



# **Sexual Violence Prevalence (SVP) Campus Climate Survey Report**

**Hudson Valley Community College**

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## **Executive Summary**

On April 10, 2023, our campus began an online administration of the Sexual Violence Prevalence (SVP) Campus Climate Survey. This survey was administered to students and employees and is required to address, at minimum, student and employee knowledge about:

- The Title IX Coordinator's role;
- Campus policies and procedures addressing sexual assault;
- How and where to report sexual violence as a victim/survivor or witness;
- The availability of resources on and off campus, such as counseling, health, academic assistance;
- The prevalence of victimization and perpetration of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on and off campus during a set time period (for example, the last two years);
- Bystander attitudes and behavior;
- Whether victims/survivors reported to the College/University and/or police, and reasons why they did or did not report.
- The general awareness of the difference, if any, between the institution's policies and the penal law; and
- The general awareness of the definition of affirmative consent.

In reviewing the results, we highlight that the survey:

- Showed that the large majority of our students were aware that the college had policies and procedures to specifically address sexual assault.

- Showed that even a larger majority of our students knew the definition of Affirmative Consent for sexual activity.
- Over 80% of our students knew they could report such an incident to Public Safety.
- A large majority of our students knew these incidents could be reported to counseling and about half of our students knew they could report the incidents to health services.
- A majority of our students knew they could report these incidents to the Title IX Coordinator.
- Almost all of our faculty and staff understood our policies and procedures, knew the definition of Affirmative Consent and large majorities of our faculty and staff knew how to report incidents and where to go for help. Over 95% of our faculty and staff knew they could report incident to Public Safety and/or the Title IX Coordinator.

The college is committed to encourage student to report such incidents, even if the alleged perpetrator is not a student, faculty or staff member to encourage our students to take advantage of services.

If you have any questions about the survey or the results included in this report, please contact:

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## Background

The SVP survey is administered every other year by all SUNY campuses, who work closely with SUNY System Administration to coordinate the survey administration itself. An effort is made to keep the questions from one administration to the next as consistent as possible to allow for reliable and meaningful longitudinal data. System-wide IRB review takes place for each survey administration.

Our campus administered the student survey between April 10, 2023 and April 18, 2023 and the employee survey between April 10, 2023 and April 18, 2023. Excluded survey populations were individuals under 18 years of age, all incarcerated individuals regardless of age, and all students concurrently enrolled in high school regardless of age. A survey instrument and a reminder was sent to all eligible students, faculty, and staff.

Though our campus has a good, general understanding of our policies and resources, the college seeks to raise awareness of the availability of resources and services regardless of whether the alleged perpetrator is associated with the college.

The following is a list of the types of questions asked of our students and employees. If there was less than a 6% response to the questions, they were not recorded.

