

Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Misconduct

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the results of the 2017 Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Misconduct at The Ohio State University. The goal of the survey is to provide data to guide action on Ohio State's campus around the issue of sexual misconduct and relationship violence. The survey is one part of Ohio State's comprehensive plan to combat sexual misconduct and relationship violence through [Buckeyes ACT](#) (Action, Counseling, Training). The overall response rate was 21.2%; 63,587 students were invited to take the survey and 13,456 responded.

Perceptions of Response to Reporting

- 70.3% of respondents report that it is very or extremely likely that a report of sexual assault or sexual misconduct would be taken seriously by officials; 9.4% report that it is not at all or a little likely to be taken seriously
- 67.3% report that it is very or extremely likely that the safety of those reporting incidents of sexual assault or sexual misconduct would be protected by university officials

Perceptions of Prevalence and Personal Risk

- 18% report that sexual assault or sexual misconduct is very or extremely problematic at Ohio State; 41.8% report it is not at all or a little problematic; 40.3% report it is somewhat problematic
- 79% report that it is not at all or a little likely that they will experience sexual assault or sexual misconduct on campus; 5.6% report that it is very or extremely likely

Awareness of Support and Resources

- 77% report that they feel somewhat or very knowledgeable about where to make a report of sexual assault or sexual misconduct at Ohio State
- 85.2% report that they feel somewhat or very knowledgeable about where to get help at Ohio State if they were a victim of sexual assault or sexual misconduct

Prevalence of Sexual Assault

- Percentage of respondents who reported being victims of nonconsensual sexual intercourse (penetration/oral sex) or sexual touching by physical force, threats of physical force, or incapacitation since enrolling at Ohio State:

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate/Professional</i>
-Female – 20.0%	-Female – 6.9%
-Male – 4.6%	-Male – 2.3%
-TGQN ¹ – 19.2%	-TGQN – data not available due to small sample size
- Percentage of respondents who reported being victims of nonconsensual sexual intercourse involving physical force or incapacitation since enrolling at Ohio State:

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate/Professional</i>
-Female – 12.2%	-Female - 4.2%
-Male – 2.9%	-Male – 1.6%
-TGQN ¹ – 13.1%	-TGQN – data not available due to small sample size

Prevalence of Sexual Harassment, Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence

- When asked if they experienced one of five different sexual harassment behaviors perpetrated by someone in the university community. The least frequently reported harassment behavior was someone sending offensive remarks, videos, pictures, etc. electronically (7.5%) and the most frequently reported behavior was someone making inappropriate or offensive comments about them or someone else (36.2%)
- 12.6% report experiencing intimate partner violence since enrolling at Ohio State
- 3.5% report being the victim of stalking since enrolling at Ohio State

¹Transgender man, transgender woman, Genderqueer, Gender non-conforming, questioning or not listed.

INTRODUCTION

This report presents results of the 2017 Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Misconduct at The Ohio State University. The survey was designed to assess three main areas of concern: 1) the prevalence of nonconsensual misconduct and relationship violence, 2) student views of the climate surrounding sexual misconduct on campus and 3) students' knowledge and evaluation of resources for responding to sexual misconduct and relationship violence. The goal of the survey is to provide data to guide action on Ohio State's campus around the issue of sexual misconduct and relationship violence. The survey is one part of Ohio State's comprehensive plan to combat sexual misconduct and relationship violence through Buckeyes ACT (Action, Counseling, Training). For more information on Buckeyes ACT, please visit www.osu.edu/buckeyesact.

For details on methodology, the survey instrument and details of the survey administration, please see Appendix A.

TERMINOLOGY

The Campus Climate Survey was developed and administered by Association of American Universities (AAU) in 2015. In order to allow for direct comparability over time, much of the same language used by AAU was kept in the 2016 and 2017 survey. Due to this, there may be differences in the language used throughout this report and the language used in Ohio State's Sexual Misconduct Policy.

Ohio State's Sexual Misconduct Policy clearly defines sexual misconduct as:

“Conduct of a sexual nature or conduct based on sex or gender that is nonconsensual or has the effect of threatening, intimidating or coercing a person. Includes sexual harassment, sexual violence, relationship violence and stalking.”

Throughout this report, **sexual misconduct** is used to refer to conduct of a sexual nature of conduct based on sex or gender that is nonconsensual or has the effect of threatening, intimidating or coercing a person. **Sexual assault** refers to specific incidents of nonconsensual sexual intercourse, including penetration or oral sex and nonconsensual sexual touching. Within Ohio State's Sexual Misconduct policy, sexual assault is included within the definition of sexual misconduct.

In this report, **sexual touching** is defined as including kissing, groping or touching someone's breast, chest, crotch, groin or buttocks in a sexual way, even if the touching is over clothing. Please note that Ohio State's Sexual Misconduct policy includes similar types of behavior within the definition of sexual contact, but the term sexual touching is used in this report for comparability with 2015's AAU survey.

In the survey and this report, the term **intimate partner violence** is used to describe violence or threats of violence in partnered relationships, including casual relationships, steady/serious relationships and marriage, domestic partnerships, civil unions and/or cohabitation. Though Ohio State's sexual misconduct policy refers to relationship violence, the term intimate partner violence is used in this report for comparability with the 2015 AAU survey. For more information on Ohio State's Sexual Misconduct policy, please visit <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>

For more information on definitions related to Ohio State's Sexual Misconduct policy, please visit: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/resources/115faq-general.pdf>

DEMOGRAPHICS

Table A presents the weighted and unweighted distributions of respondents who completed the survey. Among the unweighted respondents, 57.1% identified as female, 41.0% identified as male and 1.9% identified as transgender, genderqueer or nonconforming, questioning or not listed (TGQN). Female students were overrepresented amongst respondents. The weighted data corrects for this over-representation by “counting” female responses less and male responses more. In the weighted data, females represented 49.5% of respondents, males were 48.7% and TGQN students were 1.7%. This more accurately represents the population of invited students, who, according to data from the Student Information System (which does not include a category of TGQN), 50.2% of the population was female, 49.5% was male and 0.003% had an unknown gender. Using the survey weights, 78.1% of the respondents were undergraduates, 94.7% attended the Columbus campus, 11.1% identified with a sexual orientation other than heterosexual, 4.5% identified ethnically as Hispanic or Latino (hereafter referred to as Latinx) and 71.3% identified racially as white.

RESULTS

The results are organized around five key issues:

1. The campus climate around sexual misconduct
2. Students’ knowledge and assessment of resources related to sexual misconduct
3. The prevalence and nature of sexual assault involving physical force or incapacitation
4. The prevalence and nature of sexual assault involving coercion or in the absence of affirmative consent
5. The prevalence and nature of sexual harassment, intimate partner violence and stalking

This report is organized around these five areas. The majority of results are examined by gender and enrollment status. Students were asked to identify their gender and provided response options of female, male, transgender female, transgender male, genderqueer or nonconforming gender, questioning and prefer not to answer. Results are summarized for students identifying as a) female, b) male and c) transgender, genderqueer or nonconforming, questioning or not listed (TGQN). Collapsing groups into TGQN maintains an adequate sample to generate estimates.

When interpreting the tables, please note the following:

- An “s” indicates that the cell was suppressed because there were not enough responses to report. This was done to maintain participant confidentiality.
- A “--” indicates the questions were not asked or applicable to the respondent.
- If comparisons are discussed as “significantly different” in the report, those differences were statistically significant at $p < 0.05$. Significance tests were conducted using chi-square test of independence.
- Both frequencies and percentages reported are weighted using analytic weights.
- Not every table is discussed in the results section.

