

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY 2023
OFFICE OF EQUITY

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT SURVEY DATA REPORT: STUDENTS

One-Page Summary

As part of Utah State University's continuing efforts to address sexual misconduct, the Office of Equity implemented the fourth USU Sexual Misconduct Survey for students in April 2023. All 21,233 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students 18 years of age or older at all statewide locations were invited to participate in the 2023 survey.

Ten percent of overall students participated in the 2023 survey (2,058), representing 10% of the Logan campus population (1,597 participants), 7% of the Eastern campus population (60 participants), 8% of the Blanding campus population (24 participants), 4% of the Statewide Campuses population (107 participants), and 33% of the out of state population (212 participants). The majority of participants were female (63%; 1,235) and undergraduate students (83%; 1,620).

The majority of participants feel safe on their USU campus (98%; 1,780). Most participants think the university would forward a sexual misconduct report to criminal investigators if desired by the victim (95%; 1,623) and that the university would maintain the privacy of the person making the report (94%; 1,612). Exactly 75% of participants are comfortable reporting sexual misconduct to USU's Title IX Coordinator (1,246).

Roughly half of participants 56%; 979) think that there is a need for them to think about sexual misconduct at USU, even though one-third of them (38%; 659) think that sexual misconduct is a problem at USU. A majority of participants have been exposed to education about sexual misconduct through campus posters or digital signs (78%; 1,198) and university social media channels (56%; 869).

The majority of participants think that USU takes training in sexual misconduct prevention seriously (92%; 1,601). More than half of participants (64%; 988) have attended a training or program about what they can do as a bystander to stop sexual misconduct. Almost 90% of participants think it is likely that their peers would support others who confront harmful or problematic behavior (88%; 1,295).

Nine percent of participants have experienced nonconsensual sexual contact since May 2021, or since being a student at USU, if sooner (118). Of those participants, 81% were female students. Female undergraduate students represented the majority of participants who experienced sex discrimination and all forms of sexual misconduct.

Participants (2,058) have had the following experiences since being a student at USU:

- **Sex discrimination:** 21% (438) of participants
- **Sexual harassment:** 23% (480) of participants
- **Sexual exploitation:** 1% (28) of participants
- **Nonconsensual sexual contact:** 6% (118) of participants
 - **Nonconsensual sexual touching:** 5% (96) of participants
 - **Nonconsensual sexual penetration:** 2% (41) of participants
- **Sex-based stalking:** 10% (196) of participants
- **Relationship violence:** 6% (120) of participants