Macquarie University



NATIONAL STUDENT SAFETY SURVEY

PREVALENCE IN A UNIVERSITY CONTEXT

Sexual harassment

since starting university

18.6%

9.9%

in the past 12 months

Experiences of sexual harassment in the past 12 months:

Female

14.7%

Male

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4.2%*

Differently-described gender

15.2%^{*}

Sexual assault

5.0% since starting university

1.4%*

in the past 12 months

Experiences of sexual assault in the past 12 months:

Female

1.4%

Male

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1.3%*

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

Sexual harassment

Location

General campus areas

46.9%

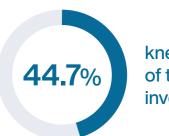
Hospitality or retail areas on campus

18.0%

University lecture theatres, computer labs

15.9%

Perpetrator



knew some or all of the perpetrators involved

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

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



of students who were sexually harassed sought support or assistance

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

Knowledge of university support and reporting channels



know nothing or very little about where to go to make a complaint about sexual harassment



know nothing or very little about where to go to make a complaint about sexual assault



know nothing or very little about where to seek support or assistance for harassment 38.7%

know nothing or very little about where to seek support or assistance for assault

Asked of all students