

UVU vs. BYU Safety

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Literature Review

How Many More Guns?

- Sample taken from graduate classroom
- University in Texas
- Public examines potential impact of lifting concealed handgun ban
- Internal study by building

Students Perceptions Regarding Carrying Concealed Handguns

- Multi-state study
- 15 different Mid-Western universities were surveyed.
- 92% surveys taken and 78% claimed they would not be obtaining a permit
- 4300 colleges have taken the position that concealed carries have a far greater potential for harm than ability to provide personal protection

Data Collection

Originally a random sample

UVU - Random Sample of 500

BYU - Snowball Sample of +/- 250

Data Collection

Problems with UVU:

- Some students are only online students

- Some students don't like being surveyed

Problems with BYU:

- IRB rejection

- Friends weren't responsive

- Unable to have a solid number for the sample

Data Collection

UVU - Random Sample of 500

We were given 500 emails

Sent out weekly reminders

100 people responded

Data Collection

BYU - Snowball Sample of +/- 250

Originally we started with our Facebook friends

Then our friends invited their friends

Using BYU academic and social Facebook groups

91 people responded

Similarities in the Data

At least 70% of participants from both schools reported owning at least one firearm

Almost 70% of both UVU and BYU students said they believe that law-abiding citizens should have the right to carry on campus

10% of BYU and 12% of UVU students reported having a permit to carry their firearm concealed

Concealed Carry at UVU

12%* have a permit, and of that:

50% carry everyday

13% carry 2-3 times a month

25% carry less than once a month

13% only when they feel the need

*10 out of 85

BYU Students Concealed

7%* have a permit, and of that:
25% carry everyday
25% 2-3 times a week
25% less than once a month
25% only when they feel the need

*7 out of 73

How often on campus?

