

**Campus Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey Results  
Spring 2024**

Dear Columbia College Chicago community,

Thank you to the members of our community that recently completed the Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey. This survey, which is the first of its kind at Columbia College Chicago, provides valuable feedback for the College to consider when identifying opportunities for improvement.

I am pleased to see that a majority of respondents report they would support another student if they reported a case of sexual misconduct to Columbia. Students are regularly engaged in discussions of sexual misconduct and assault with friends, family, and in the classroom. Conversely, only 33% of respondents stated that they were aware of the function of Columbia's Title IX Office. These survey results show that we have some real opportunities to address in our commitment to maintaining an environment that is free from discrimination of any kind.

In the following months, the Campus Sexual Misconduct Survey Committee will meet to review these results and discuss specific actions that can be taken to address trends in the data. Further, this survey data will help the college make decisions regarding policy change as we update our Title IX and Sexual Misconduct policies to comply with recent regulatory updates from the U.S. Department of Education.

If you have any questions about the survey results, Columbia's Title IX policies, or if you wish to report a concern about sexual misconduct, please contact [TitleIX@colum.edu](mailto:TitleIX@colum.edu).

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### Survey Background

The [Task Force on Campus Sexual Misconduct Climate Surveys](#) required all Illinois higher education institutions to complete an annual survey. The survey provides a better understanding of student experiences, outcomes regarding their experiences, and perceptions of sexual violence and culture at Columbia to inform planning and provide future annual benchmarks to evaluate our changes.

Survey questions were derived from the [Task Force's survey recommendations](#). All Columbia students who are 18 or older were invited to complete the survey. The survey is anonymous with no identifying information collected that was linked to their individual responses. A random drawing was conducted as an incentive to win one of five \$100 scholarships.

The survey was distributed to Spring 2024 students (N=5,757) from March 20 to April 10. The survey elicited a 3.8% response rate (n=221). This is not constant through the survey with varied survey logic and survey response attrition. A college-wide planning team developed the survey plan and worked to identify appropriate supports available to student respondents.

# Survey Results

## Perceptions of Student Wellness and Campus Safety

This next section is about student wellness and your perceptions of campus safety.

**Sexual Harassment** refers to behaviors with sexual connotations that interfered with an individual's academic or professional performance, limited the individual's ability to participate in an academic program, or created an intimidating, hostile, or offensive social, academic, or work environment.]

**Stalking** refers to repeated (two or more occasions) visual or physical proximity, nonconsensual communication, or verbal, written, or implied threats by an individual that leads to fear for personal safety or substantial emotional distress]

**Sexual Misconduct** refers to physical contact or non-physical conduct of a sexual nature in the absence of clear, knowing and voluntary consent. Examples include sexual or gender-based harassment, stalking, dating violence, and sexual violence.

**Have you done the following during the last 12 months at Columbia? Remember that all of your answers are private; no professor or instructor will ever see them. (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
Missed class	82%
Made excuses to get out of class	40%
Been late for class	73%
Done poor work	40%
Attended class intoxicated or "high"	8%
Slept in class	14%
Thought about dropping a class	50%
Thought about quitting school	31%
Thought my mental health and/or well-being was suffering	74%
None of the above	5%
Prefer not to respond	1%

**I feel safe on campus at Columbia.**

	Percentage
Strongly Agree	10%
Agree	52%
Neutral	30%
Disagree	6%
Strongly Disagree	2%
Prefer not to respond	0%

**Using the scale provided, please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Prefer not to respond
I don't think sexual misconduct is a problem at Columbia	19%	28%	32%	15%	2%	3%
I don't think there is much I can do about sexual misconduct on this campus	5%	25%	33%	30%	6%	1%
There isn't much need for me to think about sexual misconduct while at Columbia	19%	32%	27%	17%	3%	2%
I have recently taken part in activities or volunteered my time on projects focused on ending sexual misconduct on campus	27%	52%	12%	2%	1%	5%
I have heard comments or seen online posts from Columbia students that make jokes about dating violence, sexual assault, or gender based violence, sexual harassment	25%	34%	12%	17%	9%	3%

**Using the scale provided, please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Prefer not to respond
On or around this campus, I feel safe from stalking	5%	22%	34%	26%	14%	0%
On or around this campus, I feel safe from sexual harassment	3%	25%	24%	31%	17%	0%
On or around this campus, I feel safe from sexual assault or abuse	3%	21%	22%	37%	16%	0%
On or around this campus, I feel safe from dating or domestic violence	1%	9%	22%	43%	23%	2%

## Understanding of Resources

The next set of questions is about your understanding of the available sexual misconduct resources.

**Sexual Misconduct** refers to physical contact or non-physical conduct of a sexual nature in the absence of clear, knowing and voluntary consent. Examples include sexual or gender-based harassment, stalking, dating violence, and sexual violence.

**Accommodations** refers to measures taken by Columbia to help a student in response to sexual misconduct. Accommodations may be related to academics, safety, housing, or other aspects of campus life. Examples include adjustments to coursework or class schedules, excused absences, approving requests for incompletes, relocating a student to different on-campus housing, roommate changes, and offering accompaniment/escort services when walking on campus.

Using the scale provided, please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Prefer not to respond
If a friend or I experienced sexual misconduct, I know where to go to get help on campus	13%	42%	10%	27%	6%	1%
I would know where to go to make a report of sexual misconduct	15%	43%	9%	25%	6%	1%
I know what the process is after a student reports sexual misconduct at Columbia	26%	56%	6%	6%	4%	1%
I understand that I can request accommodations if I experienced sexual misconduct	15%	30%	15%	31%	8%	2%

Please use the following scale to indicate how aware you are of the function of the campus and community resources specifically related to sexual misconduct response at Columbia listed below. "I am aware of the function of the following campus and community resources related to sexual misconduct":

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Prefer not to respond
Columbia's safety, health, and wellness services (ex. counseling, health center)	6%	23%	20%	40%	9%	2%
Community-based services outside the institution (ex. outside counseling, medical or legal advocacy)	9%	31%	20%	30%	7%	3%
Hotlines (including institutional, local, and national)	6%	18%	20%	44%	9%	2%
Columbia's Title IX or other institutional office that addresses formal reports	12%	33%	19%	24%	9%	2%

## Consent

This section asks questions about sexual consent.

