be mindful that many students coming to campus have already had previous experiences of sexual misconduct. The data highlights the importance of educating all students coming to IUPUC about sexual misconduct in all forms, as well as informing them about resources such as counseling, where to go for help, and making a report of sexual misconduct, both on campus and in the community.

For those student participants who reported experiencing incidents of sexual misconduct since coming to IUPUC, the majority reported that the offender was someone not affiliated with the campus. This suggests that we must persist in our attempts to empower our students through educational initiatives that inform them of their rights and applicable resources not only on campus, but within the larger community.

Another important finding from the survey is that the percentage of undergraduate participants who reported experiencing sexual misconduct since coming to IUPUC is consistently below the widely cited national figure of 20%. These data should be considered carefully, as students could be experiencing higher rates sexual misconduct than reported here, but not recognizing it.

Participants were also asked questions regarding their attitudes, beliefs, and educational experiences. More than 90 percent of undergraduate men and women participants expressed that they felt safe on the IUPUC campus, and the vast majority felt that the university would take reports of sexual assault or other sexual violence seriously. Indeed, very few participants (4 percent of undergraduate men and almost 12 percent of undergraduate women) reported thinking that sexual misconduct is a problem at the IUPUC campus. Although the percentage of men reporting that sexual misconduct is problem remained relatively flat since the 2016 survey, the number of women increased by 10 percent versus 2016. IUPUC recognizes that continuous improvement is crucial to not only continue these trends, which are consistent from 2016, but to improve in this area.

The complete data and summary of key findings can be found in the following report. It should be noted that, as with any voluntary study, the data collected and set forth in this report is reflective only of the participants who responded and participated in the survey. Response bias is expected, given the sensitive nature of the topic and the specific focus on sexual violence. The data cannot therefore be understood to be a complete representation of the experiences of undergraduate and graduate students at IUPUC. Regardless, we look to this data, and the responses shared by the participants, as important to our understanding of experiences and perceptions.

We are grateful to the students who participated in this survey. The information they shared will continue to be used to inform the work conducted at IUPUC to prevent and respond to sexual misconduct. For more information about campus resources, policies, and procedures, visit [stopsexualviolence.iu.edu](http://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu).

## **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

The following report includes complete findings of IUPUC's 2019 sexual misconduct campus climate survey, including highlights of the data as well as analyses including tables and graphs noting student participant responses to specific survey questions. The percentages included in the narrative text in the report have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Refer to the tables for exact percentages. Undergraduate women are identified as "UW"; graduate women are identified as "GW"; undergraduate men are identified as "UM"; graduate men are identified as "GM." Participants were given the option to select "I prefer not to answer" in many questions of the survey due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter, and were only asked certain questions based on previous answers, resulting in fluctuating number of responses per question. A complete description of the survey methodology and participant demographics is included in appendices A–B. Tables include the frequencies of responses with sample sizes (n) included to identify the number of participants who answered questions. In instances where the sample size (n) is less than 10, cells have been masked. If participants saw the displayed question but never answered it or never returned to complete the survey, they were excluded from the sample size (n) reported for each question. The tables labeled with a "q" indicate that the table contains data on participants' responses to open-ended survey questions. Due to time constraints and reporting purposes, only two open-ended questions were coded and included in this report. Participant answers to additional open-ended questions will be utilized to inform prevention and response efforts.

The overall findings are organized into three general sections:

- I. Sexual Misconduct Experiences
- II. Student Attitudes, Beliefs, and Educational Experiences
- III. Engagement in Sexual Violence Prevention

## I. Sexual Misconduct Experiences

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Participants were asked whether they had personally experienced the following types of sexual misconduct before coming to IUPUC and since becoming a student at IUPUC.

**Nonconsensual sexual touching:** touching that is sexual, such as someone fondled, kissed or rubbed up against the intimate areas of my body—i.e., genitals, breasts, buttocks—without my consent.

**Nonconsensual attempted sexual penetration:** someone attempted/tried to sexually penetrate me vaginally, orally, or anally with their penis, fingers, or other object without my consent.

**Nonconsensual sexual penetration:** someone sexually penetrated me vaginally, orally, or anally with their penis, fingers, or other object without my consent.

**Stalking:** repeated or continued harassment online and/or in person that made me feel frightened, intimidated, or threatened.

**Domestic violence or dating violence:** acts of abuse or violence, or threats of violence, in a marital, partnered, intimate, romantic, or familial relationship.

**Sexual exploitation:** an act or acts committed through non-consensual exploitation of my sexuality for any purpose including sexual gratification, financial gain, personal benefit, or other non-legitimate purposes. Examples include non-consensual sharing of sexual photographs or video, observing another person's sexual activity without consent, etc.

**Sexual harassment:** unwelcome sexual conduct or behavior that limited or denied my ability to participate in or benefit from my University education or employment.

### Key Findings

- Among undergraduate women participants, instances of sexual misconduct experienced prior to coming to IUPUC exceeds, in every case, those experienced while at IUPUC.
- Participants reported that sexual misconduct they experienced primarily occurred off campus.
- 88 percent of undergraduate women participants reported that the person who committed the non-consensual sexual touching was not associate with IUPUC.

### Sexual Misconduct Experiences Before and Since Coming to IUPUC

The “n” reported in the tables below indicates the number of participants who responded to the question. For privacy considerations, some cells have been masked (grayed cells) due to the low number of participants who answered the question (less than 10).

