September 2015 Harvard specific supplement to the AAU campus survey report

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Harvard University
Overview

The Sexual Conduct Survey was administered to all degree-seeking students at Harvard during a three week period in April/May, 2015. Twenty-seven AAU (Association of American Universities) institutions, a mix of privates and publics, administered the same instrument. This group of institutions contracted with the vendor Westat to administer the survey and summarize results to ensure anonymity of student respondents. Westat’s Harvard-specific report of the results is available here: Companion Report on Harvard’s Sexual Conduct Survey Results.

The exhibits provided here were included in the September 21, 2015 letter from Professor Steven Hyman on the Results of the Sexual Conduct Survey intended to extend and supplement Westat’s analyses not included in the AAU/Westat reports, such as Harvard school-level results. Some exhibits are prefaced by question-specific language for context.
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:

- **Sexual penetration.** When one person puts a penis, fingers, or object inside someone else’s vagina or anus, or
- **Oral sex.** 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 unsuccessful attempt to do any of the following with you:

- **Sexual penetration.** When one person puts a penis, finger, or object inside someone else’s vagina or anus
- **Oral sex.** 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 unable 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:

• Sexual penetration. When one person puts a penis, finger, or object inside someone else’s vagina or anus
• Oral sex. When someone’s mouth or tongue makes contact with someone else’s genitals
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:

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

- See Westat report tables 3.1a – 3.1d for percent of students reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving force or incapacitation by gender, undergraduate/graduate, and current year/since entering school
- See Westat report table 3.2 for percent of students reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving force or incapacitation by year in school
Percent of Harvard students reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation in the current year by Harvard School

- **Business**: 1% completed and attempted penetration
- **College**: 8% completed and attempted penetration
- **Design**: 1% completed and attempted penetration
- **Divinity**: 5% penetration and sexual touching
- **Education**: 2% completed and attempted penetration
- **Extension (G.)**: 1% completed and attempted penetration
- **Extension (U.)**: 1% penetration and sexual touching
- **Government**: 3% completed and attempted penetration
- **Graduate (GSAS)**: 2% completed and attempted penetration
- **Law**: 3% completed and attempted penetration
- **Medical/Dental**: 2% completed and attempted penetration
- **Public Health**: 1% completed and attempted penetration

8 percent of Harvard students reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation in the current year by Harvard School.
Percent of Harvard students reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation in the current year by gender, undergraduate/graduate, and sexual orientation

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Note: The categories include: 
- Completed and Attempted Penetration
- Penetration and Sexual Touching

Gender: Female, Male
Undergraduate/Graduate: Undergraduate, Graduate or Professional
Sexual Orientation: Straight, LGBAQN
Percent of female undergraduate seniors reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation since entering college

- **Penetration**
  - Harvard: 12.1%
  - AAU: 11.3%

- **Penetration and Sexual Touching**
  - Harvard: 14.9%
  - AAU: 13.4%

- **Penetration and attempted penetration**
  - Harvard: 29.2%
  - AAU: 27.2%
Percent of female Harvard College seniors reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation since entering college

- Completed penetration: 13.0%
- Completed and attempted penetration: 16.0%
- Penetration and sexual touching: 31.2%
Percent of Harvard students reporting an incident of nonconsensual completed or attempted penetration who reported that it involved alcohol drinking

See Westat report tables 3.7a – 3.7c for percent of students reporting nonconsensual sexual contact involving force or incapacitation by gender and involvement of substances
Location of incidents of nonconsensual completed and attempted penetration reported by Harvard College females

- **Force**
  - Dormitory
  - Fraternity/sorority
  - Single-sex org (not frat. or sor.)
- **Incapacitation**
  - On-campus: Other residential, Other Univ property
  - Off-campus: Private residence, Fraternity/sorority, Single-sex org (not frat. or sor.), Restaurant, bar, or club, Other social venue, Outdoors or rec space, Other place
Perceptions of responses to a report of sexual assault or sexual misconduct

Campus officials would take the report seriously

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Campus officials would take action against the offender(s)

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Knowledge about university sexual assault policies and procedures

How knowledgeable are you about:

1. What happens when a student reports an incident of sexual assault or sexual misconduct
   - Not at all: 43%
   - A little bit: 28%
   - Somewhat: 21%
   - Very: 6%
   - Extremely: 0%

2. Where to make a report of sexual assault or sexual misconduct
   - Not at all: 20%
   - A little bit: 29%
   - Somewhat: 33%
   - Very: 15%
   - Extremely: 5%

3. How sexual assault and sexual misconduct are defined at Harvard
   - Not at all: 21%
   - A little bit: 32%
   - Somewhat: 32%
   - Very: 12%
   - Extremely: 3%

4. Where to get help if you or a friend experienced sexual assault or sexual misconduct
   - Not at all: 11%
   - A little bit: 28%
   - Somewhat: 37%
   - Very: 19%
   - Extremely: 5%