Sexual Assault Survey: Preliminary Results

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My roles in implementing the survey

Internal roles:

- Member, Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Assault
- Chair, Survey Design Subcommittee of the Task Force
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- Chair, Ivy Plus Consortium for the Sexual Assault Survey
- Member, AAU RFP Committee
- Member, AAU Survey Design Committee

Sexual Misconduct: prevalence

- Penetration involving force
- Attempted penetration involving force
- Sexual touching involving force
- Penetration involving incapacitation
- Sexual touching involving incapacitation
- Harassment
- Stalking
- Intimate partner violence
- Sexual assault involving coercion
- Sexual assault involving absence of affirmative consent

This next section asks about **nonconsensual** or **unwanted sexual contact** you may have experienced while attending [University]. The person with whom you had the nonconsensual or unwanted contact could have been someone you know, such as someone you are currently or were in a relationship with, a co-worker, a professor, or a family member. Or it could be someone you do not know. The following questions separately ask about contact that occurred because of physical force, incapacitation due to alcohol or drugs, and other types of pressure

Penetration involving force

The first few questions ask about incidents that involved force or threats of force against you. Force could include someone holding you down with his or her body weight, pinning your arms, hitting or kicking you, or using or threatening to use a weapon against you.

G1. Since you have been attending [University], has someone used physical force or threats of physical force to do the following with you:

- <u>Sexual penetration</u>. When one person puts a penis, fingers, or object inside someone else's vagina or anus, or
- <u>Oral sex</u>. When someone's mouth or tongue makes contact with someone else's genitals

Attempted penetration involving force

G2. Since you have been attending [University], has someone used physical force or threats of physical force in an <u>unsuccessful attempt</u> to do any of the following with you:

- <u>Sexual penetration</u>. When one person puts a penis, finger, or object inside someone else's vagina or anus
- <u>Oral sex</u>. When someone's mouth or tongue makes contact with someone else's genitals

Sexual touching involving force

G3. Since you have been attending [University], has someone used physical force or threats of physical force to do any of the following with you:

- kissing
- touching someone's breast, chest, crotch, groin or buttocks
- grabbing, groping or rubbing against the other in a sexual way, even if the touching is over the other's clothes

Penetration involving incapacitation

The next questions ask about incidents when you were <u>unable</u> to consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, asleep, or incapacitated due to drugs or alcohol. Please include incidents even if you are not sure what happened.

G4. Since you have been attending [University], has any of the following happened to you while you were unable to consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, asleep or incapacitated due to drugs or alcohol:

- <u>Sexual penetration</u>. When one person puts a penis, finger, or object inside someone else's vagina or anus
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Sexual touching involving incapacitation

G5. Since you have been attending [University], has any of the following happened to you while you were unable to consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, asleep or incapacitated due to drugs or alcohol:

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What does prevalence mean?

The fraction of people in the population (e.g., Harvard undergraduates) who are estimated to have experienced one or more assaults during the measurement period.

If a person has been assaulted one or more times, they are counted once in a measure of "prevalence."

Prevalence is not a measure of the number of incidents.

