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Introduction

The University of Denver is committed to improving its services and operations through evidence-based decision making. This report summarizes the results of the 2018 Campus Perceptions of Unwanted Sexual Experiences Survey, which the University will use to understand students' perceptions of sexual harassment, discrimination, and violence, and to understand how students react to situations where people are being harassed or harmed.

History and Methodology

In fall 2014, a team at the University came together and developed a plan for measuring student perceptions of rape culture and unwanted sexual experiences at DU. Institutional Research & Analysis (IRA) collaborated with the Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX and the Center for Advocacy, Prevention, and Empowerment (CAPE) within the Health & Counseling Center for the original study. The University administered the pilot survey to all students in May of 2015.

A follow-up survey that focused on what students actually experience on campus and perceive to be true about their community and their peer groups was administered to students in April of 2016.

In consultation with leadership within Campus Life & Inclusive Excellence, the Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX made the decision to administer the 2017 survey during the fall quarter. In an effort to make the survey accessible to all students, the survey was available for participation through the entire month of October, 2017. Out of concern regarding the low rates of participation in 2015 and 2016, the Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX incentivized participation in the 2017 survey with drawings for free parking, admission to University sporting events, and fitness trackers for those who completed the survey. This method was used again for the Fall 2018 survey.

Access to the 2016 and 2017 surveys can be found at:

https://www.du.edu/ir/surveys/institutional/campus_perceptions.html

Participation

Ultimately, 1,901 students participated in the survey with 1727 completing all questions for a 91% completion rate. This represents a 62% increase in the rate of participation from the 2017 survey, with an 20% increase in the total number of students who completed the survey. This also represents a higher rate of completion among all participants.¹ Because students stopped their participation at various points throughout the survey, the results below for each question will display only the data collected from those participants who responded to the question at issue. Those participants who failed to respond to the question at issue are omitted from the data collected for that particular question, but are included in statistics referring to all survey participants.

Demographics

A large majority of participants identified as female (with 68% female identified, 29% male identified, less than 1% transgender, genderfluid, genderqueer, or non-binary).

¹ The rate of completion on the 2016 survey was 77%, with a total of 969 students starting the survey and 748 students completing it. The rate of completion on the 2017 survey was 71% with a total of 1,174 students starting the survey and 833 students completing it.

Participation among first-year undergraduate students fell from the previous year with 331 out of 1,796 first-year undergraduate students participating, representing 18% of this year's first-year class compared to 25% in 2017. Among all undergraduate students, 989 students participated in the survey, representing an increase to 17% this year from approximately 14% of the undergraduate student body last year. Graduate student participation in the survey was much higher than previous years, with 906 students participating compared to 352 from 2017. This represented 15.9% of the graduate student body compared to only approximately 6% in 2017. Only 5 non-degree-seeking students participated in the survey.²

Participation of other subgroups included:

- DU student-athletes made up 2% of all survey participants.
- Students who are members of social fraternities or sororities made up over 14% of the survey participants.
- International students made up only 1% of survey participants, however, it represented over 12% of all international students.
- Student with disabilities made up over 15% of the survey participants.
- Almost 25% of the survey participants identified as asexual, bisexual, gay, lesbian, pansexual, or questioning.

Full demographic results are available beginning on page 26.

Communication of Results

The Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX will work with Marketing & Communications and the Health & Counseling Center's Health Promotion team to plan for meaningful communication of the results to the University of Denver community during the month of April 2018 for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX will also work with Institutional Research & Analysis to make the survey publicly available on the Institutional Research & Analysis website alongside the 2016, and 2017 survey report, and to identify future data collection needs.

² As a result, data for each question is separated out for only those who identified as undergraduate and graduate students.

Perceptions of University of Denver

A minority of the respondents in 2018 (39%) perceive that sexual harassment is a problem at DU (responding that they either “agree” or “strongly agree” with the statement). Similarly, only 31% of respondents perceive that sexual violence is a problem at DU. There was a 3% decrease among survey respondents compared to 2017, where 42% of students perceived sexual harassment and 34% of students perceived sexual violence was a problem.

This represents a drastic shift in the survey results from 2016, in which 64% percent of respondents indicated that they either “strongly agree” or “agree” that sexual harassment and sexual violence are a problem at DU.

Notwithstanding the shift from 64% (2016) to 39% (2018), the pervasiveness of this perception is noteworthy. The perception of 1 in 3 students on campus that sexual harassment and sexual violence is a problem indicates that there is work to be done in the areas of both prevention and response.

It is also interesting to note the differences in perception between undergraduate and graduate students. Half (50%) of the undergraduate responses indicated that sexual harassment was a problem at DU compared to 26% of graduate respondents. This suggests that more education and awareness is needed for the undergraduate population.

Table 1

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

| | | N | % |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Sexual harassment is a problem at DU. | Strongly Disagree | 135 | 7% |
| | Disagree | 339 | 18% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 696 | 37% |
| | Agree | 545 | 29% |
| | Strongly Agree | 181 | 10% |
| Sexual violence is a problem at DU. | Strongly Disagree | 157 | 8% |
| | Disagree | 385 | 20% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 773 | 41% |
| | Agree | 430 | 23% |
| | Strongly Agree | 148 | 8% |

Table 2

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

| | | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | | N | % | N | % |
| Sexual harassment is a problem at DU. | Strongly Disagree | 47 | 5% | 85 | 9% |
| | Disagree | 169 | 17% | 170 | 19% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 278 | 28% | 417 | 46% |
| | Agree | 355 | 36% | 188 | 21% |
| | Strongly Agree | 136 | 14% | 45 | 5% |
| Sexual violence is a problem at DU. | Strongly Disagree | 59 | 6% | 95 | 11% |
| | Disagree | 218 | 22% | 167 | 18% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 327 | 33% | 445 | 49% |
| | Agree | 274 | 28% | 154 | 17% |
| | Strongly Agree | 105 | 11% | 43 | 5% |

Experience of Unwanted Sexual Harassment Behaviors

While generally lower than rates reported in last year's results (1-2% decrease), many of our students still report experiencing some form of unwanted sexual harassment during their time at DU (responding that it happens either, "rarely," "occasionally," "often," or "very often").

