

Otterbein University
2015 Sexual Assault Campus Climate Survey Executive Summary
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The Sexual Assault Climate Survey data for Otterbein University were collected using the Higher Education Data Sharing (HEDS) Consortium instrument developed using White House recommendations for sexual assault campus climate surveys. Participation in the HEDS Consortium survey allowed for Otterbein to access benchmarking data gathered from 57 colleges and universities; 54 of which are small universities (private institutions with fewer than 3500 undergraduate students) which included 44 HEDS member institutions for which comparative statistics were made available.

Methodology

The entire population of eligible Otterbein students was sampled for this study (ie: students over the age of 18 registered at the time of survey administration during the 2015 Spring Semester): N=2642.

The survey was distributed via email by the HEDS research staff using unique links. All responses were anonymous. The survey remained open to Otterbein students for a three week period between Monday, February 23, 2015 and March 16, 2015.

The Otterbein response rate was 13.0% (n=343); response rate across all institutions was 19.3% (n=24,163)

Summary of Results

Campus Climate.

Students at Otterbein compared favorably to other institutions in terms of perceptions of sexual assault prevalence on campus (as being low) and that the University would respond in appropriate ways to reports of assault. Otterbein University students matched other institutions in general climate scores.

1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree.

General Campus Climate:

Otterbein average=4.1; HEDS institutions' average=4.1

Response to difficult or dangerous situations:

Otterbein average=3.9; HEDS institutions' average=3.6

Views of Sexual Assault at Otterbein:

Otterbein average=3.8; HEDS institutions' average=3.4

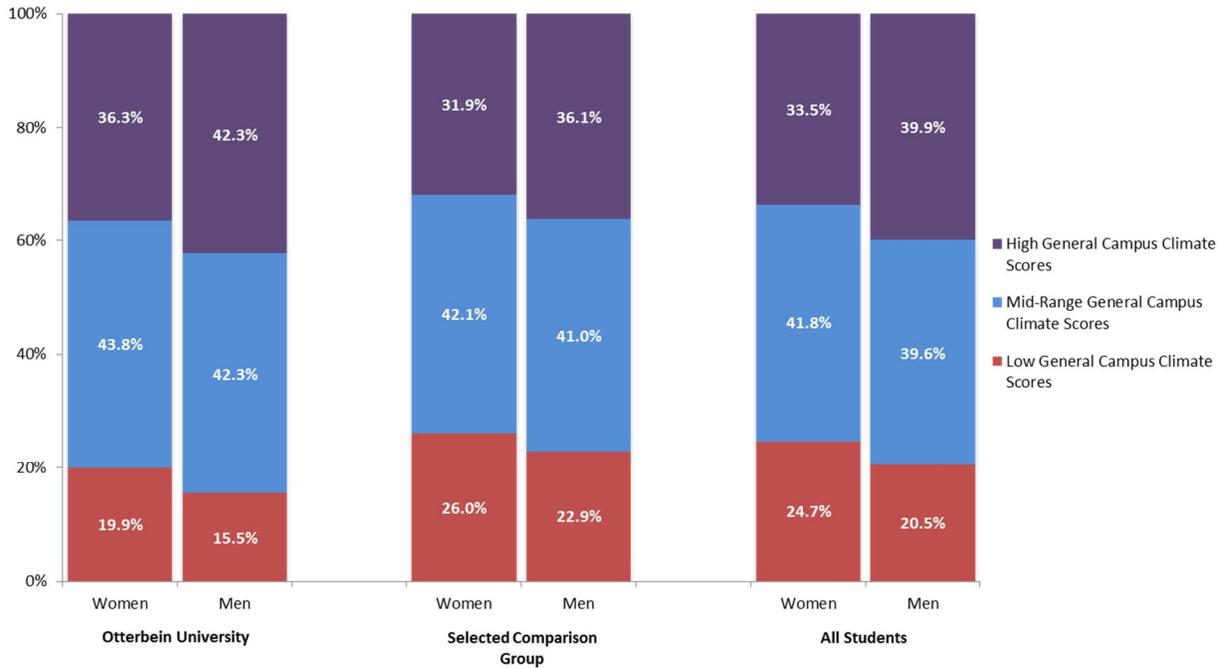
Views on Institutional Response to Reported Sexual Assault at Otterbein:

