

Sexual Violence Prevalence (SVP) Campus Climate Survey Report

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SUNY Jamestown Community College is committed to creating a safe environment for all faculty, staff, administrators, and students at the college.

As part of that commitment, and consistent with New York State Education Law 129-B, Jamestown Community College began an online administration of the Sexual Violence Prevalence (SVP) Campus Climate Survey on April 3, 2023. This survey was administered to students and employees and is required to address, at minimum, student, and employee knowledge about:

- The Title IX Coordinator's role;
- Campus policies and procedures addressing sexual assault;
- How and where to report sexual violence as a victim/survivor or witness;
- The availability of resources on and off campus, such as counseling, health, academic assistance;
- The prevalence of victimization and perpetration of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on and off campus during a set time period (for example, the last two years);
- Bystander attitudes and behavior;
- Whether victims/survivors reported to the College/University and/or police, and reasons why they did or did not report.
- The general awareness of the difference, if any, between the institution's policies and the penal law; and
- The general awareness of the definition of affirmative consent.

If you have any questions about the survey or the results included in this report, please contact Barry Swanson, Coordinator of Campus Safety/Title IX Coordinator at barryswanson@mail.sunyjcc.edu

Background

The SVP survey is administered every other year by all SUNY campuses, who work closely with SUNY System Administration to coordinate the administration survey. An effort is made to keep the questions from one survey administration to the next as consistent as possible to allow for reliable and meaningful longitudinal data. System-wide IRB review takes place for each survey administration.

Our college administered the survey to students and employees between April 10, 2023, and April 30, 2023. Excluded in the survey populations were individuals under 18 years of age, all incarcerated individuals regardless of age, and all students concurrently enrolled in high school regardless of age.

The survey link was sent to all eligible students and employees via their college email address. The Title IX Coordinator sent college-wide emails to students and employees advising them of the survey in advance of the commencement of the survey. Although some colleges and universities offered incentives for their communities to participate in the survey our college was not able to offer such an incentive.

Jamestown Community College will use the results of this survey to evaluate those initiatives that have worked well and those that we can improve upon in educating our college community. It appears the perceptions of the campus community is that the college is attentive to sexual and interpersonal violence related issues. Generally, results indicate the campus community is aware that resources are available to them. The incidence of sexual assault on your campus is very low with a small number of students disclosing incidents of unwanted sexual comments, sexual slurs, demeaning jokes, or sexually suggestive communication digitally.

Results

In reviewing the results, we highlight that the survey indicated that our students and employees responded that they are generally aware of the college's sexual and interpersonal violence policies, campus support services and resources that are available to them at rates higher than the SUNY Community College benchmark in nearly every category.

Jamestown Community College and SUNY provided the survey invitation to the 373 college employees with a 19% response rate of 71 employees taking the survey. The survey invitation was provided to 1,519 students with an 8.1% response rate of 123 students.

In comparison, other employee response rates for the SUNY community colleges varied from 7.9% to 50.3% and the SUNY student response rate was 6.4%.

Of the 71 employees who responded, 49.3% were faculty and 50.7% were staff or administration.

93.5% of the employees knew that victims/survivors can formally disclose a sexual assault to the Title IX Coordinator, 96.6% answered that these disclosed that a formal disclosure can be reported to Public Safety. At Jamestown Community College (JCC) the Public Safety Office and the Title IX Coordinator's office are a combined office. 90% of the employees responded that the health center is an office where a formal disclosure can also be made.

The survey data in nearly every category showed that the percentage of employees are more aware of college policies, procedures, college response to SVP, and resources available in comparison to students. This is even though students receive much more information and training than employees. Students are provided information about sexual and interpersonal violence through onboarding, student life programming, athletic and residence life training, various emails, ongoing training, and college campaigns with referral agency partners.

Respondent Demographics:

Employees: 71 Total

49.3% Faculty

50.7% Staff/Administrator

Full/Part Time

50.7% Full time Permanent/Continuing

9.9% Full time Not Permanent/Continuing

39.4% Part time

Race/Ethnicity

1.4% Black or African American

2.8 % Hispanic or Latino/a

88.7% White

4.2% Two or more

2.8% Prefer not to respond

Years at the college

- 23.9% Less than one year
- 22.5% 1 – 5 years
- 18.3% 6 – 10 years
- 35.2% 11+ years

Gender Identity

- 29.6% Man
- 63.4% Woman
- 2.8% non-Binary
- 1.4% Two or more
- 1.4% No response
- 1.4% Prefer not to respond

Sex

- 31.0% Male
- 67.6% Female
- 1.4% Intersex

Sexual Orientation

- 91.5% Heterosexual
- 1.4% Gay
- 1.4% Asexual
- 1.4% Pansexual
- 1.4% Queer
- 2.8% Prefer not to respond

