

The HEDS Sexual Assault and Campus Climate Survey instrument is designed to cover the following topics: perceptions of campus climate around unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault, perceptions of how the institution addresses and responds to sexual assault, and the extent to which students have experienced unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault. But the majority of survey questions are dedicated to specific details and circumstances around accounts of sexual assault, in order to bring clarity to a topic that is inherently sensitive and difficult.

In the spring of 2015, the survey was emailed to approximately 8,000 graduate and undergraduate students at the seven Claremont Colleges. Survey responses were received from 2475 students, for a rate of 31%. For Claremont Graduate University, the response rate was 21% (376/1828). Because the survey was voluntary, and the topic of sexual assault and campus climate has the potential to provoke strong opinions, it is impossible to determine the impact self-selection may have had on the results. Additionally, there was a high degree of variability among the seven institutions. Therefore, it is important to keep in mind that these results do not necessarily represent generalizations about the entire Claremont Colleges community, or any one institution in particular.

A low incidence rate of sexual assault occurred at CGU (0.2% of respondents). These incidences occurred either on or off campus, while at an event or program sponsored by their institution. An additional 1.1% of CGU students (3.3% of all respondents) suspect that someone attempted to sexually assault them, but were not certain. The low number of incidents prevents reporting of additional specific characteristics or nature of the attack to protect student anonymity.

The findings are divided into the three following sections:

1. Perceptions of campus climate and sexual assault
2. Institutional information and education about sexual assault
3. Unwanted sexual contact

Table 1 – CGU Survey Participant Demographics

Respondents	#	%
Women	227	60
Men	144	38
Not reported	5	1
White	164	44
Other than white	195	52
Not reported	17	4
Heterosexual	279	74
Other than heterosexual	78	21
Not reported	19	5

All of the respondents surveyed at Claremont Graduate University are Graduate Students.

SECTION 1: PERCEPTIONS OF CAMPUS CLIMATE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Students responded to the following questions using a 5-point scale, where 5 represents strongly agree, 4 is agree, 3 is neither agree nor disagree, 2 is disagree, and 1 is strongly disagree.

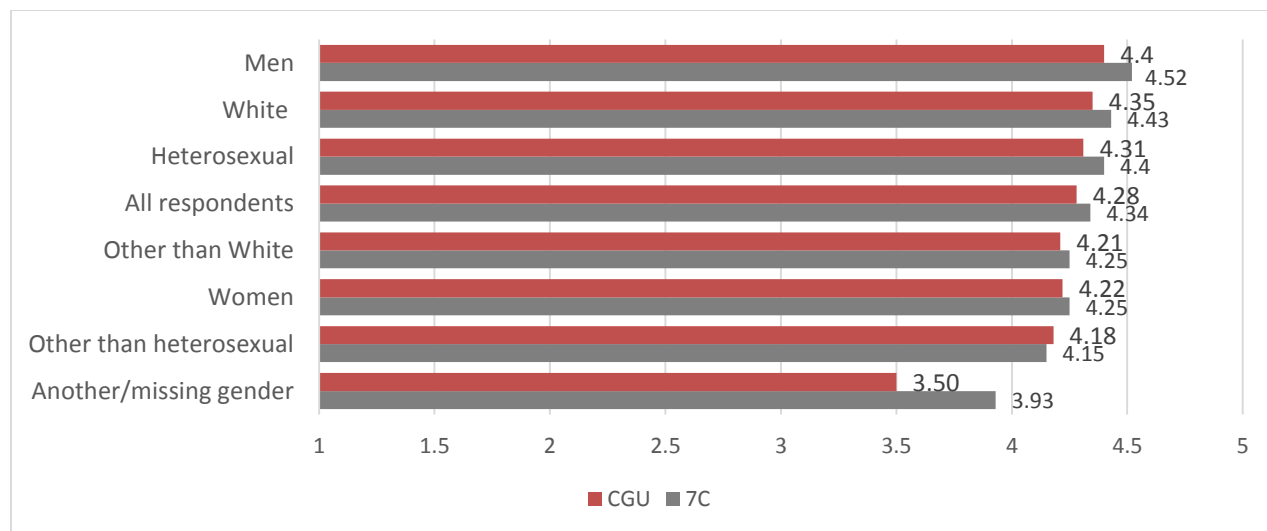
General views on campus climate are very positive. Over 89% of all CGU respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel safe on their campus.

