

D'Youville College Campus Climate Survey

Introduction and Response Rate

As required by New York State Law 129B, Clery federal reporting requirements and because the safety of our college community is a priority, D'Youville College conducted a campus climate survey. An invitation to participate in the climate survey was sent to the student body via email and an invitation was done via the Student Activities/Student Government Association Facebook page. These invitations were generated on April 9, 2018 and were repeatedly sent throughout the month of April and the first two weeks of May. The survey was voluntary and individual respondents were anonymous. Of the 2920 students who received the email invitation, 354 students participated comprising a 12% response rate. The response rate of students across class years, racial identity and sexual orientation is in proportion to our student population. These factors allowed us to conclude that we have a representative sample of students who responded to the survey. Data from a national survey of college women suggests that approximately 20% of the respondents experience sexual victimization at some time during their college years. * Although we are below the national average, as an institution we continue to educate and adjudicate to try to reduce our percentage.

The survey

The survey began with this introduction:

D'Youville College is committed to maintaining a safe and secure campus environment that is conducive to learning and growth. This survey will ask questions about sexual assault, harassment and/or related situations which, in turn, affect the health and wellbeing of our students and our college community as a whole. Our hope is to understand such issues and determine how we can best create a safe, healthy and nondiscriminatory environment for you.

The survey takes about ten minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary, and you may skip questions or stop responding at any point. However, your cooperation would be greatly appreciated, would contribute to our understanding of a very important aspect of student life at D'Youville and help us in our work to keep our community safe.

Your responses are completely anonymous. Results will be reported in the aggregate, not individually. Some of the questions will ask about sexual and personal information. Some individuals might experience emotional discomfort while answering some of the questions. At the end of the survey you will be given information about resources should you wish to talk with someone.

The principle investigator of this survey is the Vice President of Student Affairs/Enrollment Management and he may be reached at bowenr@dyc.edu. If you have any problems, please contact Mr. Randyll Bowen immediately at bowenr@dyc.edu or 716-829-8366.

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is very important.

The survey consisted of 19 questions and included questions in the following areas

- General Climate of the campus as it pertains to employee interaction with students and their treatment of students; students believing they are a part of a community; their sense of safety on campus; the response of college officials in the event of a crisis; and support systems
- Perceptions of leadership , policies and reporting as they pertain to:
 - The response of college officials to reports of sexual assault, sharing information in the appropriate manner, taking steps to ensure the safety/wellbeing of the person making the report and taking corrective action to address factors that may have led to the sexual assault
 - Receiving training in policies and procedures as they pertain to reporting sexual assault, confidential resources and procedures for investigating a report; and knowing where to get help
- Student experiences and perceptions as they relate to sexual assault, harassment and relationship violence on and off campus
- Campus policies, procedures and the promotion of healthy programs and activities for students

Responses to Key Questions

Q3: If someone reported a sexual assault to a campus authority, how likely are each of the following:

College officials would take the report seriously

53.77% Very Likely

25.79% Moderately Likely

College officials would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report

47.80 % Very Likely

25.79% Moderately Likely

College Officials would support the person making the report

49.37% Very Likely

24.84% Moderately Likely

Q4: Have you received training in policies and procedures regarding incidents of sexual assault (i.e. what is defined as sexual assault, how to report an incident, confidential resources, procedures for investigating)?

71.24% Yes

28.76% No

Q5: If yes, how useful did you think the training was?

28.69% Very

35.02% Moderately

Q6: Please indicate your level of agreement to the following statements:

If a friend or I was sexually assaulted, I know where to get help

33.99% Strongly Agree

37.25% Agree

I understand D'Youville College's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault

28.20% Strongly Agree

32.46% Agree

I have confidence that college officials administer the formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault fairly

31.02% Strongly Agree

40.92% Agree

Q7: The purpose of this question is to get a sense of your experiences with sexual harassment on campus. Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwanted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, insulting or degrading sexual remarks or jokes and/or unwanted contact of a sexual nature. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

Sexual harassment is a problem at D'Youville College

2.45% Strongly Agree

4.90% Agree

I have personally experienced sexual harassment while a student at NYC

3.14% Strongly Agree

8.36% Agree

I know where to turn to for help if I experience sexual harassment

26.04% Strongly Agree

40.63% Agree

Q8: The purpose of this question is to get a sense of your perceptions about relationship violence and sexual assault on campus. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

I have personally experienced relationship violence/sexual assault while a student at D'Youville College

2.45% Strongly Agree

4.90% Agree

If I were sexually assaulted, I would know where to turn for help on campus

27.43% Strongly Agree

38.54% Agree

If I were sexually assaulted, I would ask for help from college officials

21.18% Strongly Agree

32.64% Agree

Q9: Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements regarding the campus environment:

I understand my rights as a student if I were to experience sexual harassment, sexual assault or relationship violence

30.14% Strongly Agree

43.62% Agree

I know where to go for help if I were to experience sexual harassment, sexual assault or relationship violence

28.01% Strongly Agree

39.72% Agree

I would know how to intervene if I saw someone getting sexually harassed

24.47% Strongly Agree

40.07% Agree

I have confidence that if I reported a negative experience on campus that it would be handled effectively

21.35% Strongly Agree

39.15% Agree

Q10: Have you personally experienced an instance of sexual assault or relationship violence while a student at D'Youville College?

7.42% Yes

92.5% No

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Q11: The offender was:

22.73% a friend

40.91% a significant other

Q14: Please indicate if you told anyone about your experience or sought help from outside resources after this experience(s).

13.04% sought support from off campus hotline/advocacy services (i.e. Crisis Services)

65.22% told a friend

43.48% told a family member

21.74% told staff in the Personal Counseling Center

21.74% told no one

Q15: If you reported the experience(s) to college staff please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

He/She was knowledgeable about college policies and Title IX

28.57% Strongly Agree

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I would advise others to report similar experiences to college staff as a result of this interaction

35.71% Strongly Agree

21.43% Agree

Full Climate Survey and Results

For a complete review of the survey in its entirety please click on the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-5B8NKWH2L/>

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