



## St. Bonaventure University Biennial Campus Climate Survey 2022 Executive Summary

### Survey Administration

Consistent with New York State Education Law 129-B, during the 2022 fall semester St. Bonaventure University administered its fourth, confidential on-line sexual assault and misconduct climate survey to students. A survey link was sent to 1,984 full and part-time, graduate and undergraduate students. The survey allows St. Bonaventure University to gather information to help better understand attitudes about the campus climate regarding sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking, knowledge of college resources available to students, and perceptions and experiences related to sexual and relationship violence. Responses provide the University with critical insights to help protect and support members of the St. Bonaventure University community. Data is used to improve responses to sexual and relationship violence and develop prevention programs.

A total of 298 students responded to the 2022 survey, on par with the 2020 responses. A breakdown of those responding is below.

Residence	%
On Campus	83%
Off Campus	10%
Commuter/Other	7%

Year	%
First Year	53%
Sophomore	12%
Junior	18%
Senior	13%
Graduate	4%

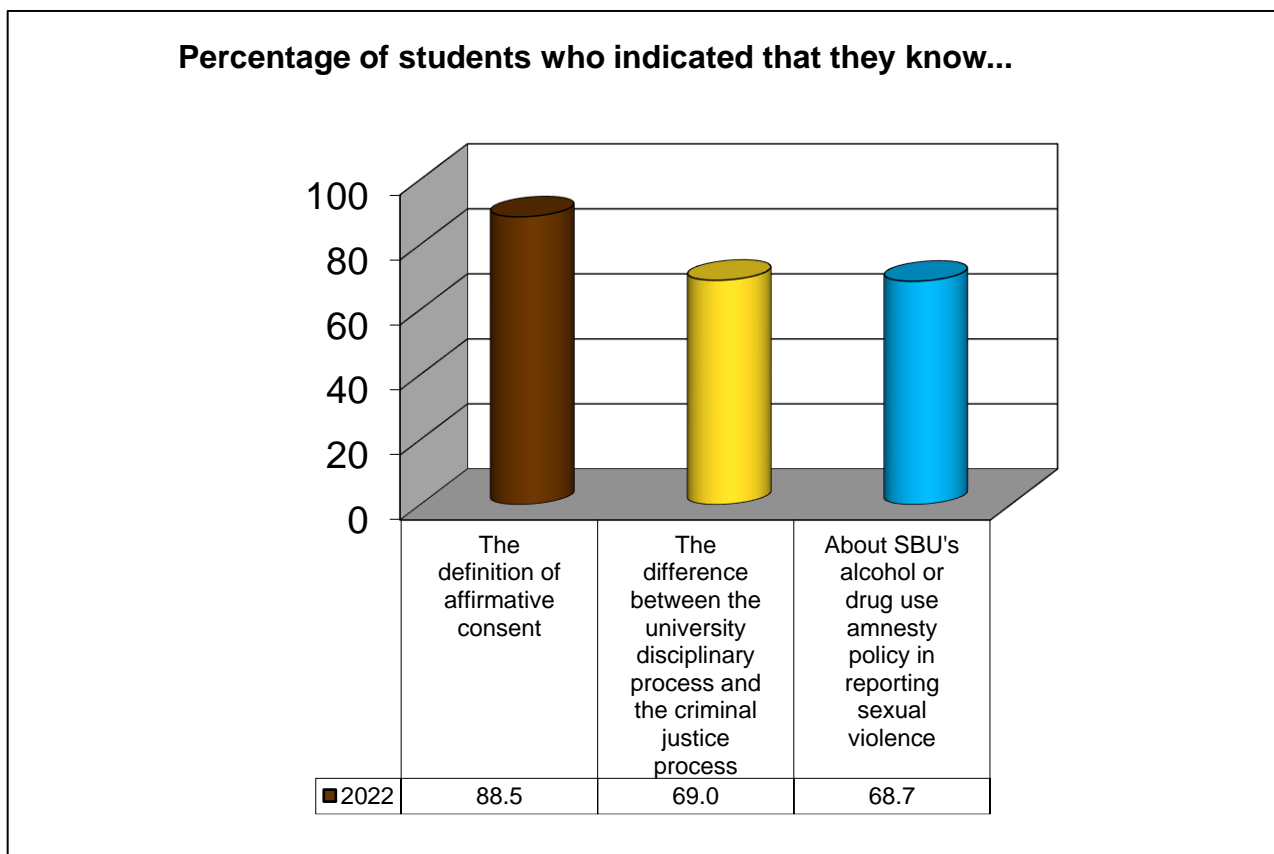
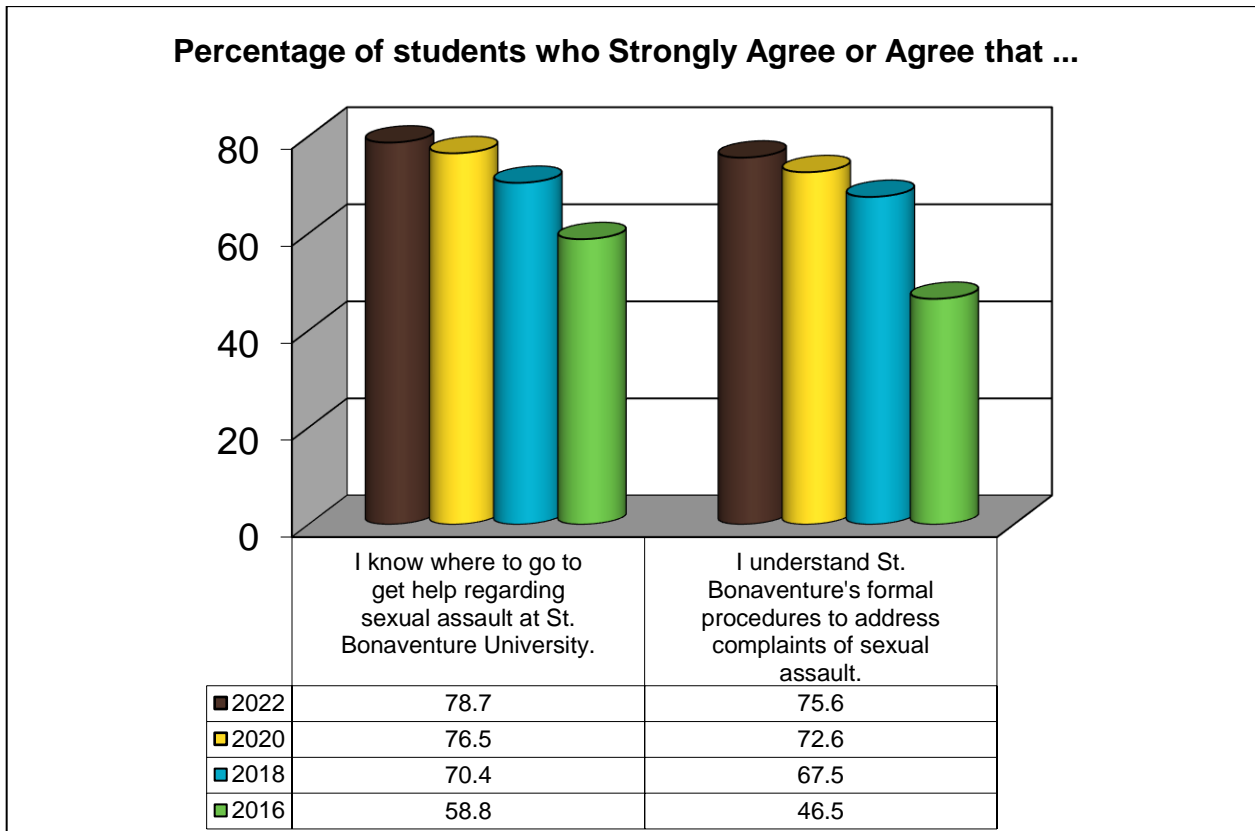
Gender Identity	%
Male	36%
Female	61%
Other	3%

Race/Ethnicity	%
Hispanic/Latinx	3.41%
Black or African American (non-Hispanic)	4.92%
White/Caucasian (non-Hispanic)	83.71%
Native American Indian or Alaskan	0.76%
Asian	2.65%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.38%
Other	4.17%

Sexual Orientation	%
Asexual	1.13%
Bisexual	11.65%
Gay	1.50%
Heterosexual/Straight	77.07%
Lesbian	0.75%
Pansexual	1.50%
Other	6.40%