**Sexual Consent** means actively agreeing to be sexual with someone and lets them know that sex is wanted.

Using the scale provided, please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Prefer not to respond
Typically, I communicate sexual consent to my partner using nonverbal signals and body language.	5%	14%	20%	30%	13%	18%
It is easy to accurately read my current partner's nonverbal signals as indicating consent or non-consent to sexual activity.	4%	11%	14%	31%	18%	22%
Typically, I ask for consent by making a sexual advance and waiting for a reaction, so I know whether or not to continue	20%	12%	13%	20%	20%	15%
I don't have to ask or give my partner sexual consent because my partner knows me well enough.	23%	28%	17%	10%	3%	18%
I don't have to ask or give my partner sexual consent because I have a lot of trust in my partner to "do the right thing."	27%	21%	21%	11%	2%	18%
I always verbally ask for consent before I initiate a sexual encounter.	2%	4%	13%	27%	38%	16%

Using the scale provided, please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Prefer not to respond
Consent must be given at each step in a sexual encounter.	1%	3%	8%	32%	54%	2%
If a person initiates sex, but during foreplay says they no longer want to, the person has not given consent to continue.	2%	0%	0%	11%	84%	3%
If a person doesn't physically resist sex, they have given consent.	80%	14%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Consent for sex one time is consent for future sex.	89%	9%	0%	0%	0%	2%
If you and your sexual partner are both drunk, you don't have to worry about consent.	78%	17%	3%	0%	0%	2%
Mixed signals can sometimes mean consent.	76%	18%	3%	1%	0%	2%
If someone invites you to their place, they are giving consent for sex.	91%	7%	0%	0%	0%	2%

## Sexual and Gender Harassment

The next set of questions are about sexual and gender harassment.

**Sexual Harassment** refers to behaviors with sexual connotations that interfered with an individual's academic or professional performance, limited the individual's ability to participate in an academic program, or created an intimidating, hostile, or offensive social, academic, or work environment.

These next questions ask about behaviors you may have experienced while a student at Columbia in the last 12 months.

**While you have been at Columbia in the last 12 months, how often have you been in a situation in which someone...?**

	None	1 time	2-3 times	4 or More Times	Prefer Not to Respond
a. Treated you "differently" because of your gender or sex (ex., mistreated, slighted, or ignored you).	41%	12%	26%	18%	3%
b. Displayed, used, or distributed sexist or suggestive materials (ex. pictures, stories, or pornography which you found offensive).	62%	11%	16%	6%	4%
c. Made offensive sexist remarks.	44%	12%	25%	16%	3%
d. Put you down or was condescending to you because of your gender or sex.	48%	17%	18%	14%	3%
e. Repeatedly told sexual stories or jokes that were offensive to you.	63%	16%	9%	8%	4%
f. Made unwelcome attempts to draw you into a discussion of sexual matters (ex. attempted to discuss or comment on your sex life).	67%	11%	13%	7%	2%
g. Made offensive remarks about your appearance, body, or sexual activities.	64%	10%	15%	8%	3%
h. Made gestures or used body language of a sexual nature which embarrassed or offended you.	78%	6%	8%	5%	2%
i. Made unwanted attempts to establish a romantic sexual relationship with you despite your efforts to discourage it.	71%	12%	8%	6%	4%
j. Continued to ask you for dates, drinks, dinner, etc., even though you said "No."	77%	11%	5%	5%	2%
k. Touched you in a way that made you feel uncomfortable.	69%	15%	8%	6%	2%
l. Made unwanted attempts to stroke, fondle, or kiss you.	78%	9%	6%	4%	3%
m. Made you feel like you were being bribed with a reward to engage in sexual behavior.	88%	6%	2%	2%	3%
n. Made you feel threatened with some sort of retaliation for not submitting to sexual advances.	90%	6%	1%	1%	2%
o. Treated you badly for refusing to have sex.	84%	7%	2%	4%	3%
p. Implied better treatment if you submitted to sexual advances.	89%	5%	3%	1%	2%
q. Sent or posted unwelcome sexual comments, jokes or pictures to you or about you by text, email, social media or other electronic means.	85%	6%	6%	1%	2%
r. Spread unwelcome sexual rumors about you to others by text, email, social media, or other electronic means.	89%	5%	2%	2%	3%
s. Called you gay or lesbian or other terms related to gender identity in a negative way to others verbally or by text, email, social media, or other electronic means.	86%	3%	6%	3%	2%

**Where did this happen?**

	Percentage
On campus, in an academic building (classroom, library, etc.)	47%
On campus, in a nonacademic, nonresidential building or some other location (examples include athletic arenas, theatre and arts centers)	20%
On campus, in a dormitory or other campus housing (not a fraternity or sorority house)	44%
In a fraternity or sorority house	0%
Study abroad, study away, or other off-campus study program	2%
Off-campus internship	2%
Off campus, at an apartment, restaurant, bar, or another location	36%
Electronically	26%
Other (please specify)	5%
Prefer not to respond	7%

**Where did this happen?**

Other (please specify) - Text

Has not happen
Around campus walking on the street on the street
CTA
In the streets, walking between classes
None

**You indicated that you experienced at least one situation in which someone caused you harm. Now think about which ONE SITUATION had the greatest effect on you. Are you willing to answer some additional questions about this situation, or would you like to skip to the next section of the survey?**

	Percentage
Yes, I am willing to answer additional questions about this situation.	54%
No, I am NOT willing to answer additional questions about this situation.	46%



**The situation involved... (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
Sexist or sexually offensive language, gestures or pictures	30%
Unwanted sexual attention	56%
Unwanted touching	42%
Subtle or explicit bribes or threats	14%
Other (please specify)	17%
Prefer not to respond	2%

**The situation involved... Other:**

My roommate was sexually assaulted on campus by [REDACTED], she is not the only woman he has done this to ON CAMPUS. He has lied and assaulted and harassed numerous woman and has had title 9 Brought against him and nothing is being done

Dismissive of my opinion in a way I felt was because of my gender. I said that something was weirdly sexual comment and he dismissed that and said it was normal for men to think like that.

continued communication through peers about me

an attempt to grab my boobs

False sexual assault accusations made on social media.

stalker-ish behavior

Pressured not to use a condom by my then girlfriend, she then wrapped her legs around me to stop me from pulling out.