CAMPUS CLIMATE AROUND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

To assess the campus climate around sexual misconduct, three concepts are examined: 1) students’ perceptions of the likelihood of response to a report of sexual assault or sexual misconduct by Ohio State and other students, 2) bystander intervention, and 3) students’ perceptions of their personal risk of victimization.

Perceptions of Responses to a Report

Students were asked to provide their perceptions of what would happen if someone were to report an incident of sexual assault or sexual misconduct on campus (Table 1.1). Respondents were asked how likely it is students would support the person making the report. Overall, 62.8% of respondents indicated it would be very or extremely likely that other students would support the person making report. Among undergraduate students, 58.3% of females, 68.6% of males and 51.7% of TGQN students indicated it would be very or extremely likely for a student to support the person making the report. Among graduate and professional students, 55.4% of females, 67.2% of males and 61.2% of TGQN students indicated it would be very or extremely likely for another student to support the person making the report.

Students were asked how likely it would be for the alleged offender(s) or their associates to retaliate against the person making the report. Overall, 29.5% of respondents believed retaliation would be very or extremely likely. Among undergraduates, 35.9% of females, 24.0% of males and 37.7% of TGQN students believe retaliation would be very or extremely likely. The corresponding percentages for graduate and professional students are 30.7% of females, 24.4% of males and 30.3% of TGQN students.

When asked if campus officials would take a report of sexual assault or sexual misconduct seriously, the majority of students believed this would be very or extremely likely (70.3%). Male students were the most likely to believe campus officials were very or extremely likely to take the report seriously (78.3% of undergraduates and 76.7% of graduate and professionals), followed by female students (62.4% of undergraduates and 64.6% of graduate and professionals) and students who identified as TGQN (58.9% of undergraduates and 70.3% of graduate and professionals).

Students were asked whether they believed campus officials would protect the safety and the privacy of the person making the report. Overall, 67.5% of respondents believed it would be very or extremely likely for officials to protect the safety of the student and 70.5% believed it would be very or extremely likely for officials to protect the privacy of the student. For questions of both privacy and safety, higher percentages of male respondents believed officials would protect students, followed by female students and TGQN students.

When asked how likely it was that campus officials would conduct a fair investigation, 58.5% of students stated it would be very or extremely likely. Students identified as TGQN were less likely to believe it would be very or extremely likely that campus officials would conduct a fair investigation. Thirty-seven percent of undergraduate TGQN students and 40.4% of TGQN graduate and professional students believed that a fair investigation would be very or extremely likely, compared to between 54.4% and 62.8% of undergraduate or graduate/professional male and females students.

When asked if campus officials would take action against the alleged offender(s), 55% of respondents report it would be very or extremely likely that officials would take action. Among undergraduate students, 46.3% of females, 65.6% of males and 45.3% of TGQN students reported it would be very or extremely likely that campus officials would take action. Among graduate and professional students, 43.2% of females, 60.6% of males and 50.3% of TGQN students reported it would be very or extremely likely for campus officials to take action against the alleged offender(s).

When asked if campus officials would take action to address factors that may have led to the sexual assault or misconduct, 52.1% of respondents reported that this would be very or extremely likely. Students identifying as TGQN were the least likely to believe campus officials would take action (33.7% of undergraduates and 32.8% of graduate and professional students),

followed by female students (48.4% of undergraduates and 43.1% of graduate and professional students), with male students being the most likely to believe campus officials would take action to address the factors that may have led to the sexual assault or misconduct (58.8% of undergraduates and 53.1% of graduate and professional students).

Bystander Intervention

Students were asked a series of questions about whether they had been in situations where they suspected or saw sexual misconduct or sexual assault occurring since enrolling as a student at Ohio State and, if so, whether and how they intervened (Table 1.2). Overall, 18.3% of respondents reported that they suspected a friend had been sexually assaulted. Among those who had this suspicion, 62.3% reported they spoke to their friend or someone else to seek help and 11.5% took action in another way. Almost 10.7% reported that they did nothing because they were not sure what to do, while 15.6% did nothing for another reason.

Overall, 41.4% of respondents reported they had “seen a drunk person heading off for what looked like a sexual encounter.” Among students who reported seeing this, 12.7% directly intervened to stop it, 8.4% spoke to a friend or someone else to seek help and 9.3% took action in another way. Twenty-four percent reported they did nothing because they weren’t sure what to do, while 45.4% did nothing for another reason.

Students were asked if they had seen or heard someone acting in a sexually violent or harassing way; 17.3% of respondents report witnessing this behavior. Among respondents reporting witnessing the behavior, almost 25.5% reported that they directly intervened to stop the behavior, 16.1% spoke to a friend or someone else to seek help and 11.8% took action in another way. Almost half of respondents reported doing nothing; 22.4% did nothing because they were not sure what to do and 24.1% did nothing for another reason.

If a student responded that they did nothing for “another reason” despite suspecting a friend of being sexually assaulted, seeing a drunk person “heading off for what looked like a sexual encounter” or seeing or hearing someone acting in a sexually violent or harassing way, additional questions were asked about their reasons for doing nothing. Overall, 30.8% of these respondents said they did nothing because they did not think it was their business, 12.1% reported that they did not feel safe intervening, and 1.4% said they thought someone else would do something. Less than 1% of respondents (0.2%) said they did nothing because they thought their friend(s) would make fun of them.

Perceptions of Prevalence and Perceptions of Personal Risk

Students were asked a series of questions about their perceptions of how problematic sexual assault or sexual misconduct are at Ohio State and their perceived risk of being a victim of sexual assault or sexual misconduct (Table 1.3). Overall, 18% of respondents stated that sexual assault or sexual misconduct is very or extremely problematic at Ohio State, while 41.8% stated it was not at all or a little problematic. Graduate and professional students identifying as TGQN were the most likely to report that sexual assault or sexual misconduct was very or extremely problematic (37.2%), followed by TGQN undergraduates (30.8%) and female undergraduates (24%). Similar percentages of male and female graduate and professional students were likely to believe sexual assault and sexual misconduct were very or extremely problematic (around 15%), and male undergraduates were the least likely to think it was problematic (12.8%).

When asked to estimate their personal likelihood of experiencing sexual assault or sexual misconduct on campus, 5.6% of all respondents reported it was very or extremely likely, while 79.0% reported it was not at all or a little likely. Higher percentages of female respondents reported it was very or extremely likely that they would experience sexual assault or sexual

misconduct than male students (10.7% of female undergraduates versus 1.2% of male undergraduates and 4.5% of female graduate/professionals versus 0.9% of male graduate/professionals). Students identifying as TGQN were the most likely to report it was very or extremely likely that they would experience sexual assault or sexual misconduct on campus (17.5% of undergraduates and 19.5% of graduate and professional students).

Students were also asked the likelihood that they would experience sexual assault or sexual misconduct in other contexts, such as during off-campus university-sponsored events or off-campus events not sponsored by the university. Overall, 4.5% of respondents believed it was very or extremely likely that they would experience sexual assault or sexual misconduct during off-campus university sponsored events, compared to 78.6% of respondents who reported it was not at all or a little likely. In comparison, 13.8% of respondents believed it was very or extremely likely that they would become a victim of sexual assault or misconduct during off-campus, non-university sponsored events (62.3% stated this was not at all or a little likely).

When asked about the likelihood that other students at Ohio State would intervene if they witnessed someone being a victim of sexual assault or sexual misconduct, 34.9% of respondents reported it would be very or extremely likely, 39.1% reported it would be somewhat likely, and 26.0% reported it would be not at all or a little likely that an Ohio State student would intervene.

RESOURCES RELATED TO SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Students were asked a series of questions regarding their awareness of services and resources offered by Ohio State for those affected by sexual assault and sexual misconduct. First, students were asked about their awareness of specific programs or services available on their campus. Due to variations in the services available and the names used to refer to these services, students on each campus were provided with a customized list of programs. Second, students were asked about their knowledge of policies and perceptions of resources related to sexual assault or sexual misconduct.

