

Domestic Violence and It's Demographics within UVU

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Research Questions

Our Goals for this survey:

- Understand how prevalent Domestic Violence is among UVU students
- Understand the demographics of students who have experience with Domestic violence
- Understand how many students know about/are familiar with Domestic violence
- Understand how many students have training in the prevention of Domestic Violence

Hypothesis:

- Domestic violence is not prevalent among UVU students
- More prevalent heterosexuals couples with low income
- Even those who haven't experienced domestic violence will be familiar with the different types



Research Questions (cont.)

Breakdown of questions:

- 34 questions total
 - 15 were about experience with Domestic violence
 - 19 were demographic questions

Definitions:

Domestic abuse is defined as: “Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.”



Key Questions

Key Domestic Violence questions

- Have you ever experienced domestic violence?
- What was the relationship with the abuser? Sibling? Parent/guardian/? Significant other? Other?
- What was their gender? Male or female?
- What kinds of domestic violence are you familiar with? (Select all that apply) Physical abuse? Mental/emotional abuse? Sexual abuse? Other?



Key Questions (cont)

Key Demographic questions:

- What is your age?
- What is your Gender?
- What is your Ethnicity?
- Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation? Heterosexual? Homosexual? Bisexual? Asexual? Other?
- What was your income at the time of the abuse?



Literature Review

- The purpose of the survey was to become more aware of the demographics that Domestic Violence brings to UVU students
- The research that was done in our survey is to just have better understanding on domestic violence within the student body at UVU
- All the information that was be taken will only be inside of the IRB as well as shared with the Professor at UVU that is having us conduct the survey project. Our findings will be given to the 4990 CJ class, posted on the UVU Criminal Justice website as well as possibly presented to future employers



Collection of Data

- The collection of data was taken from an anonymous survey emailed to students at UVU
- The research methods used were given at random to the students at UVU
- We also included help lines such as UVU counselors and police numbers.
- The survey should not take longer than 25 minutes and should be done the same day that the survey is given to the student



Problems with Survey

- No personal information will be kept, and will not be tampered with. After the survey is taken the access to it will be cut off and everything will be anonymous and will not be kept
- The survey was given at random and was anonymous. . . the reason was to minimize risks, we ran an anonymous survey that will be kept confidential
- Not out very long?



Research Design

- In order to collect this information we would create a survey to be randomly distributed over email
- Because of the seriousness of domestic violence, the survey would need to be anonymous. We would take the responses from this survey and analyze the data in order to ascertain our results

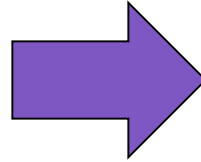


Survey Talk

- We obtained a sample of 500 random UVU student's email addresses
- At first we weren't getting enough responses, so we had to send out a reminder email.
- We ended up closing the survey with 61 responses and 7 responses in progress.
- The response rate to our survey was 12.2%. We weren't too content with our response rate, but we still managed to get the information needed to help with our project.