Otterbein Average=4.1; HEDS institutions' average=3.8

Otterbein students responded more favorably that they feel safe on Otterbein's campus compared to other small institutions (Otterbein Average=93.3% agreement; Small institutions average=84.2%). Figure 1 shows how Otterbein students compare to HEDS Consortium members on General Campus Climate. The "Selected Comparison Group" is comprised of 20 of the 44 HEDS member institutions that

compare closely to Otterbein in enrollment and programmatic offerings. "All Students" included data from all 44 HEDS member institutions participating in the Sexual Assault Campus Climate Survey.

Figure 1: General Campus Climate HEDS Consortium Comparison



Education.

Students indicate *receiving information or education about sexual assault and how to recognize it* from Otterbein at a similar and slightly higher rate than that of students at other small institutions:

Otterbein =79.7%; Other small institutions=79.0%

Otterbein students indicate *receiving information about how to report an incident of sexual assault* at a lesser rate compared to students at other small institutions:

Otterbein =60.9%; Other small institutions=63.6%

Otterbein students indicate *receiving information about the university’s confidential resources for sexual assault* at a lesser rate compared to students at other small institutions:

Otterbein =51.6%; Other small institutions=62.9%

Otterbein students indicate *receiving information regarding actions that can be taken to prevent sexual assault* at a similar, slightly less, rate compared to students at other small institutions:

Otterbein=72.2%; Other small institutions=73.0%

Otterbein students indicate remembering the information or education they received from Otterbein regarding sexual assault at a greater rate than students at other small institutions:

Otterbein=67.3%; Other small institutions=62.7%

Otterbein students found the information helpful at a much greater rate ("helpful" and "very helpful") than students at other small institutions (students answering "helpful" and "very helpful"):

Otterbein=71.5% 'helpful' index; Other small institutions 65.1% 'helpful' index

Prevalence.

Unwanted Sexual Contact.

Students indicate less incidents, since starting at Otterbein, of *unwanted sexual contact* than students at other small institutions. (ie: responders answering "sometimes", "often", "very often) *Unwanted sexual contact* is defined as '*unwanted verbal behaviors*', '*unwanted non-verbals behaviors*' and '*brief physical contact*'.

