



Association of American Universities (AAU)

# **Campus Climate Survey** on Sexual Assault & Sexual Misconduct

**PRESS BRIEFING**  
**ON UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA FINDINGS**



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# AAU & UA GOALS FOR SURVEY



## AAU Goals

- Provide member institutions with data about students' experiences and attitudes
- Inform efforts to strengthen policies and practices aimed at making campus communities safer
- Provide policymakers with additional information for institutional responses to sexual assault
- Provide researchers with additional data on a complex issue

## UA Goals

- Learn more about UA students':
  - Experiences with sexual assault/misconduct
  - Knowledge of resources and processes to combat sexual assault/misconduct
  - Views of the UA campus climate around sexual assault/misconduct
- Partner with the AAU to benchmark UA's findings with peers institutions across the country
- Further refine UA's educational programs and administrative efforts around sexual assault/misconduct
- **Ultimately, use all information gleaned to ensure our community is a safe environment for all students and employees**

# AAU PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS



26 of the 62 AAU institutions plus one non-AAU institution

## Public Institutions

- Iowa State University
- Michigan State University
- The Ohio State University
- Purdue University
- Texas A&M University
- The University of Arizona
- University of Florida
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Missouri-Columbia
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh
- The University of Texas at Austin
- University of Virginia
- The University of Wisconsin-Madison

## Private Institutions

- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- Case Western Reserve University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College\*
- Harvard University
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Southern California
- Washington University in Saint Louis
- Yale University

\* Non-AAU institution

# UA KEY FINDINGS



- UA's overall incidence of sexual assault and misconduct include:
  - 13% of all UA students since first enrolling
  - 20% of all UA females since first enrolling
  - 23% of individuals identifying as TGQN (transgender, genderqueer, non-conforming, questioning, and as something not listed on the survey)
- There is higher reporting of incidents by non-heterosexual students and students with a registered disability
- Our students trust that our campus officials will be supportive and take their reporting/concerns seriously; students reported they are not aware of how the UA's process works after a report is made
- Bystander intervention occurs at varying levels depending on the circumstance, however there is significant opportunity for education in this area
- This study informs our current programs and provides further direction for our initiatives in the areas of:
  - Education on how to report an incident
  - Enhancing LGBTQ and disability cohort education and support
  - Increasing education encouraging positive bystander intervention
- UA's results in all areas are equivalent to the AAU average percentages of all participating institutions



# SURVEY ADMINISTRATION & RESPONSE



## AAU Survey

- Approximately 20-30 minutes to complete
- 53 core questions
  - Background
  - Perceptions of risk
  - Resources
  - Harassment
  - Stalking
  - Sexual violence
  - Sexual misconduct prevention training
  - Perceptions of responses to reporting
  - Bystander behavior

## UA Administration

- Online survey sent to all UA students
- Timeframe: April 2 – 23, 2015
  - President email prior to launch
  - Senior VP email invitation & 2 reminder emails
  - Incentive: Lottery to win 1 of 10 \$100 cash prizes

## Response Rates

	AAU	UA
Total respondents	150,072	2,852
Response rate	19%	8%

# Sexual Assault and Misconduct



The AAU's survey focused on **nonconsensual sexual contact** involving both sexual penetration and sexual touching or kissing. Survey respondents were asked whether one or more of these contacts occurred as a result of four tactics:

- 1) physical force or threat of physical force,
- 2) being incapacitated because of drugs, alcohol or being unconscious, asleep or passed out,
- 3) coercive threats of non-physical harm or promised rewards, and
- 4) failure to obtain affirmative consent.

Tactics 1 & 2 generally meet legal definitions of rape (penetration) and sexual battery (sexual touching or kissing).

Tactics 3 & 4 generally are violations of student codes of conduct.



# OVERALL INCIDENCE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & SEXUAL MISCONDUCT



Nonconsensual Sexual Contact involving	Undergraduate and Graduate Students	UA	AAU (Average of institutions)
Completed or attempted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical force</li> <li>Incapacitation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students since first enrolling</li> </ul>	<b>13%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•20% of females</li> <li>•6% of males</li> <li>•23% of TGQN</li> </ul>	<b>12%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•19% of females</li> <li>•4% of males</li> <li>•22% of TGQN</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students in Academic Year 2014-15</li> </ul>	<b>8%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•12% of females</li> <li>•4% of males</li> <li>•12% of TGQN</li> </ul>	<b>7%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•10% of females</li> <li>•3% of males</li> <li>•12% of TGQN</li> </ul>

TGQN: Individuals identifying as transgender, genderqueer, non-conforming, questioning, and as something not listed on the survey