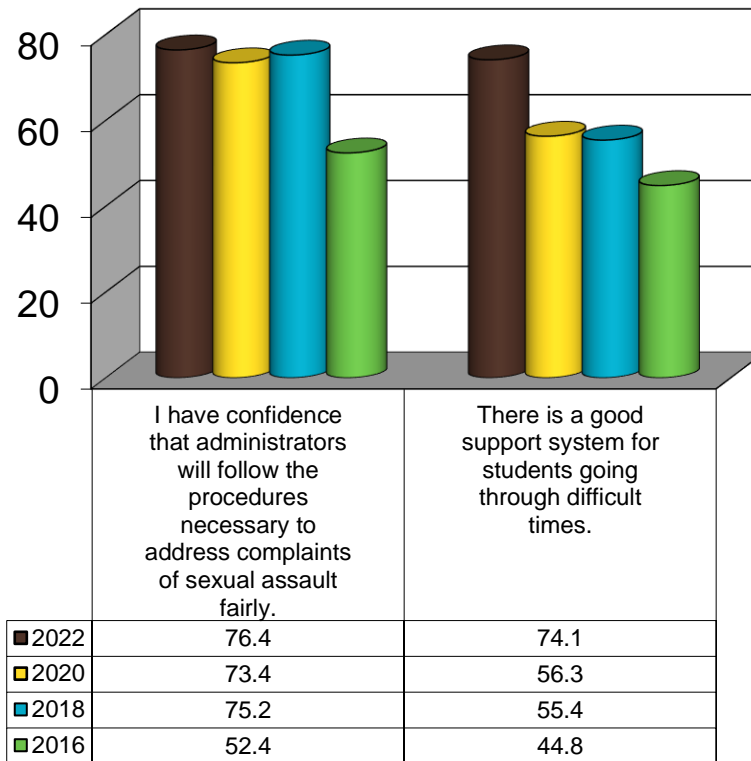
## Comparison Data (2016, 2018, 2020, 2022)