Regulatory Topic / Thematic Area	Student Tableau tab (in bold), followed by survey question(s)	Faculty / Staff Tableau tab (in bold), followed by survey question(s)
<i>The Title IX Coordinator's role</i>	<p><b>Awareness of Policies</b> (see also <i>Student Employee Comp 1</i>) Do you know how to contact the Title IX Coordinator?</p> <p>To whom can a victim/survivor or witness formally disclose a sexual assault on campus?</p> <p><b>Resources</b> Which are the roles of a Title IX Coordinator in regards to sex discrimination/sexual assault/sexual misconduct?</p>	<p><b>Policy Awareness 2</b> Do you know how to contact the Title IX Coordinator?</p> <p>To whom can a victim/survivor or witness formally disclose a sexual assault on campus?</p> <p>Which are the roles of a Title IX Coordinator in regards to sex discrimination/sexual assault/sexual misconduct?</p> <p><b>Student Incidents</b> For the most recent disclosed incident, did you report the disclosure to the Title IX Coordinator, Campus Police/Public Safety, Student Affairs, or another office on campus?</p>
<i>Campus policies and procedures addressing sexual assault</i>	<p><b>Awareness of Policies</b> (see also <i>Student Employee Comp 1</i>) My campus has policies and procedures specifically addressing sexual assault.</p> <p>Have you received written and/or verbal information from anyone at your campus about the following?</p> <p>Do you know about SUNY's alcohol and/or drug use amnesty policy in reporting sexual violence?</p>	<p><b>Policy Awareness 1</b> My campus has policies and procedures specifically addressing sexual assault.</p> <p>Have you received written and/or verbal information from anyone at your campus about the following?</p> <p>Do you know about SUNY's alcohol and/or drug use amnesty policy in reporting sexual violence?</p>
<i>How and where to report sexual violence as a victim/survivor or witness</i>	<p><b>Awareness of Policies</b> (see also <i>Student Employee Comp 1</i>) Have you received written and/or verbal information from anyone at your campus about the following?</p> <p>Which of the following incidents do you know how to report to the college?</p> <p>To whom can a victim/survivor or witness formally disclose a sexual assault on campus?</p>	<p><b>Policy Awareness 1</b> Have you received written and/or verbal information from anyone at your campus about the following? ...How to report sexual assault...</p> <p>Which of the following incidents do you know how to report to the College?</p> <p><b>Policy Awareness 2</b> To whom can a victim/survivor or witness formally disclose a sexual assault on campus?</p> <p>Which are the roles of a Title IX Coordinator in regards to sex discrimination/sexual assault/sexual misconduct?</p> <p><b>Student Incidents</b> For the most recent disclosed incident, did you report the disclosure to the Title IX Coordinator, Campus Police/public Safety, Student Affairs or another office on campus?</p>

		<p>To which office(s) did you report the most recent disclosed incident?</p> <p>Why didn't you report the most recent disclosed incident?</p> <p><b>Unwanted Sexual Comments</b> Did you take any action after this experience/s? ... Reported the incident...</p> <p><b>Unwanted Digital Communications</b> Did you take any action after this experience/s? .... Reported the incident...</p>
<p><i>The availability of resources on and off campus, such as counseling, health, academic assistance</i></p>	<p><b>Awareness of Policies</b> Have you received written and/or verbal information from anyone at your campus about the following? ...Where to go to report, get help...</p> <p>To whom can a victim/survivor or witness formally disclose a sexual assault on campus? <i>Lists several resources including Health Center, Counseling, etc.</i></p> <p><b>Resources</b> <b>(see also Student Employee Comp 2)</b> Please indicate your awareness of the following on-campus and community resources? <i>Lists several resources including Health Services, Counseling Center, etc.</i></p>	<p><b>Policy Awareness 1</b> Have you received written and/or verbal information from anyone at your campus about the following? ...Where to go to report, get help...</p> <p><b>Policy Awareness 2</b> To whom can a victim/survivor or witness formally disclose a sexual assault on campus? <i>Lists several resources including Health Center, Counseling, etc.</i></p> <p>Please indicate your awareness of the following on-campus and community resources? <i>Lists several resources including Health Services, Counseling Center, etc.</i></p>
<p><i>The prevalence of victimization and perpetration of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on and off campus during a set time period (for example, the last two years)</i></p>	<p><b>Incidents DB</b> <b>(see also Student Employee Comp 3)</b> During the last year, have you experience any of the following...</p> <p>During the last year, has someone...</p> <p><b>Domestic Partner</b> In the last year, has an intimate partner...</p> <p><b>Stalking</b> In the past year, has anyone-from stranger to a friend or current or ex-partner- repeatedly followed you, watched you, texted, called, written, e-mailed, or communicated with you in ways that seemed obsessive and made you afraid or concerned or your safety?</p>	<p><b>Student Incidents</b> During the last year, have any students disclosed to you that they were a victim of an unwanted sexual experience, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, regardless of where such incident is reported to have occurred?</p> <p><b>Unwanted Sexual Comments</b> During the last year, have you experienced unwanted sexual comments, sexual slurs, or demeaning jokes?</p> <p><b>Unwanted Digital Communications</b> During the last year, have you received unwanted sexually suggestive digital communications, either words or images or both, including emails, texts, social medial communications, or in letters or written communications?</p>