- 48% report that someone has made unwanted remarks about their body.
- 38% report that they have been exposed to environments where there were offensive jokes about their gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.
- 37% report being the target of rumors and/or gossip.
- 47% have experienced non-verbal harassment (staring, gesturing, being followed, etc.).
- 18% report being sexually harassed online (e-mail, social media, blog postings, etc.).

Consistent with last year's results, undergraduate students report experiencing more sexual harassment than our graduate students.

Those who experienced sexually harassing behaviors identified the following groups as being responsible for the behavior:

- Among undergraduate students, the overwhelming majority of respondents (92%)³ reported that a DU undergraduate student was responsible for the behavior in at least one instance.
- Among graduate students, the responsible parties were often identified as other graduate students (51%)⁴ or undergraduate students (32%).⁵
- While only 12%⁶ of respondents reported that the party responsible for unwanted sexual harassment was a faculty or staff member, this perception was significantly higher among graduate students, with 23%⁷ reporting that a faculty/staff member was responsible for the unwanted behavior that they experienced, but was an increase from 21% in 2017.
- 28% of students⁸ reported that the unwanted sexual harassment was by someone who was not a member of our community, or by some other category of person.

³ Representing 64.4% of all undergraduate students participating in the survey.

⁴ Representing 22.95% of all graduate students participating in the survey.

⁵ Representing 14.3% of all graduate students participating in the survey.

⁶ Representing 3.8% of all students participating in the survey.

⁷ Representing 5.7% of all graduate students participating in the survey.

⁸ Representing 16.14% of all students participating in the survey.

Table 3

During your time at DU, how often have you experienced the following unwanted behaviors while on campus, in areas adjacent to campus where members of the DU community tend to gather, or at events off-campus involving other members of the DU community?

| | | N | % |
|--|--------------|-------|-----|
| Someone has made unwanted remarks about my body. | Never | 989 | 52% |
| | Rarely | 400 | 21% |
| | Occasionally | 351 | 19% |
| | Often | 128 | 7% |
| | Very Often | 27 | 1% |
| Someone has targeted me in or exposed me to environments where there was offensive joking about my gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation. | Never | 1,166 | 62% |
| | Rarely | 337 | 18% |
| | Occasionally | 261 | 14% |
| | Often | 100 | 5% |
| | Very Often | 31 | 2% |
| Someone has made me the target of rumors and/ or gossip. | Never | 1,201 | 63% |
| | Rarely | 368 | 19% |
| | Occasionally | 207 | 11% |
| | Often | 67 | 4% |
| | Very Often | 49 | 3% |
| Someone has nonverbally harassed me (i.e., stared at me, gestured to/ at me, followed me, or shunned me.) | Never | 1,014 | 53% |
| | Rarely | 348 | 18% |
| | Occasionally | 310 | 16% |
| | Often | 154 | 8% |
| | Very Often | 70 | 4% |
| Someone has sexually harassed me online (email, social media, blog postings). | Never | 1,552 | 82% |
| | Rarely | 222 | 12% |
| | Occasionally | 78 | 4% |
| | Often | 27 | 1% |
| | Very Often | 17 | <1% |

Table 4

Respondents who answered that they experienced unwanted behaviors "Very Often," "Often," "Occasionally," or "Rarely" were asked: Who was responsible for the unwanted behaviors you experienced? (Check all that apply.)

| | N | % |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| DU undergraduate student | 768 | 70% |
| DU graduate student | 245 | 22% |
| DU faculty member | 73 | 7% |
| DU staff member | 55 | 5% |
| DU alumnus/ a | 19 | 2% |
| DU visitor or guest | 153 | 14% |
| Other | 135 | 12% |

Table 5

Respondents who answered that they experienced unwanted behaviors "Very Often", "Often", "Occasionally", or "Rarely", were asked: Did you know the person/ people responsible for the unwanted behaviors you experienced?

| | N | % |
|---|-----|-----|
| I knew the person/ people | 453 | 41% |
| I didn't know the person/ people | 470 | 43% |
| I knew the person/ people, I didn't know the person/ people | 182 | 16% |

Table 6

During your time at DU, how often have you experienced the following unwanted behaviors while on campus, in areas adjacent to campus where members of the DU community tend to gather, or at events off-campus involving other members of the DU community?

| | | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|--|--------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | | N | % | N | % |
| Someone has made unwanted remarks about my body. | Never | 397 | 40% | 588 | 65% |
| | Rarely | 240 | 24% | 159 | 18% |
| | Occasionally | 236 | 24% | 114 | 13% |
| | Often | 94 | 10% | 34 | 4% |
| | Very Often | 19 | 2% | 8 | <1% |
| Someone has targeted me in or exposed me to environments where there was offensive joking about my gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation. | Never | 532 | 54% | 629 | 70% |
| | Rarely | 202 | 20% | 134 | 15% |
| | Occasionally | 168 | 17% | 93 | 10% |
| | Often | 67 | 7% | 33 | 4% |
| | Very Often | 18 | 2% | 13 | 1% |
| Someone has made me the target of rumors and/ or gossip. | Never | 535 | 54% | 661 | 73% |
| | Rarely | 225 | 23% | 142 | 16% |
| | Occasionally | 147 | 15% | 60 | 7% |
| | Often | 45 | 5% | 22 | 2% |
| | Very Often | 32 | 3% | 17 | 2% |
| Someone has nonverbally harassed me (i.e., stared at me, gestured to/ at me, followed me, or shunned me.) | Never | 410 | 42% | 600 | 66% |
| | Rarely | 222 | 23% | 125 | 14% |
| | Occasionally | 194 | 20% | 116 | 13% |
| | Often | 114 | 12% | 39 | 4% |
| | Very Often | 46 | 5% | 24 | 3% |
| Someone has sexually harassed me online (email, social media, blog postings). | Never | 758 | 77% | 789 | 87% |
| | Rarely | 142 | 14% | 79 | 9% |
| | Occasionally | 55 | 6% | 23 | 3% |
| | Often | 19 | 2% | 8 | <1% |
| | Very Often | 13 | 1% | 4 | <1% |

Table 7

Respondents who answered that they experienced unwanted behaviors "Very Often", "Often", "Occasionally", or "Rarely", were asked: Who was responsible for the unwanted behaviors you experienced? (Check all that apply.)