### Knowledge of Policies & Resources



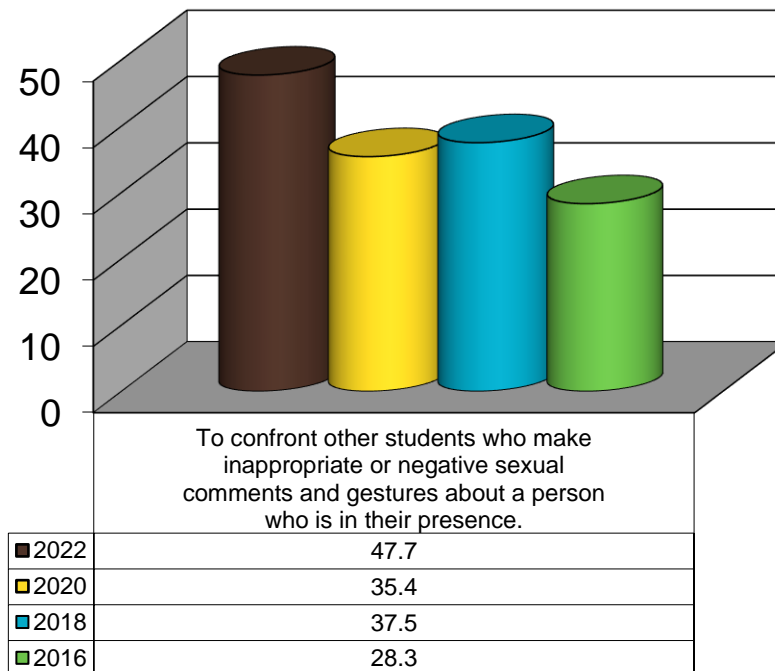
**Students' Perspectives**

**Percentage of students who Strongly Agree or Agree that ...**



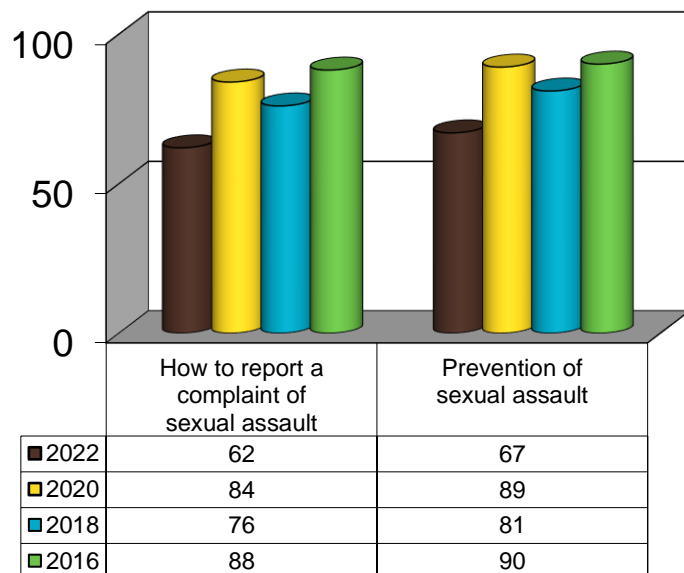
**Bystander Behaviors/Readiness to Help**