Students

		# Surveyed	# Respondents
Campus Total		1,519	123
Age	18 to 20	731	61
	21 to 24	310	18
	25 and Over	478	44
Full/Part-Time	Full-Time	1,041	90
	Part-Time	478	33
Pell Grant	Yes	713	60
	No	806	63
Permanent Residency	Unknown	1,519	123
	International		
	New York State		
	Other US State		
Race/Ethnicity	American Indian or Alaska.Native	35	0
	Asian	17	0
	Black	59	0
	Hispanic/Latino	115	12
	Unknown	20	1
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	2	0
	Non-Resident Alien	71	7
	Two or More	38	6
	White	1,162	97
Semesters at this campus	1	164	16
	2	292	22
	3 to 4	355	30
	5 to 6	335	26
	Unknown		
Sex	7+	373	29
	Female	897	94
Undergrad/Grad	Male	622	29
	Undergraduate	1,519	123
	Graduate		

On campus housing	20%
Off campus housing roommate/friend	6.7%
Housing with family	85%
Athletic team – varsity	17.9%
Athletic Team – club	10.4%
Male	23.8%
Female	76.2%
Gender identity	
Man	22.2%
Female	75.4%
Sexual orientation	
Heterosexual	81.7%
Bisexual	11.7%

The only areas of the college that received responses slightly below the SUNY benchmark for where a disclosure can be made were the counseling center, affirmative action, and human resources. At JCC affirmative action is the role of the human resources office. According to the data, the employee

responses appear to conflict in certain area datapoints but overall, the employees who participated in the survey understand the college’s sexual harassment/violence policies.

The Title IX Coordinator will share data with our Title IX Steering Committee and with the offices where the responses were under-performing compared to the SUNY benchmark data. We will collectively improve awareness of these areas to our campus communities through education and various media available.

The Title IX Coordinator’s role in regards to:

	Students	Employees
Coordinating campus response (Yes)	62.1%	86.4%
Ensuring training/education is provided to the campus community (Yes)	60.8%	86.2%
Providing reporting individuals with accommodations and services during an investigation (Yes)	58.5	75.4%
Receiving reports (Yes)	71.7%	93.4%

Do you know how to contact the

<i>Title IX Coordinator?</i>	Yes	No	Not Sure
	41.5%	23.6%	35.0%

My campus has Policies and procedures

Specifically addressing sexual assault	Yes	No	Not Sure
	79.5%	20.5%	

Have you received written and/or verbal information from anyone at your campus about the following?

Definition of sexual assault	69.8%	85.5%
How to report sexual assault	69.0%	89.9%
Where to get help if you or someone you know is sexually assaulted	67.2%	85.5%
To whom you can speak confidentially about a sexual assault	64.7%	85.5%
Policies prohibiting sexual assault	63.8%	88.4%

Student responses to where to report sexual violence as a victim/survivor or witness on campus:

- 86.2% University Police/Public Safety
- 84.9% Counseling Center
- 84.8% Health Center
- 77.8% Title IX Coordinator

- 69.6% Advocacy Services
- 63% Human Resources
- 60.2% Affirmative Action
- 58% Student Affairs

Student responses to the question: Which of the following incidents do you know how to report to the college?

- 69.0% Sexual Assault
- 68.1% Sexual Harassment
- 66.4% Domestic Violence/Dating Violence
- 61.2% Stalking
- 29.3% Responded that they did not know how to report any of the above

91.4 % of the students and 96.9% of the employees responded that they know the definition of Affirmative Consent.

87.5 % of the students responded that someone who is incapacitated cannot provide consent while 97% of the employees responded that an incapacitated person cannot provide consent. The remaining respondents indicated that they were not sure, but no one responded that an incapacitated person was able to provide consent.

60.2% of the students and 90.9% of the employees responded that know the difference between the college disciplinary process and the criminal justice process.

55.9% of the students and 55.2% of the employees responded that they know about SUNY’s alcohol and/or drug use amnesty policy in reporting sexual violence.

Student and employee awareness of on-campus and community resources were reflected in the responses below:

	Student	Employee
Office of Student Conduct	39.8%	55.7%
University Police or Public Safety	47.6%	63.9%
Peer Counselors	47.6%	37.7%
Campus Advocacy Center	35.0%	39.3%
Counseling Center	83.5%	98.4%
Campus Health Services	68.9%	93.4%
Health Educator	35.9%	36.1%
Human Resources	48.5%	85.2%
Local police/sheriff	63.1%	88.5%
Local crisis center	39.8%	62.3%
Local advocacy center	33.0%	39.3%
Local health services (including hospitals)	59.2%	78.7%
None of the above	7.8%	0.0%

Of the students and employees responding to the question; during the last year, have you received unwanted sexually suggestive digital communications, either words or images or both, including emails, texts, social medial communications, or in letters or written communications?

20.2% of the students responded, and 1.7% of the employees responded, with a “yes” response, however, none of these incidents were reported to the college.

