

Report on the 2019 YU Campus Climate Survey

Spring 2019

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 Spring 2019, all YU undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students were invited to take the survey. The survey is anonymous and confidential. Of the total of 4,372 YU students, 744 students responded to the survey, resulting in a response rate of 17%. Following are the results of the survey.

1. How old are you?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Under 18	1	0.1%
18	5	0.7%
19	54	7.3%
20	140	18.8%
21	135	18.1%
22	73	9.8%
23	57	7.7%
24	59	7.9%
25+	220	29.6%
Total	744	100%
2. What is your current student status?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Freshman undergraduate student	11	1.5%
Sophomore undergraduate student	70	9.4%
Junior undergraduate student	153	20.6%
Senior undergraduate student	147	19.8%
Associate of Science student	2	0.3%
Graduate or professional school student	337	45.5%
Other	21	2.8%
Total	741	100%
3. What school are you enrolled in?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Albert Einstein College of Medicine	9	1.2%
Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration	13	1.7%
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law	153	20.6%
Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies	11	1.5%
Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology	43	5.8%
Katz School of Science and Health	31	4.2%
Stern College for Women	195	26.2%
Sy Syms School of Business	101	13.6%
Wurzweiler School of Social Work	74	10.0%
Yeshiva College	113	15.2%
Total	743	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	0.4%
Asian	37	5.0%
Black or African American	24	3.2%
Hispanic or Latino	52	7.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.1%
White	625	84.0%
Other	37	5.0%

5. What is your current gender identity?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Female	439	59.0%
Male	290	39.0%
Transgender	0	0.0%
Non-binary/third gender	3	0.4%
Prefer to self-describe:	2	0.3%
Prefer not to say	10	1.3%
Total	744	100%

6. What is your sexual orientation?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Straight/Heterosexual	659	88.6%
Gay or Lesbian	19	2.6%
Bisexual	28	3.8%
Prefer to self-describe:	10	1.3%
Prefer not to say	28	3.8%
Total	744	100%

7. Which best describes your current living arrangement in this academic year?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
University Housing	317	42.6%
Off-campus apartment	285	38.3%
At home with family	131	17.6%
Other	11	1.5%
Total	744	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	576	28%	50%	15%	7%
b. I feel close to the faculty and staff at YU	576	22%	48%	24%	6%
c. I feel close to my fellow students at YU	575	39%	48%	11%	2%
d. I feel I am part of YU	576	29%	44%	21%	7%
e. I am happy to be a student at YU	576	37%	47%	11%	5%
f. I feel safe when I am on YU's campus	575	44%	48%	6%	3%
g. I believe there is a clear sense of appropriate and inappropriate behavior among students at YU	575	34%	50%	12%	4%
h. I believe alcohol abuse is a big problem at YU	571	4%	12%	54%	30%
i. I believe YU is trying hard to protect the rights of all students	572	22%	50%	20%	9%
j. I believe YU is trying hard to make sure that all students are treated equally and fairly.	574	23%	47%	20%	9%
k. I believe YU is trying hard to make sure that all students are safe.	572	41%	48%	6%	4%
l. I believe that students at YU generally trust one another	573	32%	56%	10%	2%
m. I believe that students at YU generally respect one another	573	29%	57%	10%	3%

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

Overall, the campus security personnel at YU:

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	573	39%	49%	10%	2%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	573	38%	44%	14%	4%
c. Treat students fairly	573	43%	50%	6%	2%
d. Are more interested in protecting the reputation of YU than the students they serve	569	9%	14%	58%	20%

Overall, the faculty at YU:

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	572	32%	52%	12%	4%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	571	33%	51%	13%	3%
c. Treat students fairly	570	27%	53%	14%	5%
d. Are more interested in protecting the reputation of YU than the students they serve	568	15%	22%	46%	16%

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	570	22%	47%	22%	9%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	570	26%	49%	17%	8%
c. Treat students fairly	570	21%	49%	20%	9%
d. Are more interested in protecting the reputation of YU than the students they serve	568	27%	32%	29%	11%

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	47	6.3%
Flashed or exposed themselves to you without your consent	8	1.1%
Showed or sent you sexual pictures, photos, or videos that you didn't want to see	14	1.9%
Showed or sent sexual photos/videos of you or spread sexual rumors about you that you didn't want shared	13	1.7%

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

	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	18	3.2%
No	547	96.8%
Total	565	100%

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

	# of responses	% of total responses
0 incidents	549	95.8%
1 incident	10	1.8%
2 incidents	10	1.8%
3 incidents	2	0.4%
4 incidents	1	0.2%
5 or more incidents	1	0.2%
Total	573	100%

If you have experienced one or more incidents of unwanted sexual contact, please answer questions 13 - 29 with respect to the incident that has had the greatest impact on you. Otherwise, skip to question 30.

