

Sexual Assault Survey Results Summary

Siena College conducted a biennial Campus Climate Assessment from January 22 through February 12, 2018. The survey was administered to all students and included a Sexual Assault Assessment which was a customized section used to capture anonymous data about personal experiences related to sexual violence. The Sexual Assault Assessment was comprised of questions related to sexual harassment; coerced sexual contact; and unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault. The purpose of this document is to summarize the results of the Sexual Assault Assessment questions from the Campus Climate Assessment.

Sexual Harassment

A student is considered to have experienced sexual harassment since entering Siena College if he/she can answer yes to someone...

- Making unwelcome sexual advances, gestures, comments, or jokes;
- Showing/sending him/her unwanted sexual pictures, photos, or videos;
- Showing/sending others sexual photos/videos or spreading sexual rumors about the person that he/she did not want shared;
- Watching or taking photos/videos of the person when he/she was nude or having sex without the person's consent; or
- Flashing him/her or exposing themselves without consent.

The sexual harassment survey question was completed by 1,024 students. Out of these 1,024 students, 759 (74%) indicated that they have not experienced any of the sexual harassment scenarios described above and 265 (26%) indicated that they have experienced one or more of the sexual harassment scenarios since entering Siena College. Out of the 265 students who experienced one or more of the sexual harassment scenarios, the majority (177, 67%) experienced one scenario, 64 (24%) experienced two of the scenarios, and 24 (9%) experienced three or more scenarios.

The data shown below depicts the number and percentage of the 1,024 students who indicated that they had experienced each individual scenario since entering Siena College. A person who experienced more than one scenario is included in the count for each scenario he/she experienced. Of the students who completed this question on the survey...

- 221 (22%) experienced unwelcome sexual advances, gestures, comments, or jokes;
- 60 (6%) had sexual rumors spread about them or sexual videos/photos sent/shown;
- 59 (6%) saw or received unwanted sexual pictures, photos, or videos;
- 35 (3%) were flashed or had someone expose themselves without consent; and
- 8 (<1%) were watched or had photos/videos taken while nude or having sex without their consent.

Coerced Sexual Contact

A student is considered to have experienced coerced sexual contact since entering Siena College if the person they had contact with threatened to tell lies, end the relationship, spread rumors, made untrue promises, or continued to apply verbal pressure after being told no. The coerced sexual contact question was completed by 1,026 students. Out of these 1,026 students, 973 (95%) did not experience coerced sexual contact and 53 (5%) experienced coerced sexual contact since entering Siena College.

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Unwanted Sexual Contact and Sexual Assault

A student is considered to have experienced unwanted sexual contact if he/she did not consent to the contact or did not want it to happen. In the Sexual Assault Assessment, the definition of sexual contact included the touching of sexual body parts; oral or anal sex; sexual intercourse; and penetration of the vagina and/or anus with a finger or object.

The unwanted sexual contact/sexual assault question was completed by 1,029 students with 123 (12%) indicating that they had experienced at least one of the scenarios described above. A majority (90, 73%) of these individuals experienced a single type of unwanted sexual contact and 32* (26%) experienced two or more types of unwanted sexual contact. Of the 90 students who experienced a single type, 80 (89%) indicated that they experienced forced touching of a sexual nature since entering Siena College. Of the 32 students who experienced multiple types of unwanted sexual contact, almost all (29, 91%) were subjected to forced touching of a sexual nature in combination with oral sex, sexual intercourse, and/or sexual penetration with a finger or object.

Of the 123 students, 55 (45%) experienced one incident, 39 (32%) two separate incidents, and 29 (23%) experienced three or more separate incidents of unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault since entering Siena College. The majority of the students (111, 90%) indicated that at least one incident occurred on the Siena campus. Many (68, 55%) reported that one or more incidents occurred early in the fall (September/October), and 38 (31%) reported that at least one incident occurred in early spring (March/April). The fewest incidents occurred during June, July, and August with 5 (4%) of the 123 students experiencing unwanted sexual contact or assault during one of these summer months.

A majority of the students who experienced unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault indicated that the person who had the unwanted sexual contact with them was another student (104, 85%); with 45 (43%) of these 104 individuals indicating that the student was someone they did not know well or a stranger. In addition, a majority of students indicated that the person was male (111, 90%) and drinking alcohol or using drugs (80, 65%). Finally, 75 (61%) students indicated that they had been drinking alcohol or using drugs in the hours prior to the incident, and 57 (46%) indicated that both the student responding to the question and the person who had the unwanted sexual contact with them were drinking alcohol or using drugs.

While many (99, 80%) of the students indicated that they told a roommate, friend, or family member about the incident, the majority (103, 84%) did not inform any Siena College employee/organization or the police about the incident(s). Of the 20 students who did inform someone at Siena, 10 (50%) informed administrators, faculty, or other officials or staff at Siena along with someone at the Siena Counseling Center, Health Services, or Public Safety. Half of the 20 students who informed someone at Siena found the Siena Counseling Center and/or Siena Health Services to be helpful. Most of those students who did not inform any Siena College employee /organization or the police (76 of 103, 74%) failed to do so because they did not think the matter was serious enough. Fifteen (12%) of the 123 students who experienced unwanted sexual contact or assault indicated that they thought about taking time off from school, transferring to another school, or dropping out of school as a result of the incident(s).

*One person who indicated that he/she had experience unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault did not respond to this question.

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Awareness of Terms, Sexual Assault Policy, Bystander Behavior

The last section of the Sexual Assault Assessment gauges the students' awareness of terms, sexual assault policy, and bystander behavior. Of the 1,025 students who completed these questions, 993 (97%) know what it means to be an active bystander and 166 (16%) have witnessed an incident of sexual misconduct, discrimination, and/or harassment where the student felt he/she should have intervened. Out of these 166 students, 143 (86%) intervened. Those who did not intervene most often indicated that others were already handling the situation; they did not wish to get in trouble/involved; or they did not feel safe.

973 (95%) of 1,022 students are familiar with the college's definition of affirmative consent, and 935 (91%) of 1,024 students understand the difference between reporting an incident to the College versus the police.