



BETHEL UNIVERSITY

Sexual Assault Items from Campus Life Survey 2019-2020

Summary. Items on sexual assault at Bethel were included for the first time in the spring 2015 Campus Life Survey. We have also included them in the 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2020 Campus Life Surveys. (We did not distribute a Campus Life Survey in 2017.) The items are from the document “*Climate Surveys: Useful Tools to Help Colleges and Universities in Their Efforts to Reduce and Prevent Sexual Assault*” found on the *Not Alone* website (<https://www.notalone.gov/assets/ovw-climate-survey.pdf>). *Not Alone* has done an excellent job of collating the best survey items on college sexual assault from the leading researchers around the country. We use 16 items from the survey. However, some items are only displayed if the student indicated that she or he had been sexually assaulted or someone had attempted to assault them.

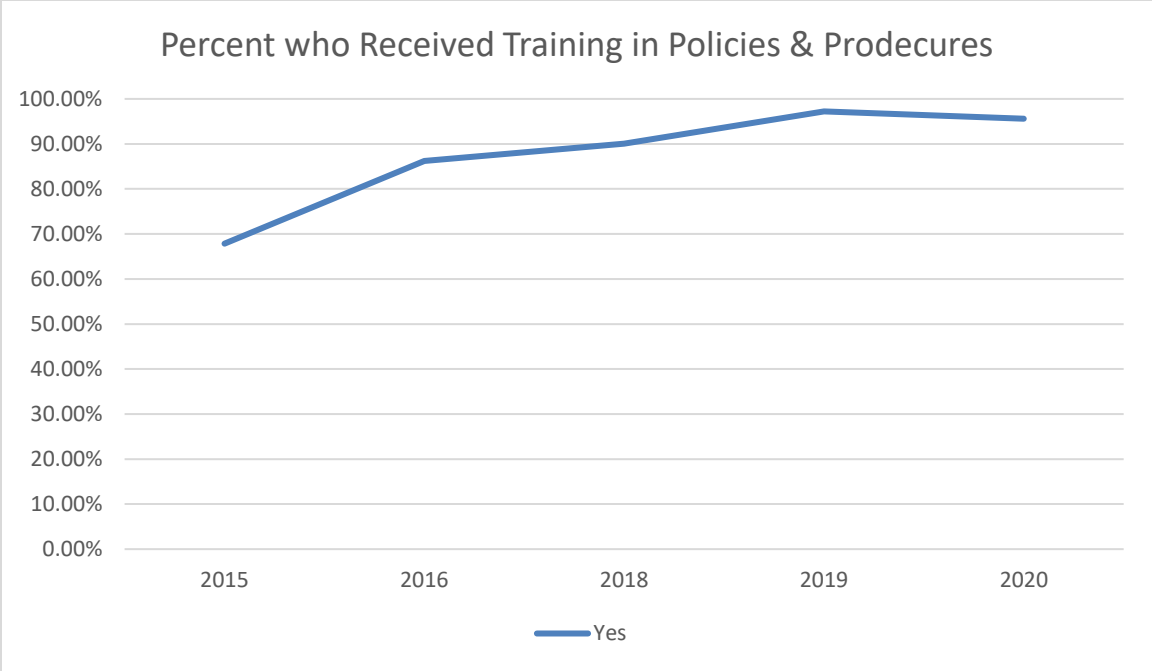
Primary Findings

- In 2019-2020, **9 out of 859 students (1.04%)** indicated that since the beginning of fall semester 2019 someone affiliated with **Bethel sexually assaulted them or someone attempted to sexually assault them**. Eight of these students were women and one was a man. **None of these students** indicated that they **used formal procedures to report the assault or attempted assault**. These results are similar to 2018-2019, where 11 out of 598 students (1.84%) indicated that someone affiliated with Bethel sexually assaulted them or someone attempted to sexually assault them. Nine of these students were women and two were men. Out of these 11 students, four indicated that they used formal procedures to report the assault.
- We see a small but steady increase each year in student ratings of the **usefulness of the sexual assault training**.

Below are each of the items from the sexual assault portion of the survey.

Have you received training in policies and procedures regarding incidents of sexual assault (e.g. what is defined as sexual assault, how to report an incident, confidential resources, procedures for investigating)?