UVU: 8 responses

50% never

13% 2-3 times a month

38% everyday

BYU: 3 responses

33% never

33% once a month

33% everyday

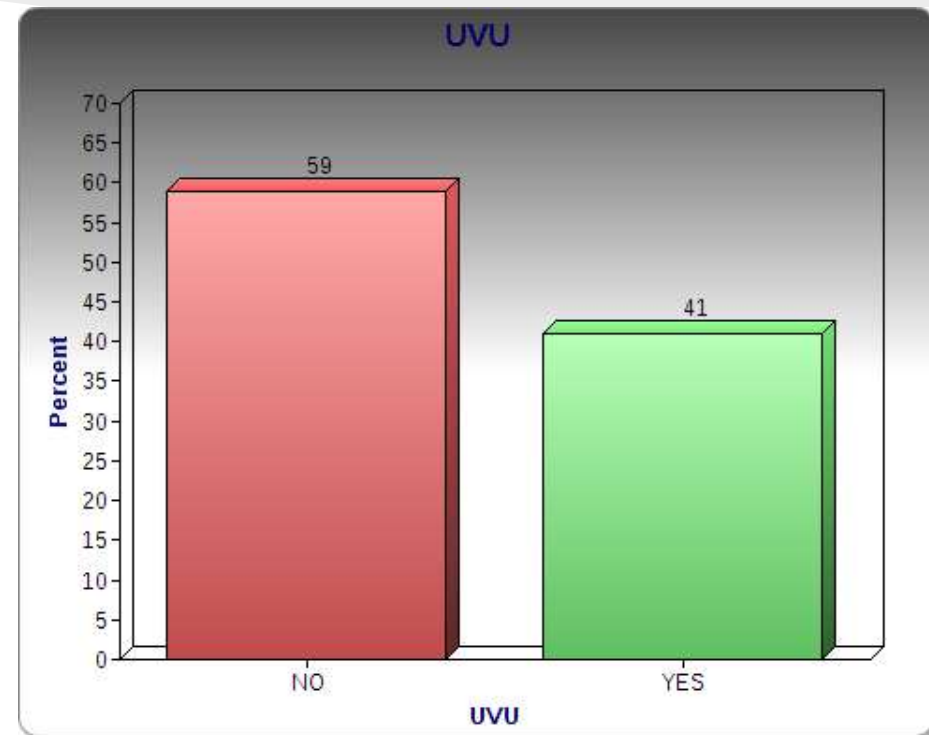
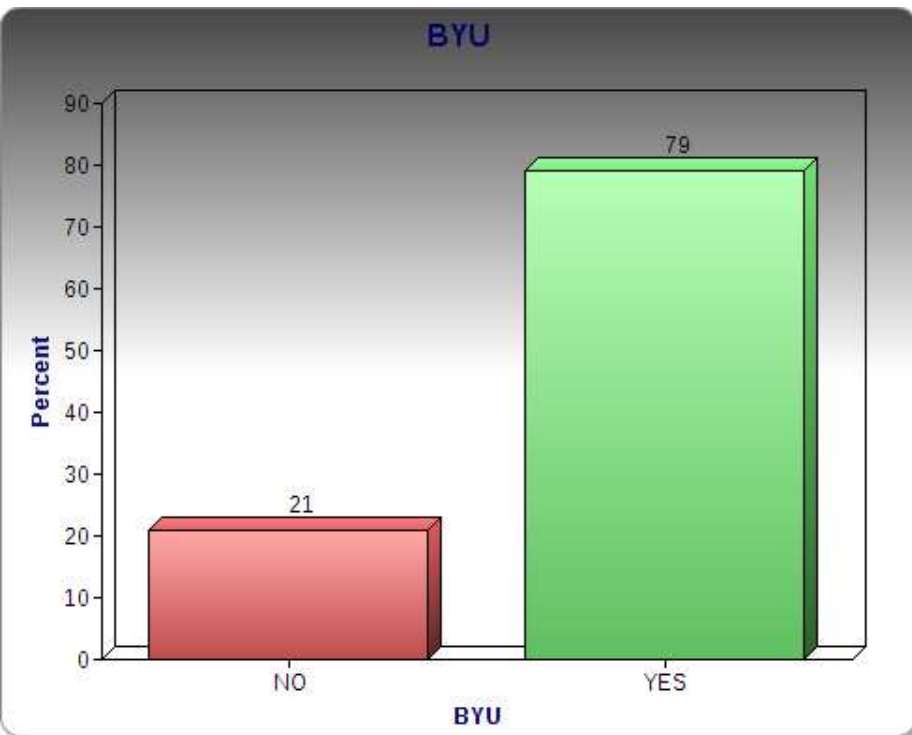
Why carry?

89% of UVU and 100% of BYU students said they carry so that they will be prepared for any situation that may require a weapon in order to stop themselves or someone else from being victimized