Table 2 - Responses to questions about General Climate

	CGU Mean	7C Mean
Faculty, staff and administrators respect what students think	4.07	4.01
Faculty, staff and administrators concern for students' welfare	4.08	4.21
Faculty, staff and administrators treat students fairly	4.02	3.96
Student concern about welfare of other students	3.94	4.12
I feel valued in the classroom/learning environment	4.16	4.19
I feel close to people on this campus	3.59	4.01
I feel part of the community	3.61	3.94
I feel safe on this campus	4.28	4.34

However, differences were observed among various populations.

Chart 1 - Disaggregated responses to the statement *I feel safe on this campus*



Views about the institutional response to difficult or dangerous situations are slightly lower than those on campus climate, but remain positive.

Table 3 - Responses to questions about difficult or dangerous situations

	CGU Mean	7C Mean
Officials protect students from harm	3.80	3.72
Officials would handle a crisis well	3.76	3.54
Officials respond quickly in difficult situations	3.59	3.54
Officials handle incidents in fair and responsible manner	3.58	3.51
There is a good support system for students going through difficult times	3.52	3.47

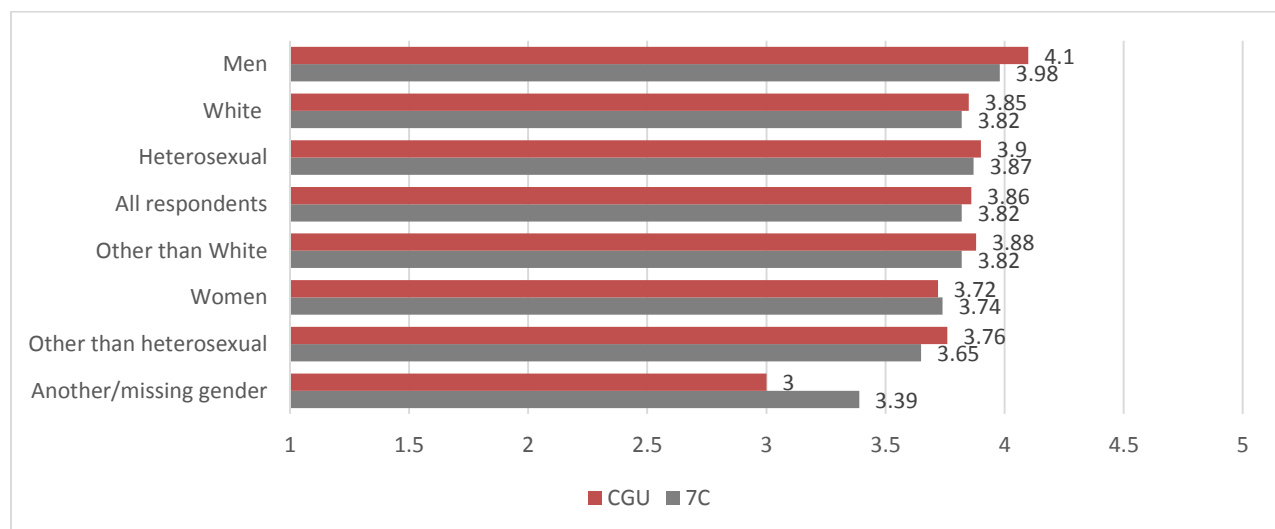
While most respondents from CGU believe that other students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault, 6.5% (as compared to 39% of 7C students) still think that they or one of their friends is at risk for being sexually assaulted on campus or during off-campus events or programs sponsored by the institution. 63.1% of CGU students (as compared to just over half across the 7C's) perceive the number of sexual assaults that occur on campus or during off-campus events or programs sponsored by their institution to be low.

