



ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

St. Francis College Campus Climate Survey 2017 Summary of Results

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.

In Fall 2017 during the course evaluation process, all registered students were asked to complete a 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. 733 students took the survey for a 32% response rate 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 colleagues at other higher education institutions. In addition, faculty members from the St. Francis College Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Committee reviewed the survey and offered counsel and guidance.

- 98% of respondents indicated that they knew that information about College policies and procedures regarding sexual assault can be found on the SFC web site.
- 99% of respondents indicated while they were a student at SFC, they were never a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.
- There were 10 or less incidents of each sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking reported, most occurred off campus. Of these only stalking occurred on campus. None were reported to have taken place in the dormitories. Of these incidents, the majority did not report the incident to someone at the college.
- When asked to pick the statement that best describes the meaning of affirmative consent most chose, " Before engaging in sexual activity with

another person, you must obtain their consent for the activity by word or action.”

- We have some work to do, 28% students did not believe that reporting a case of sexual assault could lead to College sanctions against the accused.
- 22 respondents chose the statement that read that you do not need to obtain someone’s consent to engage in sexual activity. 19 of the 22 were female.
- 25 respondents chose the statement stating that you can engage in sexual activities with a person as long as they don’t tell you to stop. 17 of these respondents were female.