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| DU undergraduate student | 637 | 92% | 130 | 32% |
| DU graduate student | 36 | 5% | 208 | 51% |
| DU faculty member | 21 | 3% | 52 | 13% |
| DU staff member | 15 | 2% | 40 | 10% |
| DU alumnus/ a | 10 | 1% | 9 | 2% |
| DU visitor or guest | 86 | 12% | 67 | 16% |
| Other | 61 | 9% | 74 | 18% |

Table 8

Respondents who answered that they experienced unwanted behaviors "Very Often", "Often", "Occasionally", or "Rarely", were asked: Did you know the person/ people responsible for the unwanted behaviors you experienced?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|---|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| I knew the person/ people | 281 | 41% | 172 | 42% |
| I didn't know the person/ people | 280 | 40% | 189 | 46% |
| I knew the person/ people, I didn't know the person/ people | 132 | 19% | 50 | 12% |

Experience of Gender-Based Violence or Unwanted Sexual Behaviors

While respondents in this year's survey indicate that they have experienced gender-based violence and unwanted sexual behaviors less frequently than the previous two year's respondents, many of our students still report that they have experienced some form of gender-based violence or unwanted sexual behavior since coming to DU (responding that it happens either, "rarely," "occasionally," "often," or "very often"). While still present, retaliatory acts in response to seeking help or reporting an unwanted sexual experience are less prominent than reported by last year's respondents.

- 28% reporting that someone has made unwanted physical contact with them (i.e. groping, grabbing, having someone brush up against me, or unwanted touch).⁹
- 13% reporting that someone has sexually harassed them via phone calls and/or text messages.¹⁰
- 7% reporting that a staff member, faculty member, or someone in an authoritative position over me has hit on or propositioned them.¹¹
- 7% reporting that someone has sexually penetrated them when "I did not want them to."¹²
- 10% reporting that someone has spread rumors or gossip about them following an unwanted sexual experience.¹³

A plurality of respondents (49%) indicated that the unwanted behaviors that they experienced occurred during the Fall Quarter of their first year on campus. This is a substantial decrease from 60% of respondents in the 2017 survey. While lower, almost half of respondents still responded that they experienced unwanted behaviors during their first months on-campus.

Student participants who indicate that they have experienced unwanted sexual behavior or gender-based violence report the following data about those responsible for the behavior:

- The large majority of undergraduate respondents (92%)¹⁴ reported that those responsible for gender-based violence and unwanted sexual behaviors were other undergraduate students.
- For graduate respondents, the responsible parties were often identified as other graduate students (41%)¹⁵ or undergraduate students (28%).¹⁶
- 27% of graduate student respondents reported that the responsible party was a faculty or staff member.¹⁷
- 6% of undergraduate students reported that the responsible party was a faculty or staff member.¹⁸
- 23% of respondents reported that the behavior was by someone who was not a member of our community.

⁹ Compared to 33% in the 2017 survey.

¹⁰ Compared to 14% in the 2017 survey.

¹¹ An increase from 4.5% in the 2017 survey.

¹² An increase from 6.5% in the 2017 survey.

¹³ Compared to 11% in the 2017 survey.

¹⁴ Representing 41% of all undergraduate survey participants.

¹⁵ Representing only 6.7% of all graduate survey participants.

¹⁶ Representing only 4.6% of all graduate survey participants.

¹⁷ Representing only 3.3% of all graduate survey participants.

¹⁸ Representing only 2.3% of all undergraduate survey participants.

Table 9

During your time at DU, how often have you experienced the following unwanted behaviors while on campus, in areas adjacent to campus where members of the DU community tend to gather, or at events off-campus involving other members of the DU community?

| | | N | % |
|---|--------------|-------|-----|
| Someone has sexually harassed me via phone calls and/ or text messages. | Never | 1,592 | 87% |
| | Rarely | 149 | 8% |
| | Occasionally | 58 | 3% |
| | Often | 15 | <1% |
| | Very Often | 11 | <1% |
| A staff member, faculty member, or someone in an authoritative position over me has hit on or propositioned me. | Never | 1,700 | 93% |
| | Rarely | 83 | 5% |
| | Occasionally | 31 | 2% |
| | Often | 5 | <1% |
| | Very Often | 3 | <1% |
| Someone has made unwanted physical contact with me (i.e., groping, grabbing, having someone intentionally brush against me, or other unwanted touch.) | Never | 1,300 | 72% |
| | Rarely | 252 | 14% |
| | Occasionally | 172 | 9% |
| | Often | 70 | 4% |
| | Very Often | 22 | 1% |
| Someone has sexually penetrated me when I did not want them to. | Never | 1,685 | 93% |
| | Rarely | 65 | 4% |
| | Occasionally | 46 | 3% |
| | Often | 9 | <1% |
| | Very Often | 12 | <1% |
| Someone has spread rumors or gossip about me following an unwanted sexual experience. | Never | 1,630 | 90% |
| | Rarely | 102 | 6% |
| | Occasionally | 56 | 3% |
| | Often | 17 | <1% |
| | Very Often | 14 | <1% |

Table 10

Respondents who answered that they experienced unwanted behaviors "Very Often", "Often", "Occasionally", or "Rarely", were asked: Who was responsible for the unwanted behaviors you experienced? (Check all that apply.)

| | N | % |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| DU undergraduate student | 450 | 76% |
| DU graduate student | 76 | 13% |
| DU faculty member | 44 | 7% |
| DU staff member | 19 | 3% |
| DU alumnus/ a | 12 | 2% |
| DU visitor or guest | 74 | 12% |
| Other | 65 | 11% |

Table 11

Respondents who answered that they experienced unwanted behaviors "Very Often", "Often", "Occasionally", or "Rarely", were asked: Did you know the person/ people responsible for the unwanted behaviors you experienced?

| | N | % |
|---|-----|-----|
| I knew the person/ people | 299 | 49% |
| I didn't know the person/ people | 208 | 34% |
| I knew the person/ people, I didn't know the person/ people | 98 | 16% |