<p><i>Bystander attitudes and behavior</i></p>	<p><b>Incidents – Tell</b> Did any of the following thoughts or concerns cross your mind when you decided not to report or otherwise share your experience?</p> <p><b>Domestic Partner – No Report</b> Did any of the following thoughts or concerns cross your mind when you decided not to report or otherwise share your experience?</p> <p><b>Stalking – No Tell</b> Did any of the following thoughts or concerns cross your mind when you decided not to report or otherwise share your experience?</p> <p><b>Change of Plans</b> Have any incidents disclosed in this survey caused you to modify your education plans?</p> <p><b>Student College Response</b> Indicate how likely or unlikely you think a fellow student is to do the following:  If you or a friend filed a formal complaint of sexual violence on your campus, do you think your college would...?</p>	<p><b>Readiness to help</b> The following items relate to your understanding of a fellow employee’s willingness to help if they become aware of an incident. You may interpret the phrase “do something” to mean acting in some way, such as asking for help, creating a distraction, or talking directly.</p>
<p><i>Whether victims/survivors reported to the College/University and/or police, and reasons why they did or did not report</i></p>	<p><b>Incidents – Perpetrator</b> Did you tell anyone about the most recent incident?</p> <p><b>Incidents – Tell</b> Who did you tell about the most recent incident?  Did you file a formal complaint about this incident with anyone at the college?</p> <p><b>Domestic Partner</b> Did you tell anyone about the most recent incident (intimate partner)?  Who did you tell about the most recent incident?  Did you file a formal complaint about this incident with anyone at the college?</p> <p><b>Stalking</b> Did you tell anyone about the most recent incident?  Who did you tell about the most recent incident?</p>	<p><b>Student Incidents</b> For the most recent disclosed incident, did you report the disclosure to the Title IX Coordinator, Campus Police/Public Safety, Student Affairs, or another office on campus?  To which office(s) did you report the most recent disclosed incident?  Why didn’t you report the most recent disclosed incident?</p> <p><b>Unwanted Sexual Comments</b> Did you take any action after this experience/s?</p> <p><b>Unwanted Digital Communications</b> Did you take any action after this experience/s?</p>

	Did you file a formal complaint about this incident with anyone at the college?	
<i>The general awareness of the difference, if any, between the institution's policies and the penal law</i>	<b>Awareness of Policies (see also Student Employee Comp 3)</b> Do you know the difference between the college disciplinary process and the criminal justice system?	<b>Policy Awareness 1</b> Do you know the difference between the college disciplinary process and the criminal justice system?
<i>The general awareness of the definition of affirmative consent</i>	<b>Awareness of Policies (see also Student Employee Comp 3)</b> Do you know the definition of Affirmative Consent?  Can someone who is incapacitated provide consent?	<b>Policy Awareness 1</b> Do you know the definition of Affirmative Consent?  Can someone who is incapacitated provide consent?

### Summary

About 10% of our students reported being stalked by an individual either on or off campus and 70% of those students indicated they reported it to someone, usually a friend or a family member.

About 5% of our students reported being physically threatened by a domestic partner and about 50% of those students indicated they told someone, usually a friend or a family member.

About 20% of our students said they were exposed to unwanted sexual jokes, comments or slurs and 15% reported receiving unwanted sexual digital communications. 26% of these students reported those incidents came from a stranger and over half the students indicated they did not report those communications to anyone.

Approximately 10% of the employees of the college reported that a student had told them they had experienced domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault, but only 64% of them reported that to the college for services.

About 6% of our employees reported being the victims of unwanted sexual comments, 29% of those comments came from faculty members. Half of those employees took no action in response to those unwanted comments.

### Discussion and next steps

The college will take this information to continue to improve the climate at Hudson Valley. We are proud of the climate we have created but see where we could improve.

Specifically, we would like to raise awareness of services available to our students who report they are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault, even if the incident occurred off campus and the alleged perpetrator was not a student.

The college has already taken steps to improve training for faculty and staff so they report the incidents, make students aware of confidential resources, and advise the students of available services.

We continue a variety of student trainings to raise awareness of the policies of the college, where to go for help, and the resources we have available.