Confidence Interval

Our Confidence
level was 95 %



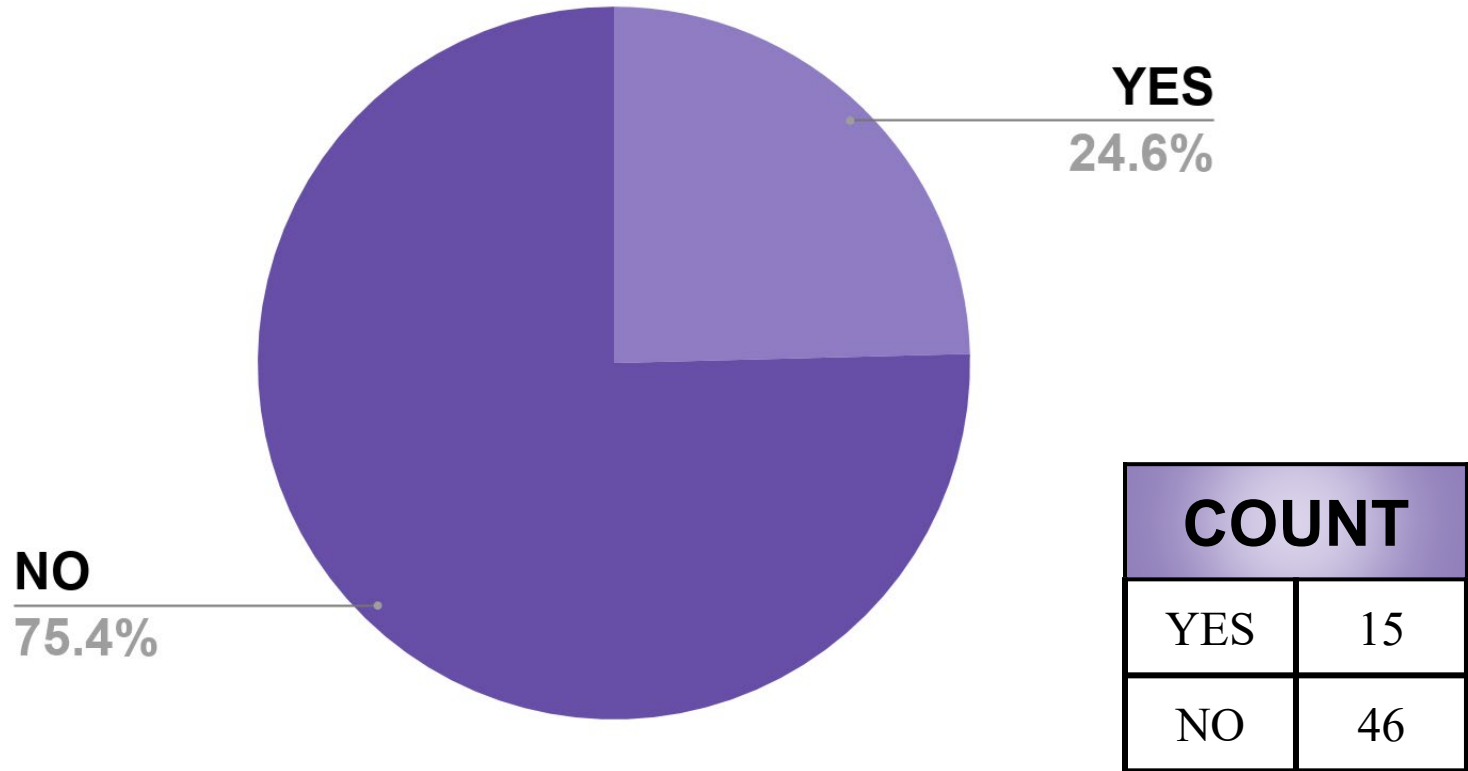
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What is Your Gender?

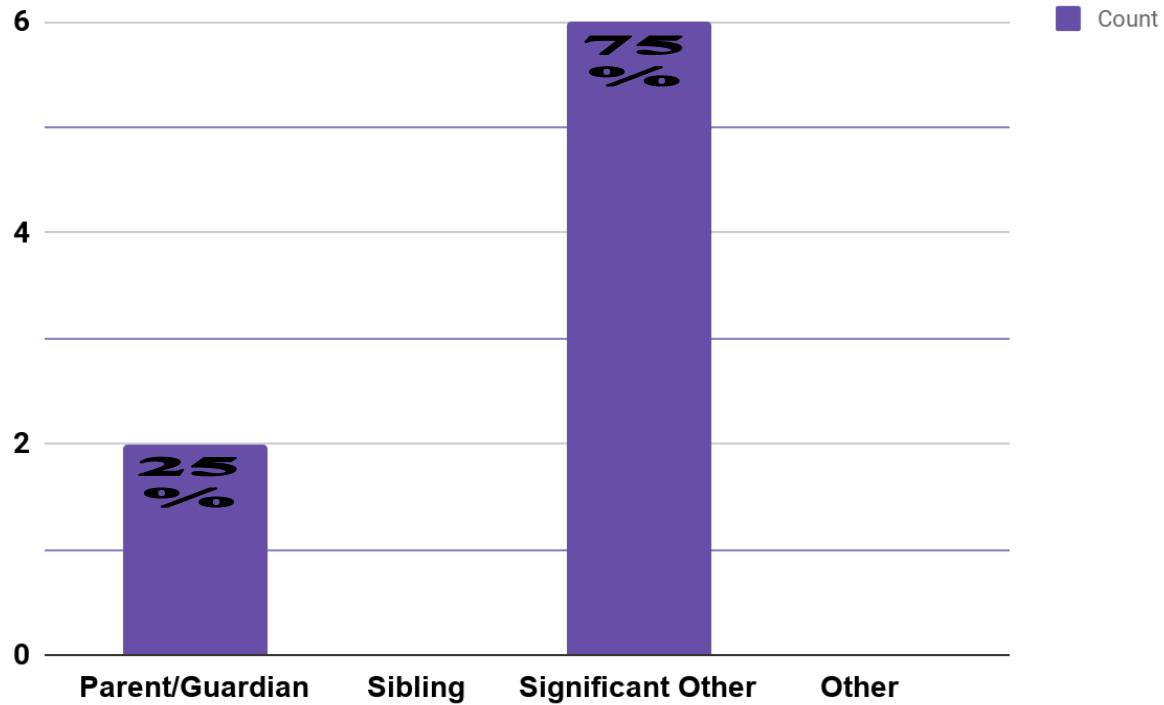
Answer	Count	%
Male	17	28.81%
Female	42	71.19%
Other	0	0.00%
Total:	59	100%