Table 12

During your time at DU, how often have you experienced the following unwanted behaviors while on campus, in areas adjacent to campus where members of the DU community tend to gather, or at events off-campus involving other members of the DU community?

| | | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | | N | % | N | % |
| Someone has sexually harassed me via phone calls and/ or text messages. | Never | 768 | 81% | 819 | 94% |
| | Rarely | 113 | 12% | 36 | 4% |
| | Occasionally | 46 | 5% | 12 | 1% |
| | Often | 14 | 1% | 1 | <1% |
| | Very Often | 9 | <1% | 2 | <1% |
| A staff member, faculty member, or someone in an authoritative position over me has hit on or propositioned me. | Never | 875 | 92% | 820 | 94% |
| | Rarely | 51 | 5% | 32 | 4% |
| | Occasionally | 17 | 2% | 14 | 2% |
| | Often | 3 | <1% | 2 | <1% |
| | Very Often | 2 | <1% | 1 | <1% |
| Someone has made unwanted physical contact with me (i.e., groping, grabbing, having someone intentionally brush against me, or other unwanted touch.) | Never | 544 | 58% | 751 | 87% |
| | Rarely | 179 | 19% | 73 | 8% |
| | Occasionally | 141 | 15% | 31 | 4% |
| | Often | 62 | 7% | 8 | <1% |
| | Very Often | 20 | 2% | 2 | <1% |
| Someone has sexually penetrated me when I did not want them to. | Never | 838 | 89% | 842 | 97% |
| | Rarely | 46 | 5% | 19 | 2% |
| | Occasionally | 42 | 4% | 4 | <1% |
| | Often | 8 | <1% | 1 | <1% |
| | Very Often | 11 | 1% | 1 | <1% |
| Someone has spread rumors or gossip about me following an unwanted sexual experience. | Never | 792 | 84% | 833 | 96% |
| | Rarely | 81 | 9% | 21 | 2% |
| | Occasionally | 47 | 5% | 9 | 1% |
| | Often | 14 | 1% | 3 | <1% |
| | Very Often | 12 | 1% | 2 | <1% |

Table 13

Respondents who answered that they experienced unwanted behaviors "Very Often", "Often", "Occasionally", or "Rarely", were asked: Who was responsible for the unwanted behaviors you experienced? (Check all that apply.)

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| DU undergraduate student | 408 | 92% | 42 | 28% |
| DU graduate student | 15 | 3% | 61 | 41% |
| DU faculty member | 16 | 4% | 28 | 19% |
| DU staff member | 7 | 2% | 12 | 8% |
| DU alumnus/ a | 10 | 2% | 2 | 1% |
| DU visitor or guest | 45 | 10% | 29 | 19% |
| Other | 43 | 10% | 22 | 15% |

Table 14

Respondents who answered that they experienced unwanted behaviors "Very Often", "Often", "Occasionally", or "Rarely", were asked: Did you know the person/ people responsible for the unwanted behaviors you experienced?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|---|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| I knew the person/ people | 222 | 49% | 77 | 51% |
| I didn't know the person/ people | 147 | 32% | 61 | 40% |
| I knew the person/ people, I didn't know the person/ people | 84 | 19% | 14 | 9% |

Table 15

Respondents who answered that they experienced unwanted behaviors "Very Often", "Often", "Occasionally", or "Rarely", were asked: Did any of the unwanted behaviors that you experienced occur during the Fall Quarter of your first year on campus?

| | N | % |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| No | 215 | 35% |
| Yes | 299 | 49% |
| I can't remember | 99 | 16% |

Table 16

Respondents who answered that they experienced unwanted behaviors "Very Often", "Often", "Occasionally", or "Rarely", were asked: Did any of the unwanted behaviors that you experienced occur during the Fall Quarter of your first year on campus?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|------------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| No | 151 | 33% | 64 | 42% |
| Yes | 238 | 52% | 61 | 40% |
| I can't remember | 71 | 15% | 28 | 18% |

Campus Programs Attended

Consistent with last year's data, a majority of our students are not participating in programming and events that focus on preventing gender-based violence.

Table 17

Please indicate which campus programs you have attended or participated in within the past year. (Check all that apply.)

| | N | % |
|--|-----|-----|
| I have not attended/ participated in any of these programs | 819 | 47% |
| "BOSS" Bystander Intervention Training | 266 | 15% |
| Vagina Monologues | 123 | 7% |
| Clothesline Project, Anderson Academic Commons | 39 | 2% |
| Denim Day | 330 | 19% |
| Theater Delta's "How 'Bout That Party" Orientation Interactive Theater | 219 | 13% |
| Dive-In Movie | 3 | <1% |
| Consent Fair | 108 | 6% |
| Title IX Training | 192 | 11% |
| Online Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates Pre-Orientation Module | 246 | 14% |
| #MeToo, You Too: Let's Take Back the Night | 104 | 6% |
| Support a Survivor Training | 45 | 3% |
| HerDU Conference | 47 | 3% |
| Love, Sex, Health Week | 156 | 9% |
| DU After Dark event | 138 | 8% |
| "Intervene: DU" Active Bystander Training | 337 | 20% |
| Healing the Wounded Heart Art Exhibit, Women's College | 14 | <1% |
| Survivor Yoga | 7 | <1% |

Reasons for not attending

Table 18

Respondents who indicated they did not attend or participate in any of these programs were asked: Can you share why you did not attend or participate in these programs? (Check all that apply.)

| | N | % |
|--|-----|-----|
| Scheduling conflict(s) | 225 | 28% |
| I didn't know about them | 576 | 71% |
| I believed that these events might be emotionally triggering | 36 | 4% |
| I had no interest in these topics | 127 | 16% |
| I didn't feel that I would be welcome at these events | 44 | 5% |
| Other reason(s) (please specify) | 120 | 15% |

Table 19

Please indicate which campus programs you have attended or participated in within the past year. (Check all that apply.)