Table 4 - Responses to questions about views on sexual assault

	CGU Mean	7C Mean
Low number of sexual assaults on campus	3.76	3.42
Don't believe I or one of my friends is at risk of sexual assault	3.62	3.11
Students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault	3.86	3.82

Once again, differences were observed among certain populations.

Chart 2 - Disaggregated responses to the statement *I believe that students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault*



SECTION 2: INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

Responses regarding information and education on sexual assault provided by institution varied.

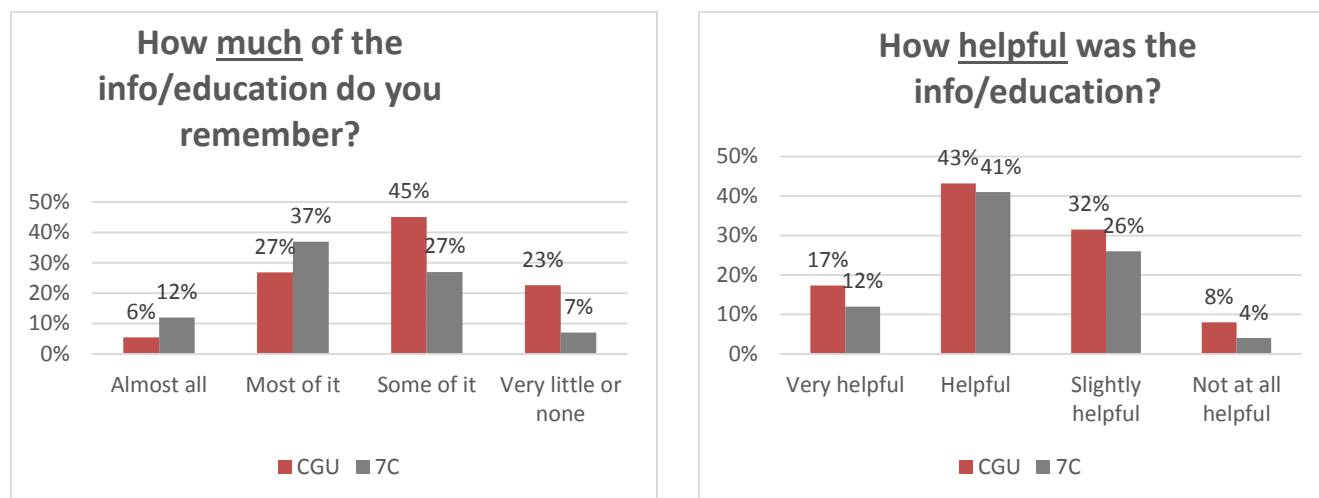
Table 5 - Responses to questions about information or education

<i>Did you receive information or education from institution about:</i>	Yes	No	Unsure
What sexual assault is and how to recognize it	103	162	99
How to report and incident of sexual assault	124	154	86
Confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them	100	158	107
Procedures for investigating a sexual assault	53	199	112
Action you can take to help prevent sexual assault	91	179	95

<i>Did you receive information or education from institution about:</i>	% Yes	% No	%Unsure
What sexual assault is and how to recognize it	28%	45%	27%

How to report and incident of sexual assault	34%	42%	24%
Confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them	27%	43%	29%
Procedures for investigating a sexual assault	15%	55%	31%
Action you can take to help prevent sexual assault	25%	49%	26%

