HEDS Campus Climate Sexual Assault Survey

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About the Survey (Administered on Feb 16-Mar 13, 2015)

National survey
  ◦ Developed by the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS)
  ◦ 57 institutions participated this year

Average response rate
  ◦ 27% overall as of 4/24/2015 (Oxy response rate is 31%)

Anonymity of responses
  ◦ HEDS withheld student responses on the following from Oxy’s raw data:
    citizenship, race, student residence, sexual orientation, whether incident was formally reported or not

Limitations
  ◦ Response rates may not be random, so results may not be generalizable to the whole Oxy student body.
  ◦ Unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault refer to incidents at Oxy and/or Oxy-related events.
# Response Rates and Respondent Characteristics

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<th>Gender</th>
<th>Target population</th>
<th>Responses</th>
<th>Response rates</th>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>1145</td>
<td>416</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>895</td>
<td>211</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>2040</td>
<td>627</td>
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<td>Marked White</td>
<td>993</td>
<td>372</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not marked White</td>
<td>1047</td>
<td>246</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>2040</td>
<td>618</td>
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Total responses is 634. Several students did not indicate gender or race.
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  ◦ Views on SA educational materials
Preliminary Findings: A summary

- 8% reported they were sexually assaulted (51 out of the 634 respondents), 23 reported ‘unsure’.

- Demographic breakdowns:
  - female respondents – 10% reported they were SA'd, male respondents – 4%
  - white females – 11% reported they were SA’d, non-white females – 8%
  - white males – 5% reported they were SA’d, non-white males – 1%
Preliminary Findings: A summary

- **Type:** touching (80% of reported sexual assaults), vaginal intercourse (43%), oral intercourse (33%)
- **Where:** 49% of SA’s occurred in Oxy residential buildings, 18% in Oxy non-residential, 31% off-campus
- **When:** 60% of SA incidents occurred during the first year.
- **Who:** 87% reported their assailants to be another Oxy student, 78% of the victims said it was someone they knew.
- **SA’s are mostly alcohol related** (80% of victims reported assailants drinking alcohol, 75% of victims reported their own drinking of alcohol) rather than physical force (33%) or drugs (33%).
Preliminary Findings

- Unwanted Sexual Contact
- Sexual Assault
  - Attempts
  - Actual assaults
- Context and Disclosure
“Since starting at Oxy, how often have you experienced the following while on campus or off-campus during Oxy-sponsored events or programs?”

- **Unwanted Sexual Contact**
  - Very often: 8%
  - Often: 35%
  - Sometimes: 74%
  - Rarely: 30%
  - Never: 48%

% out of 611 responses

Unwanted Sexual Contact
“Who was responsible for this behavior?”

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<th>Category</th>
<th>% of reported unwanted sexual contact</th>
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<td>Oxy students</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Non-Oxy students</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>Oxy facstaff/admin</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Non-Oxy facstaff/admin</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Employer</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>3%</td>
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Unwanted Sexual Contact
“Since starting at Oxy, has anyone attempted, but not succeeded in, sexually assaulting you while you were on campus or off-campus during an Oxy-sponsored event?”*

- Yes
- I suspect that someone attempted to sexually assault me, but I am not certain.
- No

Attempted Sexual Assault, “yes” n=55
“Since starting at Oxy, have you been sexually assaulted while on campus or off-campus during an event or program sponsored by Oxy?”

- Yes: n=51, 8% of responses
- I suspect that I was sexually assaulted, but I am not certain: n=23, 4% of responses
- No: n=556

Actual Sexual Assault, “yes” n=51
“Since starting at Oxy, have you been sexually assaulted while on campus or off-campus during an event or program sponsored by Oxy?”

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<th>I suspect that I was sexually assaulted, but I am not certain.</th>
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<td>White Women</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>89%</td>
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<td>Women of Color</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>92%</td>
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<td>White Men</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>95%</td>
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<td>Men of Color</td>
<td>1%</td>
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Actual Sexual Assault, “yes” n=51
“When you were sexually assaulted, which of the following happened” (check all that apply)

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<td>Touching</td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td>Vaginal intercourse</td>
<td>43%</td>
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<td>Oral intercourse</td>
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<td>Anal intercourse</td>
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<td>Anal or vaginal intercourse (other)</td>
<td>4%</td>
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“Did this incident of sexual assault involve…”
(indicated all that applied)

- Alcohol (assailant): 80%
- Alcohol (victim): 75%
- Threatened or coerced: 37%
- Physical force: 33%
- Drugs (assailant): 33%
- Drugs (victim): 18%
- Drugs (victim, involuntary): 2%

Actual Sexual Assault, “yes” n=51
"When in your academic career did the sexual assault occur?"

- In my first year: 60%
- In my second year: 26%
- In my third year: 6%
- In my fourth year: 8%

Actual Sexual Assault, “yes” n=51
Where the 51 reported sexual assaults happened

- On campus, residential: 50%
- On campus, non-residential: 18%
- Off campus: 32%

Actual Sexual Assault, “yes” n=51
"Were the assailant(s) who sexually assaulted you affiliated with Oxy or another institution?"

- Oxy students: 87%
- Non-Oxy students: 4%
- Oxy facstaffadmin: 2%
- Non-Oxy factaffadmin: 2%
- Other: 5%

Actual Sexual Assault, “yes” n=51
Victim's relationship with assailant(s)

Note: 78% (from 100% less 22% strangers) of victims knew the assailants (they checked all that applied).
Views and Perceptions on the Sexual Assault Climate at Oxy
Views on sexual assault at Oxy and off-campus Oxy-related events

- Number of SA at Oxy is low: 70% Strongly Disagree, 20% Disagree, 10% Neither Agree nor Disagree, 0% Agree, 0% Strongly Agree
- Do not believe that we are at risk of being sexually assaulted at Oxy: 50% Strongly Disagree, 30% Disagree, 20% Neither Agree nor Disagree, 0% Agree, 0% Strongly Agree
- Oxy students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault: 90% Strongly Disagree, 10% Disagree, 0% Neither Agree nor Disagree, 0% Agree, 0% Strongly Agree
If someone were to report a sexual assault to an Oxy official, they would...

- take the report seriously
- support and protect the reporter
- conduct a careful investigation
- take action against the offender(s)
Campus officials do a good job protecting students from harm.

Good support system at Oxy for students going thru difficult times.

"I feel safe on this campus"