The programs and services with the greatest awareness among students Ohio State University Police/The Office of Public Safety (81.4%; Table 2.1) and the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service (78.2%). The programs with the lowest awareness included Sexual Violence Support Coordinators (19.3%) and the Title IX Coordinator (23.3%).

When asked to estimate their knowledge of how sexual assault and sexual misconduct are defined at Ohio State, 31% of respondents selected very knowledgeable, 53.1% selected somewhat knowledgeable and 15.9% selected not at all knowledgeable (Table 2.2). Overall, 34.7% of respondents report that they were very knowledgeable about where to get help at Ohio State if they were a victim of sexual assault or sexual misconduct, while 14.9% report they were not at all knowledgeable.

When asked to estimate their knowledge about where to make a report of sexual assault or sexual misconduct, 29.1% of respondents report that they were very knowledgeable, 47.9% were somewhat knowledgeable and 23.1% were not at all knowledgeable. Overall, 16.6% of respondents report that they were very knowledgeable about what happens when a student reports an incident of sexual assault or sexual misconduct at Ohio State; 39.4% report that they were not all knowledgeable about what happens and 44% were somewhat knowledgeable. Similarly, 17.1% of respondents report that they were very knowledgeable about Ohio State's policies on Title IX and sexual misconduct, while 43.5% were not at all knowledgeable and 39.5% were somewhat knowledgeable.

FREQUENCY AND NATURE OF VICTIMIZATION BY PHYSICAL FORCE OR INCAPACITATION

The survey asked a series of questions about experiencing nonconsensual sexual intercourse or sexual touching involving several tactics: physical force or threats of physical force, incapacitation due to voluntary/involuntary consumption of drugs or alcohol, coercion and the absence of affirmative consent. This section summarizes the frequency of nature of nonconsensual sexual assault (both sexual intercourse and sexual touching) by physical force or incapacitation.

Sexual intercourse was defined as sexual penetration (a penis, finger or object inside someone else's vagina or anus) and oral sexual intercourse (a mouth or tongue makes contact with someone else's genitals). Sexual touching was defined as when one person kisses another; or touches someone's breast/chest, crotch/groin or buttocks; or grabs, gropes or rubs against another in a sexual way even if the touching occurs over the other person's clothes. Attempted sexual intercourse involving physical force was also measured, and combined with estimates of sexual intercourse by physical force.

Physical force included incidents that involved force or threats of force. This was defined as including "someone holding you down with his or her body weight, pinning your arms, hitting or kicking you or using a weapon or threatening to use a weapon against you." Incapacitation was defined as "incidents when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, asleep, incapacitated or substantially impaired due to drugs or alcohol." To address the possibility of under-reporting of incidents involving incapacitation, respondents were asked to include incidents even if they were not sure what had happened.

If a respondent reported an event of sexual intercourse or sexual touching, they were asked a series of follow-up questions about when it occurred. If the event occurred before the respondent was a student at Ohio State, the event was excluded from the analysis. If the event was part of another reported victimization on the survey, the respondent was asked to identify which victimization. Events were only counted once. Following the definitions outlined by the prior administrations of the survey, which align with counting rules established by the FBI and Clery statistics (Cantor et al., 2015a), if both sexual intercourse and sexual touching were part of the same incident, sexual intercourse was counted.

Table 3.1 presents the prevalence and incidences of sexual intercourse (penetration or oral sex) and sexual touching by enrollment status and gender. Estimates are reported based on when the incidents occurred: since enrolling at Ohio State, and/or within the 2016-2017 academic year. Since enrolling at Ohio State, 20.0% of undergraduate female respondents report being victims of sexual assault (intercourse or sexual touching) by physical force or incapacitation; 9.3% report being victims during the current academic year. Since entering Ohio State, 12.2% of undergraduate female respondents report being the victim of sexual intercourse by physical force or incapacitation and 13.1% report being the victim of sexual touching by physical force or incapacitation. Percentages for graduate and professional female respondents are lower: 6.9% report sexual intercourse or sexual touching by physical force of incapacitation since entering Ohio State and 1.6% report experiencing these in the current academic year.

Overall, 4.6% of undergraduate male respondents report being the victim of sexual intercourse or sexual touching by force or incapacitation since enrolling at Ohio State, and 2.3% report being victimized in the current academic year. Since entering Ohio State, 2.9% of undergraduate male respondents report being victims of sexual intercourse by physical force or

incapacitation and 2.6% report being victims of sexual touching by force or incapacitation. Among graduate and professional male respondents, 2.3% report being victims of sexual intercourse or sexual touching by force or incapacitation since enrolling at Ohio State and 1% report being victimized in the current academic year.

Among TGQN undergraduate students, 19.2% of respondents report being victims of sexual assault involving physical force or incapacitation since entering Ohio State and 8.0% report being victimized in the current academic year. Data were not available for graduate and professional students identifying as TGQN due to small sample sizes.

Prevalence of sexual assault victimization involving physical force or incapacitation differ significantly by gender and enrollment status. Undergraduate female respondents were significantly more likely to report these types of victimizations than males and graduate and professional females. Victimization rates do not significantly differ between undergraduate female and TGQN respondents.

Victim Characteristics

Table 3.2 presents the demographic characteristics of respondents who report being the victim of nonconsensual sexual intercourse or sexual touching by physical force or incapacitation since enrolling in college. Among all respondents, students identifying as heterosexual were significantly less likely to be victimized than non-heterosexual students (10.1% v. 16.6%). Students identifying as Asian or Asian American were significantly less likely to report being victimized (4.7%), while Native American, American Indian or Alaskan Native students were significantly more likely to report being victimized (25.6%) than students of other racial backgrounds. Twenty percent of respondents with disabilities report being victimized, significantly more than the 9.8% of respondents without disabilities. Results are also presented examining respondents' year in school and the timing of incidents (current year or since enrolling in college). During the current academic year, victimization rates were highest among first year students (7.2%) and lowest among senior students (4.7%).

Location of Victimization

Table 3.5 examines the location of types of victimizations of sexual intercourse and sexual touching by physical force and by incapacitation for female and male respondents (results for TGQN students are not presented due to small sample sizes). Higher percentages of female respondents reported victimizations by incapacitation that occur off campus or at non-university affiliated properties than on campus or at university affiliated properties. Off-campus incidents accounted for 56.1% of sexual intercourse by incapacitation among females compared to 81.8% among males. Of sexual assaults occurring on campus or on university affiliated properties, the majority occurred in university residence halls (60% of sexual intercourse by force and 57.4% of sexual intercourse by incapacitation among females; the respective numbers for males are 66.9% and 79.5%).

Among female respondents who reported sexual assaults that occurred off campus or at non-university affiliated properties, 80.4% of assaults by force occurred at a house or apartment and 81.0% of assaults by incapacitation occurred at a house or apartment. Among males, 73.8% of sexual intercourse by force and 83.0% of sexual touching by incapacitation occurring at a house or apartment.

Offender Characteristics

Table 3.6a presents the reported characteristics of the offenders of sexual intercourse by force or incapacitation for females and males (results for TGQN students are not presented due to small sample sizes). Among female respondents, 100% of offenders of sexual intercourse by

physical force were male and 99% offenders of sexual intercourse by incapacitation were male. Among male respondents who were victims of sexual intercourse by force, 49.3% report the offender was male and 60.9% report the offender was female. Male victims of sexual intercourse by incapacitation report 23.1% of offenders were male and 79.5% of offenders were female.