Table 1.1a: Did you experience any of the following: "Yes" (Undergraduate)	UM				UW			
	Before IU		Since IU		Before IU		Since IU	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Non-consensual sexual touching	18.5	27	11.1	27	54.5	123	13.7	124
Non-consensual attempted sexual penetration	7.4	27	3.7	27	34.1	123	5.6	124
Non-consensual sexual penetration	7.4	27	3.7	27	32.0	122	4.8	124
Stalking	18.5	27	7.4	27	34.1	123	6.5	123
Domestic violence or dating violence	11.1	27	11.1	27	33.6	122	5.6	124
Sexual exploitation	7.4	27	3.7	27	17.9	123	1.6	124
Sexual harassment	11.1	27	3.7	27	32.5	123	10.5	124

Table 1.1b: Did you experience any of the following: "Yes" (Graduate)	GM				GW			
	Before IU		Since IU		Before IU		Since IU	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Non-consensual sexual touching		2		2		7		7
Non-consensual attempted sexual penetration		2		2		7		7
Non-consensual sexual penetration		2		2		7		7
Stalking		2		2		7		7
Domestic violence or dating violence		2		2		7		7
Sexual exploitation		2		2		7		7
Sexual harassment		2		2		7		7

Table 1.2: Since coming to IUPUC, rate of experiencing the following:	%UM (n=30)	%UW (n=145)	%GM (n=2)	%GW (n=8)
Non-consensual attempted sexual penetration or non-consensual sexual penetration	3.3	5.5		

Participants who reported experiencing non-consensual sexual touching, non-consensual attempted sexual penetration, or non-consensual sexual penetration since coming to IUPUC, received three additional questions about the most recent incident of each type of misconduct they reported experiencing regarding the other person's association with IUPUC, the location of the incident, and force, capacity, and consent. For those participants who indicated experiencing domestic or dating violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, or sexual harassment since coming to IUPUC, they received two additional questions about the incident of each type of misconduct they reported experiencing regarding the other person's association with IUPUC and the location of the incident. Individuals who reported experiencing the

conduct more than one time were asked to answer questions pertaining to the most recent sexual misconduct experience.

<b>Table 1.3: For those reporting <u>non-consensual sexual touching</u> how is the person(s) who did these things to you associated with IUPUC?</b>	<b>%UM (n=3)</b>	<b>%UW (n=17)</b>	<b>%GM (n=0)</b>	<b>%GW (n=0)</b>
Not associated with IUPUC		88.2		
Student		11.8		
University professor or instructor		0.0		
Staff or administrator		0.0		
Other person affiliated with an IUPUC program (ex., Externship/Internship, clinical placement, study abroad)		0.0		
Don't know the person's association with IUPUC		0.0		

<b>Table 1.4: For those reporting <u>non-consensual sexual touching</u>, where did the incident occur?</b>	<b>%UM (n=3)</b>	<b>%UW (n=17)</b>	<b>%GM (n=0)</b>	<b>%GW (n=0)</b>
On-campus building		0.0		
On-campus outside		0.0		
Off-campus outside		11.8		
Bar, club, restaurant		23.5		
Off-campus residence (your own or other residence)		52.9		
Other		11.8		

<b>Table 1.5: For those reporting <u>non-consensual sexual touching</u>, did you experience any of the following in connection with this incident? (Select all that apply)</b>	<b>%UM (n=3)</b>	<b>%UW (n=17)</b>	<b>%GM (n=0)</b>	<b>%GW (n=0)</b>
I was forced or threatened with physical force		23.5		
I was unable to consent (e.g., incapacitation due to drugs and/or alcohol, asleep, unconscious)		41.2		
I felt coerced		41.2		
I did not give affirmative consent verbally or otherwise		64.7		
Other		0.0		

<b>Table 1.6: For those reporting <u>sexual harassment</u>, how is the person (or the persons) who did these things to you associated with IUPUC?</b>	<b>%UM (n=1)</b>	<b>%UW (n=12)</b>	<b>%GM (n=0)</b>	<b>%GW (n=0)</b>
Not associated with IUPUC		75.0		
Student		25.0		
University professor or instructor		0.0		
Staff or administrator		0.0		
Other person affiliated with an IUPUC program (ex., Externship/Internship, clinical placement, study abroad)		0.0		
Don't know the person's association with IUPUC		0.0		

<b>Table 1.7: For those reporting <u>sexual harassment</u>, where did the incident occur?</b>	<b>%UM (n=1)</b>	<b>%UW (n=12)</b>	<b>%GM (n=0)</b>	<b>%GW (n=0)</b>
On-campus building		16.7		
On-campus outside		0.0		
Off-campus outside		8.3		
Bar, club, restaurant		0.0		
Off-campus residence (your own or other residence)		50.0		
Other		25.0		

**Additional Disclosures about Experiences Since Coming to IUPUC**

The following questions were only answered by those who had previously indicated experiencing some form of sexual misconduct (non-consensual sexual touching, non-consensual attempted sexual penetration, non-consensual sexual penetration, domestic or dating violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, and sexual harassment) since coming to IUPUC and were willing to share more information about their experience. Participants who had reported experiencing at least one form of sexual misconduct were asked to provide more information about an experience. To maximize responses and information regarding experiences, and to collect information regarding the most common experiences reported to help inform efforts, additional questions about their experience were prioritized in the following order: non-consensual sexual penetration, non-consensual attempted sexual penetration, non-consensual sexual touching, domestic or dating violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, and sexual harassment. The “n” reported in the tables indicates the number of participants who responded to the question. For privacy considerations, some cells have been masked (grayed cells) due to the low number of participants who answered the question (less than 10). There were not enough participants who agreed to share additional information to publish data on the questions asked in this section.



<b>Table 2.1: Would you be willing to provide additional details about your specific experience?: “YES”</b>	<b>%UM (n=5)</b>	<b>%UW (n=24)</b>	<b>%GM (n=0)</b>	<b>%GW (n=1)</b>
Percentage among participants who responded “yes” to having experienced some form of sexual misconduct since coming to IUPUC (non-consensual sexual penetration, non-consensual attempted sexual penetration, non-consensual sexual touching, domestic or dating violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment) who were willing to provide more details about their experience		20.8		

## II. Student Attitudes, Beliefs, and Educational Experiences

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Participants were also asked about their feelings of connectedness and support at IUPUC and their attitudes and beliefs about the University's policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct. Questions from the Alcohol and Sexual Consent scale were included to measure beliefs pertaining to alcohol use and consent among college students (Ward, Matthews, Weiner, Hogan, & Popson, 2012).