Video camera places in bedroom opposite to mine, however I could have been recorded on it.

Discomfort with my sexual orientation and odd treatment because of it

Gender based discrimination

Unsolicited nude

**How was the individual(s) who did the unwanted behavior associated with Columbia? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
Student	67%
Student teaching assistant	0%
Faculty or instructor	17%
Research staff	0%
Other staff or administrator	3%
Coach or trainer	0%
Alumni	0%
Other person associated with Columbia (e.g., internship, study abroad)	0%
The person was not associated with Columbia	27%
Unsure about association with Columbia	8%

**Please describe the gender(s) of the individual(s) who committed the unwanted behavior.**

	Percentage
Woman	11%
Genderqueer/gender non-conforming/non-binary	9%
Man	80%
Prefer not to respond	3%
Unknown	5%
Prefer to self-describe:	3%

**Had the other person been consuming alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident?**

	Percentage
They had been consuming alcohol	8%
They had been consuming drugs	5%
They had been consuming both alcohol and drugs	3%
They had not been consuming either alcohol or drugs	36%
I don't know	47%
Prefer not to respond	2%

**Keep in mind that your consumption of alcohol or drugs in no way excuses a person who acted against your will; had you been consuming alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
I had been consuming alcohol	8%
I had been consuming drugs	6%
I am certain I was given drugs or alcohol without my knowledge or consent	2%
I believe I was given drugs or alcohol without my knowledge or consent, but I am not certain	0%
I had not been consuming alcohol or drugs	80%
Prefer not to respond	6%

**Did you tell anyone about the incident(s) before this questionnaire?**

	Percentage
Yes	73%
No	20%
Prefer not to respond	8%

**Which of the following persons (if any) did you tell? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
School Personnel (Administration, Resident Assistants, etc.)	10%
School Faculty (Professors, Coaches, etc.)	6%
Friends, Family (Trusted Social Circle)	92%
Community Based Organizations	4%
Health & Wellness Providers (Physician, Counselor, Therapist, etc. )	17%
Hotline ( Local or National)	4%
Local Law Enforcement (City, County, or State Police)	6%
Campus Security/Safety	4%
Other	2%
Prefer not to respond	0%

**When you disclosed this experience, did you receive information on or were you referred to any of the following resources/support services?**

	Percentage
On-Campus counseling	27%
Non-institution counseling support	10%
Local law enforcement (city, county, or state police)	7%
Campus public safety/security	0%
On-campus survivor support services and/or advocacy	0%
Off-campus support and/or advocacy services (e.g., rape crisis center)	3%
Medical care, whether on or off-campus	0%
Campus legal services	0%
Campus Title IX office	20%
Other services	13%
Prefer not to respond	40%

**Following when you disclosed this experience, did you choose to use any of these services? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
On-campus counseling	10%
Non-institution counseling support	7%
Local law enforcement (city, county, or state police)	2%
Campus public safety/security	2%
On-campus survivor support services and/or advocacy	0%
Off-campus support and/or advocacy services (e.g., rape crisis center)	2%
Medical care, whether on or off-campus	2%
Campus legal services	0%
Campus Title IX office	7%
Other services	5%
None of the above	69%

**Many people choose not to tell anyone about experiences of sexual misconduct. This is a very normal response. What led you to choose not to tell anyone about your experience? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
I did not know where to go or who to tell	46%
I felt embarrassed, ashamed or that it would be too emotionally difficult	23%
I did not think anyone would believe me	8%
I did not think it was serious enough to contact any of these programs or resources	69%
I did not want the person to get into trouble	15%
I feared negative academic, social or professional consequences	15%
I feared it would not be kept confidential	23%
I could handle it myself	46%
I feared retaliation	0%
I didn't think these resources would give me the help I needed	15%
Incident occurred while school was not in session	8%
Other	8%
Prefer not to respond	8%

## Stalking

The following section asks you about stalking behaviors.

**Stalking** refers to repeated (two or more occasions) visual or physical proximity, nonconsensual communication, or verbal, written, or implied threats by an individual that leads to fear for personal safety or substantial emotional distress.

The next questions ask about instances where someone behaved in a way that made you afraid for your personal safety or caused you substantial emotional distress.

**How many times have one or more people done the following things to you in the last 12 months?**

Question	None	1 time	2-3 times	4 or More Times	Prefer Not to Respond
a. Watched or followed you from a distance, or observed you with a listening device, camera, or GPS (global positioning system).	75%	9%	11%	2%	3%
b. Approached you or showed up in places, such as your home, workplace, or school when you didn't want them to be there.	81%	8%	8%	1%	2%
c. Left strange or potentially threatening items for you to find.	96%	2%	0%	0%	2%
d. Sneaked into your home or car and did things to scare you by letting you know they had been there.	98%	0%	0%	0%	2%
e. Left you unwanted messages (including text, voice mail or social media messages).	77%	7%	7%	7%	2%
f. Made unwanted phone calls to you (including hang up calls).	90%	3%	2%	2%	2%
g. Left you cards, letters, flowers, or presents when they knew you didn't want them to.	94%	1%	1%	1%	2%
h. Made rude or mean comments to you online.	85%	4%	4%	4%	2%
i. Spread rumors about you online, whether they were based on truth or not.	87%	1%	5%	4%	4%