The majority of respondents reported that their offenders were students at Ohio State. Among females, 66.4% of victims of nonconsensual sexual intercourse by force reported the offender was another student and 76.8% of victims of nonconsensual sexual intercourse by incapacitation reported the offender was another student. Comparable numbers for males are 56.9% by force and 72.3% by incapacitation. The second most common response was that the offender(s) was not affiliated with the university (between 16.8% and 27.7% based on gender and tactic).

Reporting and Reasons for Not Reporting

Victims were asked if they reported the sexual assault to a university program, and if not, why they did not report (Table 3.9a). Among female respondents, 31.3% of victims of sexual intercourse by force and 13.2% of victims of sexual intercourse by incapacitation reported assault to a university program. Among male respondents, 25.3% of victims of sexual intercourse by force reported; there were not enough respondents to report statistics on of sexual intercourse by incapacitation. When asked why they did not report to a university a program, the most frequent response among female victims was that they did not think it was serious enough to report (53.5% of victims of sexual intercourse by force and 73.0% of victims of sexual intercourse by incapacitation)

FREQUENCY AND NATURE OF VICTIMIZATION DUE TO COERCION OR ABSENCE OF AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT

This section summarizes the frequency of sexual intercourse or sexual touching due to coercion or absence of affirmative consent.

Coercion was defined as incidents when someone coerced you by threatening serious non-physical harm such that you felt you must comply. Examples of coercion included: threatening to give you bad grades or cause trouble for you at work; promising good grades or to give you a promotion at work; threatening to share damaging information about you with your family, friends or authority figures; threatening to post damaging information about you online or threatening to leave or abandon you in an area where you feel unsafe.

Students were asked about incidents that occurred without their affirmative consent. Examples of absence of affirmative consent included: someone initiated sexual activity despite your refusal or disinterest; someone ignored your cues to stop or slow down; went ahead without checking in or while you were still deciding; or otherwise failed to obtain your active, ongoing voluntary agreement.

If a respondent reported an event of sexual intercourse or sexual touching, they were asked a series of follow-up questions about when it occurred. Like results for sexual assault due to physical force or incapacitation, if the event occurred before the respondent was a student at Ohio State, the event was excluded from the analysis. If the event was part of another reported victimization on the survey, the respondent was asked to identify which victimization. Events were only counted once. If both sexual intercourse (penetration or oral sex) and sexual touching were part of the same incident, the incident of sexual intercourse was counted.

Table 4.1 presents the percentage of respondents experiencing nonconsensual sexual intercourse or sexual touching due to coercion or the absence of affirmative consent during the current academic year or since enrolling in college. Overall, 1.2% of respondents reported experiencing sexual assault due to coercion during the current academic year and 2.7% reported experiencing sexual assault due to coercion since enrolling at Ohio State. Since enrolling at Ohio State, 5.4% of TGQN undergraduates and 4.3% of undergraduate females reported victimization due to coercion compared to 1.6% of graduate and professional females, 1.6% of undergraduate males and 0.6% of graduate and professional males. Results for TGQN graduate and professional were not disclosed for confidentiality reasons.

Overall, 2.9% of respondents reported being the victim of sexual intercourse or sexual touching due to the absence of affirmative consent during the current academic year and 6.1% reported this type of victimization since enrolling at Ohio State. Since enrolling at Ohio State, 11.4% of TGQN undergraduates, 11.2% of undergraduate and 5.2% of graduate and professional females reported experiencing sexual assault due to the absence of affirmative consent, compared to 2.0% of undergraduate and 2% of graduate and professional males. Results for TGQN graduate and professional students were not disclosed for confidentiality reasons.

Table 4.3 presents the demographic characteristics of students who reported being victims of sexual assault due to absence of affirmative consent. Students who identified with a sexual orientation other than heterosexual were significantly more likely to report being victims (9.8%) than heterosexual students (5.6%). Students who identified as Asian American or Asian were significantly less likely to report being a victim (2.5%) compared to other racial groups. Students with disabilities were significantly more likely to report being a victim of sexual assault due to the absence of affirmative consent (11.3%) than students without disabilities (5.5%).

Table 4.5a and 4.5b present the characteristics of offenders of sexual intercourse or sexual touching due to coercion or absence of affirmative consent for female and male victims, respectively. Among female victims, the vast majority identified their offender or offenders as male (between 98.0% and 99.6% depending on type of assault and tactic). Among male victims, reported offenders' genders varied; between 58.4% and 84.5% of offenders were identified as female and the rest male depending on the type of assault and tactic. The majority of female and male victims reported that the offender or offenders were students at Ohio State.

Sexual Assault by Any Tactic

To estimate the overall prevalence of sexual assault, Table 4.6 presents the percentage of respondents who reported experiencing sexual intercourse and sexual touching by any of the four tactics measured: physical force, incapacitation, coercion or absence of affirmative consent since enrolling at Ohio State. Overall, 15.1% of respondents reported being a victim of either sexual intercourse or sexual touching using physical force, incapacitation, coercion or absence of affirmative consent since enrollment at Ohio State. For undergraduate females, 27.0% reported they have been victims of one of the four tactics, compared to 11.2% for graduate or professional females, 6.9% for undergraduate males and 4.4% for graduate and professional males. Among TGQN students, 21.9% of undergraduate respondents reported experiencing either sexual intercourse or sexual touching by at least one of the four tactics.

In the current academic year, 7.3% of respondents experienced sexual touching or sexual intercourse by physical force, incapacitation, coercion or absence of affirmative consent (Table 4.7). Female undergraduates reported the highest rates: 13.4%, followed by TGQN undergraduates (11.2%), male undergraduates (3.6%), female graduate and professional students (3.5%) and male graduate and professional students (1.8%).

FREQUENCY AND NATURE OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND STALKING

The survey asked about other forms of sexual misconduct: sexual harassment, stalking and intimate partner violence. This section examines the prevalence, incidence and characteristics associated with these forms of sexual misconduct.

Sexual Harassment

Students were asked about situations in which someone in the university community (e.g. student, faculty or staff) said or did something that interfered with their academic or professional performance, limited their ability to participate in an academic or co-curricular program or activity or created an intimidating, hostile or offensive social, academic or work environment. Specifically, students were asked if the following had occurred since they were a student at Ohio State:

- Someone made sexual remarks or told jokes or stories that were insulting or offensive
- Someone made inappropriate or offensive comments about your or someone else's body, appearance or sexual activities
- Someone said crude or gross sexual things to you or tried to get you to talk about sexual matters when you didn't want to
- Someone emailed, texted, tweeted, phoned, or instant messaged offensive sexual remarks, jokes, stories, pictures, or videos to you that you didn't want
- Someone has continued to ask you to go out, get dinner or have drinks, or have sex even though you said, "No"

The definition of sexual harassment used in the survey aligns with Ohio State policies and federal definitions of a "hostile environment" used by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the US Department of Education (Cantor et al., 2015a). The specific behaviors were taken from several different scales that measure harassment when developed for the 2015 survey (Cantor et al., 2015a).

Table 5.1 presents the percentage of respondents who reported experiencing each type of harassment since enrolling at Ohio State. Overall, 33.3% of respondents reported someone in the university community made sexual remarks or told jokes or stories that they found to be insulting or offensive. Thirty-six percent of respondents reported that someone made inappropriate or offensive comments about their or someone else's body, appearance or sexual activities. Fewer respondents reported other harassment behaviors: 13.3% reported someone said crude or gross sexual things to them or tried to get them to talk about sexual matters when they didn't want to; 7.5% reported someone emailed, texted, tweeted, phoned or instant messaged offensive sexual remarks, jokes, stories, pictures or videos that they did not want and 10.6% reported someone had continued to ask them to go out, get dinner or have drinks or have sex even though they said, "No."