### Key Findings

- More than 90 percent of undergraduate participants reported feeling safe on the IUPUC campus, as well as in the area surrounding campus.
- Undergraduate participants reported high rates of feeling valued at IUPUC, as well as feeling that IUPUC faculty, staff, and administrators are genuinely concerned about their welfare.
- The vast majority of undergraduate participants felt that the university would take a report of sexual assault or other sexual violence seriously, and that the university would likely take corrective action against an offender found responsible.
- Approximately half of undergraduate men and women participants reported knowing where to get immediate help if they or a friend were sexually assaulted or experienced some other form of sexual misconduct. This suggests a need to increase student awareness of resources available both on campus and in the community.
- 89 percent of undergraduate men participants and 94 percent of undergraduate women participants agreed that the more alcohol a person has consumed, the less able they are to consent to sexual activity.

*For the response options that used five-point Likert scales such as strongly agree to strongly disagree, very confident to not at all confident, and very likely to not at all likely, the values reflect the sum of the top two categories (such as strongly agree + somewhat agree).*

## Perceptions of Campus Environment

The “n” reported in the tables indicates the number of participants who responded to the question.

Table 3.1: Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements: (% Strongly agree/Somewhat agree)	UM		UW		GM		GW	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
I feel valued at IUPUC	83.3	30	94.9	138		2		7
I think faculty, staff, and administrators are genuinely concerned about my welfare	93.3	30	96.4	140		2		7
I have a good support system at IUPUC	90.0	30	92.0	137		2		7
I feel safe on this campus	93.3	30	97.8	139		2		7
I feel safe in the area surrounding campus	93.3	30	95.7	140		2		7
The faculty, staff, and administrators at IUPUC treat students fairly	93.3	30	98.5	137		2		7
IUPUC officials should do more to protect students from harm	16.7	30	39.4	137		2		7

For those participants who stated that they believed IUPUC officials should do more to protect students from harm, participants were asked what they thought IUPUC should do. The recommendations referenced most often include improving walking/transit safety and improving the police presence. Participant responses fell into the following categories:

Table 3.1q: “What should IUPUC do to protect students from harm?” (open-ended)	%UM (n=5)	%UW (n=18)	%GM (n=1)	%GW (n=1)
Improve walking/transit safety such as parking lots, lighting		33.3		
Improve emergency lights/phones		5.6		
Cameras		5.6		
Improve police presence, security on campus		50.0		
Improve counseling		0.0		
Improve support system for students		0.0		
Additional or improved education and awareness		5.6		
More locks on doors/problems with locked doors on campus		5.6		
Allow students/faculty/staff to carry weapons		5.6		
Other		5.6		
Things are in good shape already		5.6		
I don't know/nothing in particular/NA		0.0		

<b>Table 3.2: If someone were to report a sexual assault or other sexual violence to IUPUC, how likely is it that: (% Very likely/Somewhat likely)</b>	<b>UM</b>		<b>UW</b>		<b>GM</b>		<b>GW</b>	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
The university would take the report seriously	96.4	28	97.0	134		2		7
The university would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report	96.4	28	95.5	133		2		7
The university would take steps to protect the person making the report from retaliation	89.3	28	95.5	134		2		7
The university would take steps to ensure due process and a fair investigation of the accused	89.7	29	94.0	133		2		7
The university would take corrective action against the offender found responsible	96.4	28	96.3	134		2		7
Students would support the person making the report	88.9	27	93.3	134		2		7
The alleged offender(s) or others would retaliate against the person making the report	50.0	28	65.9	132		2		7

<b>Table 3.3: Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: (% Strongly agree/Somewhat agree)</b>	<b>%UM (n=28)</b>	<b>%UW (n=133)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=7)</b>
I know where to get help if a friend or I was sexually assaulted or experienced other sexual misconduct	42.9	59.4		

When asked their thoughts on challenges faced in eliminating sexual misconduct at IU, participants most commonly referenced challenges with changing cultural norms or stigma and victim blaming, shame and fear.

<b>Table 3.4q: “In your own words, what do you think are the biggest challenges we face in eliminating sexual misconduct at IUPUC?” (open-ended)</b>	<b>%UM (n=23)</b>	<b>%UW (n=70)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=4)</b>
These kinds of things are inevitable, uncertain, or uncontrollable	13.0	7.1		
Changing cultural norms or stigma	17.4	30.0		
Reporting issues or bias	4.3	8.6		
Victim blaming, shame, fear	30.4	28.6		
Determining truth, evidence, rumors	0.0	1.4		
Punishment/repercussions issues	8.7	4.3		
Awareness/education regarding safety and risk	4.3	1.4		
Alcohol, drugs, party/hookup culture	4.3	1.4		
Environment (urban campus, lack of security)	0.0	8.6		
Things are in good shape already	17.4	18.6		
I don't know/nothing in particular/NA	4.3	7.1		
Other	17.4	7.1		

### **Trainings on Sexual Misconduct, Bystander Intervention, and Campus Resources**

The “n” reported in the tables indicates the number of participants who responded to the question. Cells have been masked (grayed cells) due to the low number of participants who answered the question (less than 10).