**Where did this happen?**

	Percentage
On campus, in an academic building (classroom, library, etc.)	14%
On campus, in a nonacademic, nonresidential building or some other location (examples include athletic arenas, theatre and arts centers)	14%
On campus, in a dormitory or other campus housing (not a fraternity or sorority house)	15%
In a fraternity or sorority house	0%
Study abroad, study away, or other off-campus study program	0%
Off-campus internship	0%
Off campus, at an apartment, restaurant, bar, or another location	22%
Electronically	26%
Prefer not to respond	7%
Other (please specify)	3%

**Where did this happen? Other:**

Workplace, Off Campus

at work and on the street

Bus Stop

**You indicated that you experienced at least one situation in which someone caused you harm. Now think about which ONE SITUATION had the greatest effect on you. Are you willing to answer some additional questions about this situation, or would you like to skip to the next section of the survey?**

	Percentage
Yes, I am willing to answer additional questions about this situation.	56%
No, I am NOT willing to answer additional questions about this situation	44%

**How was the individual(s) who did the unwanted behavior associated with Columbia? (Select all that apply)**

How was the individual(s) who did the unwanted behavior associated with Columbia? (Select all that apply)	Percentage
Student	40%
Student teaching assistant	0%
Faculty or instructor	3%
Research staff	0%
Other staff or administrator	0%
Coach or trainer	0%
Alumni	3%
Other person associated with Columbia (e.g., internship, study abroad)	0%
The person was not associated with Columbia	53%
Unsure about association with Columbia	10%

Please describe the gender(s) of the individual(s) who committed the unwanted behavior.

	Percentage
Woman	17%
Genderqueer/gender non-conforming/non-binary	9%
Man	66%
Prefer not to respond	0%
Unknown	6%
Prefer to self-describe:	3%

Had the other person been consuming alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident?

	Percentage
They had been consuming alcohol	0%
They had been consuming drugs	3%
They had been consuming both alcohol and drugs	0%
They had not been consuming either alcohol or drugs	17%
I don't know	80%
Prefer not to respond	0%

Keep in mind that your consumption of alcohol or drugs in no way excuses a person who acted against your will; had you been consuming alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident? (Select all that apply)

	Percentage
I had been consuming alcohol	3%
I had been consuming drugs	0%
I am certain I was given drugs or alcohol without my knowledge or consent	0%
I believe I was given drugs or alcohol without my knowledge or consent, but I am not certain	0%
I had not been consuming alcohol or drugs	100%
Prefer not to respond	0%

Did anyone about the incident(s) before this questionnaire?

Did you tell anyone about the incident(s) before this questionnaire?	Percentage
Yes	83%
No	13%
Prefer not to respond	3%



**Which of the following persons (if any) did you tell? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
School Personnel (Administration, Resident Assistants, etc.)	9%
School Faculty (Professors, Coaches, etc.)	4%
Friends, Family (Trusted Social Circle)	91%
Community Based Organizations	4%
Health & Wellness Providers (Physician, Counselor, Therapist, etc. )	13%
Hotline ( Local or National)	4%
Local Law Enforcement (City, County, or State Police)	9%
Campus Security/Safety	9%
Other	0%
Prefer not to respond	0%

**When you disclosed this experience, did you receive information on or were you referred to any of the following resources/support services?**

	Percentage
On-campus counseling	14%
Non-institution counseling support	10%
Local law enforcement (city, county, or state police)	24%
Campus public safety/security	5%
On-campus survivor support services and/or advocacy	0%
Off-campus support and/or advocacy services (e.g., rape crisis center)	5%
Medical care, whether on or off-campus	0%
Campus legal services	0%
Campus Title IX office	14%
Other services	0%
Prefer not to respond	52%

**Following when you disclosed this experience, did you choose to use any of these services? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
On-campus counseling	9%
Non-institution counseling support	13%
Local law enforcement (city, county, or state police)	4%
Campus public safety/security	4%
On-campus survivor support services and/or advocacy	0%
Off-campus support and/or advocacy services (e.g., rape crisis center)	4%
Medical care, whether on or off-campus	0%
Campus legal services	0%
Campus Title IX office	13%
Other services	4%
None of the above	61%

**Many people choose not to tell anyone about experiences of sexual misconduct. This is a very normal response. What led you to choose not to tell anyone about your experience? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
I did not know where to go or who to tell	25%
I felt embarrassed, ashamed or that it would be too emotionally difficult	50%
I did not think anyone would believe me	25%
I did not think it was serious enough to contact any of these programs or resources	75%
I did not want the person to get into trouble	0%
I feared negative academic, social or professional consequences	0%
I feared it would not be kept confidential	25%
I could handle it myself	25%
I feared retaliation	0%
I didn't think these resources would give me the help I needed	50%
Incident occurred while school was not in session	25%
Other	0%
Prefer not to respond	0%

## Dating and Domestic Violence

This next question is about any committed relationships you have been in while you have been at Columbia in the last 12 months. A committed relationship can be any of the following:

- Marriage or civil union
- Domestic partnership or cohabitation
- Steady or serious relationship
- Other ongoing relationship involving physical or sexual contact

**While you have been at Columbia in the last 12 months, has a partner controlled or tried to 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 or what you wear or eat; and threatened to “out” you to others

	Percentage
Yes	5%
Prefer not to respond	4%
No	91%

**How many times have one or more people done the following things to you in the last 12 months?**

Question	None	1 time	2-3 times	4 or More Times	Prefer Not to Respond
a. The person threatened to hurt me and I thought I might really get hurt.	90%	4%	2%	1%	3%
b. The person pushed, grabbed, or shook me.	89%	3%	2%	2%	3%
c. The person choked me and/or tried to stop me from breathing.	93%	2%	1%	1%	3%
d. The person hit me.	92%	3%	2%	1%	3%
e. The person beat me up.	95%	1%	0%	1%	3%
f. The person stole or destroyed my property.	94%	1%	2%	0%	3%
g. The person scared me without laying a hand on me.	78%	8%	7%	6%	3%
h. The person controlled my finances.	94%	1%	1%	1%	3%
i. The person blocked my exit or physically restrained me.	92%	2%	2%	1%	3%

