

Consistent with New York State Education Law 129-B and policies of The State University of New York, Herkimer County Community College participated in the 2019 University-wide Biennial SUNY Uniform Campus Climate Survey. The Survey gathered information about student and employee experience with sexual and interpersonal violence and knowledge of policies and resources.

One-hundred and nine students and seventy-eight employees completed the survey, for response rates of 7.1% and 28% respectively.

In the survey, students were asked a series of questions relating to sexual harassment that they had experienced within the past year. The responses were as follows:

- 89% of the students responding (n=72) stated they had not experience unwanted sexual comments, sexual slurs or demeaning jokes.
- 96% of the students responding (n=89) stated they were not aware of anyone viewing their sexual activity or nakedness without consent, or taking explicit pictures or recordings without consent.
- 97% of the student responding (n=71) stated they did not receive unwanted sexually suggestive digital communications, either words or images or both, including emails, texts, social media communications, or in letters or other written communications.

In the survey, students were asked a series of questions relating to sexual assault that they had experienced during the past year. The responses were as follows:

- 87% of the students responding (n=89) stated no one fondled, kissed, or rubbed up against their private areas of their body without consent.
- 96% of the students responding (n=89) did not have anyone remove any of their clothes without consent.
- 98% of the students responding (n=89) did not have anyone perform oral sex on them and was not forced to perform oral sex without consent.
- 96% of the students responding (n=89) did not have anyone sexually penetrate them (that is, someone put a penis or inserted fingers or objects into your vagina or anus) and was not made to penetrate without consent.

Eighty percent of students indicated familiarity with affirmative consent, seventy-nine percent indicated that they knew where to report, and fifteen percent could identify the Title IX Coordinator.

Herkimer County Community College, working with SUNY and community colleagues (including students, faculty, and staff), will use these data to improve response to violence, develop prevention programs, and will continue to study the issue. The next Climate Survey will be administered in the Spring Semester of 2021. More information about the Survey is available at <https://www.suny.edu/climatesurvey/>.