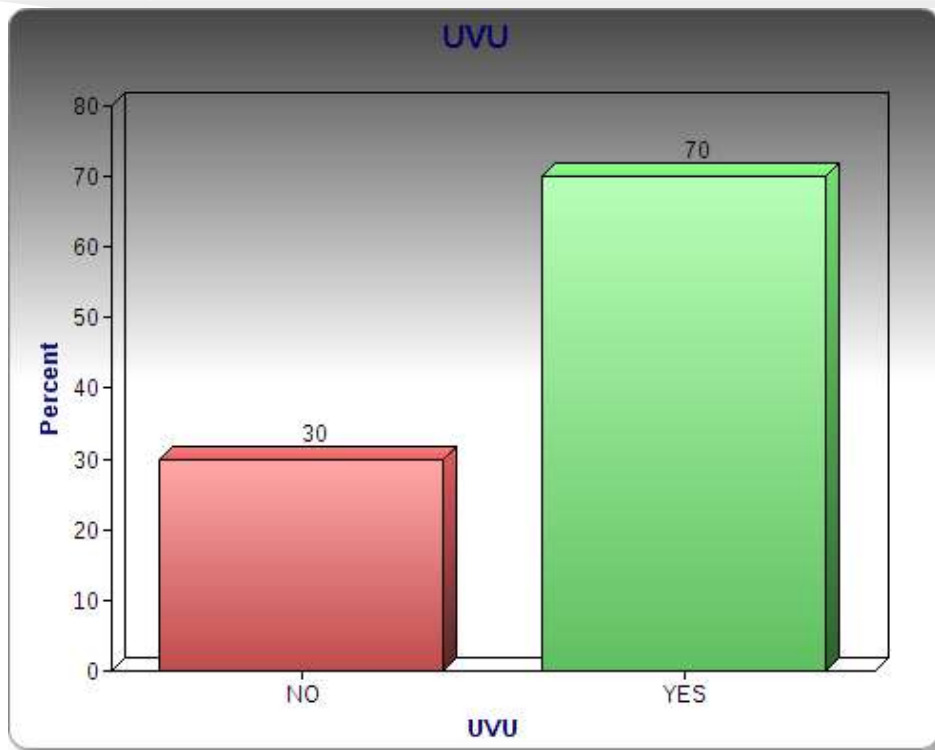
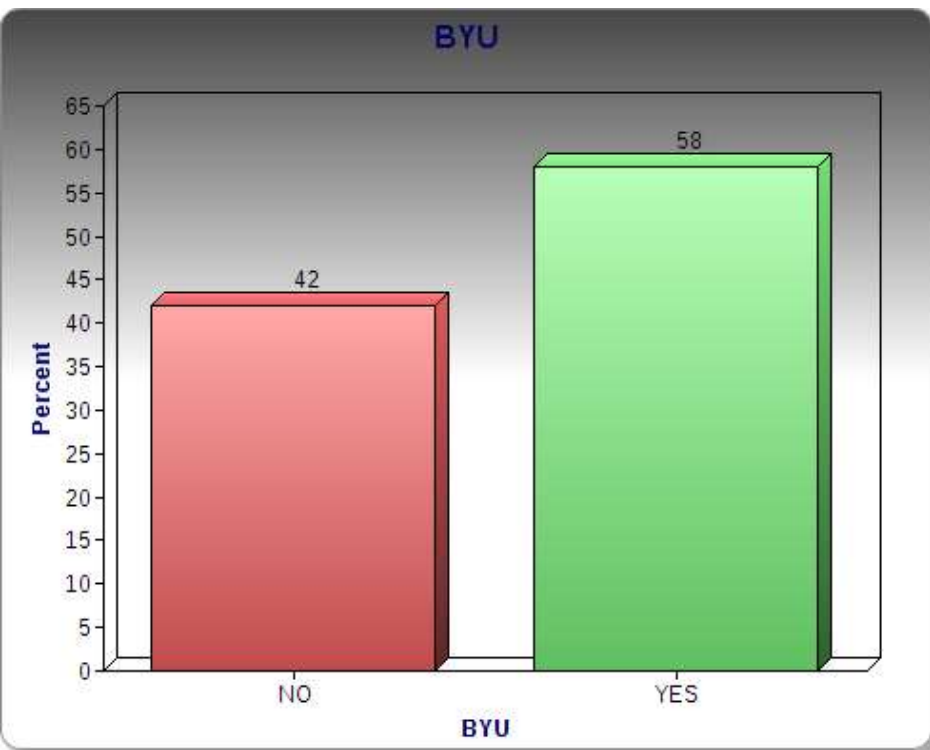
BYU vs UVU

Differences

Do you feel safe leaving your belongings unattended for short periods of time at your university?



If students and/or staff members carry concealed firearms, would that fact make you feel safe or unsafe while on campus? (For the purpose of this survey a firearm is a small arms weapon, such as a pistol, from which a projectile is fired by gunpowder.)



Why does being around firearms make you feel nervous or uncomfortable?

(Select all that apply.)