<b>Table 4.1: Prior to coming to IUPUC, did you receive any education on the following topics: “YES”</b>	<b>UM</b>		<b>UW</b>		<b>GM</b>		<b>GW</b>	
	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>
Sexual consent	66.7	27	77.6	125		2		7
Bystander Intervention	44.4	27	47.2	125		2		7
Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV	88.9	27	85.6	125		2		7
LGBTQ+ Relationships	25.9	27	41.6	125		2		7
Healthy Relationships	81.5	27	81.6	125		2		7
Relationship Violence	70.4	27	83.9	124		2		7

<b>Table 4.2: Are you familiar with the It's On Us campaign?</b>	<b>%UM (n=26)</b>	<b>%UW (n=117)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=7)</b>
Yes	0.0	6.0		
No	100.0	94.0		

<b>Table 4.3: Have you participated in any of the following since becoming a student at IUPUC? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)</b>	<b>%UM (n=10)</b>	<b>%UW (n=53)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=3)</b>
MyStudentBody online educational program	60.0	47.2		
Safe Zone	20.0	15.1		
Excellence in Leadership Initiative	0.0	5.7		
Consent 101	30.0	32.1		
Drugs Alcohol & Your Degree	40.0	32.1		
Other	0.0	13.2		

<b>Table 4.4: Have you seen or received information from IUPUC regarding what constitutes sexual misconduct (including sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual exploitation, and/or sexual harassment):</b>	<b>%UM (n=30)</b>	<b>%UW (n=144)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=8)</b>
Yes	63.3	58.3		
No	16.7	12.5		
Unsure	20.0	29.2		

## Experiences Discussing and Understanding Consent

The “n” reported in the tables indicates the number of participants who responded to the question.

Table 5.1: Have you ever talked with any of the following about what constitutes sexual consent? “Yes”	UM		UW		GM		GW	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Spouse	26.9	26	38.4	125		2		7
Romantic/Sexual partner	67.9	28	67.5	126		2		7
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	46.4	28	44.5	128		2		7
Sibling(s)	18.5	27	36.5	126		2		7
Extended family members	25.0	28	25.2	127		2		7
Friend(s)	57.1	28	66.7	126		2		7
Teacher/Professor	17.9	28	31.3	128		2		7
Mentor/Advisor/Coach	10.7	28	15.1	126		2		7
Medical professional	17.9	28	33.1	127		2		7
Counselor	14.3	28	18.1	127		2		7
Other	4.0	25	5.6	108		2		7

Table 5.2a: In your opinion, please indicate whether or not the following demonstrates consent to sexual activity (Men)	UM				GM			
	% Yes	% No	%Unsure	n	% Yes	% No	% Unsure	n
Physical resistance to sexual activity	3.6	96.4	0.0	28				2
Verbal resistance to sexual activity	7.1	92.9	0.0	28				2
Currently in a relationship together	3.6	89.3	7.1	28				2
Previous sexual activity together	7.1	92.9	0.0	28				2
Saying “no”	3.6	96.4	0.0	28				2
Nonverbal physical behavior indicating “yes”	25.0	50.0	25.0	28				2
Not saying anything at all	0.0	92.9	7.1	28				2
Verbally agreeing to the sexual activity	85.7	10.7	3.6	28				2
Incapacitated due to alcohol	0.0	96.4	3.6	28				3
Incapacitated due to drugs	0.0	96.4	3.6	28				2
Existence of a previous relationship together	7.1	92.9	0.0	28				2
Asleep or unconscious	3.6	96.4	0.0	28				2
Remaining passive during the sexual activity	7.1	71.4	21.4	28				2



Table 5.2b: In your opinion, please indicate whether or not the following demonstrates consent to sexual activity (Women)	UW				GW			
	%Yes	%No	%Unsure	n	%Yes	%No	%Unsure	n
Physical resistance to sexual activity	0.8	96.9	2.4	127				7
Verbal resistance to sexual activity	2.4	96.9	0.8	127				7
Currently in a relationship together	4.7	89.8	5.5	128				7
Previous sexual activity together	3.1	94.5	2.4	127				7
Saying “no”	7.0	93.0	0.0	128				7
Nonverbal physical behavior indicating “yes”	22.8	63.8	13.4	127				7
Not saying anything at all	0.0	94.5	5.5	127				7
Verbally agreeing to the sexual activity	93.7	4.7	1.6	127				7
Incapacitated due to alcohol	0.0	97.7	2.3	128				7
Incapacitated due to drugs	0.0	99.2	0.8	127				7
Existence of a previous relationship together	2.4	94.5	3.1	127				7
Asleep or unconscious	0.0	99.2	0.8	128				7
Remaining passive during the sexual activity	2.4	81.0	16.7	126				7

### Perceptions of Alcohol and Consent

The “n” reported in the tables indicates the number of participants who responded to the question.

Table 6: Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements: (% Strongly agree/Somewhat agree)	UM		UW		GM		GW	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
The more alcohol a person has consumed, the less able they are to consent to sexual activity.	88.5	26	94.9	117		2		7
Alcohol or drug use makes a person more vulnerable to sexual assault.	100.0	26	93.2	118		2		7

### III. Engagement in Sexual Misconduct Prevention

Participants were also asked questions about their involvement in sexual misconduct prevention, as well as questions adapted from a bystander efficacy scale to measure the participant’s confidence to intervene in certain situations and scenarios related to sexual harassment and potential sexual violence (Banyard, Moynihan, & Plante, 2007).

#### Key Findings

- 4 percent of undergraduate men participants and almost 12 percent of undergraduate women participants reported thinking that sexual misconduct is a problem at the IUPUC campus. Although the percentage of undergraduate men participants reporting that sexual misconduct is problem on campus remained relatively flat since the 2016 survey, this is an increase for undergraduate women participants since 2016.
- Around 96 percent of undergraduate participants reported that they had not observed a situation that they believe was, or could have led to, a sexual assault since becoming a student at IUPUC.
- IUPUC participants expressed high confidence that they would express discomfort or even intervene as a bystander in multiple contexts of sexual misconduct situations.

#### Perceptions of Sexual Violence

The “n” reported in the tables indicates the number of participants who responded to the question.