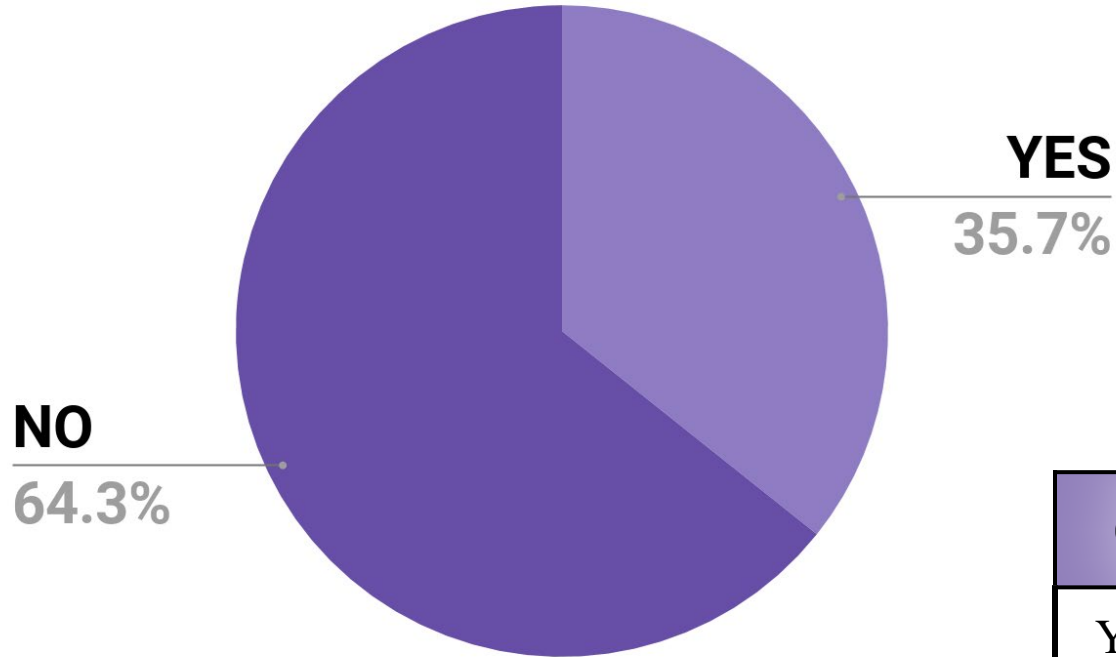
Have You Ever Experienced Domestic Violence?



What Was The Relationship With The Abuser?