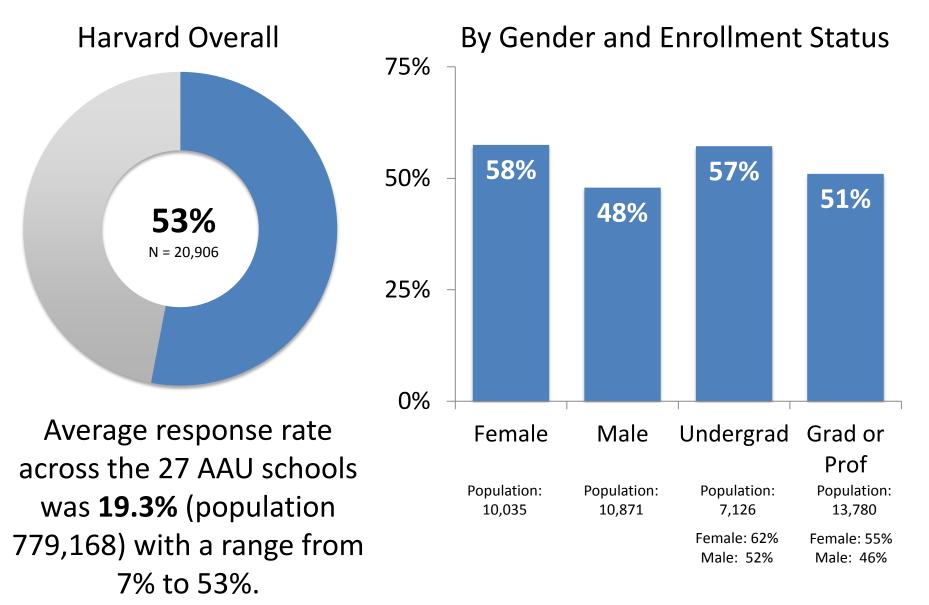
An observation about comparisons...

- We will compare Harvard's prevalence rate to the analogous average prevalence rate across other schools in the AAU study.
- The very high AAU average prevalence rates signify a crisis in higher education.
- Being marginally below the AAU average is not a sign of success.

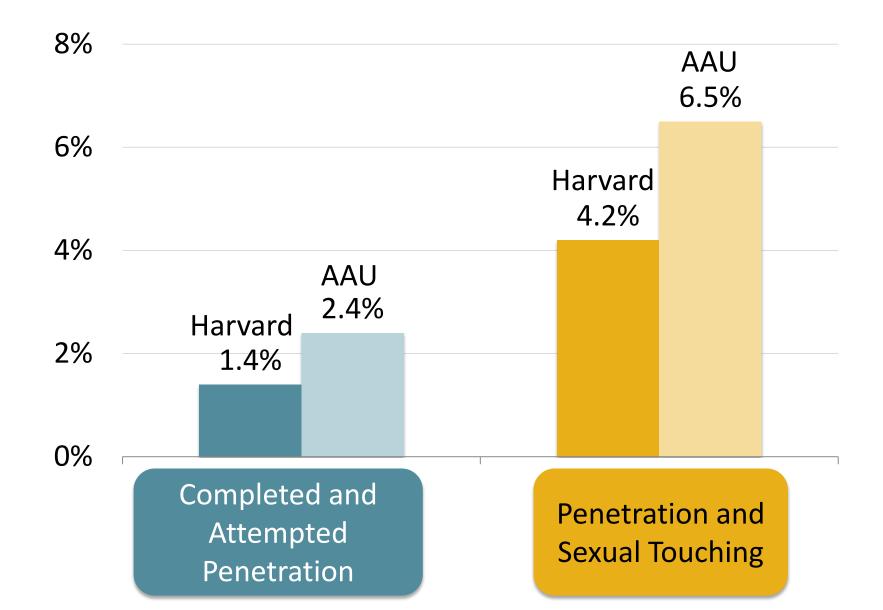
The data:

- 1. Participation
- 2. Prevalence at Harvard
- 3. Prevalence by Harvard School
- 4. Prevalence by gender, undergraduate/graduate, and sexual orientation
- 5. Cumulative prevalence for Female Harvard Undergraduate Seniors
- 6. Alcohol and location
- 7. Reporting
- 8. Bystander intervention
- 9. Campus climate

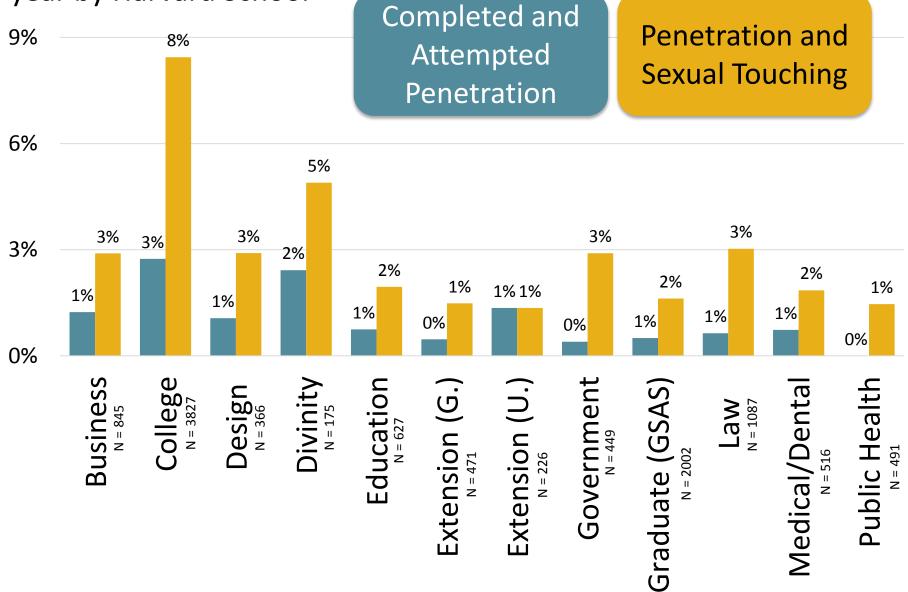
Survey Participation Rates



Prevalence: Percent all students reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation in the current year



Prevalence: Percent of Harvard students reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation in the current year by Harvard School



Gender:

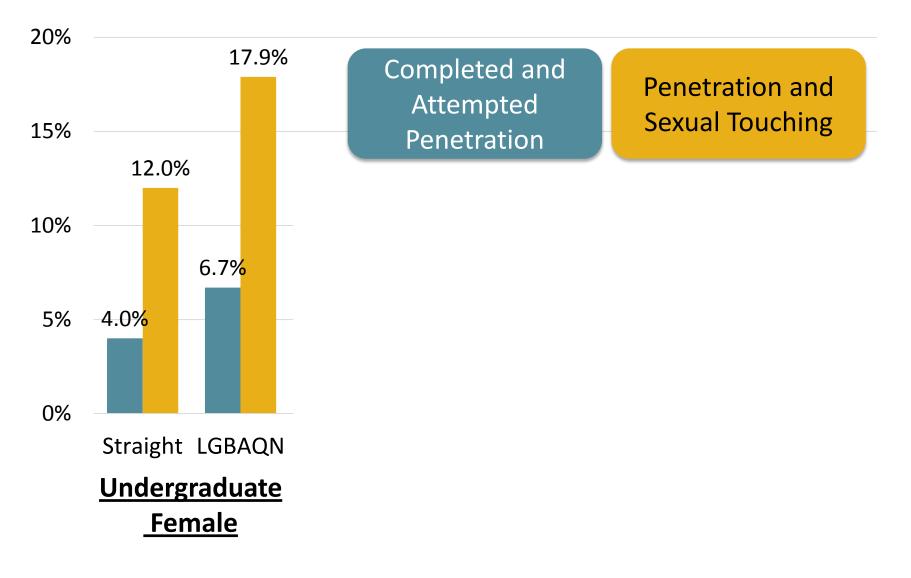
Which best describes your gender identity?

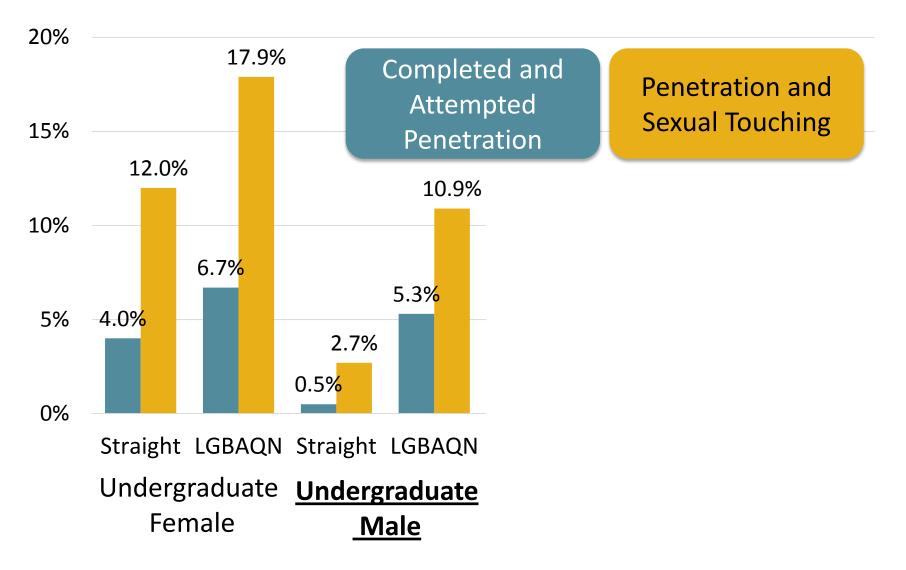
- Woman
- Man
- Transgender woman
- Transgender man
- Genderqueer or gender non-conforming
- Questioning
- Not listed
- Decline to state

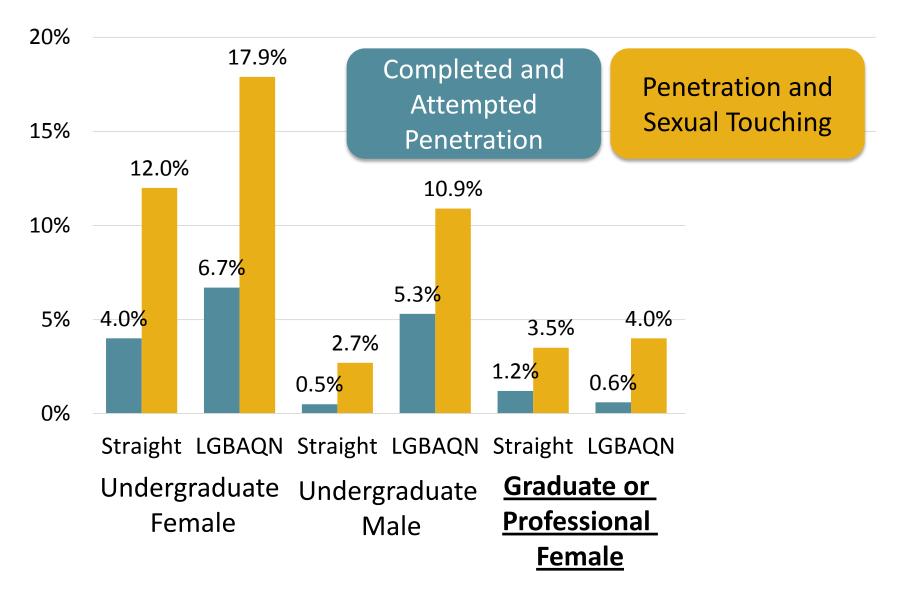
Sexual Orientation: Do you consider yourself to be

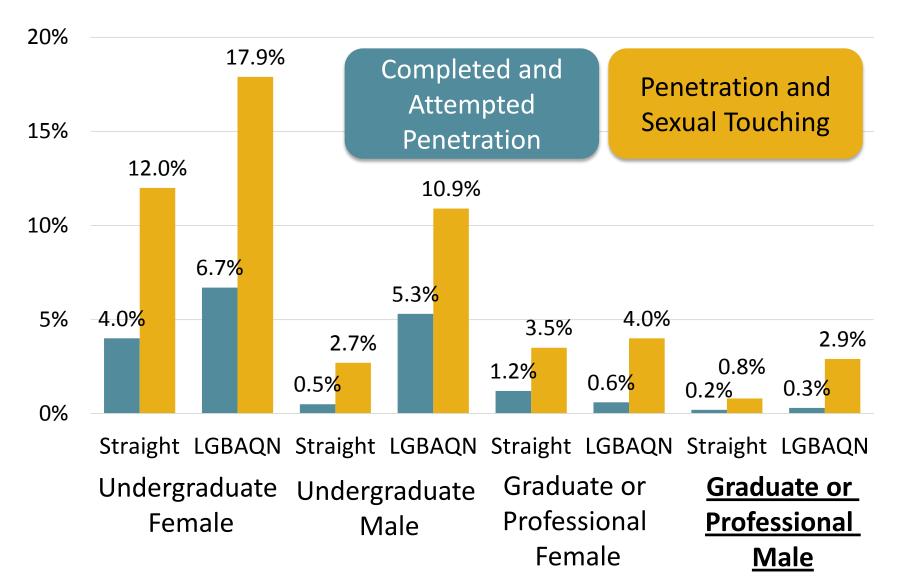
- Heterosexual or straight
- Gay or lesbian
- Bisexual
- Asexual
- Questioning
- Not listed
- Decline to state

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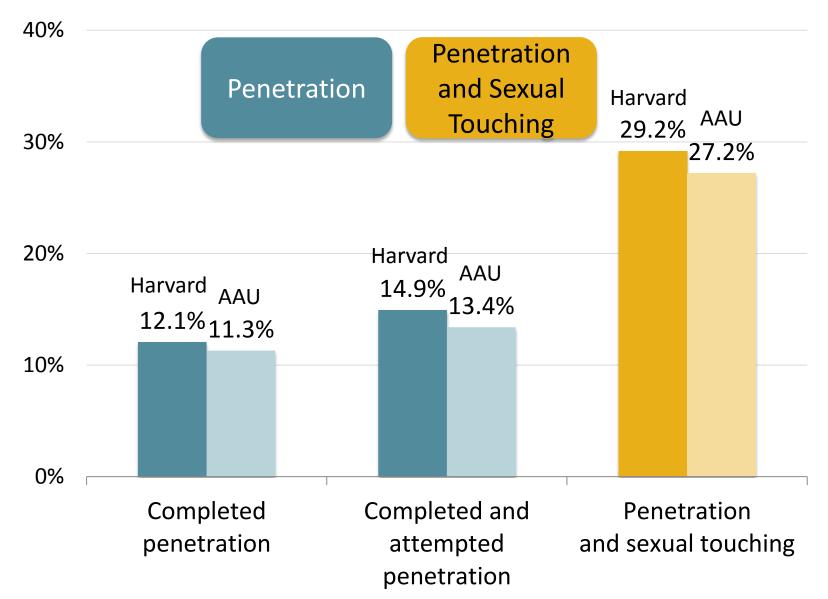




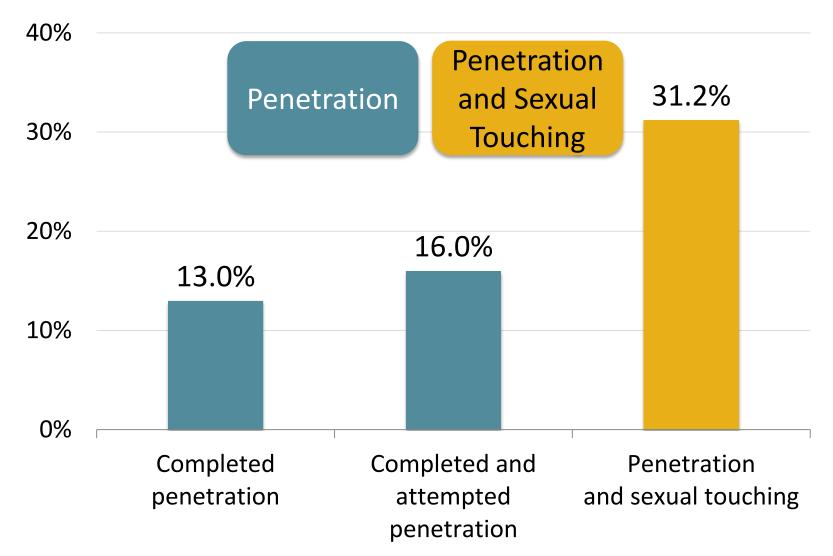




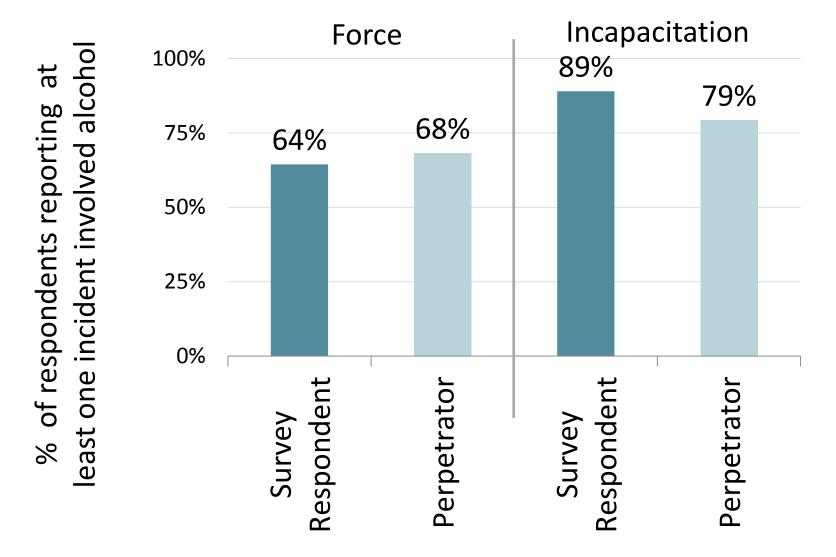
Prevalence: Percent of female undergraduate seniors reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation since entering college



Prevalence: Percent of female Harvard College seniors reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation since entering college



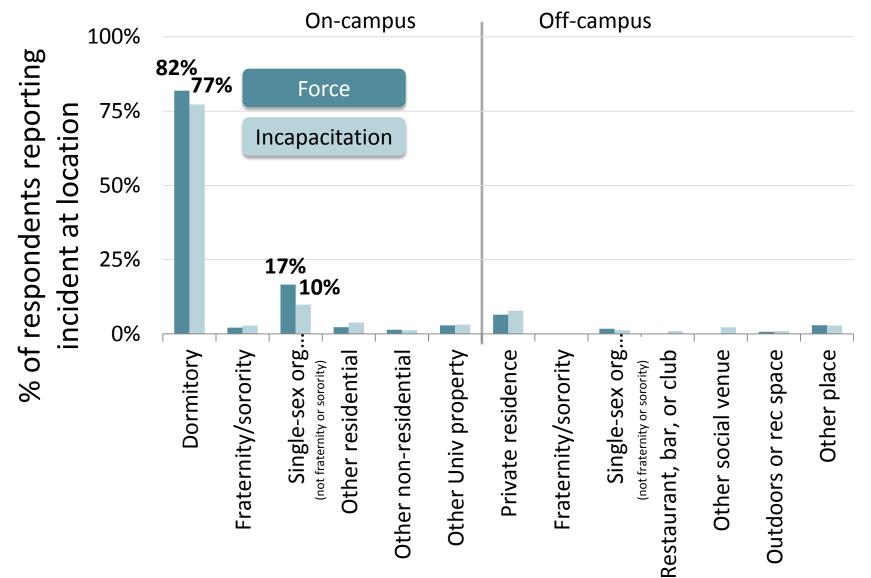
Alcohol use: Among Harvard students reporting one or more incidents of nonconsensual completed or attempted penetration, percent who reported that at least one incident involved drinking alcohol.



Where did this incident occur?

- University residence hall/dorm
- Fraternity or Sorority house
- Other space used by a single-sex student social organization
- Other residential housing
- Non-residential building
- Other property (ex. outdoors)

Location: Assault locations designated by Harvard College females' who reported an incident of nonconsensual completed and/or attempted penetration



Reporting: Percent female Harvard College students who did not report completed and attempted penetration, and top reasons for not reporting

69% of college female victims of penetration by force <u>did not</u> report 80% of college female victims of penetration by incapacitation <u>did not</u> report

Reasons for not reporting

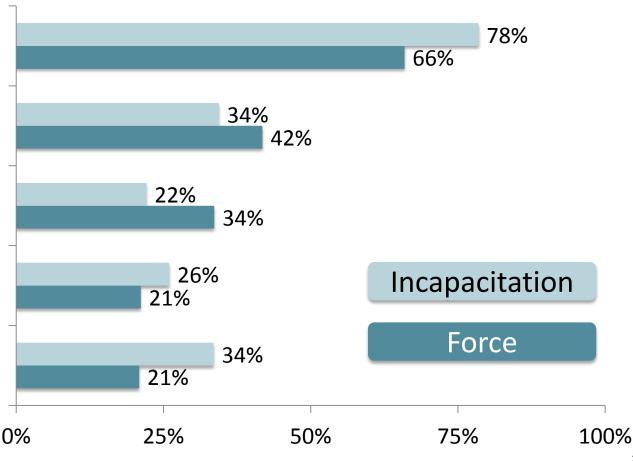
I did not think it was serious enough to report

Felt embarrassed/ashamed/ too emotionally difficult

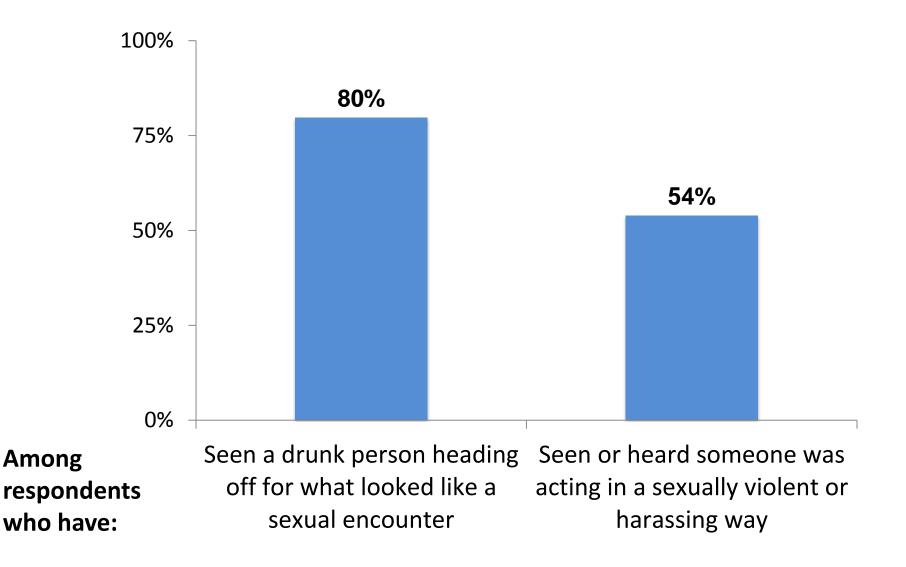
I did not think anything would be done

I feared negative social consequences

I did not want the person to get in trouble



Lack of bystander intervention: Percent of survey respondents who reported <u>not taking action</u>:



Climate: Perceptions of responses to a report of sexual assault or sexual misconduct. **How likely is it that...**

■ Not at all ■ A little bit ■ Somewhat ■ Very ■ Extremely

Campus officials would <u>take the</u> <u>report seriously</u>	All	<mark>3%10%</mark>		27%	38	8%	23	%
	Female Undergrad	4%	16%		38%	32%	6	11%
Campus officials would	All	6%	15%		41%	29	9%	9%
<u>conduct a fair</u> investigation	Female Undergrad	6%	21%		45%		24%	4%
Campus officials would <u>take actio</u>	n All	7%	22%	6	39%		23%	9%
against the offender(s)	Female Undergrad	13	%	33%		38%	1	3% 3%

Climate: Knowledge about university sexual assault policies and procedures. **How knowledgeable are you about**...