Since 2015 there has been a steady increase in the percentage of students who say that they have received training in policies and procedures regarding incidents of sexual assault. This reached its high point in 2019 (97.33%) and plateaued in 2020 (95.6%).



Year	Answer	%
2020	Yes	95.60%
2019	Yes	97.33%
2018	Yes	90.06%
2016	Yes	86.20%
2015	Yes	67.85%

Have you received training in prevention of sexual assault?

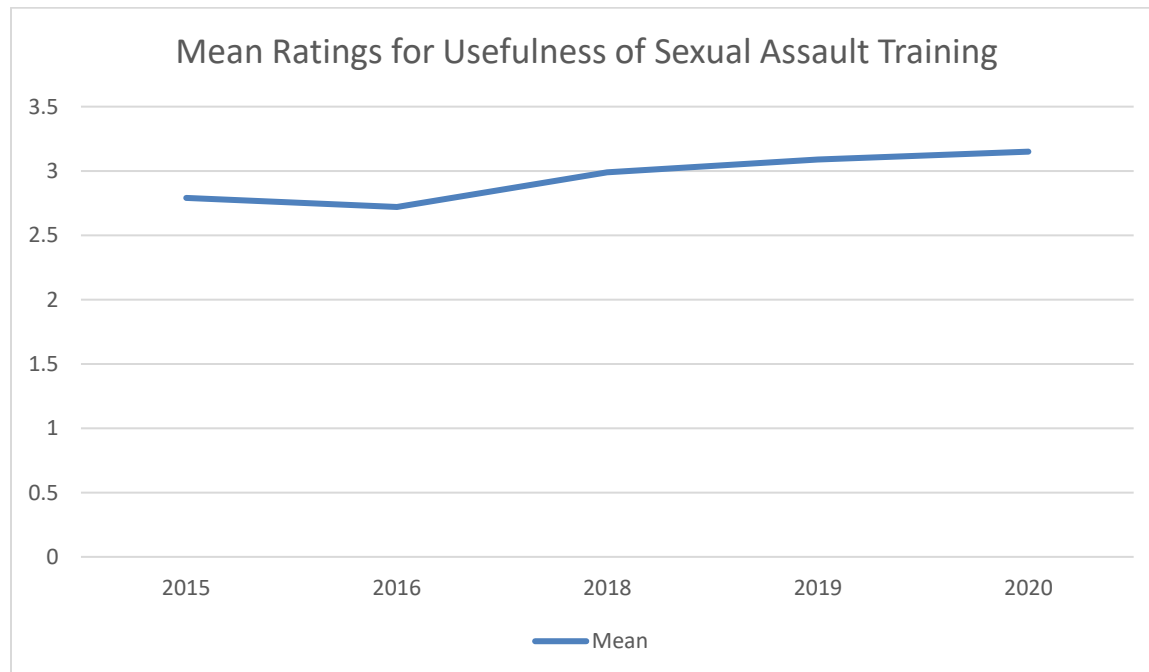
Over the past couple of years we have seen a higher percentage of students who say they have received training in prevention of sexual assault.

Year	Answer	%
2020	Yes	89.22%
2019	Yes	88.81%
2018	Yes	79.17%
2016	Yes	77.76%
2015	Yes	56.14%

How useful did you think the training was?

There was no real change in the ratings of the usefulness of the sexual assault training. However, the mean for this item continues to increase from 2016.

Answer	2020 %	2019 %	2018 %	2016 %	2015 %
Not useful	6.5%	9.45%	8.50%	12.99%	11.21%
Slightly useful	21.59%	20.04%	26.52%	30.36%	29.31%
Somewhat useful	32.25%	31.76%	32.29%	33.44%	33.79%
Moderately useful	29.91%	29.49%	22.67%	18.02%	20.69%
Very useful	9.75%	9.26%	9.92%	5.19%	5.00%
	2020 Mean	2019 Mean	2018 Mean	2016 Mean	2015 Mean
How useful did you think the training was?	3.15	3.09	2.99	2.72	2.79



Results on these items below were similar to last year.

