

Claremont Colleges Sexual Assault and Campus Climate Survey Findings

The HEDS Sexual Assault and Campus Climate Survey instrument is designed to cover the following topics: perceptions of campus climate around unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault, perceptions of how the institution addresses and responds to sexual assault, and the extent to which students have experienced unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault. But the majority of survey questions are dedicated to specific details and circumstances around accounts of sexual assault, in order to bring clarity to a topic that is inherently sensitive and difficult.

In the spring of 2015, the survey was emailed to approximately 8,000 graduate and undergraduate students at the seven Claremont Colleges. Survey responses were received from 2475 students, for a rate of 31%. For the undergraduate (UG) student population, the response rate was 33% (1949/5896). Because the survey was voluntary, and the topic of sexual assault and campus climate has the potential to provoke strong opinions, it is impossible to determine the impact self-selection may have had on the results. Additionally, there was a high degree of variability among the seven institutions. Therefore, it is important to keep in mind that these results do not necessarily represent generalizations about the entire Claremont Colleges community, or any one institution in particular.

The findings are divided into the three following sections:

1. Perceptions of campus climate and sexual assault
2. Institutional information and education about sexual assault
3. Unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault

Table 1 - Survey Participant Demographics

Respondents	UG #	UG %
Women	1270	64.6
Men	657	33.4
Another/missing gender	40	2.0
White	1065	54.1
Other than white	854	43.4
Heterosexual	1460	74.2
Other than heterosexual	478	24.3

Respondents	7C #	7C %
Women	1578	63.8
Men	850	34.3
Another/missing gender	47	1.9
White	1264	51.1
Other than white	1142	46.1
Heterosexual	1848	74.7
Other than heterosexual	578	23.4

Classification	7C #	7C %
Freshman/First Year	487	19.7
Sophomore	485	19.6
Junior	475	19.2
Senior	508	20.5
Graduate Student or Other	508	20.5

SECTION 1: PERCEPTIONS OF CAMPUS CLIMATE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Students responded to the following questions using a 5-point scale, where 5 represents strongly agree, 4 is agree, 3 is neither agree nor disagree, 2 is disagree, and 1 is strongly disagree.

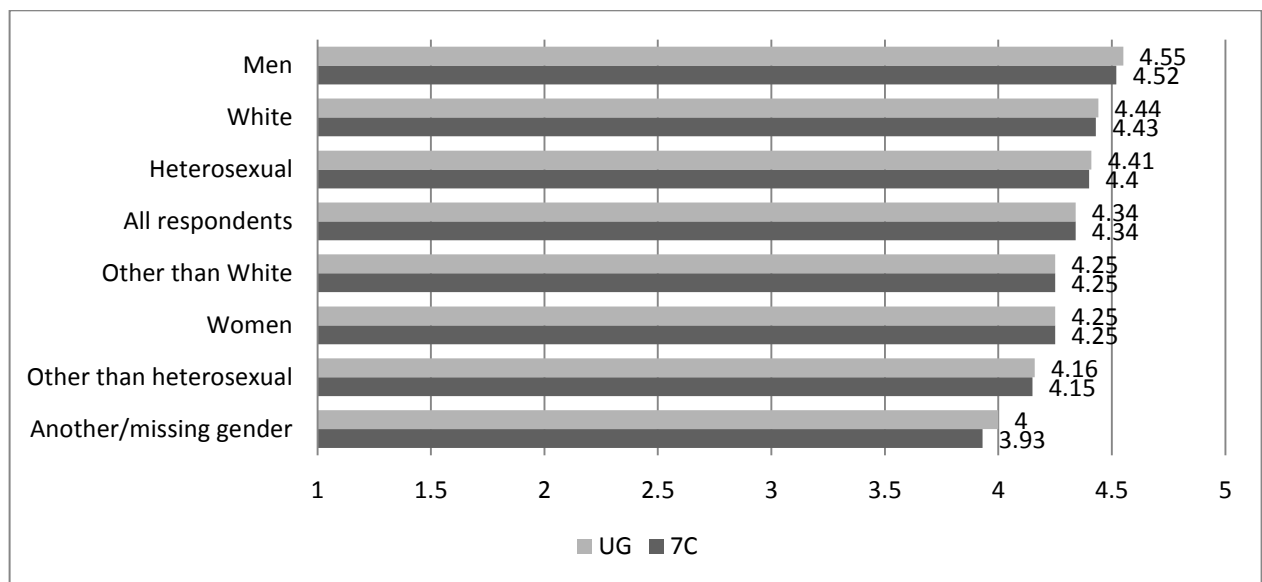
General views on campus climate are very positive. Over 90% of all 7C respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel safe on their campus; that figure is 80% for undergraduate respondents only.

Table 2 - Responses to questions about General Climate

Questions about general climate	UG Mean	7C Mean
Faculty, staff and administrators respect what students think	3.98	4.01
Faculty, staff, and administrators concern for students' welfare	4.22	4.21
Faculty, staff, and administrators treat students fairly	3.93	3.96
Student concern about welfare of other students	4.17	4.12
I feel valued in the classroom/learning environment	4.19	4.19
I feel close to people on this campus	4.11	4.01
I feel part of the community	4.00	3.94
I feel safe on this campus	4.34	4.34

However, differences were observed among various populations.

Chart 1 - Disaggregated responses to the statement *I feel safe on this campus*



Views about the institutional response to difficult or dangerous situations are slightly lower than those on campus climate, but remain positive.

