

St. Bonaventure University Title IX Campus Climate Survey

2018 Executive Summary

Survey Administration

During the 2018 spring semester, St. Bonaventure University administered its second, confidential on-line sexual assault and misconduct climate survey to students. A survey link was sent to 1,817 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.

A total of 529 students responded to the 2018 survey. Of those students who completed the survey, 65% identified as female; 100% were ages 18 to 24; 76% lived on campus; 94% were full-time students; 79% were White, 6% were Black/African-American and 6% were Hispanic/Latino.

Comparison Data (2016 to 2018)

Knowledge of Policies & Resources

I know where to go to get help regarding sexual assault at St. Bonaventure University.

2018: 70.4% Strongly Agree/Agree

2016: 58.8% Strongly Agree/Agree

I understand St. Bonaventure's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault.

2018: 67.6% Strongly Agree/Agree

2016: 46.5% Strongly Agree/Agree

Students' Perspectives

I have confidence that my schools administrators will follow the procedures necessary to address complaints of sexual assault fairly.

2018: 75.2% Strongly Agree/Agree

2016: 52.4% Strongly Agree/Agree

Bystander Behaviors

How confident are you that you would ask a stranger if they needed to be walked home.

2018: 33.7% Completely Confident

2016: 26.9% Completely Confident

How likely are you to confront other students who make inappropriate or negative sexual comments and gestures about a person who is in their presence.

2018: 37.5% Very Likely

2016: 28.3% Very Likely

Training/Education

While a student at this school, I received training in the following areas related to sexual assault:

How to report a complaint of sexual assault

2018: 76% Yes

2016: 88% Yes

Prevention of sexual assault

2018: 81% Yes

2016: 90% Yes

Prevalence of Sexual Assault and Misconduct

Since becoming a student at this school, has anyone had sexual contact with you using physical force or threatening to physically harm you.

2018: 3.7%

2016: 1%

Since becoming a student at this school, has anyone had sexual contact with you using verbal or non-physical coercion.

2018: 6.8%

2016: 1.4%

Key Findings Summary and Ongoing Initiatives

Significant increases in positive responses are evident in student perspectives with respect to knowledge of policies and the University's response to complaints, with those areas showing a positive increase ranging from 13%-23% from 2016 to 2018. Although student understanding of the University's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault increased from 46.5% positive response in 2016 to 67.6% in 2018, this is an area identified for further enhanced training and education. There were smaller increases in the percentage of students responding they would engage in bystander behaviors. We will continue to strengthen bystander engagement on campus through training designed to encourage 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. During the 2018-2019 academic year, the Title IX Committee will explore implementing Green Dot Bystander Training across the campus.

Students reported a 10% average decrease in receiving training in reporting a complaint and the prevention of sexual assault. During the 2018-2019 academic year, St. Bonaventure will focus on strengthening our strategies and initiatives to provide additional awareness, educational, risk reduction and prevention programming across campus. This will include moving back to and increasing in-person training sessions versus the on-line training methods utilized during the past two academic years.

Unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault continue to be a serious issue on campus. 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 college resources, and perceptions and experiences related to sexual and relationship violence. During the 2018-2019 academic year the Title IX Committee will coordinate student focus groups to better understand student perceptions regarding sexual assault/misconduct and the University's response to complaints.