Item	2020 Mean	2019 Mean	2018 Mean	2016 Mean	2015 Mean
If a friend or I were sexually assaulted, I know where to go to get help.	3.97	4.03	3.84	3.81	3.71
I understand Bethel's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault.	3.91	3.87	3.64	3.43	3.00
I have confidence that Bethel administers the formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault fairly.	3.79	3.87	3.78	3.72	3.50

Before students were asked if they had been sexually assaulted, they were given the following definitions for unwanted sexual contact.

NOTE: These next set items may be uncomfortable for you to read. However, they are very important. Please respond honestly.

This section asks about nonconsensual or unwanted sexual contact you may have experienced. When you are asked about whether something happened, please think about what has happened since the beginning of the academic year (beginning of fall semester 2019). The person with whom you had the unwanted sexual contact could have been a stranger or someone you know, such as someone you were dating or going out with. These questions ask about five types of unwanted sexual contact:

- a. forced touching of a sexual nature (forced kissing, touching of private parts, grabbing, fondling, rubbing up against you in a sexual way, even if it is over your clothes)
- b. oral sex (someone's mouth or tongue making contact with your genitals or your mouth or tongue making contact with someone else's genitals)
- c. sexual intercourse (someone's penis being put in your vagina)
- d. anal sex (someone's penis being put in your anus)
- e. sexual penetration with a finger or object (someone putting their finger or an object like a bottle or a candle in your vagina or anus)

Since the beginning of fall semester, has anyone affiliated with Bethel had sexual contact with you by using physical force or threatening to physically harm you?

Similar results compared to previous years. We had a very low percentage of students who said they had been sexually assaulted. In 2019-20, five students responded “yes” to this item.

Answer	2019-20 %	2019-20 Count	2018-19 %	2018-19 Count	2017-18 %	2017-18 Count	2015-16 %	2015-16 Count	2014-15 %	2014-15 Count
Yes	0.58%	5	1.34%	8	0.48%	3	1.01%	8	0.78%	8
No	99.42%	854	98.66%	590	99.52%	620	98.99%	785	99.22%	1024
Total		859		598		623		793		1032

Since the beginning of fall semester, has anyone affiliated with Bethel attempted but not succeeded in having sexual contact with you by using or threatening to use physical force against you?

Again, the numbers for attempted sexual assault are similar to previous years and are low compared to national reporting on college campuses.

Answer	2019-20 %	2019-20 Count	2018-19 %	2018-19 Count	2017-18 %	2017-18 Count	2015-16 %	2015-16 Count	2014-15 %	2014-15 Count
Yes	0.70%	6	1.67%	10	0.80%	5	0.89%	7	0.48%	5
No	99.30%	853	98.33%	588	99.20%	618	99.11%	783	99.52%	1028
Total		859		598		623		790		1033

Since the beginning of fall semester, has someone affiliated with Bethel had sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep? This question asks about incidents that you are certain happened.

Answer	2019-20 %	2019-20 Count	2018-19 %	2018-19 Count	2017-18 %	2017-18 Count	2015-16 %	2015-16 Count
Yes	0.12%	1	1.01%	6	0.32%	2	0.76%	6
No	99.88%	856	98.99%	591	99.68%	618	99.24%	783
Total		857		597		620		789

Since the beginning of fall semester, have you suspected that someone affiliated with Bethel has had sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep? This question asks about events that you think (but are not certain) happened.

Answer	2019-20 %	2019-20 Count	2018-19 %	2018-19 Count	2017-18 %	2017-18 Count	2015-16 %	2015-16 Count	2014-15 %	2014-15 Count
Yes	0.12%	1	0.67%	4	0.64%	4	0.38%	3	0.78%	8
No	99.88%	858	99.33%	593	99.36%	619	99.62%	786	99.22%	1,023
Total		859		597		623		789		1,031

When the person had sexual contact with you by using or threatening you with physical force, which of the following happened? Please check all that apply.

Answer	2019-20 Count	2018-19 Count	2017-18 Count	2015-16 Count	2014-15 Count
Forced touching of a sexual nature	2	4	1	4	6
Oral sex	0	3	2	1	2
Sexual intercourse	3	2	1	3	1
Anal sex	0	1	0	1	0
Sexual Penetration with a finger or object	0	4	1	2	1
Total Assaulted	5	8	3	8	8

Earlier you indicated that since the beginning of fall semester, someone has had sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep. The questions below ask about that experience. When the person had sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep, which of the following happened? Please check all that apply.