Patterns of harassment varied by gender and enrollment status. Female undergraduates reported the highest percentage of experiencing someone making sexual remarks or told sexual jokes or stories that they found insulting or offensive (46.0%), followed by TGQN undergraduates (41.7%), TGQN graduate and professional students (40.6%) and female graduate and professional students (36.6%). Male students were less likely to report experiencing this type of harassment (23.2% of undergraduate and 18.8% of graduate and professionals). The patterns by gender and enrollment were similar for the other specific types

of harassment; female undergraduates and TGQN undergraduates reported the highest percentages of experiencing harassment behaviors.

Students were asked how many times each type of harassment occurred, how many different people harassed them, the offenders' association with the university and the offender's relationship with the victim during the current school year for each harassment behavior (Table 5.1a presents results for female students, Table 5.1b presents results for male students). Due to small sample sizes, results are not presented for TGQN students. The majority of respondents experiencing harassment reported that the offender was another student at Ohio State (between 66.9% and 85.6% among females and between 77.4% and 90.1% among males). Twelve percent of female and male respondents experiencing harassment reported that a faculty member or instructor made sexual remarks or told jokes that they found to be insulting or offensive. When asked about their relationship with the offender(s), between 50.3% and 64.7% of females reported it was a friend or acquaintance while between 29.4% and 54.6% reported it was a stranger. The majority of male respondents stated the offender was a friend or acquaintance (between 64.5% and 78.3%).

Table 5.1c presents whether victims of harassment reported their harassment to a university program or service. Overall, 9% of respondents reported to a university program or service; 29.7% of TGQN undergraduates reported the harassment compared to between 4.6% and 9.8% of male and female students. Students who did not report to a program were asked why they did not contact a program. The majority of students (76%) stated that they did not think it was serious enough to report.

Table 5.1e presents the demographic characteristics of students who reported being victims of sexual harassment. Students who identified with a sexual orientation other than heterosexual were significantly more likely to experience harassment than students identifying as heterosexual. Overall, 64.7% of non-heterosexual respondents reported experiencing at least one harassment behavior since enrolling at Ohio State compared to 49.1% of heterosexual students. Native American, American Indian and Alaskan Native students reported the highest percentage of victimization (63.1%) of any racial group. Students with disabilities were significantly more likely to report being a victim of harassment (62.1%) than students without disabilities (49.6%).

Intimate Partner Violence

At the beginning of the survey students were asked whether they had been in one or more partnered relationships since they had been a student at Ohio State. Partnered relationships were defined as casual relationships or hook-ups, steady or serious relationships, or marriage, civil unions, domestic partnerships or cohabitation. If students responded yes, they were asked a series of questions about whether they had experienced intimate partner violence (IPV). The questions for the IPV section are based on a combination of wording used in a 2012 survey by the University of New Hampshire and the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Cantor et al., 2015a).

The IPV questions asked whether a partner had done any of the following since a student had been enrolled at Ohio State:

- Exert control or control you? Examples could be when someone kept you from going to classes or pursuing your educational goals, did not allow you to see or talk with friends or family, made decisions for you, such as where you go, what you wear or eat, or threatened to “out” you to others
- Threatened to physically harm you, someone you love or themselves?

- Used physical force against you? Examples of this could be bent your fingers or bit you, hit/slapped, punched, pushed, or kicked you, hit you with something other than fist, attacked you with a weapon or otherwise physically hurt or injured you, held you against your will

Since enrolling at Ohio State, 12.6% of respondents reported experiencing at least one type of IPV and 5.5% experienced IPV during the current school year (Table 5.2). Sixteen percent of undergraduate female respondents experienced IPV since enrolling at Ohio State, compared to 8.7% of graduate or professional females, 11.3% of undergraduate males and 8.3% of graduate and professional males. Undergraduate students identifying as TGQN were more likely to experience IPV since enrolling at Ohio State (20.4%) than other respondents, but the difference was not statistically significant. Since enrolling at Ohio State, the most frequently reported type of IPV was a partner trying to exert control or control (7.9%), followed by a partner using physical force (5.5%) and a partner threatening to physically harm the student, someone else or themselves (5.2%). Over 90% of respondents reporting IPV said that only one partner had treated them this way (90.7%; Table 5.2a).

Victims of IPV were asked whether they reported the incident(s) of IPV to a university program and, if not, why they did not contact a program (Table 5.2a). Among all IPV victims, 17.6% stated that they reported to a program and 82.4% had not. Reporting to a program was most common among TGQN undergraduates (53.4%) and female graduate and professional respondents (21.6%); 18.8% of female undergraduates, 12.8% of male undergraduates and 19.3% of male graduate and professional students reported to a program. Among those who did not report to a program, 57.8% did not contact a program because they did not think it was serious enough to report.

Table 5.2c presents the demographic characteristics of students who report being victims of IPV. Heterosexual students were significantly less likely to be a victim of IPV (11.5%) compared to non-heterosexual students (21.4%). Students with disabilities were significantly more likely to report being a victim of IPV (21.1%) than students without disabilities (11.6%).

Stalking

Questions on stalking behaviors were based on definitions and behaviors used in the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, National Crime Victimization Survey and the National Violence Against Women's Survey (Cantor et al., 2015a). Respondents were asked whether the following happened since enrolling at Ohio State and in the current year and, if so, whether it was done in a way that made them *afraid for their personal safety*:

- Someone sent unwanted phone calls, emails, voice, text, or instant messaged or posted messages, pictures, or videos on social networking sites
- Someone showed up somewhere – your residence, classes, lab, studio, or work – or waited for you when you did not want them to be there
- Spied on, watched, or following you, either in person or using devices or software

Table 5.3 presents the percentages of respondents who reported experiencing each of these behaviors at least once since enrolling at Ohio State and in the current school year. To be considered stalking, the respondents had to state that these behaviors, either singly or in combination, occurred more than once and were done by the same person. The bottom of Table 5.3 presents these statistics, and Tables 5.3a to 5.3d present statistics for only the respondents who reported experiencing stalking behaviors more than once by the same person.

Since enrolling at Ohio State, 3.5% of students reported that they experienced stalking and 1.8% experienced stalking during the current school year. Since enrolling at Ohio State, 10.7% of undergraduate TGQN students reported experiencing stalking compared to 6.1% of

undergraduate females, 3.2% of graduate and professional females, 1.3% of undergraduate males and 1.5% of graduate or professional males.

Respondents most frequently reported that the offender was another student(s) (55.7%; Table 5.3a) or that the offender was not affiliated with the university (31.3%). Overall, 5.5% of offenders were identified by victims as faculty or instructors, 4.2% were other staff or administrators and 2.5% had some other association with the university. When asked about the offenders' relationship to the victim, 33.5% of respondents said the offender was a friend or acquaintance, 27.3% stated the offender was a stranger and 24.1% said the offender was someone that the victim had been previously intimate with or involved with.

Respondents who were victims of stalking were asked if they reported to a university program and, if not, why they did not contact a university program (Table 5.3b). Overall, 26.3% of respondents stated that they reported the stalking to a program on campus, while 73.8% did not report. When asked why they did not contact a program, 58.3% selected that they did not think it was serious enough, 29.6% said they did not think anything would be done and 24.3% said the incident did not occur on campus or was not associated with Ohio State.

Table 5.3d presents the demographic characteristics of respondents who report being victims of stalking. Students identifying with a sexual orientation other than heterosexual were significantly more likely to report being a victim of stalking (6.7%) compared to heterosexual students (3.1%). Students who identified as having a disability were significantly more likely to report experiencing stalking (8.3%) than students without a disability (3.0%).