Table 3 - Responses to questions about difficult or dangerous situations

Difficult or dangerous situations	UG Mean	7C Mean
Officials protect students from harm	3.68	3.72
Officials would handle a crisis well	3.47	3.54
Officials respond quickly in difficult situations	3.51	3.54
Officials handle in fair and responsible manner	3.48	3.51
There is a good support system for students going through difficult times	3.44	3.47

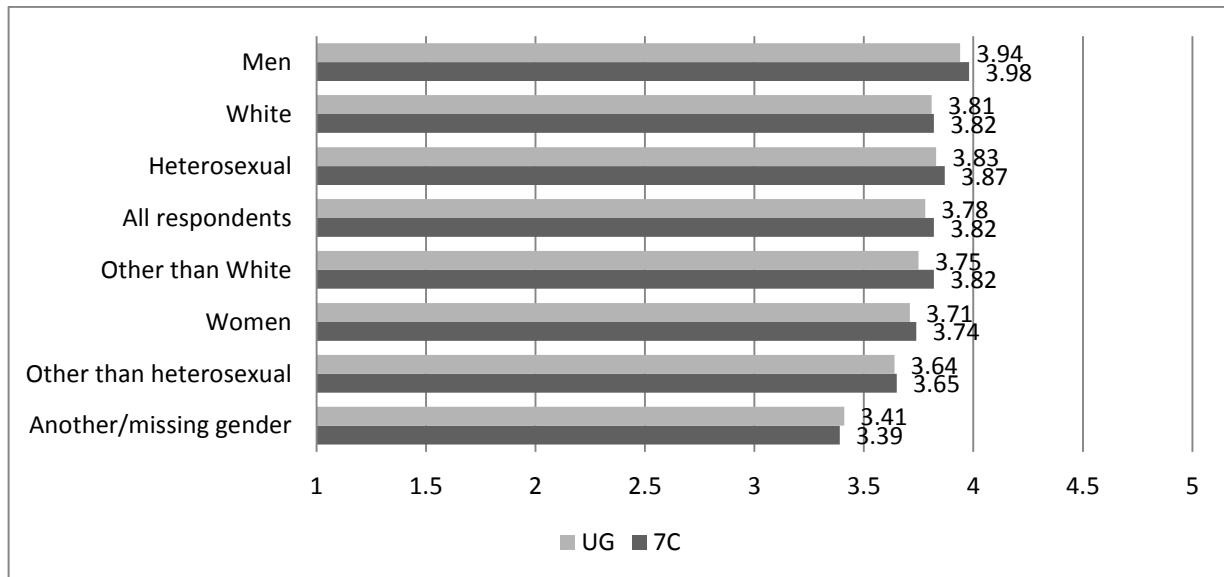
While most respondents from the 7Cs (including undergraduates) believe that other students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault, 39% 7C (42.2% UG) still think that they or one of their friends is at risk for being sexually assaulted on campus or during off-campus events or programs sponsored by the institution. Just over half of 7C students (46.5% UG only) perceive the number of sexual assaults that occur on campus or during off-campus events or programs sponsored by their institution to be low.

Table 4 - Responses to questions about views on sexual assault

Views on sexual assault at institution	UG Mean	7C Mean
Low number of sexual assaults on campus	3.29	3.42
Don't believe I or one of my friends is at risk of sexual assault	2.95	3.11
Students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault	3.78	3.82

Once again, differences were observed among certain populations.

Chart 2 - Disaggregated responses to the statement *I believe that students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault*



SECTION 2: INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

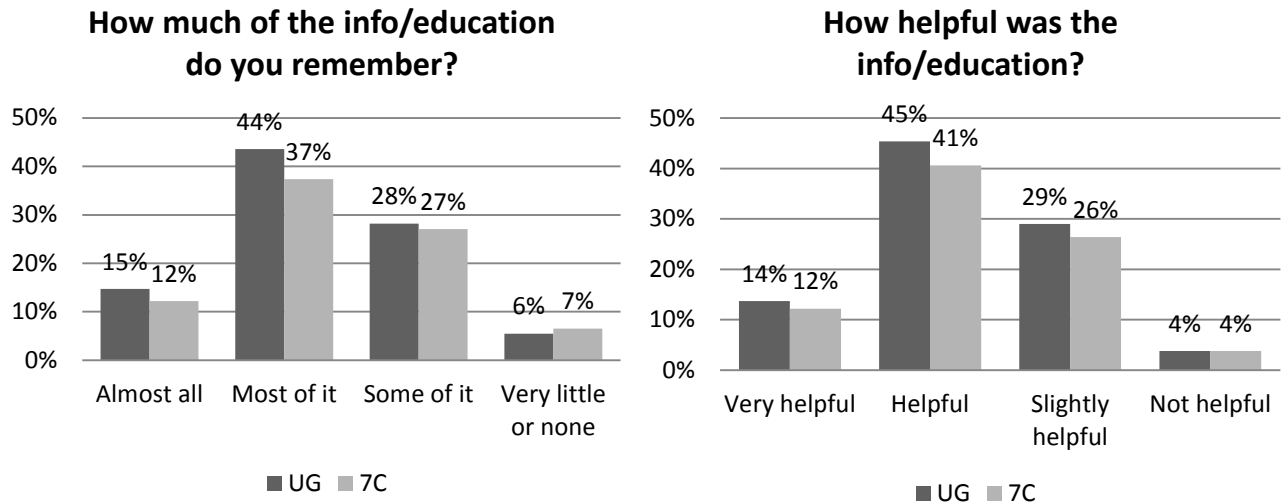
Responses regarding information and education on sexual assault provided by institution varied.

