

# Relationship Between Drug & Crime Among UVU Students and Its Impact

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# Research Questions:



Q1: How many UVU students do you believe are involved within illegal drugs and crime?

Q2: In what ways can UVU help reduce the number of students that are involved with illegal drugs?

Q3: Are students who are involved with illegal drugs more likely to commit crimes? Click to write the question text

Q4: With illegal drugs being surrounded around UVU, what number of individuals do you feel are involved with illegal drugs?

Q5 What causes students to become involved with illegal drugs?

Q6: How can we as a University lower and or reduce the number of crimes?

# Questions:



Q7: Do drugs and crime occur together or separate? (meaning do drugs only consist of drugs or does the use of drugs also involve further crime)

Q8: How many students at UVU do you specifically know who are involved with illegal drugs and crime?

Q9: Are there ways in which can help reduce crime throughout UVU?

Q10 : What number of UVU students from your perspective become involved with illegal drugs?

Q11: How likely are you to associate with students that are involved with illegal drugs or committing of crimes?

Q12 : How likely would you accept illegal drugs on UVU campus?

# Questions:



Q13: On a scale from 1 to 10 do you feel your experience at UVU as been affected by illegal drugs?

Q14: Have you contacted Police regarding illegal activity on campus or during your experience at UVU?

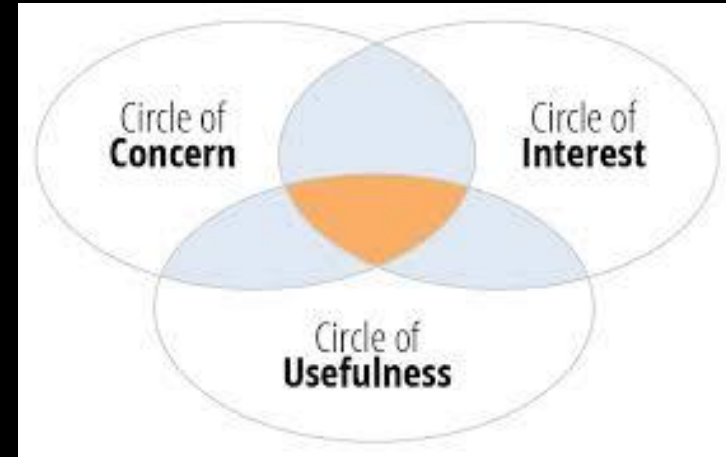
Q15: How confident are you in your law enforcement officers to respond and mitigate the issues addressed in this survey?

Q16 : What year of school are you in? (Senior, Junior etc..)

Q17: Do you live within Orem city limits?

# Relevance:

- The questions we chose helped us gauge knowledge in social research and demography.
- Needed questions that helped us better understand the people who were taking our survey and their thoughts on drugs and crime within UVU.
- We made sure to collect questions that helped us gauge where they were at as far as schooling goes and their social experiences.
- We needed to know these things to help us better understand what students we were dealing with.
- Included questions that directly bring drugs into the mix. Which located their thoughts and there experiences they have had with drugs. I



## Research design:



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We started our survey out with, How many UVU students do you believe are involved with illegal drugs? Seeing the answers to this question helps further our understanding of how many people actually see the problem of illegal drugs at UVU. With high percentages it is able to tell us how many people actually know others who are involved with illegal drugs. Further into our survey we posted this question, How likely are you to associate with students that are involved with illegal drugs or committing of crimes? From this question is where we were specifically able to identify those who are associating with these individual who are involved within drugs and or crimes. From the results it was a scadered view as many individuals posted that they were very unlikely to associate with individuals who were involved in drugs and crime. Where also several other students posted that they were very likely and or likely to associate with individuals who were involved with drugs and or crimes.



# Literature review:

While researching Illegal Drugs and Crime involving the Students of Utah Valley University we found some interesting facts. Some of the challenges regarding UVU students is the specific relationships between both illegal drugs and crime and their impact toward students.

- Utah Valley is a public university which is in Orem, Utah. Because it is a public university, the acceptance rate is 100%. Giving some facts about UVU will help understand what we are dealing with. This university is very diverse in all areas. On Niche, Utah Valley is rated in all areas that involve the University.

Examples include academics, values, diversity, campus, athletics, and lastly the party scene. The party scene is what correlates with our research.