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|--|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| I have not attended/ participated in any of these programs | 215 | 24% | 602 | 74% |
| "BOSS" Bystander Intervention Training | 239 | 26% | 27 | 3% |
| Vagina Monologues | 93 | 10% | 30 | 4% |
| Clothesline Project, Anderson Academic Commons | 27 | 3% | 12 | 1% |
| Denim Day | 236 | 26% | 93 | 11% |
| Theater Delta's "How 'Bout That Party" Orientation Interactive Theater | 214 | 24% | 5 | <1% |
| Dive-In Movie | 2 | <1% | 1 | <1% |
| Consent Fair | 90 | 10% | 18 | 2% |
| Title IX Training | 76 | 8% | 113 | 14% |
| Online Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates Pre-Orientation Module | 238 | 26% | 8 | <1% |
| #MeToo, You Too: Let's Take Back the Night | 76 | 8% | 28 | 3% |
| Support a Survivor Training | 33 | 4% | 12 | 1% |
| HerDU Conference | 17 | 2% | 29 | 4% |
| Love, Sex, Health Week | 136 | 15% | 20 | 2% |
| DU After Dark event | 116 | 13% | 22 | 3% |
| "Intervene: DU" Active Bystander Training | 315 | 35% | 22 | 3% |
| Healing the Wounded Heart Art Exhibit, Women's College | 13 | 1% | 1 | <1% |
| Survivor Yoga | 3 | <1% | 4 | <1% |

Table 20

Respondents who indicated they did not attend or participate in any of these programs were asked: Can you share why you did not attend or participate in these programs? (Check all that apply.)

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|--|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Scheduling conflict(s) | 76 | 36% | 149 | 25% |
| I didn't know about them | 132 | 62% | 443 | 74% |
| I believed that these events might be emotionally triggering | 17 | 8% | 19 | 3% |
| I had no interest in these topics | 51 | 24% | 74 | 12% |
| I didn't feel that I would be welcome at these events | 17 | 8% | 27 | 5% |
| Other reason(s) (please specify) | 26 | 12% | 94 | 16% |

Understanding of DU Policies, Procedures, and Resources

This year's responses represent a decline after the three years of consecutive increases of understanding of DU's policies, procedures, and resources, with a significant increase in students who either "agree" or "strongly agree" with nearly every statement. The only question that saw no significant change in response was regarding the belief that an offender would retaliate against the person making the report.

- 56% report they understand DU's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault (responding that they either "strongly agree" or "agree").¹⁹
- 67% report if a friend or they were sexually assaulted, they know where to get help.²⁰
- 54% report believing that DU takes reports of sexual assault seriously.²¹
- 58% report believing that DU would protect the safety and privacy of those reporting sexual assault.²²
- Only 36% report believing that the alleged offender(s) or their associates will retaliate against the person making the report.²³
- 57% report believing that DU would treat the person making the report fairly.²⁴
- 47% report believing that DU would treat the alleged offender fairly.²⁵
- 67% report believing that DU Alerts, and subsequent memos regarding DU Alerts, provide them with information they need to stay safe.²⁶

Between undergraduate and graduate student bodies, there is markedly more positive response rates by undergraduate with regards to understanding of DU policies, procedures, and resources.

- 65% of undergraduates report they understand DU's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault compared to 47% of graduates.
- 75% of undergraduates report if a friend or they were sexually assaulted, they know where to get help compared to 58% of graduates.
- 55% of undergraduates report believing that DU takes reports of sexual assault seriously compared to 53% of graduates.
- 61% of undergraduates report believing that DU would protect the safety and privacy of those reporting sexual assault compared to 55% of graduates.

Students were asked what DU could do to change perception related to whether DU takes reports seriously. The following is a summary of those comments:

- Awareness
- Safe spaces to talk about experiences
- Add security measures (cameras, blue phones, etc.)
- Make available information about the procedure and actions that can be taken
- More communication and marketing related to resources
- Mandatory trainings for student groups
- More prevention efforts

¹⁹ Increase from 49% in 2016 and 6% decrease from 2017.

²⁰ 10% decrease from 2017.

²¹ Increase from 44% in 2016 and 11% decrease from 2017.

²² 10% decrease from 2017.

²³ 1% decrease from 2017.

²⁴ Increase from 46% in 2016 and 8% decrease from 2017.

²⁵ Increase from 43% in 2016 and 4% decrease from 2017.

²⁶ Increase from 58% in 2016 and 10% decrease from 2017.

Table 21

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

| | | N | % |
|---|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| I understand DU's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault. | Strongly Disagree | 99 | 6% |
| | Disagree | 358 | 20% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 313 | 18% |
| | Agree | 672 | 38% |
| | Strongly Agree | 309 | 18% |
| If a friend or I were sexually assaulted, I know where to get help. | Strongly Disagree | 73 | 4% |
| | Disagree | 304 | 17% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 207 | 12% |
| | Agree | 772 | 44% |
| | Strongly Agree | 394 | 23% |
| DU takes reports of sexual assault seriously. | Strongly Disagree | 83 | 5% |
| | Disagree | 140 | 8% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 577 | 33% |
| | Agree | 564 | 32% |
| | Strongly Agree | 382 | 22% |
| DU would protect the safety and privacy of those making reports of sexual assault. | Strongly Disagree | 61 | 3% |
| | Disagree | 119 | 7% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 542 | 31% |
| | Agree | 653 | 37% |
| | Strongly Agree | 373 | 21% |
| The alleged offender(s) or their friends will retaliate against the person making the report. | Strongly Disagree | 70 | 4% |
| | Disagree | 207 | 12% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 845 | 48% |
| | Agree | 471 | 27% |
| | Strongly Agree | 154 | 9% |
| DU would treat the person making the report fairly. | Strongly Disagree | 32 | 2% |
| | Disagree | 138 | 8% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 591 | 34% |
| | Agree | 693 | 40% |
| | Strongly Agree | 291 | 17% |
| DU would treat the alleged offender fairly. | Strongly Disagree | 87 | 5% |
| | Disagree | 149 | 9% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 697 | 40% |
| | Agree | 590 | 34% |
| | Strongly Agree | 224 | 13% |
| DU Alerts, and subsequent memos regarding DU Alerts, provide me with information I need to stay safe. | Strongly Disagree | 77 | 4% |
| | Disagree | 162 | 9% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 336 | 19% |
| | Agree | 698 | 40% |
| | Strongly Agree | 474 | 27% |