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APPENDIX A: METHODOLOGY

SURVEY INSTRUMENT

The 2017 survey instrument was adapted from a survey developed in 2015 by the Association of American Universities (AAU), which was administered to Ohio State students in 2015 by Westat, a social science research firm and in 2016 by Ohio State's Center for the Study of Student Life. The AAU survey design team included a multi-disciplinary group of experts on issues of sexual assault, gender, health and student affairs (AAU, 2015). For more details on the development of the AAU survey instrument, please see the 2015 campus climate report for Ohio State (Cantor, Fisher, Chibell, Bruce, Townsend, Thomas & Lee, 2015a). The AAU survey is in the public domain (AAU 2015). The Buckeyes ACT committee, comprised of faculty, staff and students, reviewed the AAU survey and revised the survey to better tailor it to the context of Ohio State students and campuses.

The survey instrument includes ten sections, measuring the following: 1) student demographic and academic backgrounds, 2) perceptions of risk, 3) knowledge of campus resources, 4) experiences of sexual harassment, 5) stalking, 6) intimate partner violence, for those reporting they had been in a partnered relationship since enrolling in the university, 7) sexual assault, including nonconsensual sexual intercourse and/or touching, 8) perceptions of institutional responses to reporting, 9) bystander behavior and 10) debriefing questions about the survey instrument. To see the full survey instrument, see Appendix D.

SURVEY PROCEDURES

The survey was administered by the Center for the Study of Student Life in the Office of Student Life after review and approval by Ohio State's Institutional Review Board. Students who participated in the survey were asked to consent to participation. The consent form outlined that survey participation was voluntary, responses would be kept confidential, students' rights, risks and benefits of participation and who to contact with questions or concerns. Only students aged 18 or over could consent to participate in the survey. The consent form is in Appendix Bb.

Students were sent email invitations requesting their participation in the survey by Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, Senior Vice President of Student Life (email invitations are in Appendix B) and the Center for the Study of Student Life and provided with a custom link to the survey via Qualtrics survey software. Custom invitation links ensured that students could only take the survey one time, but no individually identifying information was connected to the custom link to ensure that students' responses were anonymous. Email invitations were sent to students on February 6, 2017, and the survey closed on March 20, 2017.

On each page of the survey, students were provided a link to a list of community and Ohio State support resources available to them related to sexual misconduct. These support resources were customized for each campus, including information on how to report an incident to the police and the university (see Appendix C).

SAMPLE AND INCENTIVES

All students who were 18 years of age or older (on the date of the survey administration) and who were enrolled in a class at Ohio State during the spring 2017 semester were invited to participate in the survey. To encourage participation in the survey, participants were eligible to win the following Buck-ID deposits: 10-\$500, 100-\$75 and 500-\$25 gift cards. To be entered to win the drawing for a gift card, students could opt-in to the drawing at the end of the climate survey. Those who opted into the drawing were routed to a separate survey, where they provided their name and contact information. This was done so that students' identifying

information could not be connected to their responses on the climate survey. Students were not required to complete the survey in order to opt-in to the drawing.

RESPONSE RATES

The overall response rate was 21.2%; 63,587 students were invited to take the survey and 13,456 responded. Any student who answered at least one question on the survey past the initial questions on students' demographic background was included in the analysis. This criterion were used in order to honor as many student responses as possible. The majority of students who started the survey completed the survey (85%). The median amount of time it took to complete the survey was 11 minutes.

WEIGHTING PROCEDURE

The responses were weighted to address differences between the demographic characteristics of survey respondents compared to those of the student population. A base weight of 1 was assigned to each student because the survey was sent to the entire student population. The base weight was adjusted to reflect non-response. A raking procedure adjusted the base weight to the demographic data available on the sampling frame using gender, race/ethnicity, campus, academic rank and age so the sum of adjusted weights of the survey respondents for a subgroup is equal to the frame total for that subgroup (see table below for a description of the variables used in the raking procedure). The raking procedure is based on the method used by Westat for the 2015 Campus Climate survey (for more details, see Cantor et al., 2015a).

Replication-based variance estimation techniques were used to create a set of weights, adjusting the sampling weights to reproduce the full-sample totals (Wolter, 1985). Students were assigned to one of 60 random groups to serve as primary sampling units (PSU) with 219 or 220 members in each group. Sixty jackknife replicate weights (unstratified delete-one jackknife) were created. One PSU was deleted while the weights of those in the remaining PSUs were adjusted (Winter, n.d.).

To create the weights, complete data were required for variables in the sampling frame. Missing values for these demographic variables were imputed using a series of single variable imputations with appropriate regression models. An option to relax the assumption of multivariate normality on the distribution of regression coefficients was used (Royston, n.d.). Only two variables, gender (for 210 cases) and academic rank (for 168 cases) included missing data and were imputed to create the weights. Imputed data were not used in further analyses.

The sampling frame was sourced from Ohio State's Student Information System for all students who were invited to take the survey, and the following variables were used in the raking procedure:

Variables Used in Raking Procedure

Variable	Description	Variable Value
Gender	Three-category gender variable. The frame data only had three categories (male, female, unknown), while the survey instrument had 8 response options. To make the frame and the survey data compatible, transgender males were coded as male, transgender females were coded as female, students who selected “prefer not to state” were coded as unknown, and other categories missing gender were imputed for the purposes of weighting, not reporting.	1: Male 2: Female 3: Unknown
Age Group	Student’s age was grouped into four categories, 18-20, 21-23, 24-26, and 27+.	1: 18-20 2: 21-23 3: 24-26 4: 27+
Academic Rank	This is a combined variable of student affiliation (Undergraduate/Graduate/ Professional/Visiting and/or Other) and year of study or year in program. Visiting and other includes students who were not enrolled in a formal program or degree plan.	1: Undergraduate first year (1 st year) 2: Undergraduate sophomore (2 nd year) 3: Undergraduate junior (3 rd year) 4: Undergraduate senior (4 th year or more) 5: Graduate 6: Professional 7: Visiting and/or other
Race/ Ethnicity	This variable has 9 categories. Survey response options from the ethnicity (Hispanic or Latinx) and race variables were combined to reflect how race/ethnicity is reported in the Student Information System for the purpose of weighting, but not reporting.	1: American Indian or Alaskan Native 2: Asian 3: African American 4: Hispanic 5: Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 6: Non-resident alien 7: None or race unknown 8: Two or more races 9: White

CONSIDERATIONS OF CLIMATE SURVEYS

Campus climate surveys can provide valuable information about perceptions, knowledge, attitudes and incidences of sexual misconduct on campus, but there are both strengths and limitations to the approach used nationally by campus climate surveys. Strengths include that data are collected via an anonymous survey to allow for students to provide honest opinions on the climate on sexual misconduct on campus. Incidence rates provide insights into the extent of the problem of sexual misconduct. Data can and will be used to tailor education, prevention and response efforts on campus.

The response rate for the 2017 study was 21.2%, which is similar to the 2016 administration response rate of 21.1% and the 2015 administration response rate of 18.1% and similar to other student surveys conducted at Ohio State. As noted by the 2015 AAU survey, the response rate is only one indicator of data quality (Groves & Petycheva, 2008; Cantor et al. 2015b). Another important consideration is non-response bias. Non-response bias may result in estimates that overstate the actual prevalence of sexual misconduct if individuals who have not experienced these types of incidents are less likely to participate in the survey. Similarly, it is possible that victims may be less likely to respond, resulting in estimates being too low. Results

of the prior 2015 survey suggest that it is possible that responders tended to be more likely to report victimization, therefore, estimates related to victimization and attitudes items may be biased upward, but evidence suggested that the bias was not large (Cantor et al., 2015b).

Comparisons over Time

If surveys are administered over time, changes in perceptions, knowledge and incidence rates can be detected. This is the third year that Ohio State has conducted a campus climate survey; however, changes from one year to the next, especially in incident rates, should be interpreted with caution. Apparent year to year differences in perceptions and incidences could reflect natural fluctuations in incidences or variations in the characteristics of students who took the survey from one year to the next. To determine changes or trends over time, or to measure the impact of campus-wide interventions, longitudinal data should be examined over the course of many years.