Table 5 - Responses to questions about information or education

UG: Did you receive information or education from institution about	% Yes	% No	% Unsure
What sexual assault is and how to recognize it	85.6	6.6	7.0
How to report an incident of sexual assault	59.5	19.6	20.0
Confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them	59.4	19.4	20.3
Procedures for investigating a sexual assault	37.7	40.3	21.0
Action you can take to help prevent sexual assault	77.2	12.6	9.3

7C: Did you receive Information or education from institution about	% Yes	% No	% Unsure
What sexual assault is and how to recognize it	74.8	13.3	10.8
How to report an incident of sexual assault	55.0	23.2	20.5
Confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them	53.2	23.5	22.1
Procedures for investigating a sexual assault	33.7	42.2	22.9
Action you can take to help prevent sexual assault	67.2	18.9	12.6

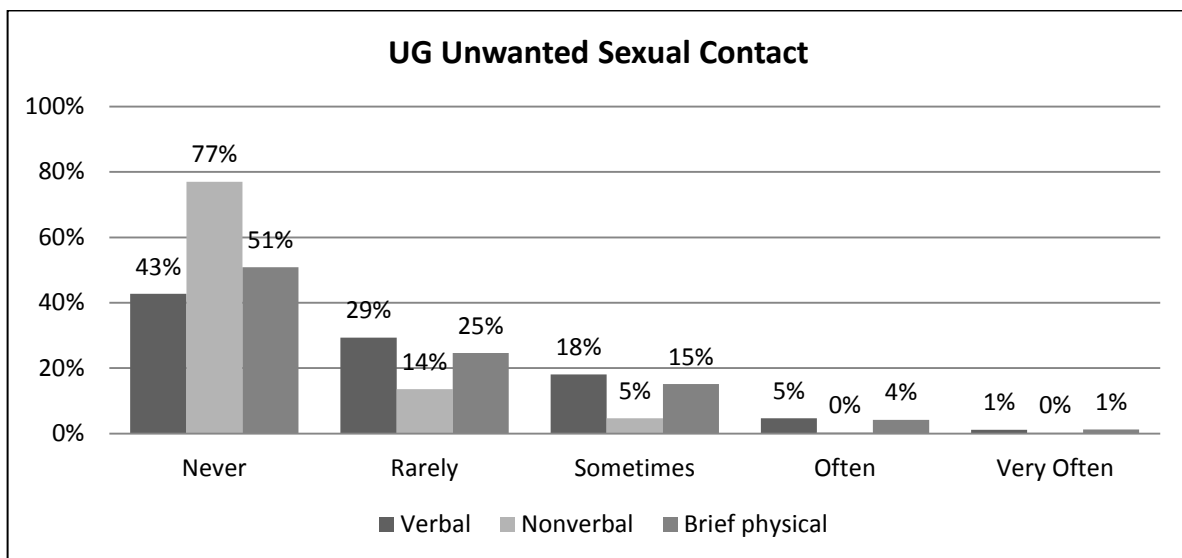
Chart 3 - Respondent recollection and ratings of institutional information and education

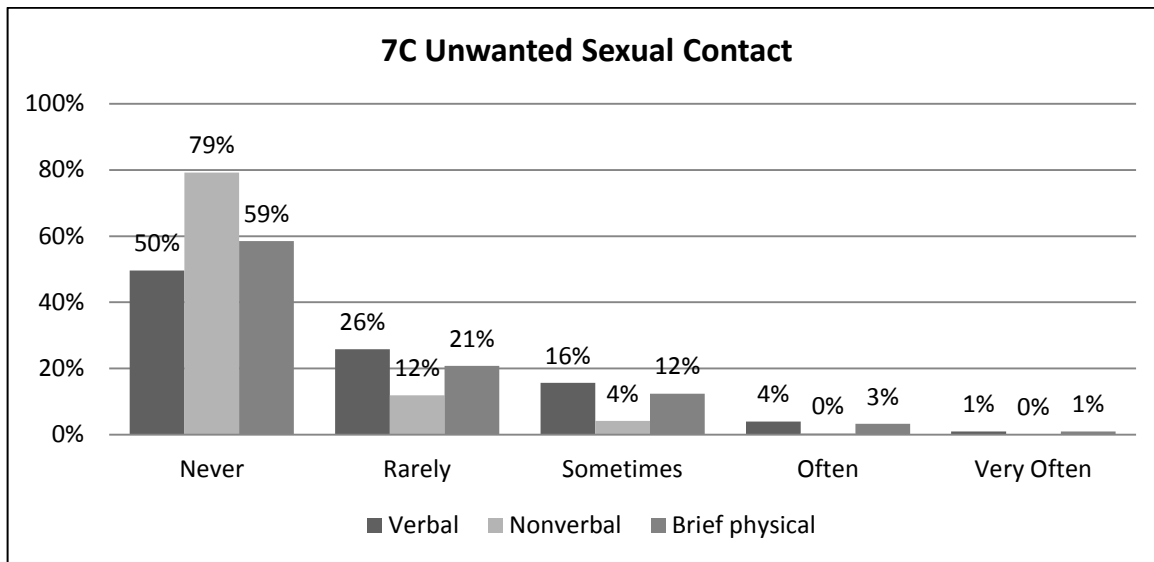


SECTION 3: UNWANTED SEXUAL CONTACT AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Most respondents have never experienced unwanted sexual contact in the forms defined below.

