

YU Campus Climate Survey Report

Fall 2023

The Campus Climate Survey is designed by Yeshiva University Campus Climate Survey Committee to ascertain general awareness and knowledge of the University's prevention and response to sexual assault. In Fall 2023, all YU undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students were invited to take the survey. The survey is anonymous and confidential. Of the total of 5,921 YU students, 422 students responded to the survey, resulting in a response rate of 7.1%. Following are the results of the survey.

1. How old are you?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Under 18	1	0.2%
18	11	2.6%
19	44	10.4%
20	59	14.0%
21	64	15.2%
22	36	8.5%
23	35	8.3%
24	30	7.1%
25+	142	33.6%
Total	422	100%

2. What is your current student status?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Freshman undergraduate student	17	4.1%
Sophomore undergraduate student	76	18.1%
Junior undergraduate student	61	14.6%
Senior undergraduate student	54	12.9%
Associate of Science student	2	0.5%
Graduate or professional school student	209	49.9%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	419	100%

3. What school are you enrolled in?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration	6	1.4%
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law	45	10.7%
Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies	6	1.4%
Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology	37	8.8%
Katz School of Science and Health - Associate programs	5	1.2%
Katz School of Science and Health - Graduate programs	55	13.0%
Stern College for Women	80	19.0%
Sy Syms School of Business	56	13.3%
Wurzweiler School of Social Work	55	13.0%
Yeshiva College	74	17.5%
YU Global	0	0.0%
Fish Holocaust Studies	3	0.7%
Total	422	100%

4. Select one or more of the following options that best describes your ethnicity/race:		
	Count	% of survey participants
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	0.7%
Asian	49	11.6%
Black or African American	22	5.2%
Hispanic or Latino	14	3.3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
White	308	73.0%
Other	44	10.4%

5. What is your current gender identity?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Female	230	54.5%
Male	170	40.3%
Transgender	4	1.0%
Non-binary/third gender	4	1.0%
Prefer to self-describe:	3	0.7%
Prefer not to say	11	2.6%
Total	422	100%

6. What is your sexual orientation?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Heterosexual	343	81.7%
Gay or Lesbian	11	2.6%
Bisexual	19	4.5%
Prefer to self-describe:	13	3.1%
Prefer not to say	34	8.1%
Total	420	100%

7. Which best describes your current living arrangement in this academic year?		
	# of responses	% of responses
University Housing	163	38.6%
Off-campus apartment	157	37.2%
At home with family	92	21.8%
Other	10	2.4%
Total	422	100%

8. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, and answer as best as you can:

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. I feel valued as an individual at YU	421	38%	47%	12%	3%
b. I feel close to the faculty and staff at YU	421	30%	48%	19%	3%
c. I feel close to my fellow students at YU	420	41%	46%	10%	2%
d. I feel safe when I am on YU's campus	418	46%	45%	7%	2%
e. I believe there is a clear sense of appropriate and inappropriate behavior among students at YU	418	40%	48%	9%	3%
f. I believe alcohol use is a big problem at YU	414	6%	7%	47%	40%
g. I believe YU is trying hard to protect the rights of all students	420	35%	45%	12%	8%
h. I believe YU is trying hard to make sure that all students are treated equally and fairly.	419	33%	45%	13%	9%
i. I believe YU is trying hard to make sure that all students are safe.	419	49%	43%	4%	4%
j. I believe that students at YU generally respect one another	419	39%	50%	8%	3%

9. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, and answer as best as you can:

9a) Overall, the campus security personnel at YU:

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	416	47%	46%	5%	2%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	416	48%	46%	4%	2%
c. Treat students fairly	414	51%	45%	3%	1%

9b) Overall, the faculty at YU:

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	419	41%	51%	6%	2%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	417	43%	52%	5%	1%
c. Treat students fairly	417	40%	54%	5%	1%

9c) Overall, the President, Provost, Deans, and other leadership staff at YU:

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	413	34%	50%	9%	7%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	414	38%	51%	6%	4%
c. Treat students fairly	410	33%	51%	9%	7%

10. Since the beginning of the current academic year, has anyone done the following to you either in person or by phone, text message, e-mail, or social media? Please include incidents regardless of where they happened.

	Count	% of survey participants
Made sexual advances, gestures, comments, or jokes that were unwelcome to you	19	4.5%
Flashed or exposed themselves to you without your consent	5	1.2%
Showed or sent you sexual pictures, photos, or videos that you didn't want to see	4	0.9%
Showed or sent sexual photos/videos of you or spread sexual rumors about you that you didn't want shared	1	0.2%

11. Since the beginning of the current academic year, has anyone had or attempted unwanted sexual contact with you?

	# of responses	% of responses
Yes	6	1.4%
No	411	98.6%
Total	417	100%

12. How many separate incidents of unwanted or attempted unwanted sexual contact have you experienced since the beginning of the current academic year?