Table 7.1: Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements: (% Strongly agree/Somewhat agree)	UM		UW		GM		GW	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
I think sexual misconduct is a problem on this campus.	3.8	26	11.9	118		2		7
I think I can do something about sexual misconduct.	76.9	26	78.8	118		2		7
I am planning to learn more about the problem of sexual violence on campus.	61.5	26	61.9	118		2		7
I think sexual misconduct is a problem everywhere.	69.2	26	90.5	116		2		7

Table 7.2: Have you recently taken part in activities or volunteered your time on projects focused on ending sexual violence on campus or in your community?	%UM (n=26)	%UW (n=117)	%GM (n=2)	%GW (n=7)
Yes	0.0	12.0		
No	92.3	85.5		
I prefer not to answer	7.7	2.6		

## Bystander Experiences and Engagement

The “n” reported in the tables indicates the number of participants who responded to the question.

Table 8: Bystander experiences	UM		UW		GM		GW	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Since becoming a student at IUPUC, I have had another student tell me that they were the victim of a sexual assault: “Yes”	7.4	27	4.9	123		2		7
Since becoming a student at IUPUC, I have observed a situation that I believe was, or could have led to, a sexual assault: “Yes”	3.7	27	0.0	123		2		7
Since becoming a student at IUPUC, I have observed a situation that I believe was, or could have led to, a sexual assault: “No”	92.6	27	99.2	123		2		7
Since becoming a student at IUPUC, I have observed a situation that I believe was, or could have led to, a sexual assault: “Unsure”	3.7	27	0.0	123		2		7
Since becoming a student at IUPUC, I have observed a situation that I believe was, or could have led to, a sexual assault: “I prefer not to answer”	0.0	27	0.8	123		2		7

## Bystander Intervention Confidence

The “n” reported in the tables indicates the number of participants who responded to the question.

Table 9: Please indicate your confidence to... (% Very confident/Quite confident)	UM		UW		GM		GW	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Express my discomfort if someone makes a joke of a sexual nature about another person or their body	69.2	26	76.1	117		2		7
Express my discomfort if someone says that rape victims are to blame for being raped	80.8	26	86.3	117		2		7
Call for help (i.e., call 911) if I hear someone yelling “help”	88.5	26	91.4	116		2		7
Talk to a friend who I suspect is in a sexually abusive situation	76.9	26	75.2	117		2		7
Get help and resources for a friend who tells me they have been sexually assaulted	84.6	26	85.5	117		2		7
Help someone under the influence of alcohol or drugs to get away from a potentially vulnerable situation and to a safe place (e.g., help them to get safely home from a social situation, party, or bar)	88.5	26	87.2	117		2		7
Tell someone at IUPUC about information I have that might help in a sexual assault case even if pressured by my peers to stay silent	73.1	26	76.1	117		2		7
Confront someone who is making excuses for having sex with someone without their consent	84.6	26	76.1	117		2		7

#### **IV. Implications of Survey Findings**

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The findings from the IUPUC Community Attitudes and Experiences with Sexual Assault and Misconduct Survey will continue to be used to inform the development and enhancement of sexual violence prevention and response efforts, including education, interventions, policies, and practices. Additional analysis of the data collected can also provide more information in identifying risk factors for students, as well as areas for increased efforts for student education and programs.

The reporting about perceptions of campus environment are very encouraging overall, including a more than 30 percent increase in students' feelings that IUPUC provides a good support system for students going through difficult times. This specific question was a point of emphasis in the 2016 IUPUC Climate Survey, where only 58 percent of undergraduate men and 61 percent of undergraduate women indicated that IUPUC provided a good support system versus 90 percent and 92 percent respectively in 2019.

Finally, there were fairly low rates of participants indicating that they felt sexual misconduct was a problem on the campus (Table 7.1), and most participants indicated that they had not observed an incident they believe was, or could have led to, a sexual assault. These are good numbers, but it is also possible that students have not received enough information to be able to properly assess and identify these situations when they occur. We acknowledge our responsibility to provide this education and will improve our current efforts to engage our students in meaningful ways on this topic.

## APPENDIX A: SURVEY METHODOLOGY

During the spring 2019 semester, a survey on *Community Attitudes and Experiences with Sexual Assault and Misconduct* was emailed to Indiana University students. Email recruitment of matriculated undergraduate and graduate students was conducted separately for each IU campus. For the IU Bloomington and IUPUI campuses initial email recruitment targeted a random sample of approximately half of the student body not including the School of Medicine, while all other IU regional campuses conducted a census survey of the entire enrolled student body of each individual campus. The Executive Summary of each campus report details numbers of those who received initial recruitment contact messages and those who completed a majority of the survey providing the data reported for each campus.

Recruitment occurred through February and March 2019, with initial recruitment messages sent by the respective campus Provost or Chancellor, and two subsequent emails from senior Student Affairs leadership (e.g., respective campus Dean of Students) encouraging participation. Each recruitment email included information about the importance of the survey and a link. The results presented in the public reports were compiled from participants who completed at least 50 percent of the survey, were age 18 years or older, were not online-only students, and self-identified their sex/gender as male or female. The public reports for IU Bloomington and IUPUI also include data from self-identified transgender participants. Participants were given the option to select “I prefer not to answer” in many questions of the survey due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter, and were only asked certain questions based on previous answers, resulting in the fluctuating number of responses per question.

Data were collected from students identifying as transgender, non-binary, agender, and other gender identities. While collected, we do not report on all aggregate gender identity findings because the number of individuals in these groups was relatively small and doing so might compromise anonymity. For the purposes of the IU Bloomington and IUPUI public reports sample size was sufficient to report a transgender category that included transgender women and transgender men, allowing for some assessment in light of each subgroup being quite small. The data from these groups will be used to help guide the creation of gender-inclusive educational and prevention efforts.