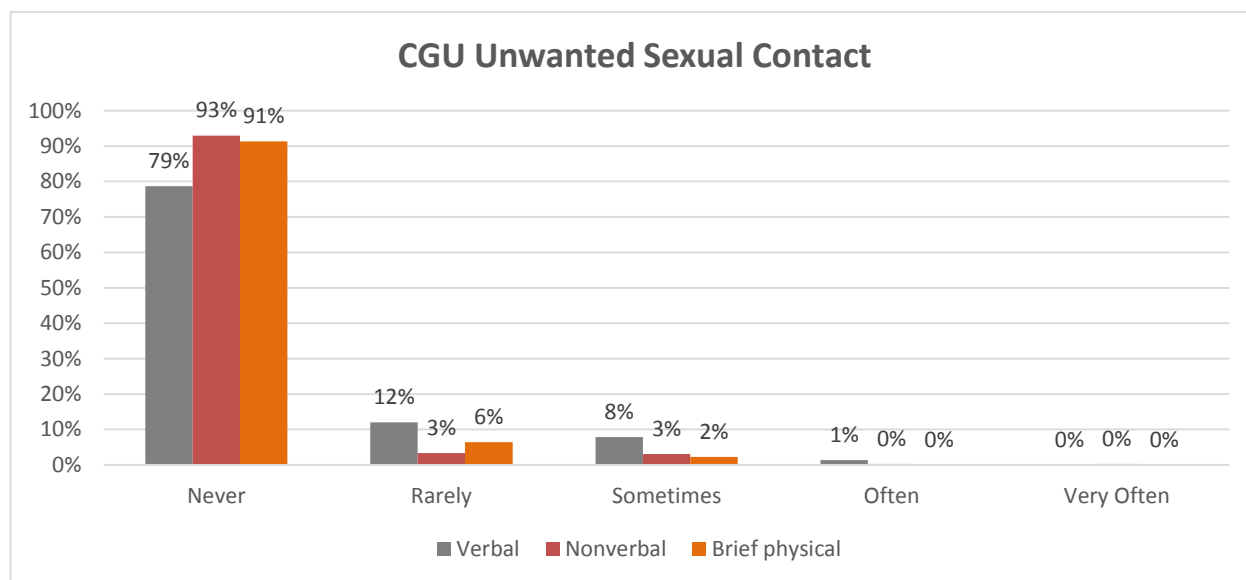
Chart 3 - Respondent recollection and ratings of institutional information and education

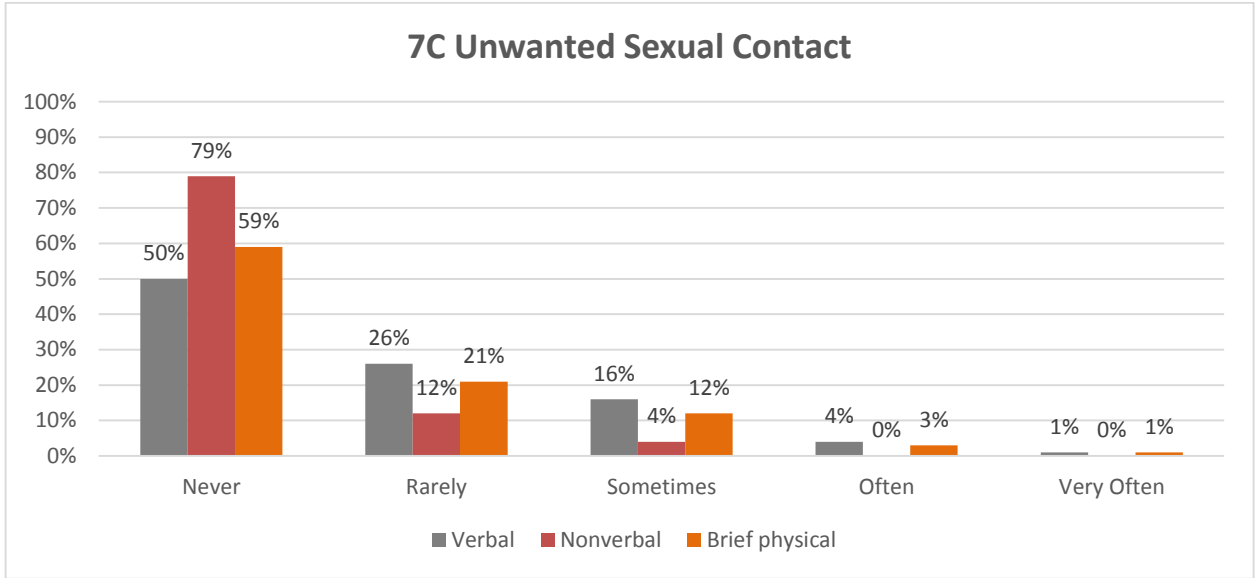


SECTION 3: UNWANTED SEXUAL CONTACT AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Most respondents have never experienced unwanted sexual contact in the forms defined below.

