

Utah State University 2019 Sexual Misconduct Survey

One-Page Summary

As part of Utah State University's continuing efforts to address sexual misconduct, the Campus Climate and Survey Working Group, part of the USU Sexual Violence Task Force, implemented the second USU Sexual Misconduct Survey in April 2019. All 23,349 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, 18 years of age or older at all statewide locations were invited to participate in the 2019 survey.

One-quarter of students participated in the 2019 survey (26%; 6,159), representing 33% of the Logan campus population (4,969 participants), 22% of the Eastern campus population (223 participants), 16% of the Blanding campus population (67 participants), 10% of the Statewide Campuses population (381 participants), and 9% of the Distance Education population (375 participants). The majority of participants were female (58%; 3,601) and undergraduate students (81%; 5,011).

The majority of participants feel safe on their USU campus (92%; 5,267). Most participants think the university would forward a sexual misconduct report to criminal investigators if desired by the victim (87%; 4,743) and that the university would maintain the privacy of the person making the report (84%; 4,652).

About half of participants (54%; 2,997) think that there is a need for them to think about sexual misconduct at USU even though a little less than half of them (46%; 2,503) think that sexual misconduct is a problem at USU. A majority of participants have been exposed to education about sexual misconduct through campus posters (87%; 4,634) and university websites (53%; 2,840). Almost half of participants (46%; 2,458) have attended a training or program about what they can do as a bystander to stop sexual misconduct.

About 10% of female undergraduate students have experienced nonconsensual sexual contact since being a student at USU (13%; 402), with 11% experiencing attempted or completed nonconsensual sexual touching (343) and 6% experiencing attempted or completed nonconsensual sexual penetration (186). Female undergraduate students represented the majority of participants who experienced all of the forms of sexual misconduct except gender-based discrimination or harassment (less than female graduate students) and dating and domestic violence (same as female graduate students).

Participants (6,159) have had the following experiences since being a student at USU:

- **Gender-based discrimination or harassment:** 17% (1,026) of participants
- **Sexual harassment:** 27% (1,651) of participants
- **Nonconsensual sexual contact:** 10% (497) of participants
 - **Attempted or completed nonconsensual sexual touching:** 7% (413) of participants
 - **Attempted or completed nonconsensual sexual penetration:** 4% (219) of participants
- **Stalking:** 13% (789) of participants
- **Dating or domestic violence:** 11% (661) of participants