**Percentage of students who indicated they were very likely..**



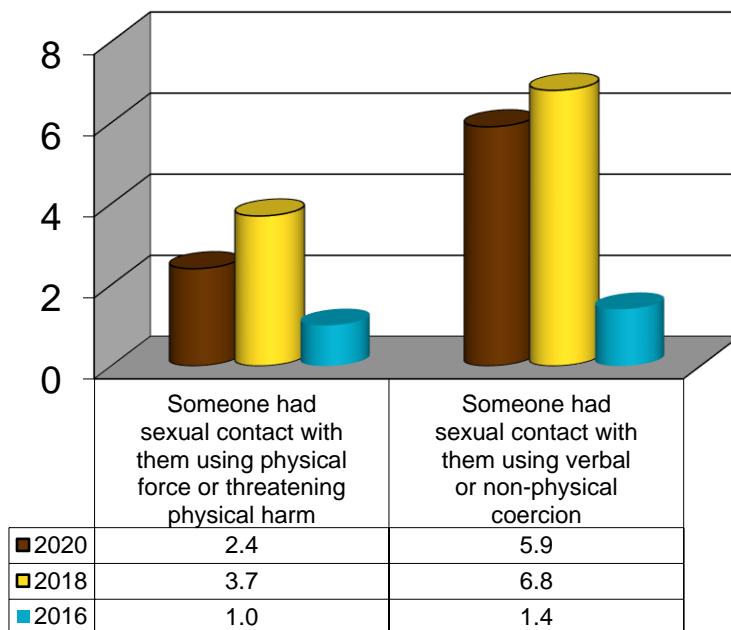
**Training/Education**

**Percentage of students who responded yes to receiving training on...**

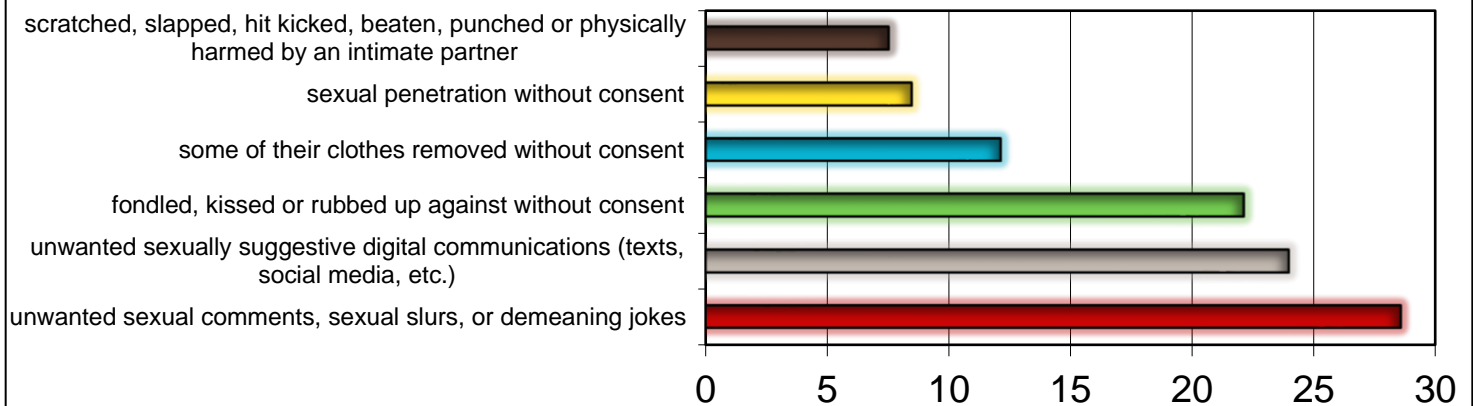


**Personal Experiences**

**Percentage of students who indicated that since becoming a student at SBU...**



## Percentage of students who indicated that during the last year, they experienced the following) ....



### Key Findings Summary

The 2022 survey results and longitudinal data were reviewed by the Title IX Committee, the Student Affairs Board of Trustees Committee and the St. Bonaventure University Coordinated Community Response Team for Sexual Assault/Misconduct. St. Bonaventure University has taken an active and focused approach towards increasing training and improving student knowledge of available university resources, and perceptions and experiences related to sexual and relationship violence. Suggestions about how St. Bonaventure University can reduce the incidence of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking and/or enhance the educational training and support the University offers, please contact the Interim Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Student Affairs, Kathryn O'Brien at 716.375.2011 ([kobrien@sbu.edu](mailto:kobrien@sbu.edu)).

We continue to see increases in positive responses with respect to student's knowledge of policies and resources available on campus. The focus of the Title IX Office continues to be ensuring all students are aware of their rights, options and resources under our Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy. From 2016 to 2022 a 17.9% positive increase is seen with respect to knowledge on where students can go to get help regarding sexual assault and a 29.1% increase in student's understanding of the university's formal process of addressing complaints of sexual assault.

Due to reduced in-person training during the pandemic, it was anticipated we would see a decrease in positive responses in the area of training and education (*down nearly 20% from 2020, when the survey was administered prior to the campus shutdown*). We attribute this decrease more to perception verse actual reduction in training, as all required training was completed virtually (*or hybrid*) during fall 2020 and 2021. In anticipation of this, the Coordinated Community Response Team added indication check questions to the 2022 survey to assess students understanding of key policy elements. 88.5% of respondents reported they know the definition of affirmative consent. The 2022 results indicate further education is needed focusing on our alcohol and drug use amnesty policy in reporting sexual violence. A plan for additional in-person educational sessions will be developed and implemented beginning in spring 2023.

In 2018 the University was awarded the Department of Justice Campus Sexual Assault Prevention Grant and we are currently in a second round of a 3-year funding cycle to address sexual violence on campus. A core component of the grant's strategic plan includes increasing victim-services on-campus through peer education and advocacy. The impact of our student peer education group (*Empower*) and our on campus confidential advocate continue to strengthen. Between 2020 and 2022 there was a 17.8% positive response increase to the question "*There is a good support system for students going through difficult times*". Our student response rates for the 2020 and 2022 survey cycle were lower than desired. An off-cycle survey will be administered in 2023, utilizing Empower to assist in an increased response rate. The 2023 response rate will be assessed and strategies developed for increasing the rate for 2024.

In 2022, personal experience questions were broadened to allow us to better understand our campus climate. Questions cover experiences covering sexual assault, dating/domestic violence and stalking. These questions will carry forward to future surveys.

## **Ongoing Initiatives to Address Sexual Assault and Misconduct**

St. Bonaventure University remains committed to addressing prevention, education and responses to sexual assault/misconduct on campus. Our efforts remain focused on increasing training and improving student knowledge of available university resources, and perceptions and experiences related to sexual and relationship violence.

### ***Training and Prevention Programming***

In an effort to reduce the risk of gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct occurring on campus and among community members, St. Bonaventure University utilizes a range of campaigns, strategies and initiatives to provide awareness, education, risk reduction and prevention programming.

Educational programs are offered to raise awareness for incoming students and employees, and are often conducted during new student and new employee orientation and during an incoming student's first semester. These programs and others offered throughout the year include strong messages regarding not just awareness, but also primary prevention (including normative messaging, environmental management and bystander intervention), and discuss institutional policies on gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct as well as the federal and New York State definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and consent in reference to sexual activity. Bystander engagement is encouraged through safe and positive intervention techniques and by empowering third-party intervention and prevention such as calling for help, using intervention-based apps, identifying allies and/or creating distractions.

Programs also offer information on risk reduction that strives to empower victims, how to recognize warning signals and how to avoid potential attacks, and do so without victim-blaming approaches. Throughout the year, ongoing awareness and prevention campaigns are directed to students and employees, including faculty, often taking the form of campaigns, guest speakers, events, and programs sponsored by student clubs and organizations.