Chart 4 – Frequency of unwanted sexual contact while on campus or while off campus during events or programs sponsored by the institution



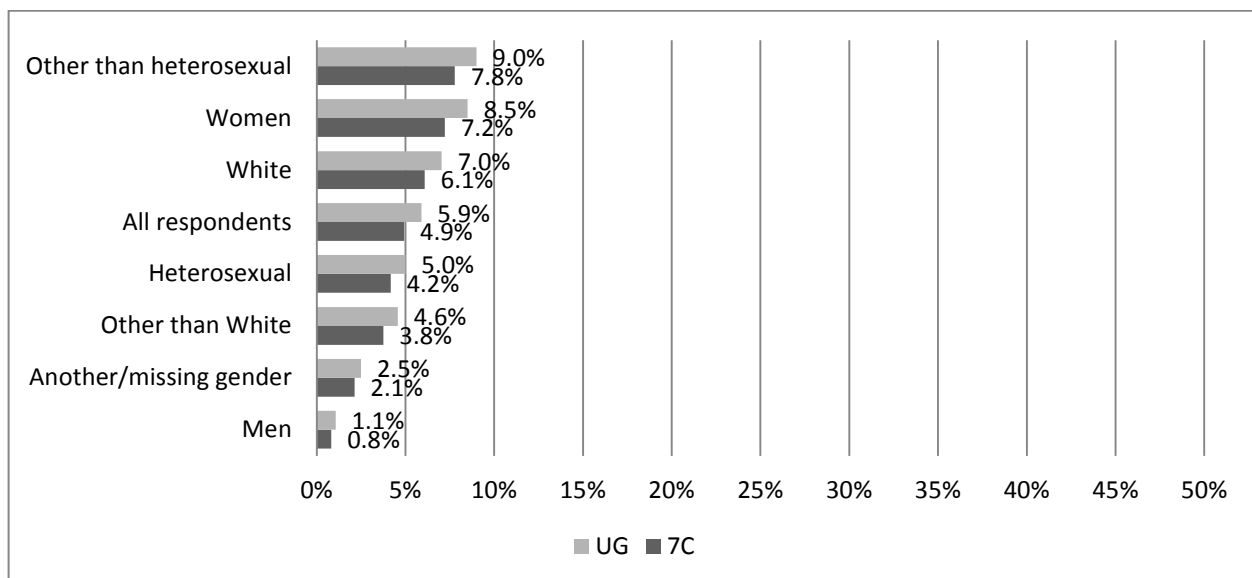


Unwanted verbal behaviors – such as someone making sexual comments about your body; someone making unwelcome sexual advances, propositions, or suggestions to you; or someone telling you sexually offensive jokes or kidding about your sex or gender-specific traits

Unwanted nonverbal behaviors – such as sending you sexual emails, texts, or pictures; posting sexual comments about you on blogs or social media; showing you sexually offensive pictures or objects; leering at you or making lewd gestures towards you; or touching oneself sexually in front of you