Table 22

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

| | | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | | N | % | N | % |
| I understand DU's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault. | Strongly Disagree | 28 | 3% | 71 | 8% |
| | Disagree | 158 | 17% | 199 | 24% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 132 | 15% | 179 | 21% |
| | Agree | 399 | 44% | 272 | 33% |
| | Strongly Agree | 193 | 21% | 115 | 14% |
| If a friend or I were sexually assaulted, I know where to get help. | Strongly Disagree | 25 | 3% | 47 | 6% |
| | Disagree | 111 | 12% | 193 | 23% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 96 | 11% | 110 | 13% |
| | Agree | 436 | 48% | 334 | 40% |
| | Strongly Agree | 241 | 27% | 152 | 18% |
| DU takes reports of sexual assault seriously. | Strongly Disagree | 62 | 7% | 21 | 3% |
| | Disagree | 95 | 10% | 45 | 5% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 250 | 28% | 326 | 39% |
| | Agree | 292 | 32% | 270 | 32% |
| | Strongly Agree | 208 | 23% | 172 | 21% |
| DU would protect the safety and privacy of those making reports of sexual assault. | Strongly Disagree | 43 | 5% | 18 | 2% |
| | Disagree | 77 | 8% | 42 | 5% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 227 | 25% | 314 | 38% |
| | Agree | 357 | 39% | 294 | 35% |
| | Strongly Agree | 204 | 22% | 167 | 20% |
| The alleged offender(s) or their friends will retaliate against the person making the report. | Strongly Disagree | 30 | 3% | 38 | 5% |
| | Disagree | 116 | 13% | 91 | 11% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 397 | 44% | 445 | 53% |
| | Agree | 269 | 30% | 202 | 24% |
| | Strongly Agree | 96 | 11% | 58 | 7% |
| DU would treat the person making the report fairly. | Strongly Disagree | 19 | 2% | 13 | 2% |
| | Disagree | 94 | 10% | 44 | 5% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 259 | 29% | 330 | 40% |
| | Agree | 378 | 42% | 313 | 38% |
| | Strongly Agree | 157 | 17% | 133 | 16% |
| DU would treat the alleged offender fairly. | Strongly Disagree | 51 | 6% | 35 | 4% |
| | Disagree | 108 | 12% | 41 | 5% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 317 | 35% | 378 | 45% |
| | Agree | 311 | 34% | 278 | 33% |
| | Strongly Agree | 121 | 13% | 102 | 12% |
| DU Alerts, and subsequent memos regarding DU Alerts, provide me with information I need to stay safe. | Strongly Disagree | 46 | 5% | 31 | 4% |
| | Disagree | 81 | 9% | 81 | 10% |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | 169 | 19% | 166 | 20% |
| | Agree | 361 | 40% | 335 | 40% |
| | Strongly Agree | 252 | 28% | 220 | 26% |

Experience of Retaliation, Assault, or Violence

Retaliation--or fear of retaliation--for receiving help continues to be a substantial obstacle to the University's efforts to address issues of gender-based violence and discrimination. Notwithstanding a slight increase (2%) in the percentage of respondents who have (or know someone who has) experienced sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, or stalking, the rate at which they report experiencing/witnessing retaliation was higher. This remains an area that poses a significant challenge to universities across the country and is an area where DU has opportunity for continued improvement.

Survey responses related to experiences of retaliation, assault, or violence found:

- 34% reported that they or someone they knew experienced sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, or stalking since enrolling in DU.²⁷
- 52% of all undergraduate student participants²⁸ and 16% of graduate/professional student participants²⁹ reported that they or someone they know have experienced sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, or stalking since enrolling at DU.
- 35% of undergraduate students³⁰ and 29% of graduate/professional students³¹ who agreed that the alleged offender or their friends would retaliate reported that they knew someone who had been retaliated against after making a report, which equates to 12.7% of undergraduate survey participants and 7.6% of graduate participants.

Students who indicated that they or a friend had experienced retaliation for reporting sexual harassment or sexual assault were asked to describe the retaliation experience. The following is a summary of those comments:

- Various forms of social exclusion
- Verbal abuse, stalking, and harassment
- Spreading gossip and rumors
- Name calling and profanity in public settings
- Being called a "liar" on campus
- Physical violence
- Threats to ruin one's reputation on campus
- Harassing and defamatory remarks on social media
- Property damage/vandalism
- Confrontation by others
- Social isolation/ostracization

²⁷ This equates to 31% of all survey participants and an increase from 32% from 2017.

²⁸ Increase from 38% in 2017.

²⁹ Decrease from 18% in 2017.

³⁰ Increase from 27% in 2017.

³¹ Increase from 18% in 2017.

Table 23

Respondents who answered "Strongly Agree" or "Agree" to "The alleged offenders or their friends will retaliate against the person making the report" were asked: Do you know someone who has experienced verbal, physical, or social retaliation after making a report?

| | N | % |
|-----|-----|-----|
| No | 423 | 68% |
| Yes | 201 | 32% |

Table 24

Respondents who answered "Strongly Agree" or "Agree" to "The alleged offenders or their friends will retaliate against the person making the report" were asked: Do you know someone who has experienced verbal, physical, or social retaliation after making a report?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|-----|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| No | 238 | 65% | 185 | 71% |
| Yes | 126 | 35% | 75 | 29% |

Table 25

Have you or someone you know experienced sexual assault, domestic/ dating violence, or stalking since enrolling at DU?

| | N | % |
|-----|-------|-----|
| No | 1,142 | 66% |
| Yes | 601 | 34% |

Table 26

Have you or someone you know experienced sexual assault, domestic/ dating violence, or stalking since enrolling at DU?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|-----|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| No | 438 | 48% | 699 | 84% |
| Yes | 467 | 52% | 134 | 16% |

Campus Resources Utilized

A majority of the students who experienced sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, or stalking since enrolling at DU reported that they had utilized campus resources. However, greater number of students reported not going to any campus resources this year than in the past. Of the students who experienced or knew a friend who experienced sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, or stalking since enrolling at DU, 43% of students stated they did not seek help for any of the listed resources compared to 19.6% in 2017.

