



# ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

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### St. Francis College Campus Climate Survey 2015 Summary of Results

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*Sensitivity warning: the following summary includes information regarding students' reported experience of incidents of harassment and sexual violence.*

Sexual violence and gender-based misconduct remain pressing issues on college campuses across the nation. St. Francis College is engaged in efforts to increase awareness, and facilitate prevention and response. The Campus Climate Survey is one aspect of this effort.

As part of the fall 2015 course evaluation process, all registered students were asked to complete a 60 question campus climate survey that sought to gain information on their opinions and experiences regarding certain sexual behaviors. The survey was designed to gather information about student knowledge and experience related to harassment and sexual assault, and to expand conversation and engagement opportunities related to these important issues. 1,139 students took part in the survey which is summarized below.

A campus climate survey is a tool to identify student perception of campus experience at a given time. If we can better understand how students experience the campus community, we can better support learning and development, raise awareness, improve prevention efforts and respond to community concerns.

The majority of the questions in the survey were based on the best available promising practices of climate surveys shared by the federal government on the Notalone.gov website. In addition, faculty members from the St. Francis College Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Committee reviewed the survey and offered counsel and guidance. The College recognizes that some of the questions could have been phrased to be more inclusive. In the future, the College will use gender neutral language in formulating questions.

- **98% said they feel safe at St. Francis College**
- Approximately 65% of the respondents were female (the College female undergraduate population is currently 58%)
- 90% said they were very, moderately or somewhat likely to **confront** other students who make inappropriate or negative sexual comments and gestures  
93% said they were likely to report students who continue to engage in sexual harassment or unwanted sexual behaviors after confronting them

- 95% felt confident that they would call for help if they heard someone in their dorm yelling for help
- 99% felt confident they would get help and resources for a friend who tells them they have been raped
- 97% felt confident they would ask a friend if they needed to be walked home from a party
- 68% felt confident they would ask a stranger if they needed to be walked home from a party
- 96% felt confident that they would tell an RA or other campus authority about information that might help in a sexual assault case even if being pressured to stay silent
- While 84% said the College does *enough* to protect the safety of students 63% said the College officials should *do more* to protect students from harm
- 98 - 99% said that the College was either *very, moderately* or *somewhat likely* to take a report of a sexual assault seriously, protect the safety of the person making the report, support the person making the report, take corrective action to address factors that may have led to the assault and would take corrective action against the offender
- 78% agree or strongly agree that they understand the College’s policy to address complaints of sexual assault
- 89% of respondents identified their sexual orientation as heterosexual
- 47% said they received training in policies and procedures regarding incidents of sexual assault
- 41% said they received training in the prevention of sexual assault

The chart below summarizing some of the students attitudes about sexual violence illustrate that there is work that needs to be done at St. Francis College on these issues. These results may reflect a larger cultural issues specifically where the intention and motivation of the victims are questioned.

Attitudes about sexual violence

Statement	Strongly agree/Agree	Neutral or Don't Know	Disagree/Strongly Disagree
“If a girl is raped while she is drunk she is at least somewhat responsible for what happened”	<b>16%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>63%</b>
“When girls go to parties wearing revealing clothes, they are asking for trouble”	<b>18%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>62%</b>
“If a girl goes into a room alone with another person at a party, it is her own fault if she is raped”	<b>12%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>67%</b>

“If a girl hooks up with a lot of people, eventually she is going to get into trouble”	<b>32%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>40%</b>
“Guys don’t intend to force sex on another, but sometimes they get too sexually carried away”	<b>32%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>33%</b>
“If both people are drunk it can’t be rape”	<b>11%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>57%</b>
“If someone doesn’t say ‘no’ they can’t claim rape”	<b>16%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>54%</b>
“Girls who are caught cheating on their boyfriends sometimes claim it was rape”	<b>29%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>23%</b>
“Rape accusations are often used as a way to of getting back at guys”	<b>27%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>29%</b>
“A lot of times, girls who say they were raped led a guy on and then had regrets”	<b>20%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>32%</b>

As you can see from the results above, we have a lot of work to do. We look forward to working with you on these important topics. Please direct questions about this summary, the climate survey or campus resources to Steven Catalano (718)-489-5309 or Linda Werbel Dashefsky, Title IX Coordinator (718)489-5370.