	# of responses	% of responses
0 incidents	412	98.6%
1 incident	3	0.7%
2 incidents	0	0.0%
3 incidents	3	0.7%
4 incidents	0	0.0%
5 or more incidents	0	0.0%
Total	418	100%

If you have experienced one or more incidents of unwanted or attempted unwanted sexual contact, please answer questions 13 - 28 with respect to the incident that has had the greatest impact on you.

Otherwise, skip to question 29.

13. How did the person(s) have unwanted or attempted unwanted sexual contact with you? Please indicate whether each of the following happened.

	# of responses	Yes	No	Unsure
a. Touched or grabbed (or tried to touch or grab) your sexual body parts	6	50%	50%	0%
b. Threatened to hurt you or someone you care about to coerce sexual activity	6	0%	100%	0%
c. Used (or tried to use) physical force against you, such as holding you down with his or her body weight, pinning your arms, hitting or kicking you	6	17%	83%	0%
d. You were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were incapacitated, passed out, unconscious, blacked out, or asleep	6	0%	100%	0%

14. Where did the incident occur?

	# of responses	% of total responses
On YU's campus	0	0%
Off-campus but in New York City	5	83%
In a different city	1	17%
Unsure/Don't know	0	0%
Total	6	100%

15. Who was the person(s) who had unwanted or attempted unwanted sexual contact with you? Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-28
A stranger	3	50%
Someone you had seen or heard about but not talked to	0	0%
An acquaintance, friend of a friend, or someone that you had just met	3	50%
A student at YU	1	17%
A professor or teaching assistant at YU	0	0%
An employee at YU	0	0%
A current or ex-friend or roommate	0	0%
A current or ex-dating partner or spouse	0	0%
Someone else - please specify:	0	0%
Unsure/Don't know	0	0%

16. Had the person(s) who had unwanted or attempted unwanted sexual contact with you been drinking alcohol or using drugs?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Yes	2	33%
No	1	17%
Unsure/Don't know	3	50%

17. In the hours prior to the incident had you consumed alcohol or drugs?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Yes	2	33%
No	4	67%
Unsure/Don't know	0	0%

18. Have you told any of your roommates, friends, or family members about the incident?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Yes	4	67%
No	2	33%

19. Please indicate whether you notified any of the following groups or organizations about the incident:		
	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-28
YU Title IX Office	0	0%
YU Office of Student Life	0	0%
Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	1	17%
YU counseling center	0	0%
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center	0	0%
YU campus security	0	0%
Local police	0	0%
None of the above	5	83%

20. Please indicate if someone else notified any of the following groups or organizations about the incident:		
	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-28
YU Title IX Office	0	0%
YU Office of Student Life	0	0%
Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	0	0%
YU counseling center	0	0%
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center	0	0%
YU campus security	0	0%
Local police	0	0%
None of the above	6	100%

21. If notified about the incident, were the groups or organizations helpful?

	# of responses	Yes	No	Not Applicable
a. YU Title IX Office	5	0%	0%	100%
b. YU Office of Student Life	5	0%	0%	100%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	5	0%	20%	80%
d. YU counseling center	5	0%	0%	100%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center	5	0%	20%	80%
f. YU campus security	5	0%	20%	80%
g. Local police	5	0%	20%	80%

22. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you didn't know how to contact them?

	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
a. YU Title IX Office	5	0%	100%
b. YU Office of Student Life	5	0%	100%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	5	0%	100%
d. YU counseling center	5	0%	100%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center	5	0%	100%
f. YU campus security	5	0%	100%
g. Local police	5	0%	100%

23. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you were concerned that the group would not keep your situation confidential?

	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
a. YU Title IX Office	5	0%	100%
b. YU Office of Student Life	5	0%	100%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	5	0%	100%
d. YU counseling center	5	0%	100%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center	5	0%	100%
f. YU campus security	5	0%	100%
g. Local police	4	0%	100%

24. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you were concerned that the group would treat you poorly, not respond effectively, or not take any action?

	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
a. YU Title IX Office	5	0%	100%
b. YU Office of Student Life	5	0%	100%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	5	0%	100%
d. YU counseling center	5	0%	100%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center	5	0%	100%
f. YU campus security	5	0%	100%
g. Local police	5	0%	100%

25. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you did not need assistance, did not think the incident was serious enough to report, or did not want any action taken?