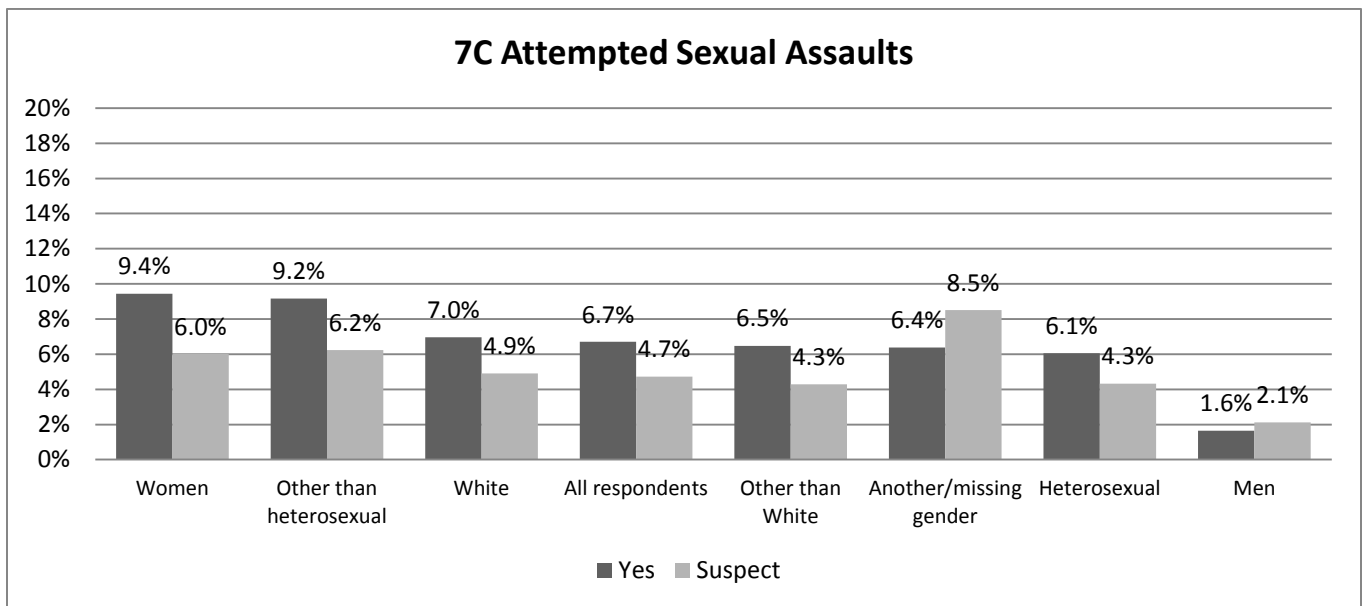
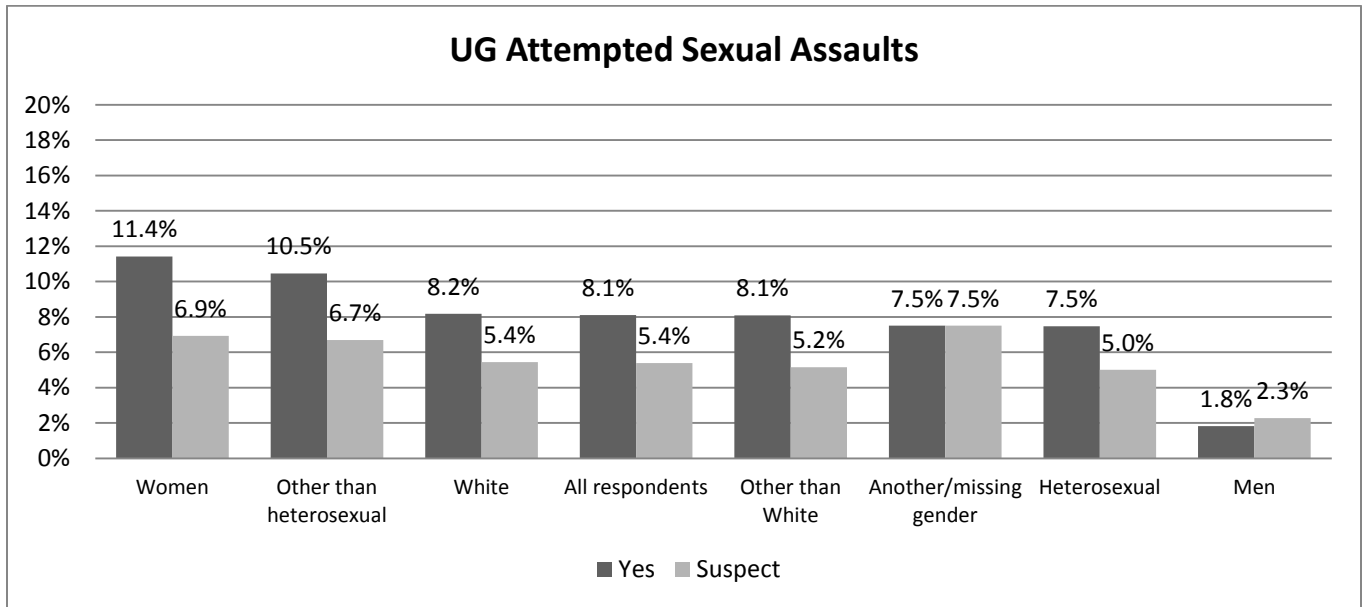
Unwanted brief physical contact – such as someone briefly groping you, rubbing sexually against you, pinching you, or engaging in any other brief inappropriate or unwelcome touching of your body

Chart 5 - Disaggregated percentages of unwanted verbal behaviors experienced often or very often