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

	# of responses	Yes	No	Unsure
a. Touched or grabbed your sexual body parts	22	64%	27%	9%
b. Threatened to hurt you or someone you care about	22	14%	82%	5%
c. Used physical force against you, such as holding you down with his or her body weight, pinning your arms, hitting or kicking you	22	27%	73%	0%
d. You were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were incapacitated, passed out, unconscious, blacked out, or asleep	22	23%	73%	5%

14. Where did the incident occur?

	# of responses	% of total responses
On YU's campus	5	22%
Off-campus but in New York City	15	65%
In a different city	3	13%
Unsure/Don't know	0	0%
Total	23	100%

15. What was the gender of the person(s) who had unwanted sexual contact with you?

	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-29
Male	21	88%
Female	3	13%
Transgendered	0	0%
Unsure/Don't know	0	0%

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

	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-29
A stranger	8	33%
Someone you had seen or heard about but not talked to	2	8%
An acquaintance, friend of a friend, or someone that you had just met	3	13%
A student at YU	10	42%
A professor or teaching assistant at YU	0	0%
An employee at YU	0	0%
A current or ex-friend or roommate	3	13%
A current or ex-dating partner or spouse	4	17%
Someone else - please specify:	3	13%
Unsure/Don't know	0	0%

17. Had the person(s) who had unwanted sexual contact with you been drinking alcohol or using drugs?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	7	32%
No	8	36%
Unsure/Don't know	7	32%

18. In the hours prior to the incident had you consumed alcohol or drugs?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	5	22%
No	18	78%
Unsure/Don't know	0	0%

19. Have you told any of your roommates, friends, or family members about the incident?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	17	74%
No	6	26%

20. Please indicate whether you notified any of the following groups or organizations about the incident:		
	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-29
YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	2	8%
YU Office of Student Life	0	0%
Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	2	8%
YU counseling center	4	17%
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	1	4%
YU campus security	2	8%
Local police	2	8%
None of the above	15	63%

21. Please indicate if someone else notified any of the following groups or organizations about the incident:		
	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-29
YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	0	0%
YU Office of Student Life	0	0%
Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	1	4%
YU counseling center	0	0%
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	2	8%
YU campus security	1	4%
Local police	2	8%
None of the above	17	71%

22. If notified about the incident, were the groups or organizations helpful?				
	# of responses	Yes	No	Not Applicable
a. YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	20	15%	5%	80%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	0%	5%	95%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	20	5%	10%	85%
d. YU counseling center	20	15%	10%	75%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	19	21%	5%	74%
f. YU campus security	19	11%	5%	84%
g. Local police	19	11%	11%	79%

23. 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 Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	19	5%	95%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	5%	95%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	19	0%	100%
d. YU counseling center	18	6%	94%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	20	10%	90%
f. YU campus security	20	5%	95%
g. Local police	20	5%	95%

24. 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 Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	19	5%	95%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	5%	95%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	19	11%	89%
d. YU counseling center	18	0%	100%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	19	0%	100%
f. YU campus security	19	0%	100%
g. Local police	19	0%	100%

25. 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 Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	19	32%	68%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	26%	74%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	19	26%	74%
d. YU counseling center	19	16%	84%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	19	16%	84%
f. YU campus security	19	21%	79%
g. Local police	19	21%	79%

26. 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 Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	19	47%	53%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	47%	53%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	19	47%	53%
d. YU counseling center	18	44%	56%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	18	44%	56%
f. YU campus security	19	47%	53%
g. Local police	19	53%	47%

27. 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 Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	19	26%	74%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	26%	74%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	19	26%	74%
d. YU counseling center	18	17%	83%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	19	21%	79%
f. YU campus security	19	21%	79%
g. Local police	19	26%	74%

28. How upsetting was the incident for you?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Very upsetting	8	38%
Upsetting	7	33%
Somewhat upsetting	6	29%
Not at all upsetting	0	0%
Total	21	100%

29. Did the incident lead you to have problems with your:			
	# of responses	Yes	No
a. schoolwork or grades	20	55%	45%
b. friends, roommates, or peers	20	45%	55%
c. family members	20	20%	80%
d. job or with your boss or coworkers	20	25%	75%

30. 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?	532	0.6%	99.4%
b. threatened to hurt you and you thought you might really get hurt?	532	0.8%	99.3%
c. pushed, grabbed, or shook you?	530	0.9%	99.1%
d. hit you, kicked you, slapped you, or beat you up?	532	0.6%	99.4%

31. If you answered Yes to question 30, did you report this incident to a YU administrator, faculty or staff member?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	4	2.8%
No	139	97.2%

32. 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	0.3%
Flashed or exposed yourself to someone without their consent	0	0.0%
Showed or sent someone sexual pictures, photos, or videos that they didn't want to see	1	0.1%
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	507	68.1%