With this being said, the party scene got rated a B-. (Niche, 2019)

- We went over over studies that have been done that are very similar to ours as well that lead in the same direction. The correlation between them all helped us better understand what we are dealing with.
- Researching and figuring out what the students have to say is what we were aiming to do.

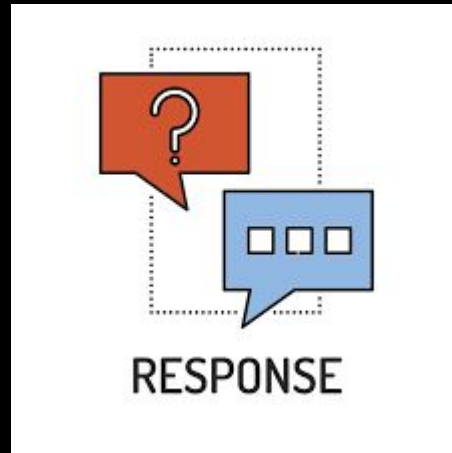
Going over different Universities in Utah and looking over the crime rates as well as the drug problems gave us information that helped us with our study.

- These facts show certain correlations between drugs and crimes within the university's. It is a known fact that there are issues with both drugs and crime within a lot of different Universities.

## Response Rate:

Response Rate- Our response rate was a little low compared to expectations, however after comparing to other groups who sent out to similar size pools, we received very similar numbers.

- Due to some difficulties getting our IRB approval we did not have our survey available for as long as we hoped, (only 9 days). We anticipated this affecting our results, so to help combat this we explained to the students the impact this could have on their quality of life around campus.



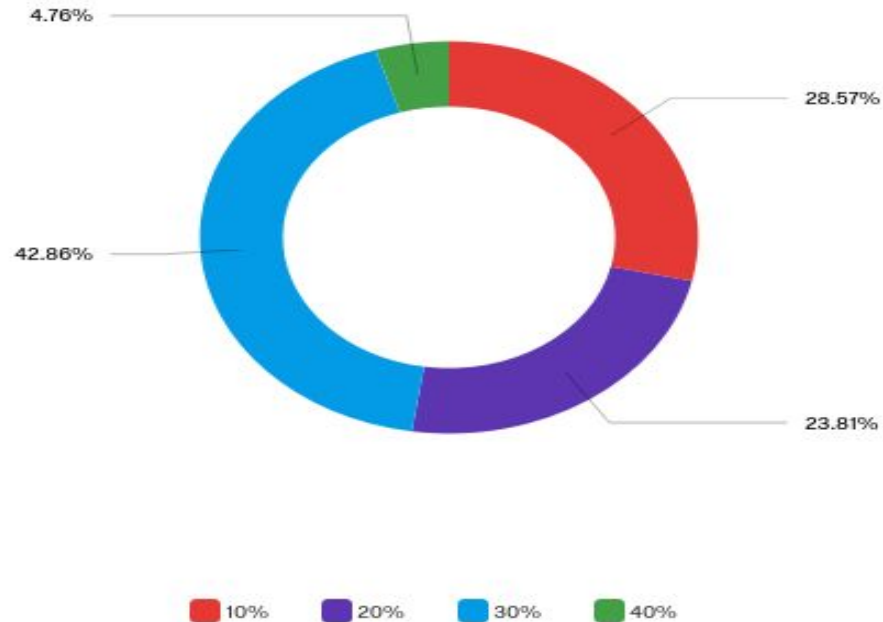
# Sample Size:

Sample Size & Response Rate - Our survey was sent out to 500 random student emails that are currently in attendance to UVU.