Chart 4 – Frequency of unwanted sexual contact while on campus or while off campus during events or programs sponsored by the institution





Unwanted verbal behaviors – such as someone making sexual comments about your body; someone making unwelcome sexual advances, propositions, or suggestions to you; or someone telling you sexually offensive jokes or kidding about your sex or gender-specific traits

Unwanted nonverbal behaviors – such as sending you sexual emails, texts, or pictures; posting sexual comments about you on blogs or social media; showing you sexually offensive pictures or objects; leering at you or making lewd gestures towards you; or touching oneself sexually in front of you

Unwanted brief physical contact – such as someone briefly groping you, rubbing sexually against you, pinching you, or engaging in any other brief inappropriate or unwelcome touching of your body

Chart 5 - Disaggregated percentages of unwanted verbal behaviors experienced often or very often

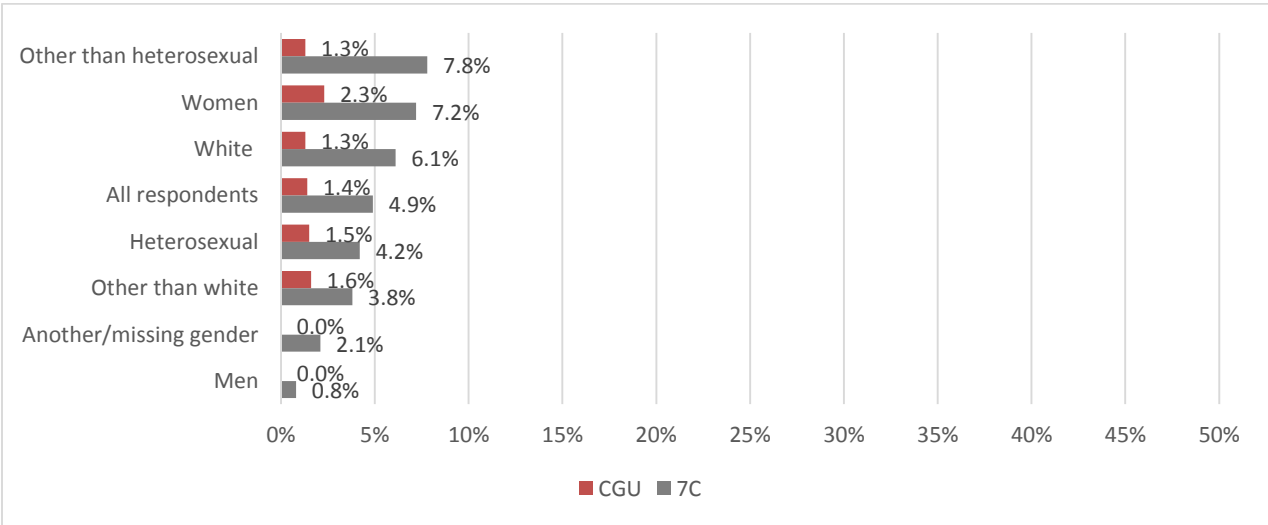


Chart 6 – Attempted sexual assault

In response to the question “Has anyone attempted, but not succeeded in, sexually assaulting you while you were on campus or while you were off campus during an event or program sponsored by your institution?” 1.1% of CGU and 6.7% of 7C respondents answered yes. 1.6% of CGU and 4.7% of 7C respondents suspected that someone attempted to sexually assault them, but were not certain.