The survey data indicates that of the 20.2%, there were 6 incidents of some form interpersonal violence experienced by students. Of these 6 incidents the perpetrator was a stranger who was not affiliated with the campus community and 100% of the responding students indicated they told a friend about the incident. The responding students of the 6 incidents indicated that no formal report was filed. The data indicates there was no formal report filed because the incidents were not affiliated with the college community.

Of the 20.2%, or 22 students, responding that they had a recent incident 25 % responded that they told a friend and 75% responded that they did not tell anyone about the incident. Following are the responses relative to the thoughts or concern that crossed the student's mind when they decided not to report or otherwise share their experience:

- 43.8% (7 students) Did not think it was important enough.
- 37.5% (6 students) Did not recognize it as sexual assault at the time.
- 37.5% (6 students) Did not think they would be believed.
- 37.5% (6 students) Did not want to deal with it.
- 37.5% (6 students) Were ashamed or embarrassed.

12 students submitted responses that an intimate partner such as a boyfriend, girlfriend, spouse, or anyone they were in an intimate relationship with or hooked up with, including exes and current partners, controlled them or tried to control them in the past year.

8 students submitted responses that these same individuals threatened to hurt them, their family/friends, or themselves to influence them.

Again, 6 of these students responded that they told a friend about the incident.

No employees surveyed responded that they had experienced unwanted sexual comments, sexual slurs, demeaning jokes, or sexually suggestive digital communications during the last year.

The employees overwhelmingly have a "readiness to Help" students by responding to the survey indicating they had received 9 student disclosures of unwanted sexual experiences, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, regardless of where the incident disclosed occurred. The employees' responses reflect that they reported 7 of the 9 disclosures to the college's Title IX Coordinator.

Employees responded that they "Agreed" or "Strongly agreed" that the college would take reports they made of a student complaint of sexual violence on our campus seriously and that a fair investigation would be conducted. Except for 7 responses (who neither agreed nor disagreed), the employees thought the college would provide the student with necessary support during the process. 87.1% of the employees responded that they know how to advise a student who was sexually assaulted on where to get help on campus while 11.3% neither agreed nor disagreed that they knew how to advise the student.

75.5% of the students surveyed responded that they thought the college would conduct a fair investigation if they or a friend filed a formal complaint of sexual violence on our campus. 13.7% of the responses indicated students "Neither Agreed nor Disagreed" and 10.8% "Disagreed" that a fair investigation would be completed.

83.1% of the students "Agreed" or "Strongly Agreed" that the college would provide students necessary support during the process and 16.8% responded that they "Neither Agreed nor Disagreed" that support would be provided to students who file a formal complaint of sexual violence.

84.3% of the students responded that they “Agreed” or “Strongly Agreed” that a formal complaint of sexual violence report would be taken seriously. 7.8% of the responses indicated the students “Neither Agreed nor Disagreed” the report would be taken seriously and 7.8% “Disagreed” the report would be taken seriously.

The survey data submitted by students relative to their belief that fellow students would intervene by calling 911 if they heard yelling for help, confront someone who disclosed they had sex with someone who passed out, express discomfort if someone mad jokes about a person’s body, get help and resources for a friend who disclosed a sexual assault, or tell an RA or other campus authority about information they might have about an incident is, consistent with the benchmark of other SUNY Community Colleges. The responses generally indicate that fellow students are “Likely” or “Very Likely” to intervene and support each other. Roughly one-third of the responding students indicate that that they “Don’t Know” or a few felt it was “Unlikely” that fellow students would intervene and provide support.

Discussion and next steps

The Title IX Coordinator has thoroughly reviewed the results of the 2023 Sexual Violence Prevalence (SVP) Campus Climate Survey administered by SUNY to the Jamestown Community College students and employees. The college’s Title IX Steering Committee will collaborate and make recommendations to address the challenges we have identified in the survey results.

Overall, our results were consistent with, or above, the benchmark of SUNY community colleges. Our survey results show our campus communities are aware of our college policies and procedures, available resources and they are confident that incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are taken seriously and that the college will take appropriate action to investigate and address formal complaints.

The “COVID years” and changes in college programming have limited the opportunities to have face to face interactions with the campus communities. We have tried to meet our campus communities “where they are” but it is challenging because they are not always engaged in the formats available. There have been changes at the college this year with a new director of learning and the implementation of the Brightspace learning platform. The director has worked with SUNY and JCC’S Title IX Coordinator to develop a working SPARC training that was assigned to all college students for the Fall Semester in Brightspace. Previously, SPARC training was assigned via other learning platforms, and we found those platforms to be challenging for our students.

The survey showed favorable employee responses across the survey, but we feel we can improve in a few of the areas that indicate a lack of confidence that a small number of employees have when it comes to supporting or connecting a reporting person to resources. This is already taking place with offering/assigning training to college employees.

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