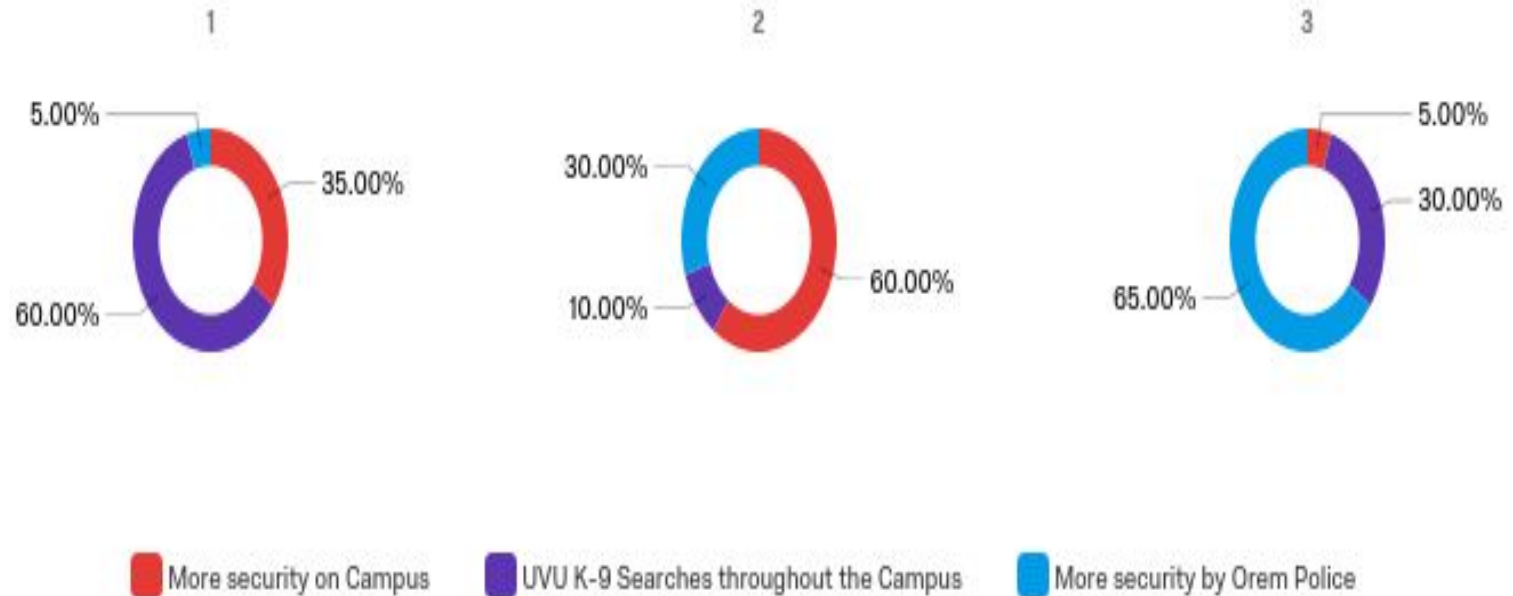
Along with the survey was a memo of justification, this letter explained the reasoning and importance of the data to be collected in hopes of attracting more participants.