	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
a. YU Title IX Office	5	40%	60%
b. YU Office of Student Life	5	40%	60%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	5	40%	60%
d. YU counseling center	5	40%	60%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center	5	40%	60%
f. YU campus security	5	40%	60%
g. Local police	5	40%	60%

26. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you felt that other people might think that what happened was at least partly your fault or that you might get in trouble for some reason?

	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
a. YU Title IX Office	5	20%	80%
b. YU Office of Student Life	5	20%	80%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	5	20%	80%
d. YU counseling center	5	20%	80%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center	5	20%	80%
f. YU campus security	5	20%	80%
g. Local police	5	20%	80%

27. How upsetting was the incident for you?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Very upsetting	2	33%
Upsetting	1	17%
Somewhat upsetting	3	50%
Not at all upsetting	0	0%
Total	6	100%

28. Did the incident lead you to have problems with your:			
	# of responses	Yes	No
a. schoolwork or grades	6	33%	67%
b. friends, roommates, or peers	6	17%	83%
c. family members	6	17%	83%
d. job or with your boss or coworkers	6	17%	83%

29. Since the beginning of the current academic year, has an intimate partner (e.g., boyfriend, girlfriend, domestic partner or spouse):			
	# of responses	Yes	No
a. threatened to hurt you but you did not think you might really get hurt?	375	0%	100%
b. threatened to hurt you and you thought you might really get hurt?	372	0%	100%
c. pushed, grabbed, or shook you?	371	0%	100%
d. hit you, kicked you, slapped you, or beat you up?	371	0%	100%

30. If you answered Yes to question 29, did you report this incident to a YU administrator, faculty or staff member?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Yes	0	0%
No	0	0%

31. Since the beginning of the current academic year, have you done the following to anyone either in person or by phone, text message, e-mail, or social media? Please select all that apply.		
	Count	% of survey participants
Made sexual advances, gestures, comments, or jokes to someone that were unwelcome to them	2	0.5%
Flashed or exposed yourself to someone without their consent	1	0.2%
Showed or sent someone sexual pictures, photos, or videos that they didn't want to see	0	0.0%
Showed or sent sexual photos/videos of someone or spread sexual rumors about someone that they didn't want shared	0	0.0%
Watched or took photos/videos of someone when they were nude or having sex, without their consent	0	0.0%
None of the above	376	89.1%

32. Since the beginning of the current academic year, (excluding bill collectors, telephone solicitors or other sales people) has anyone ever: (Please select all that apply.)		
	Count	% of survey participants
Followed or spied on you	5	1.2%
Sent you unsolicited mail, emails or texts	12	2.8%
Made unsolicited phone calls to you	8	1.9%
Showed up at places where you were even though they had no business being there?	2	0.5%
Left unwanted items for you to find	0	0.0%
Vandalized your property	0	0.0%
None of the above (skip to question 37)	370	87.7%

33. Where did the incident occur?		
	# of responses	% of responses
On YU's campus	6	35.3%
Off-campus but in New York City	7	41.2%
In a different city	1	5.9%
Unsure/Don't know	3	17.7%
Total	17	100%

34. How upsetting was the incident for you?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Very upsetting	3	17.7%
Upsetting	6	35.3%
Somewhat upsetting	3	17.7%
Not at all upsetting	5	29.4%
Total	17	100%

35. How frightened were you by these things?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Very frightened	1	6.3%
Frightened	4	25.0%
A little frightened	3	18.8%
Not at all frightened	8	50.0%
Total	16	100%

36. Did you report the incident to a YU administrator, faculty or staff member?		
	# of responses	% of responses
Yes	3	17.7%
No	14	82.4%
Total	17	100%

37. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Please answer as best as you can when thinking about your school.

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. Sexual harassment is not tolerated at YU	409	52%	30%	2%	1%	15%
b. YU takes training in sexual assault prevention seriously	409	36%	29%	6%	2%	27%
c. YU is doing a good job of educating students about sexual assault (e.g., what consent means, how to define sexual assault, how to look out for one another)	409	33%	26%	11%	5%	26%
d. YU is doing a good job of trying to prevent sexual assault from happening	408	35%	29%	5%	1%	30%
e. YU is doing a good job of providing needed services to victims of sexual assault	406	30%	21%	2%	4%	43%
f. YU is doing a good job of investigating incidents of sexual assault	405	28%	18%	3%	4%	48%
g. YU is doing a good job of holding people accountable for committing sexual assault	405	27%	16%	3%	4%	49%

38. Have you ever attended an assembly or workshop, or received any online or other type of training or classes offered by YU that covered: (Please select all that apply.)