**Where did this happen?**

	Percentage
On campus, in an academic building (classroom, library, etc.)	11%
On campus, in a nonacademic, nonresidential building or some other location (examples include athletic arenas, theatre and arts centers)	11%
On campus, in a dormitory or other campus housing (not a fraternity or sorority house)	42%
In a fraternity or sorority house	0%
Study abroad, study away, or other off-campus study program	0%
Off-campus internship	0%
Off campus, at an apartment, restaurant, bar, or another location	47%
Electronically	11%
Prefer not to respond	3%
Other (please specify)	8%

**Where did this happen?**

Workplace Off Campus
On-campus, safe ride shuttle
CTA

**You indicated that you experienced at least one situation in which someone caused you harm. Now think about which ONE SITUATION had the greatest effect on you. Are you willing to answer some additional questions about this situation, or would you like to skip to the next section of the survey?**

	Percentage
Yes, I am willing to answer additional questions about this situation.	50%
No, I am NOT willing to answer additional questions about this situation	50%

**How was the individual(s) who did the unwanted behavior associated with Columbia? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
Student	74%
Student teaching assistant	0%
Faculty or instructor	5%
Research staff	0%
Other staff or administrator	0%
Coach or trainer	0%
Alumni	5%
Other person associated with Columbia (e.g., internship, study abroad)	0%
The person was not associated with Columbia	26%
Unsure about association with Columbia	0%

**Please describe the gender(s) of the individual(s) who committed the unwanted behavior.**

	Percentage
Woman	20%
Genderqueer/gender non-conforming/non-binary	15%
Man	65%
Prefer not to respond	0%
Unknown	0%
Prefer to self-describe:	0%

**Had the other person been consuming alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident?**

	Percentage
They had been consuming alcohol	0%
They had been consuming drugs	11%
They had been consuming both alcohol and drugs	0%
They had not been consuming either alcohol or drugs	37%
I don't know	53%
Prefer not to respond	0%

**Keep in mind that your consumption of alcohol or drugs in no way excuses a person who acted against your will; had you been consuming alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
I had been consuming alcohol	0%
I had been consuming drugs	0%
I am certain I was given drugs or alcohol without my knowledge or consent	0%
I believe I was given drugs or alcohol without my knowledge or consent, but I am not certain	0%
I had not been consuming alcohol or drugs	95%
Prefer not to respond	5%

**Did you tell anyone about the incident(s) before this questionnaire?**

	Percentage
Yes	68%
No	26%
Prefer not to respond	5%

**Which of the following persons (if any) did you tell? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
School Personnel (Administration, Resident Assistants, etc.)	6%
School Faculty (Professors, Coaches, etc.)	0%
Friends, Family (Trusted Social Circle)	56%
Community Based Organizations	0%
Health & Wellness Providers (Physician, Counselor, Therapist, etc. )	22%
Hotline ( Local or National)	0%
Local Law Enforcement (City, County, or State Police)	6%
Campus Security/Safety	6%
Other	0%
Prefer not to respond	6%

**When you disclosed this experience, did you receive information on or were you referred to any of the following resources/support services?**

	Percentage
On-campus counseling	0%
Non-institution counseling support	13%
Local law enforcement (city, county, or state police)	25%
Campus public safety/security	13%
On-campus survivor support services and/or advocacy	0%
Off-campus support and/or advocacy services (e.g., rape crisis center)	0%
Medical care, whether on or off-campus	0%
Campus legal services	0%
Campus Title IX office	13%
Other services	13%
Prefer not to respond	38%

**Following when you disclosed this experience, did you choose to use any of these services? (Select all that apply)**

Following when you disclosed this experience, did you choose to use any of these services? (Select all that apply)	Percentage
On-campus counseling	10%
Non-institution counseling support	20%
Local law enforcement (city, county, or state police)	10%
Campus public safety/security	0%
On-campus survivor support services and/or advocacy	0%
Off-campus support and/or advocacy services (e.g., rape crisis center)	0%
Medical care, whether on or off-campus	0%
Campus legal services	0%
Campus Title IX office	0%
Other services	0%
None of the above	60%

Many people choose not to tell anyone about experiences of sexual misconduct. This is a very normal response. What led you to choose not to tell anyone about your experience? (Select all that apply)

	Percentage
I did not know where to go or who to tell	20%
I felt embarrassed, ashamed or that it would be too emotionally difficult	40%
I did not think anyone would believe me	20%
I did not think it was serious enough to contact any of these programs or resources	40%
I did not want the person to get into trouble	0%
I feared negative academic, social or professional consequences	20%
I feared it would not be kept confidential	40%
I could handle it myself	20%
I feared retaliation	0%
I didn't think these resources would give me the help I needed	0%
Incident occurred while school was not in session	0%
Other	0%
Prefer not to respond	20%



## Sexual Violence

The following questions concern sexual experiences that you may have had that were unwanted. They are detailed and ask about specific types of touching. We know that these are personal questions, so we did not ask your name or other identifying information. Your information is completely anonymous. We hope that this helps you to feel comfortable answering each question, but you do not have to.

Answer the next questions about your experience with anyone, regardless of the length of the relationship.

**Sexual Penetration** occurs when one person puts a penis, fingers, or object inside someone else’s vagina or anus.

**Oral Penetration** occurs when someone’s mouth or tongue makes contact with someone else’s genitals.

**Physical Force** refers to the use of force or threats of physical force against an individual. Physical force could include someone using their body weight to hold the person down, pinning their arms, hitting, or kicking them, or using or threatening to use a weapon against them

**Inability to Consent or Stop What Was Happening** refers to when the student was unable to consent or stop what was happening because they were passed out, asleep, or incapacitated due to alcohol or drugs.