Answer	2019-20 Count	2018-19 Count	2017-18 Count	2015-16 Count	2014-15 Count
Forced touching of a sexual nature	1	4	3	2	4
Oral sex	0	1	1	0	3
Sexual intercourse	0	3	1	2	4
Anal sex	0	1	0	0	1
Sexual Penetration with a finger or object	0	3	4	1	4
Total Assaulted	1	6	9	6	9

Who did you tell about the incident? Choose all that apply.

Answer	2019-20 Count	2018-19 Count	2017-18 Count	2015-16 Count	2014-15 Count
no one	2	4	0	4	5
roommate	4	5	3	2	4
close friend other than roommate	5	2	3	6	6
parent or guardian	1	2	2	0	2
other family member	1	1	1	0	2
counselor	1	2	3	0	2
faculty or staff	1	0	3	0	1
residence hall staff	1	0	3	0	2
police	0	0	2	1	0
romantic partner (other than the one e. other family member who did this to you)	0	1	2	0	2
campus sexual assault advocate	1	2	1	0	1
other	0	0	0	0	1
Total	17	19	23	11	15

If you did not tell anyone, why? Choose all that apply.

Answer	2019-20 Count	2018-19 Count	2017-18 Count	2015-16 Count
Ashamed/embarrassed	2	3	3	3
Is a private matter – wanted to deal with it on my own	2	4	2	8
Concerned others would find out	0	6	1	2
Didn't want the person who did it to get in trouble	1	3	1	3
Fear of retribution from the person from the person who did it	0	3	0	0
Fear of not being believed	0	5	2	2
I thought I would be blamed for what happened	0	5	2	2
Didn't think what happened was serious enough to talk about	1	2	2	3
Didn't think others would think it was serious	0	1	1	3
Thought people would try to tell me what to do	0	2	1	1
Would feel like an admission of failure	0	2	1	0
Didn't think others would think it was important	0	1	2	0
Didn't think others would understand	0	2	1	2
Didn't have time to deal with it due to academics, work, etc.	0	6	2	3
Didn't know reporting procedure on campus	0	1	1	2
Feared I or another would be punished for infractions or violations (such as drinking)	0	2	2	1
I did not feel the campus leadership would solve my problem	1	4	1	1
I feared others would harass me or react negatively toward me	0	2	2	2
I thought nothing would be done	1	6	0	3
Didn't want others to worry about me	0	2	1	1
Wanted to forget it happened	0	5	1	2
Had other things I needed to focus on and was concerned about (classes, work)	1	5	1	1
Didn't think the school would do anything about my report	1	4	0	1
Other	1	1	1	1
Total				8

Other (2020): I stopped it before it got to far and didn't think I needed to tell anyone about it

Did you use the formal procedures to report the incident(s)?

Answer	2019-20 %	2019-20 Count	2018-19 %	2018-19 Count	2017-18 %	2017-18 Count	2015-16 %	2015-16 Count	2014-15 %	2014-15 Count
Yes	0%	0	30.77%	4	71.43%	5	0.00%	0	6.67%	1
No	100%	9	69.23%	9	28.57%	2	100.00%	10	93.33%	14
Total		9		13		7	100%	10	100%	15

Did university formal procedures help you deal with the problem?

Answer	2019-20 Count	2018-19 Count	2017-18 Count	2015-16 Count	2014-15 Count
Didn't help me at all	0	0	0	0	0
Helped me a little	0	0	0	0	1
Helped, but could have helped more	0	0	1	0	0
Helped me a lot	0	3	4	0	0
Completely solved the problem	0	1	0	0	0

At the end of the sexual assault portion of the Campus Life Survey, students were provided with the following resources.

If you are concerned about any of the topics covered in the previous sexual assault items, or if you would like more information or reading material on this topic, please contact one of the resources below.

For Relationship Violence:

Bethel Counseling Services: 651.635.8540

Ramsey County SOS Sexual Violence Services: **651.266.1000, answered 24/7**

National: 1-800-799-SAFE

www.loveisrespect.org

For Sexual Assault:

Bethel Counseling Services: 651.635.8540

Ramsey County SOS Sexual Violence Services: **651.266.1000, answered 24/7**

National: 1-800-656-HOPE

<https://ohl.rainn.org/online>

Text "campus" to 22522