	Count	% of survey participants
The legal definition of sexual assault	156	37%
What the definition of "consent" is and how to obtain it from a sexual partner	167	40%
YU's policy on sexual assault	176	42%
How to report sexual assault	156	37%
What services are available for survivors of sexual assault	137	32%
How to intervene as a bystander to protect other students from sexual assault	106	25%
Other strategies for preventing sexual assault	108	26%
None of the above	169	40%

40. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, answering as best as you can when thinking about your school.

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. I am aware of and understand YU's procedures for dealing with reported incidents of sexual assault	407	28%	31%	13%	5%	23%
b. I know what services are available for people who experience sexual assault	406	27%	31%	13%	4%	25%
c. If a friend of mine were sexually assaulted, I know where to take my friend to get help	404	30%	33%	13%	3%	21%
d. At YU, students who are accused of perpetrating a sexual assault are treated fairly	402	20%	15%	3%	1%	60%
e. At YU, when it is determined that sexual assault has happened, the perpetrator gets punished appropriately	400	21%	15%	4%	4%	57%

41. If I were sexually assaulted I believe YU would:						
	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. Take my case seriously	406	39%	33%	5%	3%	20%
b. Protect my privacy	403	40%	36%	2%	3%	19%
c. Treat me with dignity and respect	404	40%	35%	3%	4%	18%
d. Enable me to continue my education without having to interact with the person who assaulted me	403	37%	28%	5%	4%	27%

42. How likely or unlikely would you be to go to or get in touch with the following groups or organizations at your school if you were sexually assaulted?					
	# of responses	Very Likely	Likely	Somewhat likely	Not at all likely
a. YU Title IX Office	401	31%	30%	19%	20%
b. YU Office of Student Life	394	25%	19%	20%	37%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	398	34%	24%	20%	22%
d. YU counseling center	399	39%	25%	18%	19%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center	397	39%	30%	18%	14%
f. YU campus security	400	31%	23%	20%	26%
g. Local police	395	38%	24%	23%	15%

43. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following things. Please think about the situation and answer as best as you can.					
	# of responses	Very Likely	Likely	Somewhat likely	Not at all likely
a. If your friends are sending sexual pictures or messages to someone who didn't ask for them, how likely are you to say something to try to get them to stop	396	65%	26%	6%	4%
b. If people you don't know very well are making unwanted sexual comments, jokes, or gestures, how likely are you to say something to try to get them to stop	392	46%	29%	17%	8%
c. If you see one of your friends leading someone who is obviously drunk away to have sex with them, how likely are you to say or do something to get them to stop	394	70%	20%	8%	2%
d. If you suspect that one of your friends might be in an abusive relationship, how likely are you to ask them if they are being mistreated	393	63%	26%	9%	2%
e. If someone tells you that they had sex with someone who passed out, how likely are you to report the incident to a campus administrator or police	389	50%	25%	19%	7%
f. If you see someone you don't know who looks uncomfortable and is being touched, grabbed, or pinched in a sexual way, how likely are you to speak up or help in some other way	389	56%	30%	12%	2%
g. When you go out with your friends, how likely are you to come up with a plan for helping each other be safe	391	49%	27%	13%	12%

44. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. As you consider these statements, please think about the overall population of students at YU and try to answer as best as you can.

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. At YU, it is common for students to spread sexual comments, photos, or videos that people don't want shared	395	3%	1%	16%	49%	30%
b. At YU, when students make sexual comments, jokes, or gestures, other students stand up to them	394	13%	22%	10%	10%	46%
c. Most students at YU are knowledgeable about the topic of sexual assault, including how it is defined, how often it occurs, and what the legal consequences are	392	20%	34%	9%	6%	31%
d. At YU, if students see someone trying to have unwanted sexual contact with someone, they will try to stop them	392	27%	30%	3%	2%	38%

45. Please indicate how much you are aware of the function of the following YU resources specifically relating to sexual assault, domestic/dating violence and stalking:

	# of responses	Very Aware	Aware	Somewhat Aware	Not At all Aware
a. YU Title IX Office	391	23%	28%	19%	30%
b. YU Office of Student Life	391	21%	24%	20%	35%
c. YU Counseling Center	389	38%	31%	16%	15%
d. YU Housing Office	388	18%	20%	19%	43%

46. Have you ever been provided with a copy of YU's non-discrimination and anti-harassment policy or do you know where to find it?

	# of responses	% of responses
Yes	200	51%
No	192	49%