**How many times have one or more people done the following things to you in the last 12 months?**

Question	None	1 time	2-3 times	4 or More Times	Prefer Not to Respond
a. Someone fondled, kissed, or rubbed up against the private areas of my body without my consent.	82%	10%	3%	2%	4%
b. Someone removed some of my clothes without my consent (but did not attempt sexual penetration).	92%	3%	0%	1%	4%
c. Someone orally or anally penetrated me or made me orally or anally penetrate them without my consent.	91%	3%	1%	2%	4%
d. Someone put their penis, fingers, or other objects into my vagina and/or butt without my consent.	91%	4%	0%	1%	4%
e. Someone forced me to put my penis, fingers, or other objects into their vagina and/or butt without my consent.	95%	1%	1%	0%	3%
f. Someone attempted to engage in nonconsensual sexual contact with me (including oral, anal, or vaginal penetration) even though they were not successful.	92%	4%	1%	0%	4%

**Where did this happen?**

	Percentage
On campus, in a dormitory or other campus housing (not a fraternity or sorority house)	52%
Off campus, at an apartment, restaurant, bar, or another location	48%
On campus, in a nonacademic, nonresidential building or some other location (examples include athletic arenas, theatre and arts centers)	3%
Prefer not to respond	3%
On campus, in an academic building (classroom, library, etc.)	0%
In a fraternity or sorority house	0%
Study abroad, study away, or other off-campus study program	0%
Off-campus internship	0%
Electronically	0%
Other (please specify)	0%

**You indicated that you experienced at least one situation in which someone caused you harm. Now think about which ONE SITUATION had the greatest effect on you. Are you willing to answer some additional questions about this situation, or would you like to skip to the next section of the survey?**

	Percentage
Yes, I am willing to answer additional questions about this situation.	66%
No, I am NOT willing to answer additional questions about this situation	34%

**How was the individual(s) who did the unwanted behavior associated with Columbia? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
Student	68%
Student teaching assistant	0%
Faculty or instructor	0%
Research staff	0%
Other staff or administrator	0%
Coach or trainer	0%
Alumni	0%
Other person associated with Columbia (e.g., internship, study abroad)	5%
The person was not associated with Columbia	26%
Unsure about association with Columbia	0%

**Please describe the gender(s) of the individual(s) who committed the unwanted behavior.**

	Percentage
Woman	26%
Genderqueer/gender non-conforming/non-binary	16%
Man	63%
Prefer not to respond	0%
Unknown	0%
Prefer to self-describe:	0%

**Had the other person been consuming alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident?**

	Percentage
They had been consuming alcohol	5%
They had been consuming drugs	5%
They had been consuming both alcohol and drugs	5%
They had not been consuming either alcohol or drugs	53%
I don't know	32%
Prefer not to respond	0%

**Keep in mind that your consumption of alcohol or drugs in no way excuses a person who acted against your will; had you been consuming alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
I had been consuming alcohol	11%
I had been consuming drugs	5%
I am certain I was given drugs or alcohol without my knowledge or consent	0%
I believe I was given drugs or alcohol without my knowledge or consent, but I am not certain	0%
I had not been consuming alcohol or drugs	79%
Prefer not to respond	5%

**Did you tell anyone about the incident(s) before this questionnaire?**

	Percentage
Yes	63%
No	32%
Prefer not to respond	5%

**Which of the following persons (if any) did you tell? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
School Personnel (Administration, Resident Assistants, etc.)	0%
School Faculty (Professors, Coaches, etc.)	0%
Friends, Family (Trusted Social Circle)	100%
Community Based Organizations	0%
Health & Wellness Providers (Physician, Counselor, Therapist, etc. )	17%
Hotline ( Local or National)	0%
Local Law Enforcement (City, County, or State Police)	0%
Campus Security/Safety	0%
Other	0%
Prefer not to respond	0%

**When you disclosed this experience, did you receive information on or were you referred to any of the following resources/support services?**

	Percentage
On-campus counseling	43%
Non-institution counseling support	14%
Local law enforcement (city, county, or state police)	0%
Campus public safety/security	0%
On-campus survivor support services and/or advocacy	0%
Off-campus support and/or advocacy services (e.g., rape crisis center)	0%
Medical care, whether on or off-campus	0%
Campus legal services	0%
Campus Title IX office	0%
Other services	0%
Prefer not to respond	57%

**Following when you disclosed this experience, did you choose to use any of these services? (Select all that apply)**

Following when you disclosed this experience, did you choose to use any of these services? (Select all that apply)	Percentage
On-campus counseling	10%
Non-institution counseling support	10%
Local law enforcement (city, county, or state police)	0%
Campus public safety/security	0%
On-campus survivor support services and/or advocacy	0%
Off-campus support and/or advocacy services (e.g., rape crisis center)	0%
Medical care, whether on or off-campus	0%
Campus legal services	0%
Campus Title IX office	0%
Other services	0%
None of the above	80%

**Many people choose not to tell anyone about experiences of sexual misconduct. This is a very normal response. What led you to choose not to tell anyone about your experience? (Select all that apply)**

Many people choose not to tell anyone about experiences of sexual misconduct. This is a very normal response. What led you to choose not to tell anyone about your experience? (Select all that apply)	Percentage
I could handle it myself	67%
I felt embarrassed, ashamed or that it would be too emotionally difficult	50%
I did not know where to go or who to tell	33%
I feared it would not be kept confidential	33%
I feared negative academic, social or professional consequences	17%
Prefer not to respond	17%
I did not think anyone would believe me	0%
I did not think it was serious enough to contact any of these programs or resources	0%
I did not want the person to get into trouble	0%
I feared retaliation	0%
I didn't think these resources would give me the help I needed	0%
Incident occurred while school was not in session	0%
Other	0%

## Student Outcomes

Students may experience harm to their academics because of sexual misconduct. We are interested in if you have experience any of the following academic outcomes, and if sexual misconduct, or your institution's response to the sexual misconduct, contributed to it.