Contact lists of students was generated by University Institutional Research and Reporting. All data was collected over the internet via the Indiana University Center for Survey Research ([csr.indiana.edu](http://csr.indiana.edu)), a research center of the Office of the Vice Provost for Research (OVPR) at IU Bloomington. The link directed participants to a consent page that contained detailed information about the study, as well as information regarding additional campus resources related to sexual violence. Each survey page also included a banner with a direct link to [www.stopsexualviolence.iu.edu](http://www.stopsexualviolence.iu.edu), the university’s comprehensive site for resources, programming, and policies regarding sexual misconduct and sexual violence. Participants were told the study was on attitudes and experiences with sexual assault and other forms of sexual misconduct, that their responses would remain anonymous to university officials, and that they could end the survey at any time. The total survey contained 95 questions, but participants may have received slightly more or less questions due to the skip logic of the questionnaire. The survey included a page at the end thanking the student for their responses and offering a comprehensive list of resources (e.g., counseling services, medical resources, police department, etc.). If students chose to participate, they were automatically entered for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card, which were awarded shortly after the survey was taken offline. Financial support for the incentives and data analysis was provided by IU. All institutional research procedures were consistent with Human Research Protection Program Policies.

The survey tool and research procedures, based on the tool and procedures used for IU Bloomington in fall 2014, were developed through a collaborative process between faculty, staff, and students. Study procedures were developed with faculty from the Kinsey Institute along with the Center for Survey Research, Office of Institutional Equity, Office for Sexual Violence Prevention and Victim Advocacy at IU Bloomington, Office of Equal Opportunity at IUPUI, and input from key administrators across Indiana University. Campus-specific questions were created with collaboration of campus leaders. The survey tool was based on similar items previously used, current academic literature, and on materials used by other

higher education institutions that have conducted their own campus climate reports on sexual misconduct. Data management and analyses were conducted by the IU Center for Survey Research.

Statistical weights were applied to analyses to facilitate accuracy of entire campus assessment and implementation. Weights were developed based on three demographic variables available from matched institutional records: sex/gender, class level, and race/ethnicity. Prior to calculating weights, University Institutional Research and Reporting (UIRR) examined respondent counts and collaborated with faculty and staff investigators to determine a weighting design. Base weights were calculated as the inverse probability of being selected into the sample for each campus. The weights were then calibrated to population proportions using a method of post-stratification called iterative proportional fitting (a.k.a. raking). Finally, weights were examined for extreme values and, if needed, trimmed prior to appending the weights to the response dataset.

## **Resources**

Given the sensitive nature of the survey, information about campus resources was continuously provided throughout the survey referencing Indiana University's website for information regarding sexual misconduct. Participants were informed about the nature of the survey before consenting to participate, and campus resources were provided to all participants who completed the survey. To report sexual misconduct or learn more about campus resources, policies, and procedures, visit [stopsexualviolence.iu.edu](https://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu).

For contact information for the IU Police Department or medical assistance, please visit: <https://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu/help/iupuc/index.html>

If you would like to talk to someone about your experiences, you can find contact information for available confidential resources here: [https://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu/help/confidential\\_resources.html](https://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu/help/confidential_resources.html)

If you would like to report an experience of sexual misconduct, you can make a report or find contact information for the appropriate offices here: <https://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu/report/iupuc/index.html>

## APPENDIX B: DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

The “n” reported in the tables indicates the number of participants who responded to the question.

<b><i>Year in School</i></b>	<b>%UM (n=30)</b>	<b>%UW (n=144)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=8)</b>
First-year undergraduate	16.7	20.8		
Second-year undergraduate	30.0	21.5		
Third-year undergraduate	26.7	23.6		
Fourth-year undergraduate	16.7	22.2		
Fifth-year undergraduate	6.7	6.3		
Sixth-year or more undergraduate	3.3	4.9		
Graduate or professional student	*	0.7		
Not seeking a degree	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0		

<b><i>Ethnicity</i></b>	<b>%UM (n=30)</b>	<b>%UW (n=145)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=8)</b>
Asian	0.0	0.0		
Black/African American	0.0	0.0		
Hispanic/Latino	10.0	3.4		
International	6.7	1.4		
Multiracial or Other	0.0	4.8		
White	83.3	90.3		

<b><i>Sex Assigned at Birth</i></b>	<b>%UM (n=30)</b>	<b>%UW (n=145)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=8)</b>
Female	0.0	99.3		
Male	96.7	0.7		
Intersex	3.3	0.0		



<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	<b>%UM (n=30)</b>	<b>%UW (n=145)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=8)</b>
Straight / Heterosexual	90.0	91.7		
Gay / Lesbian	6.7	0.7		
Bisexual / Pansexual	0.0	6.2		
Asexual	0.0	0.7		
Queer	0.0	0.0		
Questioning or Unsure	3.3	0.7		
Another identity not listed	0.0	0.0		
Prefer not to answer	0.0	0.0		

<b>Living Situation</b>	<b>%UM (n=30)</b>	<b>%UW (n=145)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=8)</b>
Apartment	16.7	11.0		
Rented house	10.0	12.4		
House owned by myself/family/spouse	73.3	76.6		
Other	0.0	0.0		

<b>Who do you live with? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)</b>	<b>%UM (n=30)</b>	<b>%UW (n=145)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GM (n=8)</b>
Friends/roommates	3.3	7.6		
Spouse/partner	20.0	26.9		
Girlfriend or boyfriend	6.7	17.9		
Parents	60.0	51.0		
Children	3.3	22.8		
Other family members	6.7	7.6		
Other students	0.0	0.0		
Alone	10.0	4.8		
Other	0.0	0.0		

<b>College Athletics (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)</b>	<b>%UM (n=30)</b>	<b>%UW (n=145)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=8)</b>
Club Sports	3.3	0.7		
Intramural Sports	0.0	0.0		
None of the above	96.7	97.2		