APPENDIX B: CONSENT AND RECRUITMENT

Student Consent Form

Before you take the survey, consider allowing the university to use your responses for research purposes. While we urge you to consider participating in the research, you do not have to consent to sharing your data for research purposes in order to take the survey. Even if you

choose not to allow us to use your responses for research purposes, they may still be reported for institutional quality improvement purposes.

The data collected in this survey will be used for a research study examining sexual assault and sexual misconduct. Your participation will help us better understand the climate around sexual assault and misconduct at Ohio State. This survey should take most students approximately 15 minutes to complete. You must be 18 years old to participate in the research study.

Participation is voluntary.

You do NOT have to participate in this survey, and if you do choose to participate, you may skip any question you are not comfortable answering and may exit the survey at any time. Refusal to participate in or withdrawing from this study will not compromise your standing in any program at Ohio State. Refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise be entitled and you may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

Your responses are confidential.

We want to assure you that your responses to this survey will be protected to ensure your privacy; your personal identification will not be linked to your responses in any way and data will never be reported in a way that can potentially identify individuals. To mitigate the risk of anyone identifying your responses, the survey has been programmed to strip all identifiers, including email addresses and IP addresses, from the data. The results will be presented in summary form so no individual can be identified. The only risk of any breach of your confidentiality could occur if someone is monitoring your computer or internet activity via your IP address as you complete the survey. While the survey uses Transport Layer Security (TLS) encryption (also known as HTTPS), there is a small chance that your IP address could be used to identify your responses.

Risks and benefits of participation.

Participants will not directly benefit from participating in this study. However, the Ohio State University community will benefit from a deeper understanding of the climate around sexual assault and misconduct on campus. These results will be used to inform educational efforts, programming, and services on campus.

Participating in this study is not believed to present greater risks than those faced in daily life. Potential risks of participation in the study include psychological stress as a result of the sensitive nature of some of the questions, which ask about experiences with sexual harassment and assault. You can discontinue participation at any time or elect to skip any questions that may make you uncomfortable. Furthermore, a list of local and national resources and referrals will be provided for your use if you have questions or experience distress while taking the survey.

Breaches of confidentiality, risks to reputation, and/or social risks could occur in the unlikely event that your responses are traced back to you. However, as described above, personal identifiers (e.g., your name, email address, and IP address) will be stripped from the data, and data will be collected and stored using devices that are password-protected and encrypted to mitigate the risk of this occurring.

Questions?

If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant contact Sandra Meadows at The Office of Responsible Research Practices, 1-800-678-6251 or 1-614-688-4792.

For questions regarding the survey, or if you feel you have been harmed as a result of study participation, feel free to contact Dr. Anne McDaniel, Interim Executive Director in the Center for the Study of Student Life at mcdaniel.145@osu.edu.

You must be at least 18 years of age to participate.

If you consent to participate in the research study, please select yes.

Email Invitation

Subject line: Please complete the Campus Climate Survey

For the third year, Ohio State is conducting a climate survey on sexual misconduct and relationship violence. I write to ask that you take part in this important survey, which is open to all students across our campuses. The results will help inform and further enhance Buckeyes

ACT (Action, Counseling, Training) — the university's comprehensive plan to confront sexual misconduct and relationship violence.

To begin the survey, which takes approximately 15 minutes to complete, please click the below link:

<http://go.osu.edu/climatesurvey>

Note that individual responses are confidential. Each student response is important to achieving an overall understanding of the experiences and opinions of Ohio State's student body. It is important to hear from you, even if you believe these issues do not directly affect you. As a token of appreciation and to encourage participation, all students who complete the survey will be entered to win a cash deposit on your BuckID; there are 10 \$500 deposits, 100 \$75 deposits and 500 \$25 deposits available.

The survey will be available through Friday, March 10. If you have questions about the survey or have difficulty accessing it, you can respond to this email or call the Center for the Study of Student Life at 614-247-6220.

Learn more about the programs and services available through [Buckeyes ACT](#). Our top priority is to promote a safe and healthy climate for our students and the entire university community.

Working together as Buckeyes, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Dr. J

Javaune Adams-Gaston, PhD
Senior Vice President
Office of Student Life

Sample Reminder Email

Subject line: Reminder: Please take the Campus Climate Survey

We want to remind you that there is still time to take Ohio State's climate survey on sexual misconduct and relationship violence. Over 9,000 students have already provided feedback.

If you have not yet completed the survey, we would like to hear from you. If you started the survey but did not complete it, please consider finishing it. If you have already completed the survey, thank you very much. Because no identifying information is linked with the survey, we are unable to identify whether you, individually, have completed the survey. This process is part of a larger commitment to keeping responses confidential.

The survey is accessible via the link below and it only takes a short time to complete.

<http://go.osu.edu/climatesurvey>

Individual responses are confidential, and your participation is important to achieving an overall picture of the experiences and opinions of the student body. Your responses will also help enhance Buckeyes ACT, Ohio State's comprehensive plan to confront sexual misconduct and relationship violence.

As a token of appreciation and to encourage participation, all students who complete the survey will be entered to win a cash deposit on your BuckID; there are

- 10 \$500 BuckID deposits
- 100 \$75 BuckID deposits
- 500 \$25 BuckID deposits available.

The survey will be available through Friday, March 10. If you have questions about the survey or have difficulty accessing it, you can respond to this email or call the Center for the Study of Student Life at 614-247-6220.

Please join us in promoting a safe and healthy climate for students and the entire university community.

Sincerely,

The Center for the Study of Student Life
The Ohio State University

APPENDIX C: RESOURCE LIST

Available at: <http://titleix.osu.edu/sidebar-resources/response/resources.html>

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Student Life Student Advocacy Center, Sexual Civility and Empowerment Program (SCE)

These services are part of the Office of Student Life's Student Advocacy Center and advocates work with students dealing with sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. SCE provides education/prevention programs, as well as support and advocacy. Contact a SCE advocate for support in understanding your medical and legal options, and for support throughout criminal or OSU conduct proceedings. Financial assistance is available for students who have experienced sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking through the Sexual Violence Assistance Fund. Advocates can also provide assistance with academic, housing, transportation, and other related issues.

sce.osu.edu

(614) 292-4806

Student Life Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) (confidential reporting resource)

Student Life's CCS provides counseling and consultation to all students enrolled at OSU. Students' spouses/partners who are covered by the Comprehensive Student Health Insurance are also eligible for services. CCS offers counseling and therapy to help students address personal, academic and career concerns. Both individual and group counseling are available. Their diverse staff specializes in a number of issues, including (but not limited to) substance abuse, eating disorders, sexual assault, relationship violence, international student concerns, LGBTQIA issues, and multiculturalism.

<http://www.ccs.osu.edu/>

(614) 292-5766

Student Life Student Health Services

The Wilce Student Health Center at The Ohio State University is a Joint Commission accredited outpatient facility providing a variety of health care services to the student population. **All students enrolled at OSU are eligible to use the health service, regardless of health insurance coverage.**

<http://shc.osu.edu/>

(614) 292-4321

Student Life University Housing

Student Life's University Housing team provides services to the students who live in residence halls ("on-campus"). Staff assesses both initial and long term needs. Housing staff, including Resident Advisors, Hall Directors and other full time staff are available to assist. While there is a hearing process for non-suspendable infractions, situations which could result in a suspension are typically forwarded to Student Conduct. University Housing also provides educational programming to enhance academic studies and foster student development.