**Sexual Misconduct** refers to physical contact or non-physical conduct of a sexual nature in the absence of clear, knowing and voluntary consent. Examples include sexual or gender-based harassment, stalking, dating violence, and sexual violence.

**Have you ever withdrawn from Columbia?**

	Percentage
Yes	2%
No	96%
Prefer not to respond	2%

**Was your decision to withdraw influenced by the experience(s) identified above while you were a student at Columbia?**

	Percentage
Yes	0%
No	100%
Prefer not to respond	0%

**Have you ever taken a leave of absence from Columbia?**

	Percentage
Yes	4%
No	92%
Prefer not to respond	4%

**Was your decision to take a leave of absence influenced by the experience(s) identified above while you were a student at Columbia?**

	Percentage
Yes	40%
No	60%
Prefer not to respond	0%

**Have you ever transferred out of Columbia?**

	Percentage
Yes	2%
No	98%
Prefer not to respond	1%

**Was your decision to transfer from Columbia influenced by the experience(s) identified above while you were a student at Columbia?**

	Percentage
Yes	0%
No	100%
Prefer not to respond	0%

**Was your withdrawal from a class(es) influenced by the experience(s) identified above at Columbia?**

	Percentage
Yes	14%
No	81%
Prefer not to respond	5%

**Have you ever been placed on academic probation at Columbia?**

	Percentage
Yes	5%
No	94%
Prefer not to respond	1%

**Was being placed on academic probation influenced by experiences of sexual misconduct at Columbia?**

	Percentage
Yes	50%
No	50%
Prefer not to respond	0%

## Institutional Responses

**Sexual Misconduct** refers to physical contact or non-physical conduct of a sexual nature in the absence of clear, knowing and voluntary consent. Examples include sexual or gender-based harassment, stalking, dating violence, and sexual violence.

**Accommodations** refers to measures taken by Columbia to help a student in response to sexual misconduct. Accommodations may be related to academics, safety, housing, or other aspects of campus life. Examples include adjustments to coursework or class schedules, excused absences, approving requests for incompletes, relocating a student to different on-campus housing, roommate changes, and offering accompaniment/escort services when walking on campus.

**In thinking about the events related to sexual misconduct described in the previous sections, did Columbia play a role by...**

Question	Yes	No	Prefer not to respond	Does not apply
a. Actively supporting you with either formal or informal resources (e.g., counseling, academic services, advocacy services, meetings, or phone calls)?	10%	23%	4%	64%
b. Taking your report seriously?	8%	9%	3%	80%
c. Allowing you to have a say in how your report was handled?	6%	9%	3%	81%
d. Ensuring you were treated as an important member of the institution?	10%	10%	3%	77%
e. Meeting your needs for support and accommodations?	7%	14%	5%	75%
f. Discussing its policies about protection from retaliation?	9%	14%	2%	75%
g. Sharing options for academic and other accommodations?	8%	16%	3%	73%
h. Giving you information about options through a criminal process?	3%	18%	2%	76%



**In thinking about the events related to sexual misconduct described in the previous sections, did Columbia play a role by...**

Question	Yes	No	Prefer not to respond	Does not apply
a. Making it difficult to report the experience/s?	13%	15%	6%	66%
b. Responding inadequately to the experience/s, if reported?	11%	11%	4%	73%
c. Mishandling your case, if disciplinary action was contemplated?	6%	11%	3%	80%
d. Covering up the experience/s?	7%	14%	3%	76%
e. Denying your experience/s in some way?	7%	15%	3%	76%
f. Punishing you in some way for reporting the experience/s (e.g., loss of privileges or status)?	1%	17%	6%	76%
g. Suggesting your experience/s might affect the reputation of the institution?	2%	14%	5%	79%
h. Creating an environment where you no longer felt like a valued member of the institution?	11%	12%	2%	74%
i. Creating an environment where staying at Columbia was difficult for you?	10%	13%	5%	72%
j. Responding differently to your experience/s based on your sexual orientation or gender identity?	5%	16%	4%	75%
k. Responding differently to your experience/s based on your racial or ethnic background?	4%	20%	3%	73%
l. Responding differently to your experience/s based on your disability status?	0%	19%	5%	76%

**If you reported or were considering making a report of sexual misconduct to Columbia, did Columbia play a role by...**

Question	Yes	No	Prefer not to respond	Does not apply
a. Warning you that you could face lawsuits from the person who harmed you?	4%	17%	3%	76%
b. Threatening to file a lawsuit against you?	1%	19%	3%	77%
c. Encouraging you to take a leave of absence?	2%	17%	3%	78%
d. Encouraging you to transfer schools?	2%	16%	3%	79%
e. Encouraging you to drop out of school?	2%	17%	3%	79%
f. Other	1%	11%	4%	84%

If you reported or were considering making a report of sexual misconduct to Columbia, please indicate your experience(s) of the following:

Question	Yes	No	Prefer not to respond	Does not apply
a. The person who caused you harm filed a Title IX complaint.	1%	24%	3%	72%
b. The person who caused you harm filed a protective order against you in court.	0%	23%	4%	73%
c. The person who caused you harm threatened to sue you.	1%	23%	4%	72%
d. The person who caused you harm (or their attorney) threatened to sue or did sue the school over the case.	1%	23%	4%	72%
e. The person who caused you harm filed a Title IX complaint.	1%	22%	4%	73%
f. The person who caused you harm filed a protective order against you in court.	0%	23%	4%	73%

Has the following happened to you at any time when you were a student at Columbia during the last 12 months?