<b>Relationship Status</b>	<b>%UM (n=26)</b>	<b>%UW (n=116)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=6)</b>
Single, not dating anyone	38.5	19.8		
Casually dating	19.2	12.9		
In a committed romantic relationship, not living together	19.2	20.7		
In a committed romantic relationship, living together	11.5	20.7		
Married	11.5	23.3		
Separated	0.0	0.9		
Divorced	0.0	1.7		
Other	0.0	0.0		

<b>Is there anyone in your life with whom you feel you can really share your private thoughts and feelings?</b>	<b>%UM (n=26)</b>	<b>%UW (n=115)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=6)</b>
Yes	80.8	90.4		
No	19.2	9.6		

<b>Health Rating</b>	<b>%UM (n=25)</b>	<b>%UW (n=116)</b>	<b>%GM (n=2)</b>	<b>%GW (n=6)</b>
Excellent	32.0	17.2		
Very good	28.0	37.1		
Good	36.0	35.3		
Fair	4.0	8.6		
Poor	0.0	0.9		
I don't know	0.0	0.9		

## APPENDIX C: ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ASKED

The following questions were also included as part of the survey, but the frequency of responses (n) for each of these questions across all categories (UM, UW, GM, GW) was less than 10. Therefore, no data can be provided in this report for the following questions due to privacy considerations. The questions are represented in bold text; answer options provided to participants follow in parentheses.

### ***Sexual Misconduct Experiences***

**For the most recent experience of non-consensual attempted sexual penetration, how is the person(s) who did these things to you associated with IUPUC?** (Not associated with IUPUC; Student; University professor or instructor; Staff or administrator; Other person affiliated with an IUPUC program (ex., Externship/Internship, clinical placement, study abroad); Don't know the person's association with IUPUC)

**For those reporting non-consensual attempted sexual penetration, where did the most recent incident occur?** (On-campus building; On-campus outside; Off-campus outside; Bar, club, restaurant; Off-campus residence (your own or other residence); Other)

**For those reporting non-consensual attempted sexual penetration, did you experience any of the following in connection with this incident? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply.)** (I was forced or was threatened with physical force; I was unable to consent (e.g., incapacitation due to drugs and/or alcohol asleep, unconscious); I felt coerced; I did not give affirmative consent verbally or otherwise; Other)

**For the most recent experience of non-consensual sexual penetration, how is the person(s) who did these things to you associated with IUPUC?** (Not associated with IUPUC; Student; University professor or instructor; Staff or administrator; Other person affiliated with an IUPUC program (ex., Externship/Internship, clinical placement, study abroad); Don't know the person's association with IUPUC)

**For those reporting non-consensual sexual penetration, where did the most recent incident occur?** (On-campus building; On-campus outside; Off-campus outside; Bar, club, restaurant; Off-campus residence (your own or other residence); Other)

**For those reporting non-consensual sexual penetration, did you experience any of the following in connection with this incident? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply.)** (I was forced or was threatened with physical force; I was unable to consent (e.g., incapacitation due to drugs and/or alcohol asleep, unconscious); I felt coerced; I did not give affirmative consent verbally or otherwise; Other)

**For the most recent experience of stalking, how is the person(s) who did these things to you associated with IUPUC? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply.)** (Not associated with IUPUC; Student; University professor or instructor; Staff or administrator; Other person affiliated with an IUPUC program (ex., Externship/Internship, clinical placement, study abroad); Don't know the person's association with IUPUC)

**For those reporting stalking, where did the most recent incident occur? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply.)** (On-campus building; On-campus outside; Off-campus outside ; Bar, club, restaurant; Off-campus residence (your own or other residence); Other)

**For the most recent experience of domestic violence or dating violence, how is the person(s) who did these things to you associated with IUPUC?** (Not associated with IUPUC; Student; University professor or instructor; Staff or administrator; Other person affiliated with an IUPUC program (ex., Externship/Internship, clinical placement, study abroad); Don't know the person's association with IUPUC)

**For those reporting domestic or dating violence, where did the most recent incident occur?** (On-campus building; On-campus outside; Off-campus outside; Bar, club, restaurant; Off-campus residence (your own or other residence); Other)

**For the most recent experience of sexual exploitation, how is the person(s) who did these things to you associated with IUPUC?** (Not associated with IUPUC; Student; University professor or instructor; Staff or administrator; Other person affiliated with an IUPUC program (ex., Externship/Internship, clinical placement, study abroad); Don't know the person's association with IUPUC)

**For those reporting sexual exploitation, where did the most recent incident occur?** (On-campus building; On-campus outside; Off-campus outside; Bar, club, restaurant; Off-campus residence (your own or other residence); Other)

**Did you report your sexual harassment incident or seek help at IUPUC?** (Yes; No)

**Among those who reported experiencing sexual harassment since coming to IUPUC: Please indicate the individual(s)/office(s) to whom you reported the incident: (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)** (Deputy Title IX Coordinator; University Title IX Coordinator; Faculty; Staff/Administrators; Dean of Students; IU Police Department at IUPUC; Other; I prefer not to answer)

**How helpful were the people you told at IUPUC in assisting you with the problem (the reported sexual harassment)?** (Not at all helpful; Only a little helpful; Somewhat helpful; Very helpful; I prefer not to answer)

**If you did not report the incident of sexual harassment to anyone at IUPUC, why? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)** (I felt ashamed/embarrassed; It is a private matter – I wanted to deal with it on my own; I didn't want the person who did it to get in trouble; I feared retribution from the harasser; I feared not being believed; I thought I would be blamed for what happened; I didn't think what happened was serious enough to disclose to others; I didn't know reporting procedure on campus; I feared others would harass me or react negatively toward me; I thought nothing would be done in response; I wanted to forget it happened; I had other things I needed to focus on (for example classes and work); Other; No experience/I did tell someone; I prefer not to answer)

