

CC Campus Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey

April - June 2025

15 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. 15 students responded to the survey. Data analysis is limited by the very low response rate.

Summary

The results from Cambridge College show no reported incidents of sexual violence, dating/partner violence, stalking, or sexual harassment, but this absence of reported incidents may not be representative given the statistically insignificant sample size of only 15 respondents from a population of 1,926 students (0.8% response rate).

While 80% of these few respondents expressed confidence in the institution's handling of misconduct reports, the contradictory finding that over half believe reporters would be labeled troublemakers suggests potential reporting barriers. Similarly, while the bystander intervention data indicates some positive intervention behaviors among respondents, the extremely small numbers (1-2 individuals per category) make it impossible to assess the true prevalence of bystander intervention across the institution.

All results

Sexual Violence

- No incidents of sexual violence were reported on the survey.

Dating/Partner Violence

- No incidents of dating or partner violence were reported on the survey.

Stalking

- No incidents of stalking were reported on the survey.

Sexual Harassment by faculty/staff

- No incidents of sexual harassment by faculty or staff were reported on the survey.

Sexual Harassment by students

- No incidents of sexual harassment by students were reported on the survey.

Perceptions of Institutional Response

- 80% of respondents agreed that the institution would handle the report seriously and fairly, provide resources and protection to the person bringing the report, and take action to address factors that may have led to the sexual misconduct.

- However, over half of respondents also felt that the institution would label the reporter a troublemaker and have a hard time supporting them.

Knowledge of Sexual Misconduct Resources

- About three-quarters of respondents were somewhat or very aware of the sexual misconduct resources available to students, including information, support, and help through university resources or off campus.
- About three-quarters of respondents were somewhat or very aware of the options a student has for reporting sexual misconduct, where to go to report, the formal complaint process, and the possibility of confidential discussion.

Bystander Intervention

- One third of respondents had intervened as a bystander in situations of sexual misconduct while enrolled at Cambridge College.
 - Two out of fifteen respondents had spoken up against sexist jokes, talked to the friends of a drunk or high person to make sure they wouldn't be left alone, or intervened with a friend who was being verbally abusive to another person.
 - Two out of fourteen 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.
 - One out of fifteen respondents tried to distract someone who was trying to take a drunk or high person to another room or trying to get them to do something sexual.

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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