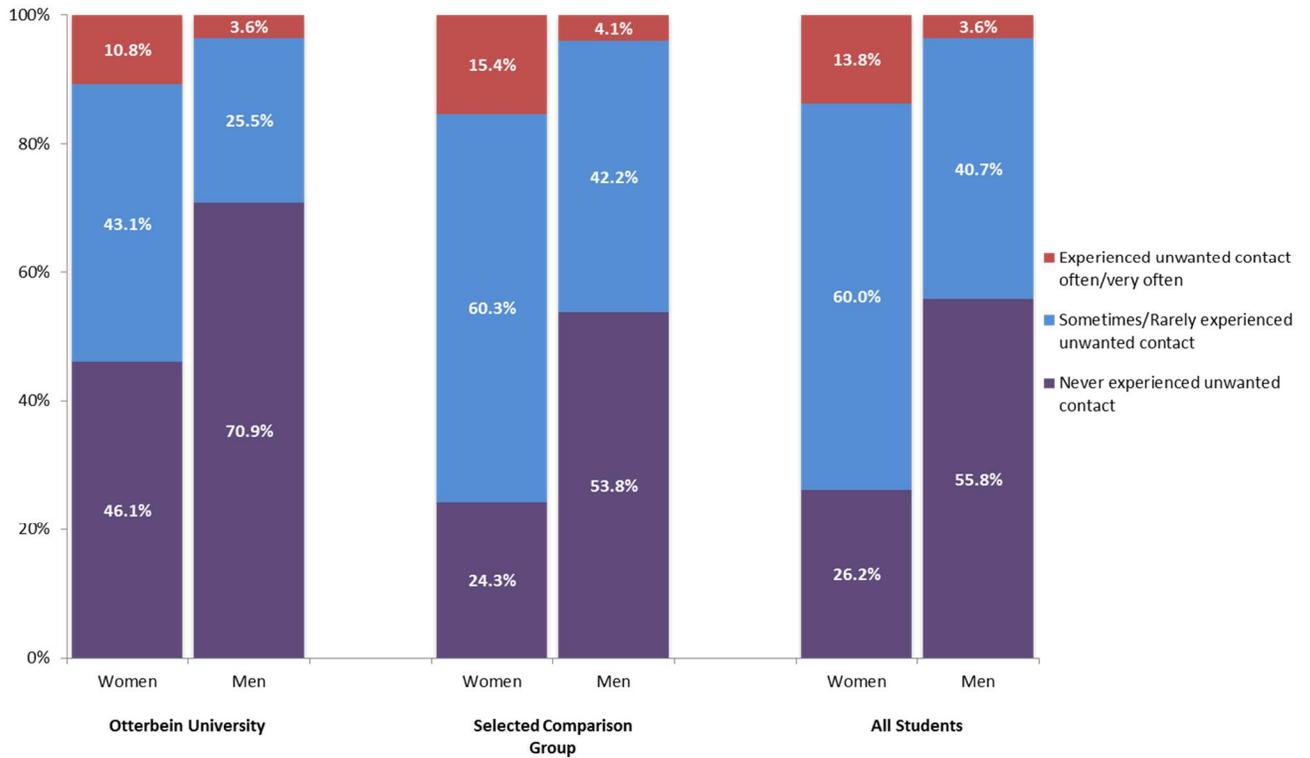
Verbal behaviors: *Otterbein=22.8% ("very often"=1.8%; "often"=5.4%; "sometimes"=15.6%)
Other small institutions= 27.8%*

Nonverbal behaviors: *Otterbein=6.5% ("very often"=0.0%; "often"=1.4%; "sometimes"=5.1%)
Other small institutions=8.0%*

Brief physical contact: *Otterbein=9.8% ("very often"=0.4%; "often"=2.5%; "sometimes"=6.9%)
Other small institutions=16.7%*

Figure 2 shows how Otterbein Students' experiences of unwanted sexual contact compare to HEDS member institutions.

Figure 2: Unwanted Sexual Contact HEDS Consortium Comparison



Students report that the *person responsible* for the “unwanted sexual contact” was (‘check all that apply’ response)...

“...a student(s) from this institution”: Otterbein=92.1%; Other small institutions=91.2%

“...a student(s) from another institution”: Otterbein=33.1%; Other small institutions=28.2%

“...faculty, staff or administrator from this institution”:
Otterbein=5.5%; Other small institutions=4.1%

“...a employer/supervisor at this institution”: Otterbein=2.4%; Other small institutions=1.2%

Note: this question used a ‘check all that apply’ response, the ‘faculty staff or administrator’ and ‘employer/supervisor’ in some of the case could be the same person.