33. 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	9	1.2%
Sent you unsolicited mail, emails or texts	22	3.0%
Made unsolicited phone calls to you	22	3.0%
Showed up at places where you were even though they had no business being there?	7	0.9%
Left unwanted items for you to find	3	0.4%
Vandalized your property	3	0.4%
None of the above (skip to question 38)	478	64.2%

34. Where did the incident occur?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
On YU's campus	16	41.0%
Off-campus but in New York City	17	43.6%
In a different city	2	5.1%
Unsure/Don't know	4	10.3%
Total	39	100%

35. How upsetting was the incident for you?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Very upsetting	6	15.4%
Upsetting	14	35.9%
Somewhat upsetting	9	23.1%
Not at all upsetting	10	25.6%
Total	39	100%

36. How frightened were you by these things?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Very frightened	6	15.4%
Frightened	4	10.3%
A little frightened	11	28.2%
Not at all frightened	18	46.2%
Total	39	100%

37. Did you report the incident to a YU administrator, faculty or staff member?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	8	20.5%
No	31	79.5%
Total	39	100%

38. 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	520	51%	34%	4%	2%	10%
b. YU takes training in sexual assault prevention seriously	518	29%	31%	11%	5%	25%
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)	520	21%	26%	23%	9%	22%
d. YU is doing a good job of trying to prevent sexual assault from happening	520	24%	31%	11%	5%	30%
e. YU is doing a good job of providing needed services to victims of sexual assault	519	18%	21%	4%	4%	52%
f. YU is doing a good job of investigating incidents of sexual assault	517	17%	17%	3%	4%	59%
g. YU is doing a good job of holding people accountable for committing sexual assault	517	17%	17%	4%	4%	59%

39. 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	178	24%
What the definition of "consent" is and how to obtain it from a sexual partner	185	25%
YU's policy on sexual assault	168	23%
How to report sexual assault	155	21%
What services are available for survivors of sexual assault	110	15%
How to intervene as a bystander to protect other students from sexual assault	101	14%
Other strategies for preventing sexual assault	111	15%
None of the above	252	34%

41. 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	514	14%	25%	21%	11%	29%
b. I know what services are available for people who experience sexual assault	513	15%	30%	18%	10%	27%
c. If a friend of mine were sexually assaulted, I know where to take my friend to get help	507	18%	36%	19%	8%	20%
d. At YU, students who are accused of perpetrating a sexual assault are treated fairly	510	10%	13%	2%	2%	73%
e. At YU, when it is determined that sexual assault has happened, the perpetrator gets punished	505	10%	12%	3%	2%	72%

42. 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	513	30%	39%	7%	4%	20%
b. Protect my privacy	512	32%	41%	6%	3%	18%
c. Treat me with dignity and respect	512	33%	39%	5%	3%	21%
d. Enable me to continue my education without having to interact with the person who assaulted me	511	27%	27%	7%	4%	35%

43. 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 Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	472	16%	16%	23%	45%
b. YU Office of Student Life	472	20%	18%	19%	42%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	474	24%	26%	25%	25%
d. YU counseling center	473	45%	24%	16%	16%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	473	40%	27%	16%	17%
f. YU campus security	475	30%	23%	20%	27%
g. Local police	473	36%	27%	22%	15%

44. 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, web pages, or messages to someone who didn't ask for them, how likely are you to say something to try to get them to stop?	473	59%	28%	12%	1%
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?	472	38%	31%	21%	9%
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?	472	62%	26%	9%	3%
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?	472	55%	33%	11%	1%
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?	470	32%	29%	27%	13%
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?	470	46%	34%	16%	3%
g. When you go out with your friends, how likely are you to come up with a plan for helping each other be safe?	470	37%	28%	20%	14%

45. 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, either in person or by text, e-mail, or social media	471	1%	6%	23%	38%	33%
b. At YU, when students make sexual comments, jokes, or gestures, other students stand up to them	471	8%	22%	17%	8%	45%
c. A lot of sexual assaults happen among students at YU when students are unable to provide consent because they are incapacitated, passed out, unconscious, blacked out, or asleep	471	2%	4%	12%	25%	57%
d. 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	470	12%	28%	16%	10%	35%
e. At YU, if students see someone trying to have unwanted sexual contact with someone, they will try to stop them	466	15%	33%	7%	3%	41%

46. 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 Coordinator	469	11%	12%	16%	61%
b. YU Dean of Students	468	19%	21%	20%	41%
c. YU Counseling Center	470	40%	26%	16%	18%
d. YU Housing Office	469	18%	16%	20%	46%

47. Have you ever been provided with a copy of, or link to, YU's non-discrimination and anti-harassment policy?

	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	271	58%
No	196	42%