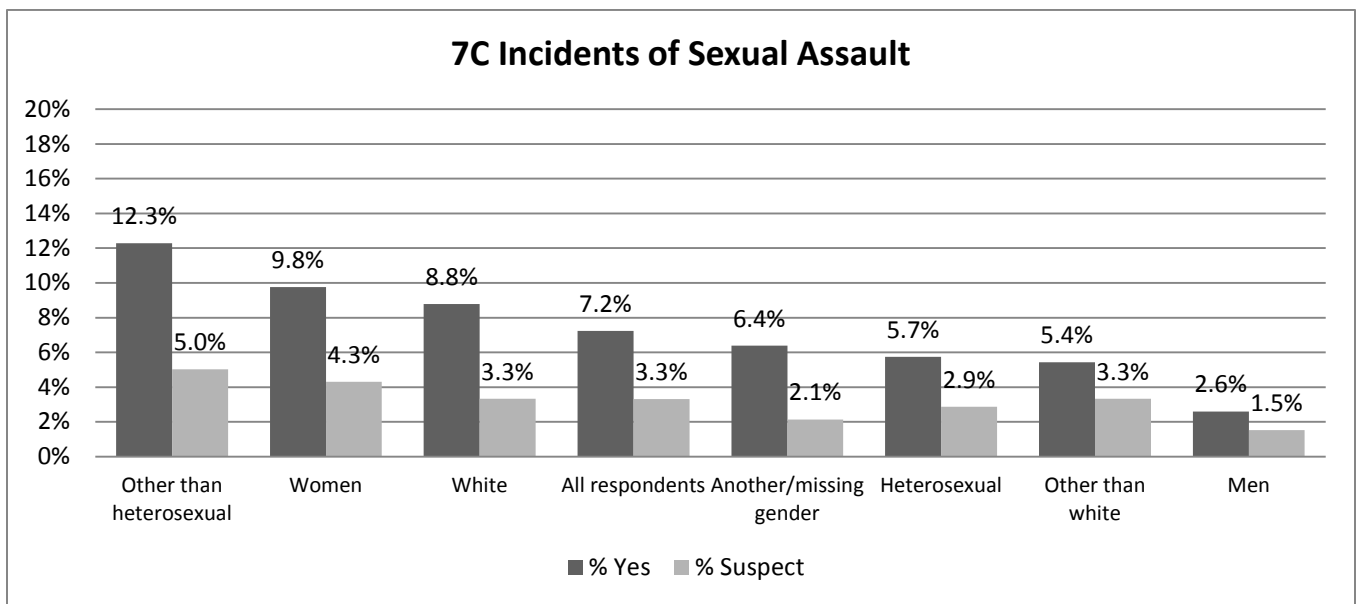
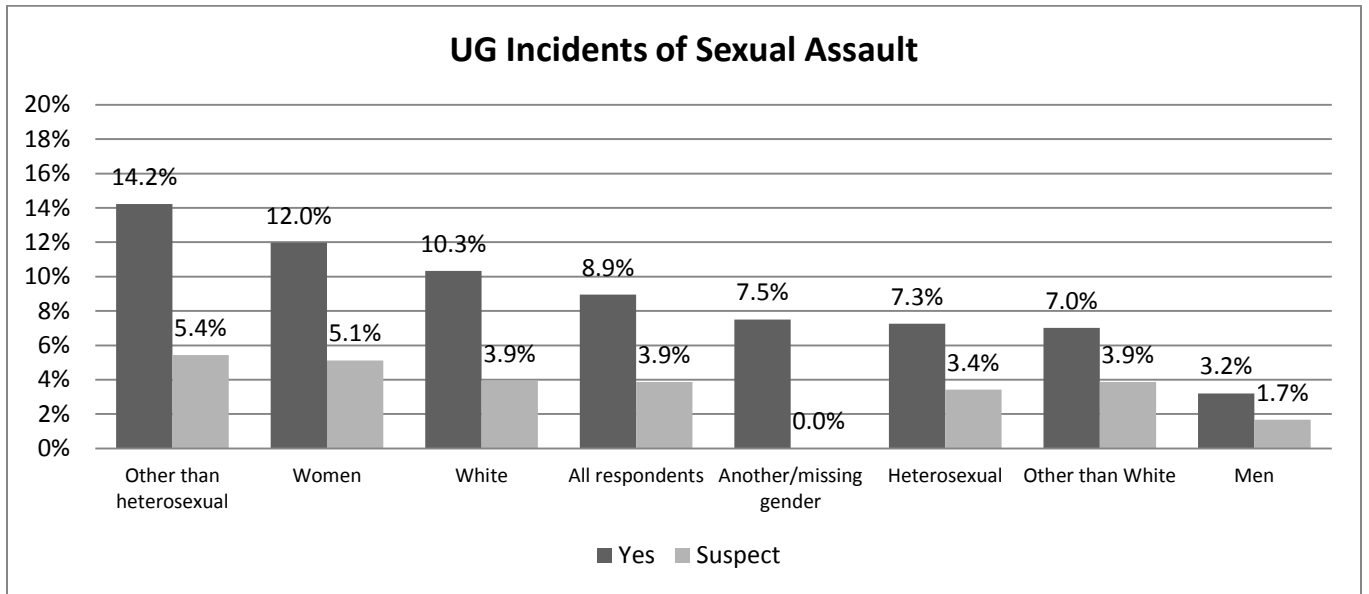
In response to the question “Has anyone attempted, but not succeeded in, sexually assaulting you while you were on campus or while you were off campus during an event or program sponsored by your institution?” 8.1% of UG and 7C respondents answered yes. 5.4% of undergraduate and 4.7% of 7C respondents suspected that someone attempted to sexually assault them, but were not certain.

Chart 6 – Attempted sexual assaults



8.9% of undergraduates (7.2% of 7C survey respondents) indicated that they had been sexually assaulted while they were on campus or while off campus at an event or program sponsored by their institution. An additional 3.9% of undergraduates (3.3% of all respondents) suspect that someone attempted to sexually assault them, but were not certain.

Chart 7 - Reported incidents of sexual assault



Most reported incidents of sexual assault involve touching, over half involve sex – anal, oral, or vaginal.

Table 6 – Types of sexual contact occurring during the sexual assault

Which of the following happened	UG %	7C %
Touching of a sexual nature	86.9	87.2
Oral sex	18.8	19.6
Vaginal sex	38.1	38.0
Anal sex	4.5	5.6
Anal or vaginal penetration with other than penis or tongue	6.3	6.7

Touching of a sexual nature - kissing you, touching of private parts, grabbing, fondling, rubbing up against you in a sexual way, even if it was over your clothes

Oral sex - someone’s mouth or tongue making contact with your genitals, or your mouth or tongue making contact with someone else’s genitals

Vaginal sex - someone’s penis being put in your vagina, or your penis being put into someone else’s vagina

Anal sex - someone’s penis being put in your anus, or your penis being put into someone else’s anus

Anal or vaginal penetration - with a body part other than a penis or tongue, or by an object, like a bottle or candle