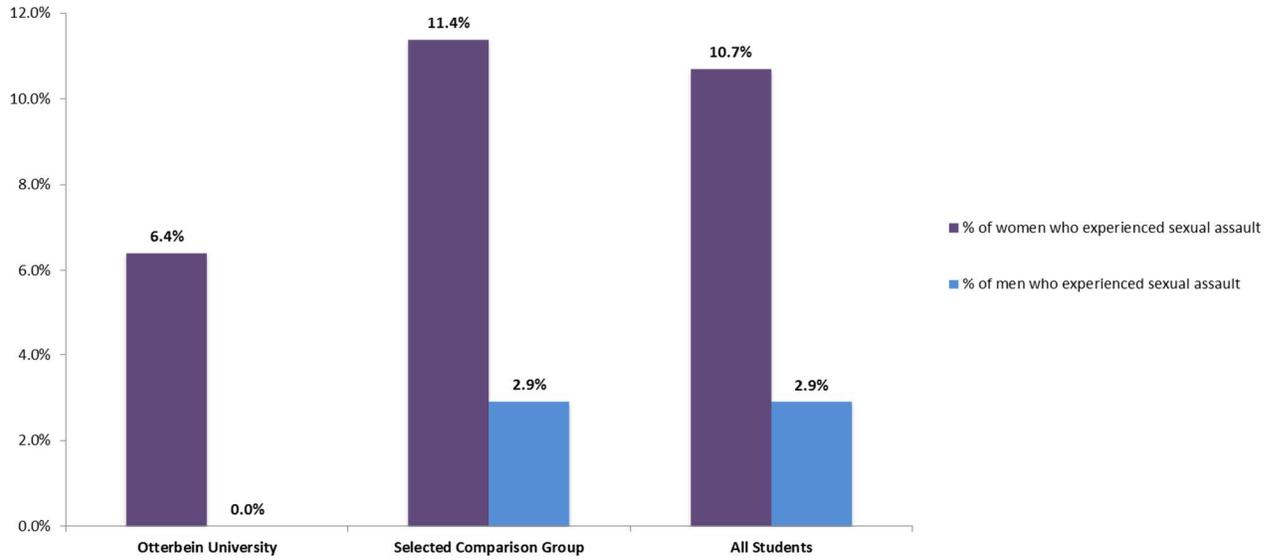
Sexual Assault.

Sexual assault is defined in the survey as ‘touching of a sexual nature, vaginal sex, anal sex or anal or vaginal penetration with a body part than a penis or tongue or an object which you did not want or did not give consent’. Since starting at Otterbein University, students indicating they have been *sexually assaulted while on campus or while off-campus during an event or program sponsored by Otterbein*:

No: 93.3% (n=318), Yes: 4.7%, (n=16), Unsure: 2.1%, (n=7)

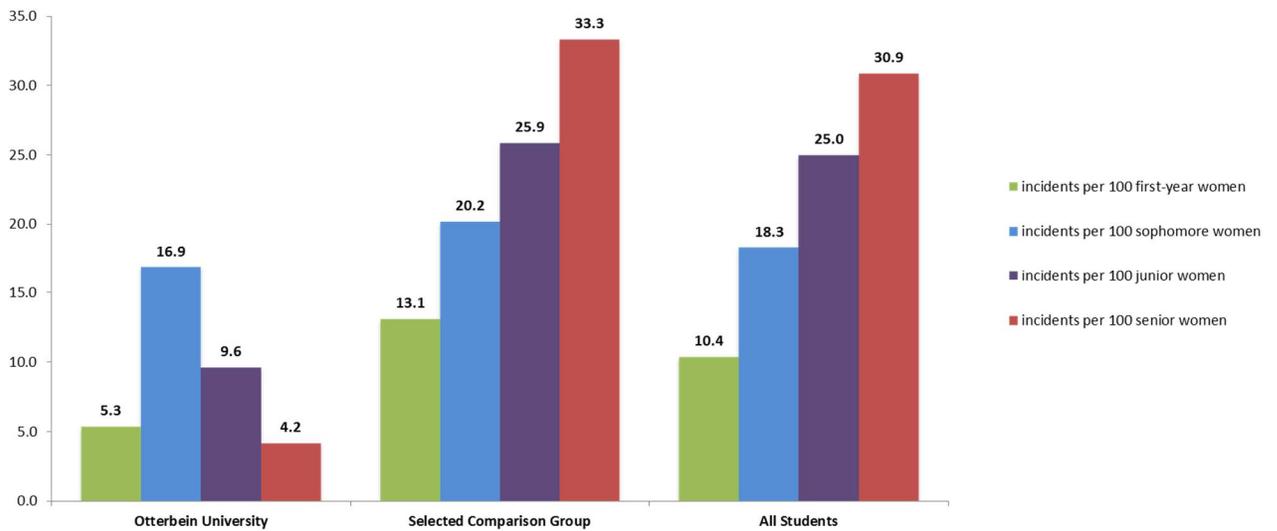
All 16 students responding “yes” were *undergraduate women*; all indicate the *assailants were men*. Figure 3 illustrates the percent of students indicating sexual assault by gender.