Question	Yes	No	Prefer not to respond
a. I was pressured, intimidated, and/or threatened by someone to not make a report.	6%	84%	10%
b. I was pressured, intimidated, and/or threatened by someone after making a report.	5%	84%	11%

Since you came to Columbia, which of the following have you done? (Select all that apply)

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Discussed the topic of sexual misconduct or sexual assault with friends	82%
Seen posters about sexual misconduct or sexual assault (e.g., raising awareness, preventing rape, defining sexual misconduct)	60%
Discussed sexual misconduct or sexual assault with a family member	49%
Seen crime alerts about sexual misconduct or sexual assault	44%
Seen or heard about sexual misconduct or sexual assault in a student publication or media outlet	34%
Discussed sexual misconduct or sexual assault in class	33%
Seen or heard campus administrators or staff address sexual misconduct or sexual assault	17%
Visited a Columbia website with information on sexual misconduct or sexual assault	14%
Read a report about sexual violence rates at Columbia	8%
Attended an event or program about what you can do as a bystander to stop sexual misconduct or sexual assault	7%
Attended a rally or other campus event about sexual misconduct or sexual assault	2%
Volunteered or interned at an organization that addresses sexual misconduct or sexual assault	2%
Taken a class to learn more about sexual misconduct or sexual assault	1%
Prefer not to respond	1%

**Since coming to Columbia, have you received written (e.g., brochures, emails) or verbal information (e.g., presentations, training) from anyone at Columbia about the following? (Select all that apply)**

Since coming to Columbia, have you received written (e.g., brochures, emails) or verbal information (e.g., presentations, training) from anyone at Columbia about the following? (Select all that apply)	Percentage
Student code of conduct or honor code	43%
Title IX protections against sexual misconduct or sexual assault	42%
Where to go to get help if someone you know experiences sexual misconduct or sexual assault	37%
How to report an incident of sexual misconduct or sexual assault	30%
The definitions of types of sexual misconduct	22%
How to help prevent sexual misconduct or sexual assault	17%
Protections against retaliation against those who experience and disclose sexual misconduct or sexual assault	16%
Prefer not to respond	16%

## Peer Resources

**Sexual Misconduct** refers to physical contact or non-physical conduct of a sexual nature in the absence of clear, knowing and voluntary consent. Examples include sexual or gender-based harassment, stalking, dating violence, and sexual violence.

**If someone were to report a case of sexual misconduct to Columbia...**

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Prefer not to respond
a. Students would label the person making the report a troublemaker.	37%	35%	14%	8%	1%	4%
b. Students would have a hard time supporting the person who made the report.	38%	39%	13%	4%	3%	4%
c. The alleged offender(s) or their friends would try to get back at the person making the report.	13%	11%	38%	20%	9%	9%
d. Students would support the person making the report.	3%	2%	10%	50%	32%	4%

**If you experienced sexual misconduct and you told friends/peers at Columbia, how would they respond?**

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Prefer not to respond
a. Tell you that you could have done more to prevent this	34%	38%	12%	5%	3%	8%
b. Showed understanding of your experience.	2%	1%	6%	48%	36%	7%
c. Helped you get information of any kind about coping with the experience.	1%	6%	15%	46%	24%	8%
d. Encouraged you to keep the experience a secret.	32%	45%	13%	1%	1%	8%
e. Told you to stop thinking about it.	32%	37%	16%	3%	2%	9%
f. Treated you differently in some ways that made you feel uncomfortable.	32%	32%	18%	6%	1%	10%

## Survey Demographics

### What is your age?

Average Age: 21 Years, 6 Months

### What is your current gender identity?

	Percentage
Woman	59%
Genderqueer/gender non-conforming/non-binary	16%
Man	20%
Prefer to self-describe:	4%
Prefer not to respond	2%

### Are you transgender?

	Percentage
Yes	17%
No	79%
Prefer Not to Respond	4%

### Describe your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply)

	Percentage
Black/African American	11%
Native American or Alaskan native	2%
White/Caucasian	67%
Hispanic or Latino/a	22%
Asian or Asian American	8%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%
Middle Eastern/North African	1%
A race/ethnicity not listed here:	1%
Prefer not to respond	2%

### In what year did you first enroll as a student at Columbia

	Percentage
2024	4%
2023	35%
2022	27%
2021	20%
2020	13%
2019	1%
2018	1%
2017	0%
Prior to 2017	0%

**What is your sexual orientation? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
Gay	6%
Heterosexual/straight	32%
Lesbian	6%
Pansexual	12%
Bisexual	31%
Queer	20%
Asexual	6%
Prefer to self-describe:	2%
Prefer not to respond	1%

**Since you've been a student at Columbia, have you been a member or participated in any of the following? (Select all that apply)**

	Percentage
Regional fraternity or sorority (pledge or member)	1%
Intramural or club athletic team	13%
On-campus student employee	26%
Prefer not to respond	20%
Other student organization or group	66%

**Do you attend an exclusively online program? Do not include hybrid courses.**

	Percentage
Yes	20%
Maybe	27%
Prefer not to respond	54%

**Which of the following best describes your living situation?**

	Percentage
On campus residence hall/dormitory	49%
Off-campus housing (within 15 minutes travel time)	12%
Off-campus housing (over 15 minutes travel time)	38%
I don't have stable housing at this time	0%
Prefer not to respond	0%

**Do you identify as a student with a disability? Disabilities may include physical disability, chronic mental health conditions, chronic health conditions, or intellectual or developmental disability.**

	Percentage
Yes	34%
No	59%
Prefer not to respond	7%

**Have you registered with Columbia’s office of student accessibility and disability services?**

	Percentage
Yes	38%
No	60%
Prefer not to respond	3%

**What is your U.S. citizenship status?**

	Percentage
U.S. citizen	96%
Permanent resident	1%
Visa holder (F-1, J-1, H1-B, A, L, G, E and TN)	3%
Other legally documented status	0%
Undocumented status	0%
Prefer not to respond	0%
Other (please specify)	0%