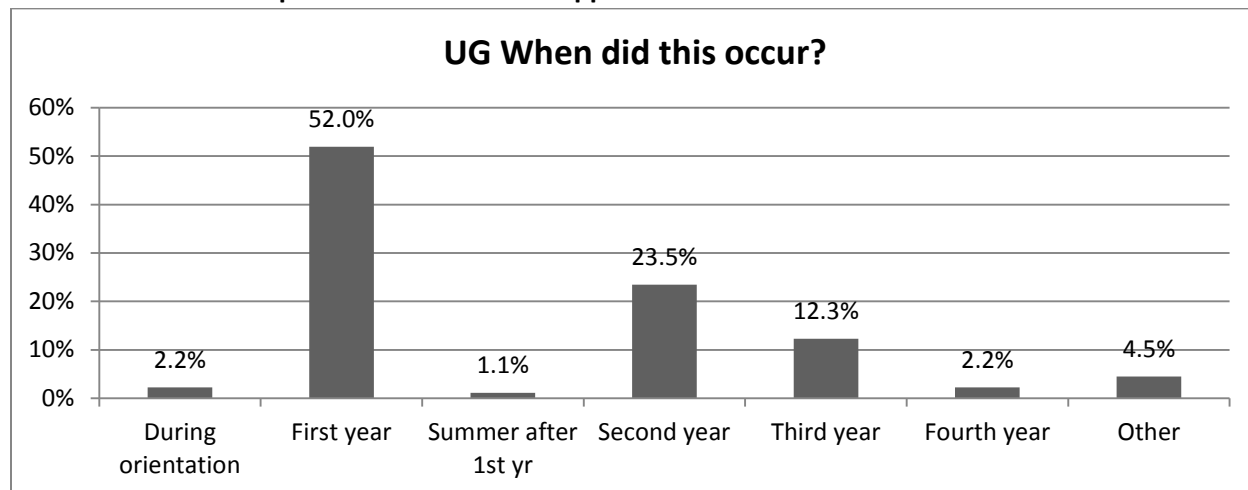
Sexual assault frequently occurs when students are in susceptible situations; over 40% of assaulted students (both 7C and undergraduate only) said they were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because they were incapacitated. The majority of incidents involve either the assaulter or the assaulted drinking alcohol.

Table 7 - Involvement of force, drugs, or alcohol in sexual assaults

Did this incident involve	UG % Yes	7C % Yes
Other people threatening physical force, coercion, or intimidation	29.0	29.1
Other people using physical force	43.8	43.6
Other people drinking alcohol	74.4	73.7
Other people using drugs	19.9	20.1
Your drinking alcohol	64.8	64.2
Your voluntarily taking or using drugs	11.4	11.2
Your being given a drug without knowledge or consent	1.7	1.7
Were you unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were incapacitated	40.9	41.9

Many sexual assaults **occur** between students’ first year and completion of their second year. However, about half of the students who were sexually assaulted experienced multiple incidents and were asked to think about one incident for the survey. The largest proportions of sexual assault **reporters** were juniors or seniors.

Chart 8 – When the reported sexual assault happened



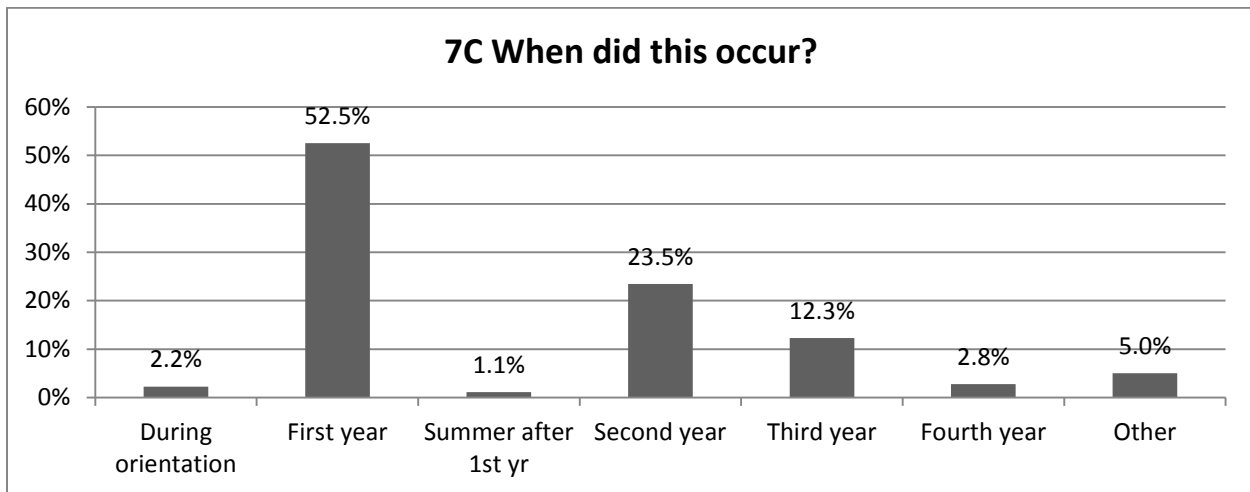
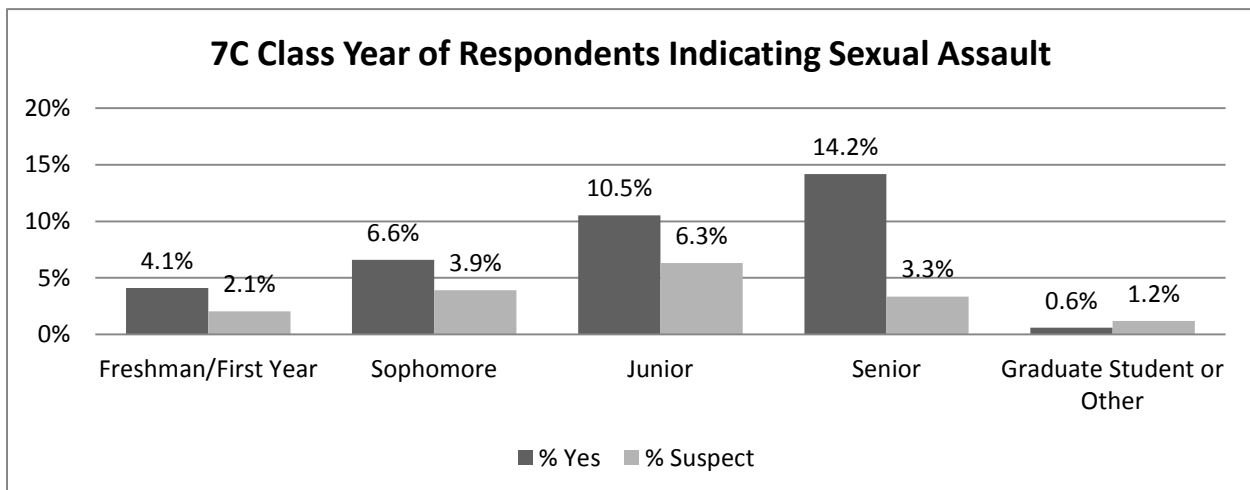
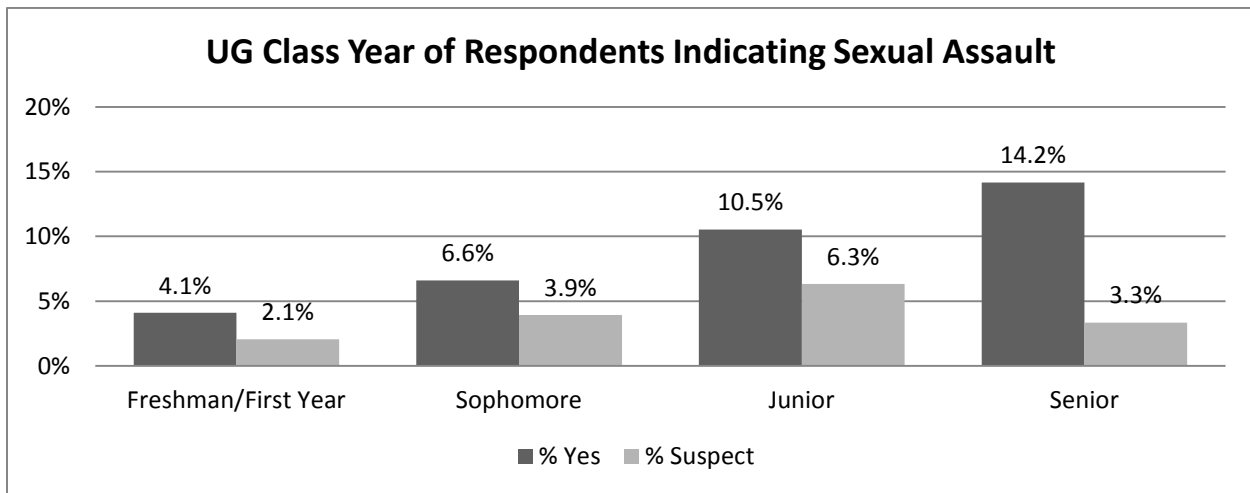