DU's Center for Advocacy, Prevention, and Empowerment (CAPE) was the most frequently utilized resource on campus. 21% of undergraduate students³² and 19% of graduate/professional students³³ who had experienced forms of gender-based violence reported utilizing CAPE.

Other top resources utilized by impacted students included DU's Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX, HCC Counseling Department, and Campus Safety.

Students who indicated that they did not use campus resources for assistance following harassment or assault were asked why they did not use campus resources. The following is a summary of those comments:

- Fear of retaliation by friends
- Not realizing that the behavior was abuse
- Allowing time to pass to determine whether the problem would persist
- Denial
- Not wanting to share personal details
- Believing that the situation wasn't serious enough to justify seeking help
- Wanting to move on or forget
- Perceptions that DU has a "history of doing nothing"
- Perceptions that the University will retaliate against the reporting party
- Distrust in the institution
- Relying on external resources (e.g. private therapist)
- Belief that resources weren't available or easily accessible
- Unaware of resources
- Perpetrator was not affiliated with DU
- Lack of confidence in the institution to take the concern seriously

Students were asked if there was anything else they would like to share on the topic of sexual harassment or sexual assault on campus. Themes from students' comments included:

- Desire for more programming regarding awareness, prevention and education, and requests to make the existing programming more relatable and attractive
- Information provided during orientations
- Requesting mandatory training for certain student leaders and student organizations
- Increasing attention on the experiences of male victims of gender-based violence
- Concerns about misconduct and culture within social fraternities and sororities
- More safety patrols on the boundaries of campus and non-affiliated persons coming onto campus
- Request to use trigger/content warnings when sending out DU alerts
- Ensuring that the process is fair and equitable
- Transparency from administration

³² Increase from 12% in 2017.

³³ Increase from 7% in 2017.

Table 27

Respondents who answered "Yes" to "Have you or someone you know experienced sexual assault, domestic/ dating violence, or stalking since enrolling at DU?" were asked: If you or a friend experienced sexual assault, domestic/ dating violence, or stalking since enrolling at DU, where did you go for help? (Check all that apply.)

| | N | % |
|---|-----|-----|
| Neither my friends nor I have experienced any of these acts of violence since enrolling at DU. | 24 | 4% |
| I (or a friend) have experienced one or more of these acts, but did NOT seek help at any of the resources listed. | 249 | 43% |
| DU Campus Safety | 101 | 17% |
| DU Center for Advocacy, Prevention, and Empowerment (CAPE) | 119 | 20% |
| DU Health and Counseling Center Counselor-On-Call | 34 | 6% |
| DU Health and Counseling Center counseling department | 93 | 16% |
| DU Health and Counseling Center medical department | 15 | 3% |
| University Chaplain | 4 | <1% |
| Faculty member | 29 | 5% |
| Coach | 4 | <1% |
| Academic Advisor | 11 | 2% |
| Fraternity/ Sorority Advisor | 17 | 3% |
| RA (Resident Advisor) | 52 | 9% |
| DU Ombuds | 0 | - |
| DU Title IX Office (Office of Equal Opportunity) | 88 | 15% |
| DU Office of Student Conduct | 24 | 4% |
| DU Center for Multicultural Excellence | 7 | 1% |
| Student Outreach and Support (Pioneers CARE) | 18 | 3% |
| The Blue Bench | 16 | 3% |
| Survivors Organizing for Liberation | 1 | <1% |
| Denver Police Department | 24 | 4% |
| Denver Health SANE Program | 7 | 1% |
| Porter Hospital SANE Program | 3 | <1% |
| SafeHouse Denver | 1 | <1% |
| Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center | 2 | <1% |
| Fraternity and Sorority Life Sexual Assault Support Liaison | 9 | 2% |
| Health and Counseling Center Same-Day-Access appointment | 17 | 3% |
| Other, please describe: | 35 | 6% |

Table 28

Respondents who answered "Yes" to "have you or someone you know experienced sexual assault, domestic/ dating violence, or stalking since enrolling at DU?" were asked: If you or a friend experienced sexual assault, domestic/ dating violence, or stalking since enrolling at DU, where did you go for help? (Check all that apply.)

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|---|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Neither my friends nor I have experienced any of these acts of violence since enrolling at DU. | 17 | 4% | 7 | 5% |
| I (or a friend) have experienced one or more of these acts, but did NOT seek help at any of the resources listed. | 197 | 44% | 52 | 40% |
| DU Campus Safety | 81 | 18% | 20 | 15% |
| DU Center for Advocacy, Prevention, and Empowerment (CAPE) | 94 | 21% | 25 | 19% |
| DU Health and Counseling Center Counselor-On-Call | 28 | 6% | 6 | 5% |
| DU Health and Counseling Center counseling department | 68 | 15% | 25 | 19% |
| DU Health and Counseling Center medical department | 12 | 3% | 3 | 2% |
| University Chaplain | 3 | <1% | 1 | <1% |
| Faculty member | 17 | 4% | 12 | 9% |
| Coach | 2 | <1% | 2 | 2% |
| Academic Advisor | 3 | <1% | 8 | 6% |
| Fraternity/ Sorority Advisor | 14 | 3% | 3 | 2% |
| RA (Resident Advisor) | 45 | 10% | 7 | 5% |
| DU Ombuds | 0 | – | 0 | – |
| DU Title IX Office (Office of Equal Opportunity) | 62 | 14% | 26 | 20% |
| DU Office of Student Conduct | 20 | 4% | 4 | 3% |
| DU Center for Multicultural Excellence | 5 | 1% | 2 | 2% |
| Student Outreach and Support (Pioneers CARE) | 13 | 3% | 5 | 4% |
| The Blue Bench | 7 | 2% | 9 | 7% |
| Survivors Organizing for Liberation | 0 | – | 1 | <1% |
| Denver Police Department | 11 | 2% | 13 | 10% |
| Denver Health SANE Program | 6 | 1% | 1 | <1% |
| Porter Hospital SANE Program | 2 | <1% | 1 | <1% |
| SafeHouse Denver | 0 | – | 1 | <1% |
| Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center | 1 | <1% | 1 | <1% |
| Fraternity and Sorority Life Sexual Assault Support Liaison | 9 | 2% | 0 | – |
| Health and Counseling Center Same-Day-Access appointment | 15 | 3% | 2 | 2% |
| Other, please describe: | 25 | 6% | 10 | 8% |