■ Not at all ■ A little bit ■ Somewhat ■ Very ■ Extremely

4	13%	28%	21% 6 <mark>%</mark> %
20%	29%	33%	15% 5%
21%	32%	329	% 12%3 <mark>%</mark>
11%	28%	37%	19% 5%

<u>What happens when a</u> <u>student reports</u> an incident of sexual assault or sexual misconduct

<u>Where to make a report</u> of sexual assault or sexual misconduct

How sexual assault and sexual misconduct <u>are</u> <u>defined</u> at Harvard

Where to get help if you or a friend experienced sexual assault or sexual misconduct

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Thanks to the many Harvard students who helped us pre-test the survey and gave us valuable feedback. • To access resources for counseling, reporting, and education, go to the Sexual Harrasment/Assault Response and Education website:

– <u>http://SHARE.harvard.edu/find-resources</u>

- To obtain more information about the survey (including the full Harvard report, this slide deck, and the full 27school report), to comment on the findings, or to propose new sexual assault policies, contact Harvard's Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Assault:
 - <u>http://SexualAssaultTaskForce.harvard.edu</u>
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Appendix

Sexual Conduct Survey: Background

- In 2014, Harvard's Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Assault initiated plans to conduct a campuswide survey to study the incidence of sexual harassment and sexual assault on campus.
- Harvard and 27 other institutions joined the Association of American Universities' (AAU) invitation to conduct a common survey on sexual assault/misconduct. The research company, Westat, was contracted by AAU to develop, administer and analyze the survey.
- Participating AAU institutions in the Ivy Plus Consortium have been meeting regularly since fall 2014 to discuss every aspect of the survey process.
- The survey was developed collaboratively by a team of experts from Westat and the universities. As part of the development, Harvard pretested draft questions from the instrument to a sample of Harvard students in January.
- The instrument was designed to collect students' experiences with sexual harassment, stalking, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault as well as gather their perceptions of risk, awareness of resources, and perceptions of Harvard's response.
- In early April 2015, Harvard received final IRB approval to promote and administer the survey and on April 12th, the Sexual Conduct Survey was sent electronically to all degree- and certificate-seeking students enrolled at Harvard, with the following exclusions: ART students, students with a FERPA block, and students without a valid email address.
- The Sexual Conduct Survey ran through May 2, 2015, and achieved an overall response rate of 53.2% (the highest among participating institutions).
- In early August 2015, Harvard received a report draft, series of data tables and data file from Westat and assembled an in-house analytics team to validate Westat's analyses and produce supplementary analyses, visualizations and reports.

Participating AAU Universities

Brown University +	California Institute of Technology	Case Western Reserve University	
Columbia University +	Cornell University +	Dartmouth College* +	
Harvard University +	Iowa State University	Michigan State University	
Ohio State University	Purdue University	Texas A&M University	
The University of Arizona	[University of Colorado Boulder]**	University of Florida	
University of Michigan	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	University of Missouri-Columbia	
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	University of Oregon	University of Pennsylvania +	
University of Pittsburgh	University of Southern California	University of Texas at Austin	
University of Virginia	University of Wisconsin-Madison	Washington University in St. Louis	
Yale University +			

* Member of the Consortium on Financing Higher Education, whose non-AAU members were also invited to join the survey ** UCBoulder signed up to participate but <u>withdrew</u> in the spring.

+ Ivy Plus Consortium Survey Committee, Note: Princeton and Stanford joined the calls but did not administer the AAU survey Private universities in **bold**