# OVERALL INCIDENCE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & SEXUAL MISCONDUCT FOR UNDERGRADUATES



Nonconsensual Sexual Contact involving	Undergraduate Students ONLY	UA	AAU (Average of institutions)
Completed or attempted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical force</li> <li>Incapacitation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since first enrolling</li> </ul>	<b>15%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•22% of females</li> <li>•6% of males</li> <li>•23% of TGQN</li> </ul>	<b>15%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•23% of females</li> <li>•5% of males</li> <li>•24% of TGQN</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During Academic Year 2014-15</li> </ul>	<b>9%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•13% of females</li> <li>•4% of males</li> <li>•TGQN – numbers too small for analysis</li> </ul>	<b>8%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•13% of females</li> <li>•3% of males</li> <li>•14% of TGQN</li> </ul>

TGQN: Individuals identifying as transgender, genderqueer, non-conforming, questioning, and as something not listed on the survey





# INCIDENCES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

## Differences by Key Segments



Notable difference in rates of victimization involving physical force or incapacitation by key student populations:

### Sexual Orientation

All non-heterosexual students: **22%**  
vs.  
All heterosexual students: **12%**

### Disability Status

All students with registered disability **21%**  
vs.  
All students without registered disability **13%**



# TRUST IN CAMPUS OFFICIALS



- The vast majority of students believe UA officials will take them seriously regarding reporting and take action regarding incidences of sexual assault/misconduct

<u>Likelihood</u> CAMPUS OFFICIALS will:	Extremely or Very	Somewhat	Total
• Take reporting seriously	62%	25%	87%
• Protect the safety of those reporting	56%	29%	85%
• Conduct a fair investigation	49%	35%	84%
• Take action against offender(s)	45%	37%	82%
• Take action to address factors that may have led to sexual assault/misconduct on campus	39%	36%	75%



# UNDERSTANDING OF UA RESOURCES



- UA students are very aware of UA services they can turn to for help
- Students are not as knowledgeable about how to help a student/friend who is assaulted or what happens when a report is made

UA Services	Percent Aware
• Campus Health	86%
• University of Arizona Police	74%
• Residence Life	53%
• Counseling and Psych Services	49%
• Dean of Students Office	48%
• Oasis Program	31%

Knowledgeable about:	Extremely, very, or somewhat	Not at all or a little
• University definition of sexual assault/misconduct	53%	47%
• Where to get help at UA if student/friend experiences sexual assault/misconduct	56%	45%
• Where to make a report at UA if student/friend experiences sexual assault/misconduct	52%	48%
• What happens when a student reports sexual assault/misconduct at UA	28%	73%

# BYSTANDER INTERVENTION



**22%**

Percent of students who witnessed someone acting in a sexually violent or harassing manner

**43% took action**

- 14% directly intervened
- 14% spoke to someone for help
- 14% took another action

**58% did nothing**

- 28% unsure what to do

**45%**

Percent of students who witnessed a drunk person heading for a sexual encounter

**23% took action**

- 8% directly intervened
- 7% spoke to someone for help
- 8% took another action

**77% did nothing**

- 29% unsure what to do

# BYSTANDER INTERVENTION



**19%**

Percent of students  
who suspected a friend  
was sexually assaulted

**71% took action**

- 60% spoke to someone for help

# INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND STALKING



## Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

- 14% of UA students have experienced IPV since enrolling at UA

## Stalking

- 6% of students indicated being stalking victims while attending UA
- Relationship of offender to victim:
  - 40% Friend or acquaintance
  - 32% Stranger
  - 24% Someone they had dated or were intimate with



# UA'S ONGOING INITIATIVES

## Current & Future



### Current Initiatives:

- Mandatory online Title IX training for all students
- Title IX resources memorandum emailed to all enrolled students in fall and spring semesters
- Title IX informational brochure distributed to all on-campus residents
- Title IX website: [www.titleix.arizona.edu](http://www.titleix.arizona.edu)
- Reorganization of Oasis Program against Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence under Women's Resource Center in an effort to promote prevention efforts and increase awareness
  - Almost 1800 students have been directly reached through Oasis education in just the first 5 weeks of class, including:
    - Resident Assistants
    - Athletes
    - Student organizations (i.e., fraternities and sororities, sport clubs)
    - And an increasing number of presentations in General Education classes
- 2 new full-time Title IX Investigators dedicated to the Dean of Students Office



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### Current Initiatives (continued):

- 1 full-time, licensed professional counselor dedicated to sexual assault and relationship violence in Counseling and Psych Services
- Title IX Workgroup to facilitate the knowledge, collaboration, and effectiveness of all staff working on sexual assault issues
- Prevention Programming Committee to ensure that all significant student populations are reached and to foster more engaging, creative programming for students
- Student-run events, programs, and workshops around sexual assault through Women's Resource Center internships for academic credit (nearly 5000 students reached in 2014-2015)

### Future Initiatives:

- Peer-to-peer sexual assault education is in development through an Arizona Department of Health Services grant, poised to reach all incoming Wildcats starting in Fall 2016
- New and reorganized university websites to make information and next steps more accessible for survivors





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### Future Initiatives (continued):

- Student government leadership through a campus-wide “I Will” Campaign, Feb 1-5, 2016
- Currently benchmarking other victim advocate programs to determine how UA might implement similar support systems