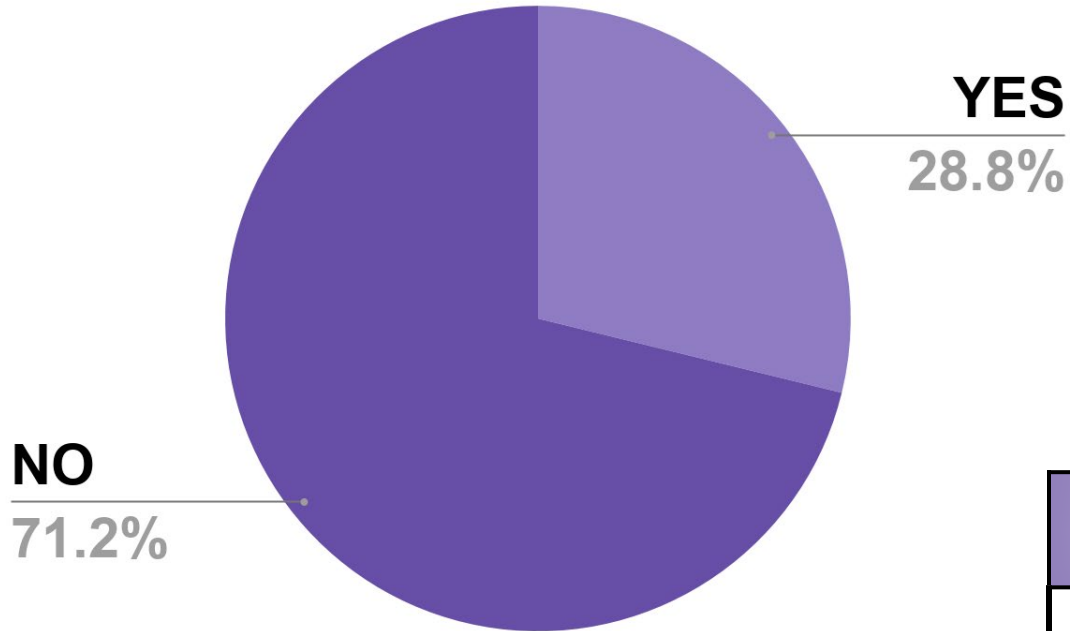


Have You Received Training in The Prevention of Relationship Violence?



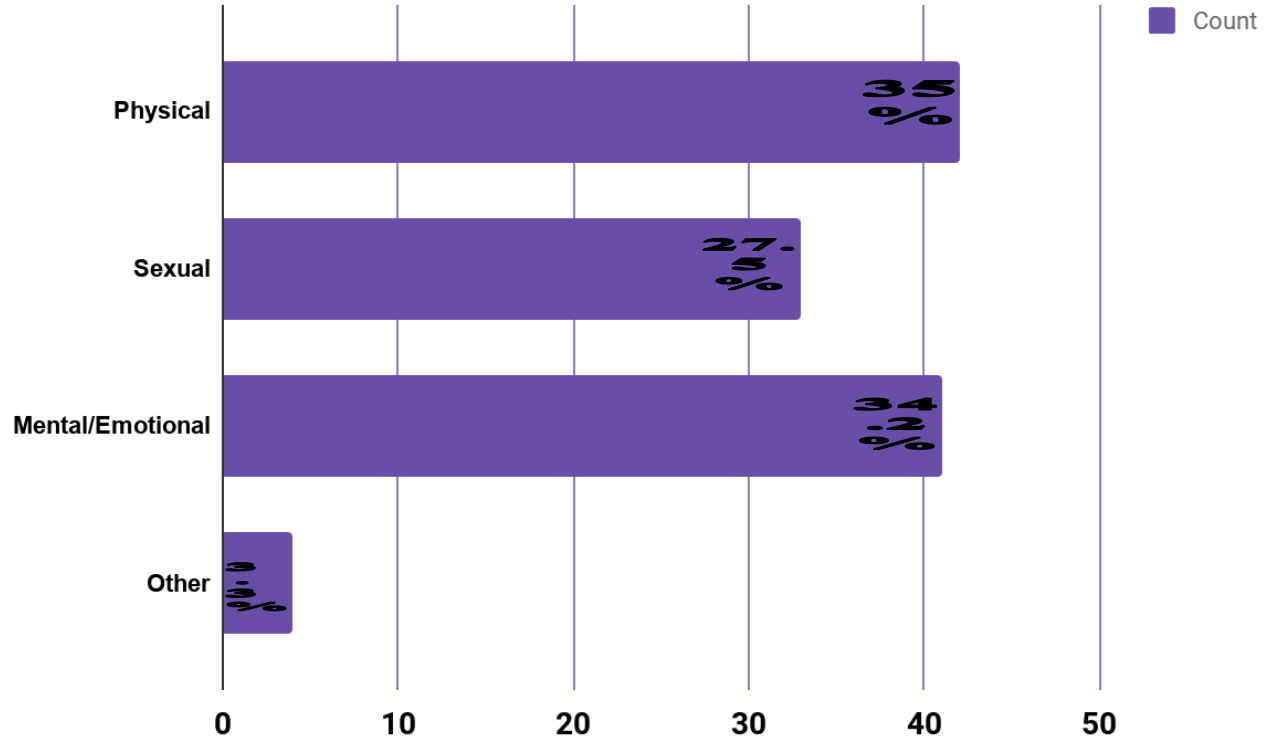
COUNT	
YES	20
NO	39

Have You Received Training in Prevention of Sexual Assault?



COUNT	
YES	17
NO	42

Which of The Following Types of Domestic Violence are You Familiar With?





Final Conclusions

- In conclusion, from the results of this survey we have found that domestic violence is an event that happens among the majority of the students at UVU. And that the demographics are predominately white heterosexual females who are either married or have never married. We can also draw that most of them are in the age range of 18 to 28 years old and at the time of abuse had an income of \$40,000 or lower.. They are predominately from Utah and are citizens of the United States.
- Many students said they were familiar with the different kinds of domestic violence regardless of their background or whether they had actually experienced domestic violence firsthand

