

**Ohio Department of Higher Education  
Student Benchmark Questions**

1. Are you 18 years of age or older?

Yes

No

If NO; routed to end of survey.

2. What is your primary affiliation with the campus?

- Undergraduate student (part-time or full-time)
- Graduate or Professional School student
- Other

The following questions ask about sexual misconduct. Sexual Misconduct refers to physical contact or non-physical conduct of a sexual nature in the absence of clear, knowing and voluntary consent. Examples include sexual or gender-based harassment, stalking, intimate partner violence, and sexual violence.

3. Since attending this college/university, have you been offered training on the prevention of sexual misconduct through the college/university? (Examples could include an online training, a workshop, a session or a course).

- Yes, and I completed the training
- Yes, and I plan on completing the training
- Yes, but I do not plan on completing the training
- No

4. If yes, how useful did you think the training was?

- Extremely useful
- Very useful
- Somewhat useful
- A little useful
- Not at all useful

5. How likely is it that you would take action if you observed a situation you believe was, or could have led to, sexual misconduct?

- Extremely likely
- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- A little bit likely
- Not likely at all

6. How knowledgeable are you about each of the following:

*Answer options:* Very knowledgeable, Somewhat knowledgeable, A little knowledgeable, Not at all knowledgeable

- a) Where to make a report of sexual misconduct on campus.
- b) Where to get help if you or a friend were the victim of sexual misconduct.
- c) Your campus's policies on sexual misconduct.
- d) Where to find information on your campus's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual misconduct.

7. If someone were to report an incident of sexual misconduct to a campus official....

*Answer options:* Extremely likely, Very likely, Somewhat likely, A little bit likely, Not at all likely

- a) Campus officials would take the report seriously.
- b) Campus officials would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report.
- c) Campus officials would support the person making the report.
- d) Campus officials would take action against the alleged offender(s).

- e) Campus officials would take steps to protect the person making the report from retaliation.
- f) Campus officials would take action to address factors that may have led to the sexual misconduct.

8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

*Answer options:* Strongly agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

- a) I have confidence that my university/college will follow the formal procedures to address complaints of sexual misconduct.
- b) I can do something about sexual misconduct on campus.
- c) Doing something about sexual misconduct is solely the job of the college/university.
- d) I am actively involved in activities to address sexual misconduct on campus.
- e) Sexual misconduct is a problem on campus.

9. How likely do you think it is that you will experience sexual misconduct on campus?

- Extremely likely
- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- A little likely
- Not at all likely

**These next 4 questions ask about sexual harassment, stalking, non-consensual, unwanted sexual contact, sexual intercourse, and intimate partner violence you may have experienced since attending your college/university.** The person with whom you had the contact could have been someone you know, such as a friend, family member or someone you are or were in a relationship with, dating, a co-worker or professor. Or it could be someone you do not know.

Sexual harassment refers to unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, written, online or physical conduct of a sexual nature when the behavior interferes with your education, or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

10. Since attending your college/university, have you experienced sexual harassment?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Stalking refers to a pattern of behavior that makes you feel nervous, harassed, and fearful for your personal safety. It is when someone repeatedly contacts you, follows you, sends you things, talks to you when you don't want them to, or threatens you.

11. Since attending your college/university, have you experienced stalking?

- Yes
- No

- Prefer not to answer

Sexual contact refers to when one person kisses another, touches someone's breast/chest, crotch/groin, or buttocks or grabs, gropes, or rubs against the other in a sexual way, even if the touching is over the other's clothes.

12. Since attending your college/university, have you experienced non-consensual sexual contact?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Sexual intercourse refers to when sexual penetration (when one person puts a penis, finger, or object inside someone else's vagina or anus) and oral sexual contact (when someone's mouth or tongue makes contact with someone else's genitals).

13. Since attending your college/university, have you experienced non-consensual sexual intercourse?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

**The next question asks about any intimate partner violence you may have experienced since attending your college/university.** A partner could be someone you had a casual relationship with or with hooked-up, with even if only for one night, someone you share a steady or serious relationship with, or someone you are married to or live with, or who is a family member.

Intimate partner violence refers to physical force, verbal abuse, controlling behavior, threatening physical harm, and/or non-consensual sexual contact that occurs with an intimate partner.

Examples of intimate partner violence include:

- Physical Force: hitting, choking, shoving, bending of fingers or using a weapon;
- Verbal Abuse: yelling name calling, making fun of you;
- Controlling Behavior: not allowing you to talk to friends or family, not allowing you to leave the house, making decisions for you about what to eat or wear, calling/texting you over and over if you do not answer the phone;
- Threatening Physical Harm: threatening to hit or beat you, a loved one, or a family pet; and
- Non-Consensual Sexual Contact: non-consensual intercourse, non-consensual choking during intercourse, non-consensual anal penetration.

14. Since attending your college/university, have you experienced intimate partner violence?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer