



	Category Description as maintained by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education	Number Reported (Total)
*	<p><b>Scope of Incidents: The report includes the number of incidents of sexual assault reported to Bethel in the previous calendar year (January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022) in which:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Either the complainant or respondent was a member of the campus community (employee or student) at the time of the incident</li> <li>-The incident occurred on the institution's campus (or on property owned/rented by the institution); or,</li> <li>-The incident occurred at an institutionally-sponsored event.</li> </ul>	
1	<p><b>The total number of incidents of sexual assault reported to the institution during the prior calendar year, within the scope of incidents as defined below.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Noting the added definition of "Incident" to 2020 Session Law, incident means: "one report of sexual assault to a postsecondary institution, regardless of the number of complainants included in the report, the number of respondents included in the report, and whether or not the identity of any party is known by the reporting postsecondary institution. Incident encompasses all nonconsensual events included within one report if multiple events have been identified."</li> <li>-Include incidents that were reported as sexual assault but were later found not to be sexual assault, or where the report was unfounded.</li> <li>-Include incidents reported by the complainant as well as incidents reported by other named parties</li> <li>-Include incidents of sexual assault reported but were dismissed under Title IX, routed to another disciplinary process (i.e. incident occurred off campus, the incident occurred in an Education Abroad experience)</li> <li>-Exclude anonymous reports and aggregate deidentified data provided to the institution from confidential resources</li> </ul>	<10
2	<p><b>Of the incidents compiled in #1, the number that were investigated by the institution to determine whether an incident may rise to a policy violation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•"Investigated" can mean a formal investigation, an informal investigation, and/or an institutional inquiry.</li> <li>•Incidents may be reported to the institution but not investigated (as defined above) because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The complainant sought supportive measures only</li> <li>-The complainant chose not to proceed with the investigation, and the institution determined there was no overriding concern to campus safety;</li> <li>-An incident occurred but the allegation was not of sexual assault;</li> <li>-The respondent was no longer enrolled or employed at the time of the report (but the actual incident occurred at an earlier time);</li> <li>-The respondent was not a member of the campus community; or,</li> <li>-A respondent was not identified in the report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<10
3	<p><b>Of those incidents in #2, the number that were referred for a disciplinary process at the institution.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-I.e. the number of incidents that moved beyond an informal investigation or institutional inquiry.</li> <li>-A "disciplinary process" includes any process by the institution following a fact-finding investigation by a trained investigator, and a decision-maker renders a decision about an allegation of sexual misconduct. This is in accordance with the institution's own code of conduct or similar internal policy or rules.</li> <li>-A report was dismissed under Title IX and referred to another disciplinary proceeding.</li> <li>-An incident that moved into a disciplinary proceeding but was resolved by alternative resolution or informal resolution before a decision was made.</li> </ul>	<10
4	<p><b>The number of total incidents (category #1) in which the alleged victim chose to report to local or state law enforcement, to the extent that the institution is aware.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Include incident reports made to any local, federal, tribal, or state law enforcement agency, not just those within Minnesota</li> </ul>	<10
5	<p><b>The number of incidents for which a campus disciplinary process is pending, but has not reached a final resolution as of September 2023.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•I.e. the incident was reported to the institution by December 31, 2022, but the case was still pending on August 31, 2023.</li> <li>•"Pending" cases include those where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The case is still under investigation</li> <li>-The case has moved into an alternate or informal resolution process from a campus disciplinary process with a resolution pending</li> <li>-The case is still under adjudication</li> <li>-A final determination has not been made</li> <li>-Case hearings have not yet reached their conclusion</li> <li>-The case is under appeal</li> <li>-The appeal period has not yet expired</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<10
6	<p><b>The number of incidents in which the respondent(s) was/were found responsible for sexual assault, through the disciplinary process at the institution.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Include only final (and not initial) determinations of responsibility. This would be after the appeal window closed.</li> </ul>	<10

7	<p><b>The number of incidents that resulted in any action by the institution greater than a warning being issued to the respondent.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A warning is an issuance of an oral or written reprimand that has no adverse consequence.</li> <li>• Examples of actions greater than a warning include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requiring counseling</li> <li>- Requiring education or training</li> <li>- Placing a hold on the students' record/transcript</li> <li>- Issuing or enforcing a no-contact order</li> <li>- Issuing or enforcing a no-trespass order</li> <li>- Issuing or enforcing a partial no-trespass order that significantly limits campus access</li> <li>- Removing a party from campus housing</li> <li>- Issuing a disciplinary probation, suspension, or expulsion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<10
8	<p><b>The number of investigations that resulted in a disciplinary process (as defined in category #3) at the institution, but eventually closed without resolution.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I.e. a disciplinary process is initiated by the institution, but then forced to close prior to a determination being reached, therefore closing without resolution.</li> <li>- Resolution is defined as a finding based on the facts by decision-maker(s); or an informal resolution agreed upon by both parties and facilitated by the institution.</li> <li>• This situation could occur when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The complainant withdraws from the institution</li> <li>▪ The respondent withdraws from the institution (see category #9)</li> <li>▪ The complainant initially agrees to participate in an investigation, but later chooses not to participate in the remainder of the disciplinary process (see category #10).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<10
9	<p><b>Of those in #8, the number of investigations that resulted in a disciplinary process at the institution, but eventually closed without resolution – because the respondent withdrew from the institution.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This number cannot be greater than the number reported in Category #8.</li> </ul>	<10
10	<p><b>Of those in #8, the number of investigations that resulted in a disciplinary process at the institution, but eventually closed without resolution – because the complainant chose not to participate in the remainder of the process.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I.e. a disciplinary proceeding is initiated by the institution but did not reach the decision-making stage, because the complainant declines to participate in the remainder of the disciplinary proceeding.</li> <li>▪ Include situations where the complainant chooses not to participate in the institution's disciplinary proceeding after the disciplinary proceeding has already begun.</li> <li>▪ If the complainant chooses not to participate in the disciplinary proceeding prior to the initiation of the disciplinary proceeding, please include that in Category #11 rather than Category #10.</li> <li>▪ This number cannot be greater than the number reported in Category #8.</li> </ul>	<10
11	<p><b>The number of incidents in which the complainant chose not to participate in the institution's investigation or disciplinary process prior to a disciplinary process beginning.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include incidents where the alleged victim reports the incident but does not want the institution to move forward with an investigation or disciplinary process, such as seeking only supportive measures</li> <li>• Include incidents reported to the institution by a third party, where the victim chose not to be involved in the report or investigation.</li> </ul>	<10
12	<p><b>The number of reports made through the online reporting system established in Minn. Stat. §135A.15, Subd. 5 – excluding reports submitted anonymously.</b></p>	<10