Demographics

Table 29

What is your student level?

| | N | % |
|------------------------|-----|-----|
| Undergraduate | 989 | 52% |
| Graduate/ Professional | 906 | 48% |
| Non-degree seeking | 5 | <1% |
| No response | 1 | <1% |

Table 30

Respondents who selected "Undergraduate" were asked: What year are you in school?

| | N | % |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| First year | 331 | 33% |
| Second year | 230 | 23% |
| Third year | 198 | 20% |
| Fourth year | 212 | 21% |
| Fifth year or more | 18 | 2% |

Table 31

What is your gender identity?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Man | 287 | 29% | 251 | 28% |
| Woman | 673 | 68% | 629 | 69% |
| Transgender Man | 2 | <1% | 4 | <1% |
| Transgender Woman | 7 | <1% | 2 | <1% |
| Genderfluid | 2 | <1% | 3 | <1% |
| Genderqueer | 3 | <1% | 7 | <1% |
| Non-binary | 9 | <1% | 2 | <1% |
| Identity not listed, please specify: | 5 | <1% | 6 | <1% |
| No response | 1 | <1% | 2 | <1% |

Table 32

What is your sexual orientation?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Asexual | 36 | 4% | 32 | 4% |
| Bisexual | 112 | 11% | 81 | 9% |
| Heterosexual | 737 | 75% | 674 | 74% |
| Gay | 16 | 2% | 27 | 3% |
| Lesbian | 18 | 2% | 20 | 2% |
| Pansexual | 29 | 3% | 19 | 2% |
| Questioning | 27 | 3% | 16 | 2% |
| Identity not listed, please specify | 11 | 1% | 25 | 3% |
| No response | 3 | <1% | 12 | 1% |

Table 33

What is your race/ ethnicity? Please select all that apply.

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Alaska Native | 2 | <1% | 1 | <1% |
| American Indian | 23 | 2% | 17 | 2% |
| Asian | 108 | 11% | 84 | 9% |
| Black or African American | 36 | 4% | 53 | 6% |
| Hispanic | 78 | 8% | 81 | 9% |
| Latinx | 43 | 4% | 48 | 5% |
| Middle Eastern | 15 | 2% | 16 | 2% |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 13 | 1% | 3 | <1% |
| White | 789 | 80% | 681 | 75% |
| Identity not listed, please specify: | 24 | 2% | 22 | 2% |

Table 34

Do you have a disability and/ or learning difference?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|-------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Yes | 162 | 16% | 125 | 14% |
| No | 827 | 84% | 781 | 86% |
| No response | 0 | - | 0 | - |

Table 35

Are you a veteran?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|-------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Yes | 8 | <1% | 37 | 4% |
| No | 981 | 99% | 869 | 96% |
| No response | 0 | - | 0 | - |

Table 36

Are you an international student?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|-------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Yes | 32 | 3% | 80 | 9% |
| No | 956 | 97% | 825 | 91% |
| No response | 1 | <1% | 1 | <1% |

Table 37

Are you a transfer student?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|-------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Yes | 86 | 9% | 19 | 2% |
| No | 903 | 91% | 884 | 98% |
| No response | 0 | - | 3 | <1% |

Table 38

Are you a member of a social fraternity or sorority?

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|-------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Yes | 186 | 19% | 31 | 3% |
| No | 800 | 81% | 875 | 97% |
| No response | 3 | <1% | 0 | - |

Table 39

Are you a DU athlete (i.e. member of collegiate sports and/ or / recipient of athletic financial aid)

| | Undergraduate | | Graduate/ Professional | |
|-------------|---------------|-----|------------------------|------|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Yes | 38 | 4% | 3 | <1% |
| No | 949 | 96% | 903 | 100% |
| No response | 2 | <1% | 0 | - |

Proposed Action Items

This Campus Perceptions Survey is a great step for helping the University of Denver gain a better understanding of what gender-based violence, harassment, and discrimination looks like on our campus and will help inform what steps we need to take in order to continue to make progress in the prevention and response to gender-based violence and harassment. Given a review of this data, we recommend the following for continuing to make important improvements in our campus climate and community environment:

- A majority of respondents indicated that they did not attend campus programs or events designed to educate on gender-based violence and healthy relationships. Among the reasons for not attending, many students indicated that they did not know about them (71%). The demand for more programming is present based off the commentary in the survey responses. The University of Denver campus partners will collaborate with the Division of Marketing and Communications to seek out a comprehensive marketing campaign to make students aware of these events.
- In the commentary provided by students at the end of the survey, many students expressed that they feel that the University lacks an accessible forum for feedback, suggestions, and policy changes. The Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX will strive to increase transparency and opportunities for feedback and opinion from members of the University community, including the creation of an advisory body within student government, and the creation of an online comment form.
- The data regarding perceptions of sexually harassing behaviors by faculty and staff directed towards students is of concern to the Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX. These perceptions increased from 11%-23% amongst the graduate student body from 2016 to 2018. The Office will seek to increase sexual harassment awareness and education among faculty, staff, and graduate students. The Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX also proposes the formulation of a committee to explore revisions to the University's consensual relationship policy governing romantic relationships between students and employees.
- Both the quantitative data throughout the survey and the commentary shared by students suggests that many of those responsible for unwanted behaviors were guests, visitors, or otherwise unaffiliated. The Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX will work with campus partners to establish a policy related to No Trespass Orders so that our students enjoy a safer environment.
- Both the quantitative and qualitative data on the use of campus resources following an incident suggests that the University needs to invest in elevating the visibility and accessibility of these resources. Furthermore, it appears that students are utilizing CAPE at an increasing rate (increased by 5% from 2017). The Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX recommends that the University invest in growing the capacity, capabilities, and visibility of these resources.