<http://urds.osu.edu/>

(614) 292-8266

Faculty/Staff Assistance Program

The Ohio State EAP, available 24/7/365 for Ohio State benefits-eligible faculty, staff, and family members provides life assistance for a wide array of personal, work-related, and daily living challenges such as stress, marital/family challenges, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, legal consultation, identify theft support, financial consultation, childcare and eldercare locators, and much more. All EAP services are personalized to fit your specific need and are provided by the Ohio State University Health Plan, Inc.

<http://www.osuhealthplan.com/OhioStateEAP/>

1-800-678-6265

Student Legal Services

Student Legal Services is a non-profit law office providing legal services to eligible OSU students, including assistance with landlord-tenant disputes, obtaining civil protection orders, and crime victims compensation.

<http://studentlegal.osu.edu>

614-247-5853

CENTRAL OHIO RESOURCES

Confidential support

SARNCO 24 hour Rape Helpline (614-267-7020). The Rape Helpline is staffed by trained volunteers who can provide information about options, provide appropriate referrals and offer emotional support.

CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence (614-224-4663). The hotline sponsored by CHOICES is staffed by individuals with expertise on relationship abuse and also provides a direct way for those needing emergency shelter to access it.

Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO) (866)86-BRAVO or (614) 294-7867 BRAVO provides survivor advocacy and assistance regarding hate crimes, discrimination, domestic violence, and sexual assault. BRAVO is a founding member of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP). Each year, BRAVO documents incidences of hate crimes and domestic violence along with similar agencies across the United States. <http://bravo-ohio.org/>

Asian American Community Services

(614) 312-0337

The Family Support Program (FSP) is a volunteer-based program that addresses issues of violence such as: domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and hate crimes. FSP assists Asian victims and their families who suffer from any types of above violence in the community. The program supports and assists the victims by helping them to understand their options and working with them on making important decisions about the American social system including legal/court, medical and educational system. They have trained staff and volunteers who are bilingual in Cambodian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Laotian, and Vietnamese. FSP provides necessary intervention, ensuring confidential, efficient, accurate and client-friendly services.

<http://aacsohio.org/services>

Capital University Law School's Family Advocacy Clinic

(614) 236-6500

The Clinic serves victims of domestic violence who do not meet eligibility criteria to receive legal aid assistance, but who are still unable to afford a private attorney. The Clinic's partners include the Legal Aid Society, CHOICES Shelter, and the Columbus City Attorney's Office. If students meet their criteria, they may assist with attaining a protection order.

<http://law.capital.edu/TwoColumnPB.aspx?pageid=23364>

Columbus City Attorney's Domestic Violence & Stalking Unit

(614) 645-6232

This office takes reports, investigates cases and assists with needs of victims/survivors during the court process for misdemeanor domestic violence and stalking cases. A referral may be

made for those seeking a protection order. If you wish to file a criminal complaint you must appear in person at the Prosecution Resources Unit, Intake Section which is located on the 7th floor of 375 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
<http://www.columbuscityattorney.org/prosecution-DV.aspx>

Columbus Police Department Sexual Abuse Squad (614) 645-4701

Takes reports and investigates sexual assault cases which occur off campus in the city of Columbus. Columbus police detectives may meet a victim/survivor in the emergency department of central Ohio hospitals, at the location of the crime, in the victim's/survivor's home (if they reside in Columbus) or at the police station located in downtown Columbus.

Columbus Urban League (614) 257-6300

Free support and education services for African American clients. The Columbus Urban League provides community education and support services for rape and sexual assault victims. They may also help victims/survivors file for Victims of Crime Compensation and offers a school based curriculum on rape and sexual assault.

FirstLink 24-Hour Information & Referral Services (TTY# 341-2272) (614) 221-2255

A general referral resource to help address a wide range of needs (e.g. clothing, housing, food, etc.).

Franklin County Prosecutor's Office Victim/Witness Assistance Unit (614) 462-3555

The Victim Witness Assistance Unit provides information regarding the practices and procedures of the criminal justice system to victims and/or witnesses. The unit assists victims, witnesses, and the Assistant Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney assigned to the cases. The Victim Witness Assistants in the Adult Criminal Division assist victims in cases where the defendant is an adult accused of certain felony crimes. These crimes include sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, stalking, homicide, and others.

<http://prosecutor.franklincountyohio.gov/divisions/criminal/victim-witness.cfm>

Mt. Carmel Crime & Trauma Assistance Program (614) 234-5900

The Mount Carmel Crime and Trauma Assistance Program provides specialized professional assistance to victims of crime and trauma. Available to both adults and children, the program facilitates recovery through education and therapeutic intervention, with personal and empathetic opportunities for support and healing in both group and individual settings. Mt. Carmel provides free counseling services and begins their intake process by phone. Please call them for more information.

<http://www.mountcarmelhealth.com/crime-trauma-assistance>

Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program (877) 584-2846 (614) 466-5610

This office can provide financial compensation for those who have experienced crimes and meet the requirements for the program.

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/VictimsCompensation.aspx/?from=nav>

Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network (RAINN) (800) 656-4673

National hotline that connects callers to their nearest rape crisis line

<http://www.rainn.org/>

Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO) 24-Hour Rape Helpline (614) 267-7020

24-Hour Emergency Room Advocacy – Trained volunteer advocates provide emotional support, crisis intervention and community referral information to survivors of sexual violence in local hospital emergency departments. In addition, SARNCO works with Deaf Women Against Violence Everywhere to provide culturally appropriate advocacy to survivors who are Deaf in the emergency department.

4-Hour Rape Helpline – Trained volunteer advocates provide emotional support, crisis intervention and community referral information over the telephone to survivors of sexual violence, co-survivors and the community.

Sexual Violence Prevention Program – SARNCO provides prevention education and outreach about sexual assault, dating violence and sexual harassment in the community.

Long-Term Advocacy and Recovery Resources – SARNCO provides long-term advocacy and support to survivors and co-survivors who need assistance working with law enforcement, navigating the criminal justice system and with links to other community services during the recovery process. Recovery books geared toward healing from sexual violence are available at no cost to survivors and co-survivors of sexual assault. Long-term advocacy services and free recovery books can be accessed through the 24-Hour Rape Helpline at (614) 267-7020. SARNCO also maintains a Resource Center which has hundreds of books, journals, videos and resource materials on sexual assault and relationship violence that can be checked-out by survivors, co-survivors and members of the community.

<https://www.ohiohealth.com/sexualassaultresponsenetwork/>

Stalking Resource Center 1-800-FYI-CALL (M-F 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM EST) or e-mail gethelp@ncvc.org

Suicide Prevention Services 24-Hour Hotline

(614) 221-5445

VINELink

VINELink is the online version of VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), the National Victim Notification Network. This service allows crime victims to obtain timely and reliable information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders 24 hours a day. Some states have the ability to display this website in Spanish. Victims and other concerned citizens can also register to be notified by phone, email, text message (SMS) or TTY device when an offender's custody status changes. Users can also register through their participating state or county toll-free number.

<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/initMap.do>

NOTE:

If a person is dealing with a stalker or intimate partner abuse/domestic violence situation, it is important to take precautions when accessing any kind of support. In some circumstances, stalkers and/or abusers may access phone or computer records. When possible, people in these situations may want to use public computers or phones to seek out information. It is also good to safeguard your information by frequently changing passwords to random, unpredictable ones. It may also be helpful to think about steps that can be taken to keep information away from a stalker or intimate partner (e.g. keeping things with a friend or getting mail at a different address).

The nature of the resources listed below is for immediate or primary support or advocacy, as well as local ongoing services. For other resources, including advocacy,

informational/educational, legal, and programmatic resources, please see the Additional Resources pages.

APPENDIX D: SURVEY INSTRUMENT

IN SEPARATE DOCUMENT

APPENDIX E: DATA TABLES

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