***For those willing to share additional information about their experience with sexual misconduct:***

**What year in school were you when you experienced this? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)** (First-year undergraduate; Second-year undergraduate; Third year undergraduate; Fourth-year undergraduate; Fifth-year or more undergraduate; Graduate or professional student; I prefer not to answer)

**Who did you tell about the incident? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)** (Friend(s) not at IU; Friend(s) at IU; Roommate(s); Spouse; Romantic partner(s); Parent(s); Other family member(s); Religious advisor/clergy; Mental health counselor; Medical provider; Community victim advocate/services agency; Local police; Someone who works at IUPUC; Other; I did not tell anyone; I prefer not to answer)

**What kind of responses did you receive from those you told or reported to? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply.)** (Helped me gather information, or find resources and/or services; Responded in a way that made me feel supported; Responded in a cold or detached way; Connected me with resources; Told others about it without my permission; Doubted me, asked questions to determine if it really happened, or refused to believe me; Blamed me, said I could have done something to prevent it, or asked why I didn't do something to prevent it; Minimized the experience or the importance of what happened; Made excuses for the person who did this to me; Other; I did not receive a response; I prefer not to answer)

**The gender of the person who perpetrated the sexual misconduct (the assailant)** (Man; Woman; Non-binary; Agender; Another identity not listed; Don't know)

**At the time, what was your relationship to the other person (the assailant)?** (Stranger (someone unknown to you and had never met or seen before); Acquaintance (someone you know only somewhat, such as someone you recently met or a friend of a friend); Friend; Family member; Ex-romantic partner; Current romantic partner, not living together; Current romantic partner, living together; Other (please specify); I prefer not to answer)

**At the time, was the other person (the assailant) affiliated with Indiana University?** (Yes; No; Don't know)

**Was the other person (the assailant) affiliated with a fraternity/sorority?** (Yes; No)

**Did you seek medical attention after the incident?** (Yes; No; I prefer not to answer)

**Among those who said they reported sexual misconduct to someone at IUPUC: Please indicate the individual(s) or office(s) to whom you reported the incident: (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)** (Deputy Title IX Coordinator; University Title IX Coordinator; Faculty; Staff/Administrators; Dean of Students; IU Police Department at IUPUC; Other; I prefer not to answer)

**To what extent was IUPUC helpful in assisting with the problem?** (Not at all helpful; Only a little helpful; Somewhat helpful; Very helpful; I prefer not to answer)

**If you did not tell anyone at IUPUC, why? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)** (I felt ashamed/embarrassed; It is a private matter - I wanted to deal with it on my own; I didn't want the person who did it to get in trouble; I feared retribution from the perpetrator/assailant; I feared not being believed; I thought I would be blamed for what happened; I didn't think what happened was serious enough to disclose to others; I didn't know how to report on campus; I feared that I or another would be punished for infractions or violations (such as underage drinking); I feared others would harass me or react negatively toward me; I thought nothing would be done in response; I wanted to forget it happened; I had other things I needed to focus on (for example, classes and work); I was financially dependent on the perpetrator/assailant; I was afraid of losing my relationship with the perpetrator/assailant; I was fearful of further violence from the perpetrator/assailant if I told anyone; I have children with the perpetrator/assailant; Other; No experience/I did tell someone; I prefer not to answer)

***For those participants providing additional details about an incident of non-consensual attempted penetration or non-consensual penetration:***

**At the time of the incident, did the other person (the assailant) consume alcohol and/or drugs?** (Yes; No; Unsure; I prefer not to answer)

**Which of the following substances did the other person (the assailant) consume? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)** (Alcohol; Marijuana; Prescription drugs; Other illicit drug; Unsure; I prefer not to answer)

**At the time of the incident, had you consumed alcohol and/or drugs?** (Yes; No; Unsure; I prefer not to answer)

**Which of the following substances did you consume? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)** (Alcohol; Marijuana; Prescription drugs; Other illicit drug; Unsure; I prefer not to answer)

**Do you think someone intentionally gave you alcohol to the point of intoxication for the purpose of sexual contact?** (Yes; No; Unsure; I prefer not to answer)

**Do you think someone intentionally drugged you for the purpose of sexual contact (e.g., slipped a substance in your drink)?** (Yes; No; Unsure; I prefer not to answer)

**For those participants providing additional details about an incident of non-consensual sexual touching, non-consensual attempted penetration, or non-consensual penetration: Did this occur at an event associated with IUPUC?** (Yes; No; I prefer not to answer)

**For those reporting sexual exploitation or sexual harassment, did some of the behavior occur online?** (Yes; No)

**You previously indicated you experienced sexual exploitation since coming to IUPUC. Please indicate whether you experienced any of the following: [Sharing of sexual materials without your permission; Receiving unwanted explicit materials; Peeping; Being watched while engaging in sexual behaviors by a third party without consent; Engaging in sexual behaviors with a person who was knowingly exposing you to sexually transmitted infections; Some other form of sexual exploitation]** (Yes; No)

**For those answering about an incident of sexual exploitation: How has this affected your ...? [Friendships; Romantic/intimate relationships; Academic performance; Mental health; Physical health]** (Negatively, Positively; Not at all; I prefer not to answer)

### ***Engagement in Sexual Violence Prevention***

**When you have witnessed a situation that you believed was, or could have led to, a sexual assault, what did you do? (Participants were asked to mark all that apply)** (I stepped in and separated the people involved in the situation; I asked the person who appeared to be at risk if they needed help; I confronted the person who appeared to be causing the situation; I created a distraction to cause one or more of the people to disengage from the situation; I asked others to step in as a group and diffuse the situation; I told someone in a position of authority about the situation; I considered intervening in the situation, but I could not safely take any action; I decided not to take action; Other; I prefer not to answer)

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