Figure 3: Comparison of Experience of Sexual Assault by Gender



Prevalence rate: Otterbein University has the lowest sexual assault incidence rate of all participating HEDS member schools (9.5 per 100 women). Figure 4 shows the institutional comparison of assault rates for women indicating they experienced a sexual assault by year in school.

Figure 4: Comparison of Sexual Assault Rates by Year in School



56.2% (n=9) of students indicating a sexual assault describe the assault as happening in their first year.

Multiple incidents of sexual assault: Of the n=16 women students reporting sexual assault, 10 report one incident 4 report two incidents and 2 report three incidents (0 report four or more assaults).

Use of force, drugs and alcohol: The 'use of force' was specified by 42.9% (n=6) of the responders. 'Use of alcohol' was indicated as being used by 50% of assailants and 50% of victims. 'Use of drugs' was describes as being used by 50% of assailants and 7.1% of victims.

37.5% (n=6) of the 16 students indicating an assault specified they were 'unable to consent due to incapacitation'.

Relationship with the assailant: The three most given identities ('check all that apply' response) of the assailant were: A "nonromantic friend or acquaintance" (50% of responses; n=8); a "casual date or hookup" (31.3% of responses; n=5) and a "stranger" (25% of responses; n=4). No students (n=0) identified the assailant as an Otterbein faculty member, staff, administrator or employer.

Location of assaults:

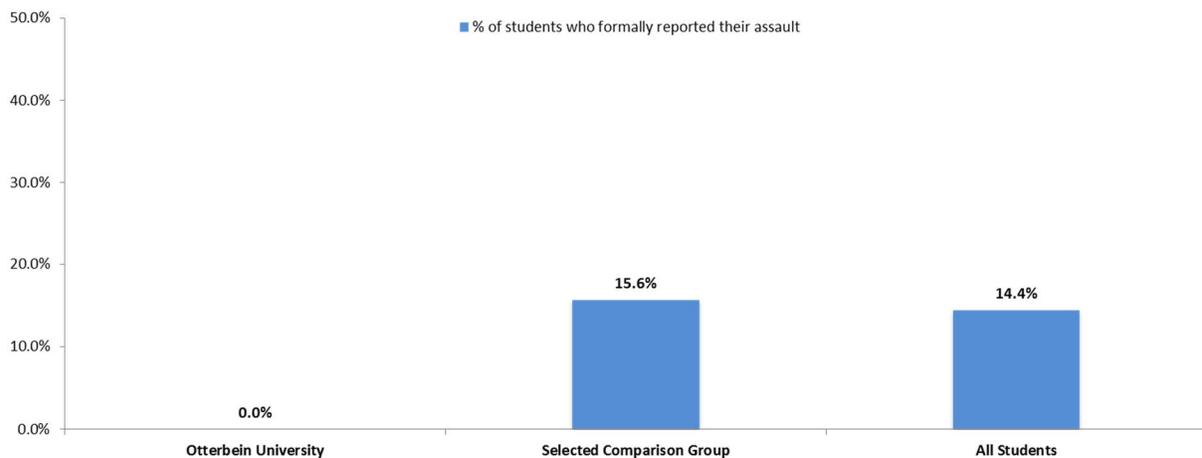
On the Otterbein Campus, in a residence hall: 56.2%; n=9

On the Otterbein campus, in a nonresidential building: 37.5%, n=6

Off-campus, not at another college or university: 6.2%, n=1

Formal Reporting: No students (n=0) indicated using Otterbein University's procedures for making a formal report about the sexual assault. See Figure 5 for comparison of student assault reporting.

Figure 5: Comparison of Formal Reporting of Assault



Reasons for not reporting: students answering "no one" to the question "Whom did you tell about the sexual assault?" were asked "What stopped you from telling anyone about the sexual assault?" The most often given response was "I thought I would be blamed for what happened" (n=3) and "I was ashamed/embarrassed" (n=3).