The University of Sydney

876 students participated in the survey

PREVALENCE IN A UNIVERSITY CONTEXT

Sexual harassment
18.5% since starting university
9.5% in the past 12 months

Sexual assault
6.7% since starting university
1.5%* in the past 12 months

Experiences of sexual harassment in the past 12 months:
- Female: 12.5%
- Male: 4.9%
- Differently-described gender**

Experiences of sexual assault in the past 12 months:
- Female: 2.0%*
- Male**: 5%
- Differently-described gender**

Relative standard errors (RSE) were calculated for survey estimates. If the RSE was between 25% and 50% an * appears next to the estimate that indicates caution should be used with the associated estimate. If the RSE was above 50% an ** appears meaning the estimate is unreliable and not reportable. Differently described gender includes students whose gender identity was not classified as female or male. Gender identity was derived using the ‘two-step method’ of cross-classifying responses to sex assigned at birth and current gender. Context of most impactful incident. Students who had been sexually harassed in a university context were asked questions about the context of the most impactful (or significant) incident they had experienced. This incident was self-identified by the student.

CONTEXT OF MOST IMPACTFUL INCIDENT

Location
- General campus areas 41.3%
- University lecture theatres, computer labs 17.9%
- Clubs and societies, events and spaces 15.6%

Perpetrator
- knew some or all of the perpetrators involved 51.7%

REPORTING AND SUPPORT SEEKING

Formal complaints made to the university
- ** of students who were sexually harassed made a formal complaint

Seeking support from the university
- 17.0% of students who were sexually harassed sought support or assistance

Knowledge of university support and reporting channels
- 55.1% know nothing or very little about where to go to make a complaint about sexual harassment
- 56.9% know nothing or very little about where to go to make a complaint about sexual assault
- 47.6% know nothing or very little about where to seek support or assistance for harassment
- 47.3% know nothing or very little about where to seek support or assistance for assault

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 Asked of students who experienced sexual harassment in an Australian university context.

 Asked of all students.