

BPU Campus Sexual Assault Climate Survey
April - June 2025
10 respondents total

Administration

The survey was distributed to students via email on April 29, 2025, and a reminder was sent via email on May 22, 2025. The survey was closed on June 30, 2025. 10 students responded to the survey. Data analysis is limited by the very low response rate.

Summary

Reported Incidents:

- 2 respondents reported sexual violence, dating/partner violence, and gender-based violence
- 4 reported stalking and sexual harassment by students, mostly on campus
- No formal reports were filed by any respondents

Institutional Response Perceptions:

- 67-78% believe the institution would take reports seriously, protect privacy, ensure safety, provide support, and address underlying factors
- Only 56% believed reports would be handled fairly
- 22% feared being labeled troublemakers; 11% worried about punishment or lack of support

Resource Awareness:

- About 50% know where to find on-campus help or make reports
- 67% aware of off-campus options
- 89% understand how to initiate formal complaints
- 100% recognize Title IX office; 88% familiar with counseling services; 75% aware of health services
- Lower awareness of Student Life and Accessibility Services (both 38%)

Important Limitation: With only 10 respondents out of 2,632 students (0.4%), these results cannot be considered representative of the campus community.

All results

Sexual Violence

- Two out of ten (20%) respondents reported having experienced incidents of sexual violence since enrolling as a student at Bay Path University.
 - One student reported that an incident occurred on campus.

Dating/Partner Violence

- Two out of ten (20%) respondents reported having experienced incidents of dating/partner violence since enrolling at Bay Path University.

Gender-based violence

- Two out of ten (20%) respondents reported having experienced incidents of non-sexual gender-based violence since enrolling at Bay Path University.
 - One student reported that an incident occurred on campus.

Stalking

- Four out of ten (40%) respondents reported having experienced incidents of stalking since enrolling at Bay Path University.
 - Three students reported that incidents occurred on campus.

Sexual Harassment by faculty/staff

- One out of ten (10%) respondents reported having experienced incidents of sexual harassment by a faculty member, instructor, or staff member.
 - The student reported that an incident occurred on campus.

Sexual Harassment by students

- Four out of ten (40%) respondents reported having experienced incidents of sexual harassment by a student or students.
 - All four respondents reported that incidents occurred on campus.

Reporting of Sexual Misconduct

- None (0%) of the respondents reported the incidents of sexual misconduct they experienced to BPU.
 - Two out of the ten (20%) respondents disclosed the incident to family, friends, or counselors prior to completing the survey.
 - Neither of the two (0%) respondents disclosed the incident to any BPU office, including Campus Public Safety or the Title IX office.
- Reasons respondents decided not to contact any of the BPU programs or services:
 - 2 responded that they did not know where to go or who to tell
 - 1 felt embarrassed, ashamed, or that it would be too emotionally difficult
 - 2 did not think anyone would believe me
 - 2 did not think it was serious enough to contact any of these programs or services
 - 1 did not want the person to get into trouble
 - 1 feared negative academic, social, or professional consequences
 - 1 feared retaliation

Perceptions of Institutional Response

- Two-thirds of respondents (67%) reported believing that the institution would take the report seriously and maintain the privacy of the person making the report.

- Over three-quarters of respondents (78%) reported believing that the institution would protect the safety of the reporter, support them, and honor their request about how to go forward.
- Over three-quarters (78%) also reported believing that the institution would take action to address factors that may have led to the sexual misconduct.
- Over half (56%) of respondents believed that the institution would handle the report fairly.
- 22% of respondents reported that they believed the institution would label the reporter a “troublemaker, and only 11% of respondents believed that the institution would punish and have a hard time supporting the reporter.

Knowledge of Sexual Misconduct Resources

- About half of respondents (50-56%) reported knowing where to get information or help on-campus, where to go to make a report of sexual misconduct, or how to make a confidential report.
- Two-thirds (67%) of respondents reported knowing where to go to get information, support, and report sexual misconduct off-campus.
- 89% of respondents understood that they could initiate a formal complaint process at BPU.
- The following percentages of respondents were somewhat or very aware of these BPU offices and their role in sexual misconduct response:
 - 100%: Title IX office
 - 88%: Counseling services
 - 75% Health Services
 - 50% Advising/Student Success Center
 - 38% Office of Student Life
 - 38% Accessibility services

Bystander Intervention

- 29% of respondents had intervened as a bystander in situations of sexual misconduct while enrolled at BPU.
 - 29% of respondents had spoken up against sexist jokes or intervened with a friend who was being verbally abusive to another person.
 - 14% of respondents walked a drunk or high friend home or talked to the friends of a drunk or high person so that they wouldn’t be left alone.
 - 14% of respondents asked someone who looked upset at a party if they were ok or intervened with a friend who was being physically abusive to another person.

Next Steps

Guided by the 2025 survey results for both Bay Path University and Cambridge College, the institution will continue strengthening sexual misconduct prevention, education, and response efforts. While response rates were very low—10 respondents at Bay Path and 15 at Cambridge—the feedback provided highlights several priorities for improvement.

Training & Awareness

The University will continue to administer trainings for students, faculty, and staff to increase understanding of misconduct prevention, reporting options, supportive measures, and available resources. Particular emphasis will be placed on increasing awareness of lesser-known offices and services.

Clarity of Reporting Pathways

Survey responses revealed ongoing concerns about being believed, labeled, or supported. The institution will enhance communication about what happens after a report, protections against retaliation, and the availability of confidential and non-confidential resources.

Resource Visibility

To support both BPU and CC students, the University will expand the visibility of Title IX, counseling, health services, Student Life, Accessibility Services, and other key supports across websites, orientations, advising, and co-curricular programs.

Bystander Engagement

Though numbers were small, respondents indicated some positive intervention behaviors. The University will continue promoting bystander intervention training to strengthen a community culture of shared responsibility.

Improving Future Participation

Given the limited data, Bay Path and Cambridge College will explore new strategies to increase participation in future climate surveys, including enhanced outreach and coordinated communications.

The next iteration of the Sexual Misconduct Campus Climate Survey will occur **before August 2029**, in accordance with Massachusetts law.

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