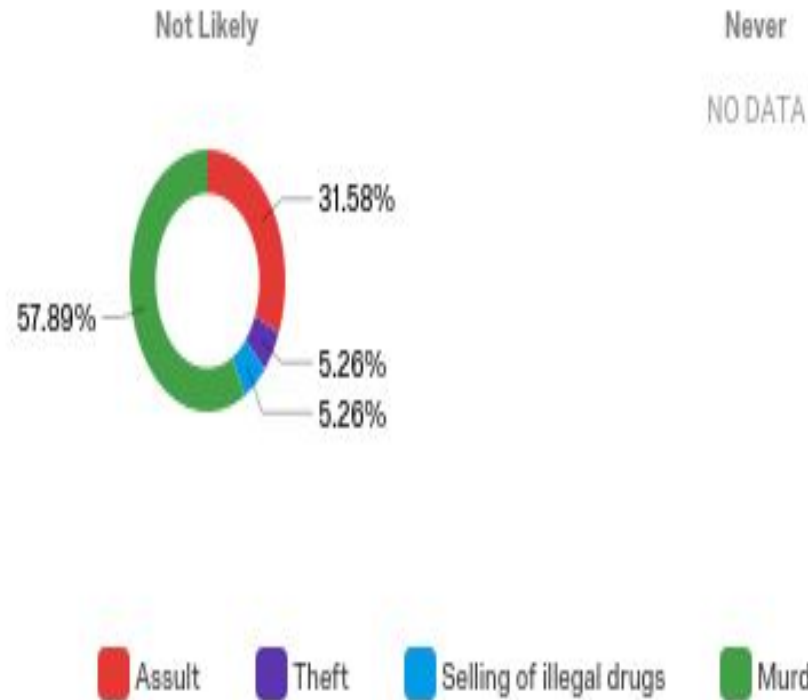
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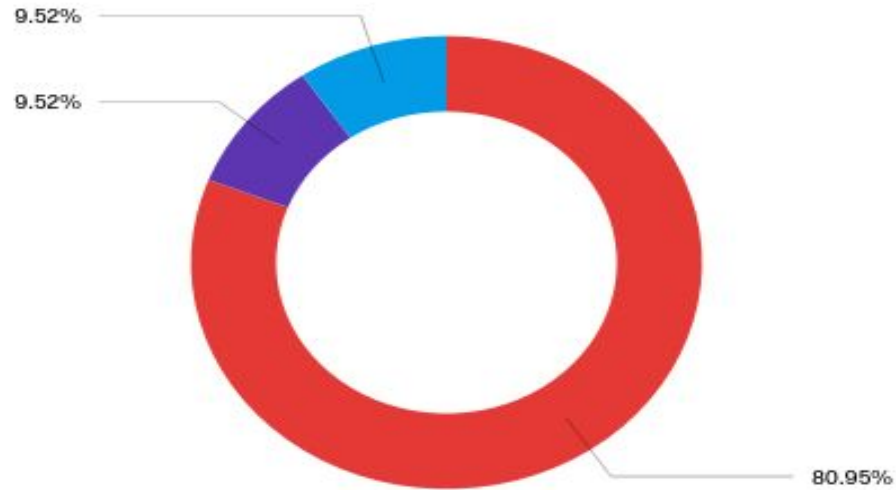
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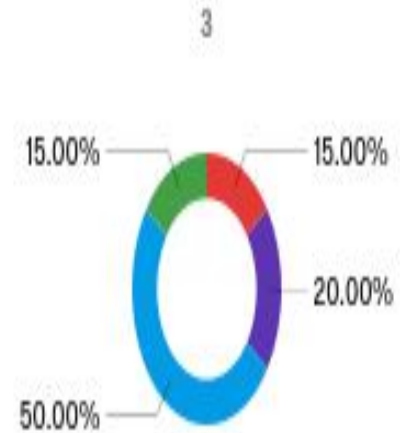
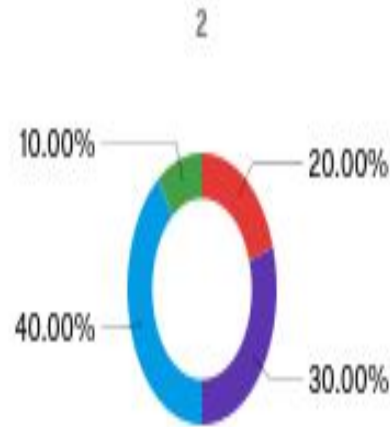
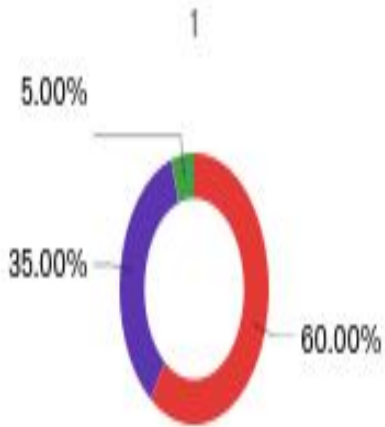


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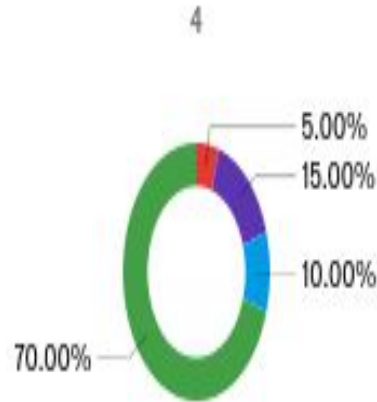
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Friends and or Family

Past experiences

Where they live and or are from

Crimes in which they have become involved with committing



## Final Conclusions:

- Our data shows that about 45% of students tested believe that 1 out of every 4 students who are currently attending UVU are involved in some way, shape or form with illegal drugs or crime.
- 80.95 % of students surveyed know of a specific individual currently involved with illegal drug activity. Based on this data it is safe to say that illegal drug use and criminal activity is more common than most anticipate, over half of our students surveyed believe the best way to combat this statistic is random K-9 searches to be performed in and around school grounds and more security cameras used.
- One interesting result of our data shows that when asked if you are likely to associate with students involved with drugs or crime, students were a lot more likely to associate with someone who is abusing illegal drugs than someone that is participating in criminal episodes.