Chart 9 – Class year of survey respondents who reported incidents of sexual assault



In the majority of the incidents reported, males were assaulters, but there are reported instances of females, as well as males and females, as assailants. Most assaults occurred on campus, in a residential building or at another college or university.

Table 8: Sex of the assaulter and the location where the assault occurred

Sex of the Assaulter	UG %	7C %	Location of sexual assault	UG %	7C %
Female	8.5	8.9	On campus, in a residential building	60.8	60.1
Male	89.8	89.4	On campus, in a nonresidential building	6.8	7.9
Both males and females	1.1	1.1	Off campus, another college/university	26.1	25.8
I do not know	0.6	0.6	Off campus, not college/university	5.7	6.2

In half of the reported cases, the assaulter was a nonromantic friend or acquaintance, followed by strangers, and casual dates or hookups. 60% of the assaulters were students at their own institution and an additional 36%-37% were students at another institution.

Table 9 – Institutional affiliation and relationship to the assaulter

Was the person who sexually assaulted you	UG %	7C %
A student at my institution	60.2	60.3
A student at another school	36.9	36.3
A faculty, staff member, or administrator at my institution	0.6	0.6
A faculty, staff member, or administrator at another institution	0	0
Not affiliated with school or another school	4.0	3.9
I do not know	4.0	4.5

Relationship to assaulter	UG %	7C %
Stranger	32.4	31.8
Nonromantic friend or acquaintance	48.9	49.2
Casual date or hookup	23.3	22.9
Current romantic partner	4.0	3.9
Ex-romantic partner	8.5	8.4
College professor or instructor	0	0

Relationship to assaulter	UG %	7C %
College staff member	0	0
College administrator	0	0
Employer/supervisor	0.6	0.6
Co-worker	0.6	0.6
Family member	0	0.6
Other	4.5	5

While over 80% of those who reported assaults tell a close friend, far fewer tell the campus Title IX coordinator or deputy coordinator.

Table 10 – Who was informed about the sexual assault

Whom did you tell	UG %	7C %
No one	13.6	13.4
Close friend	81.3	80.4
Romantic partner	23.9	23.5
Parent or guardian	22.7	22.9
Other family member	9.1	8.9
Roommate	26.7	26.3
Resident advisor or peer advisor	14.2	14.5

Campus counselor	15.9	15.6
Private counselor	9.1	9.5
Faculty, staff, or administrator	18.8	19
Faculty, staff, or administrator at other school	3.4	3.4
Campus security, safety, or campus police	4.5	4.5
Local police	2.8	2.8
Local or national sexual assault hotline	2.8	2.8
Campus pastor, minister, rabbi, or other clergy	1.7	1.7
Campus sexual assault advocate	7.4	7.3
Campus title IX coordinator or deputy coordinator	13.1	12.8
Campus health services	11.4	11.2
Other	6.3	7.3