BYU

I am not familiar with how to use firearms

36%

I am afraid they might accidentally fire or discharge

68%

I have had bad past experiences

7%

I do not trust people to carry firearms

32%

Other

4%

UVU

I am not familiar with how to use firearms

22%

I am afraid they might accidentally fire or discharge

43%

I have had bad past experiences

4%

I do not trust people to carry firearms

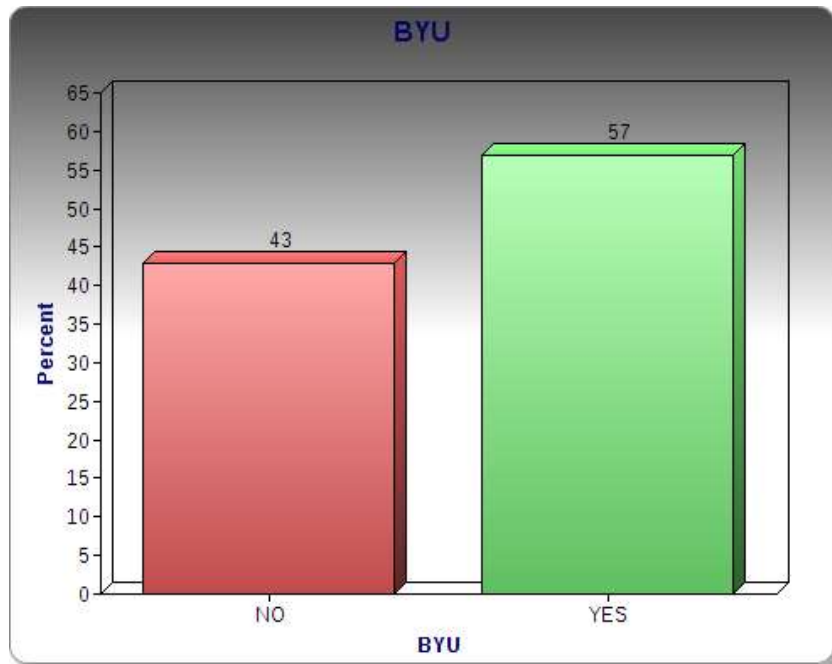
52%

Other

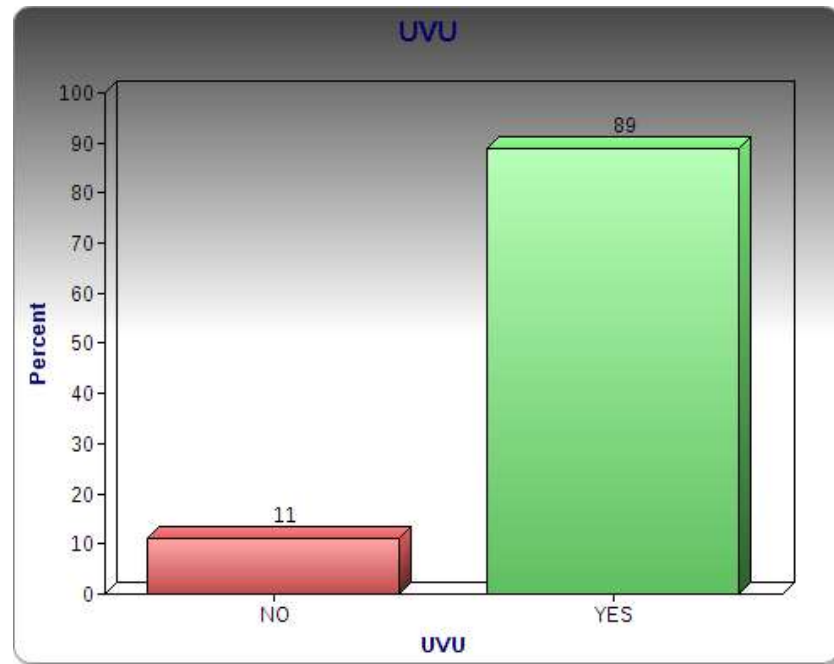
25%

Do you ever carry a concealed firearm? (A firearm that is concealed under your clothes, in a bag, or other locations close to your proximity.)

7 responses



9 responses



What other forms of protection do you carry? (Select all that apply.)

BYU

Answer	Response	Percent
Mace	3	18%
Taser	0	0%
Knife	12	71%
Brass knuckles	0	0%
Throwing stars	0	0%
Other	6	35%

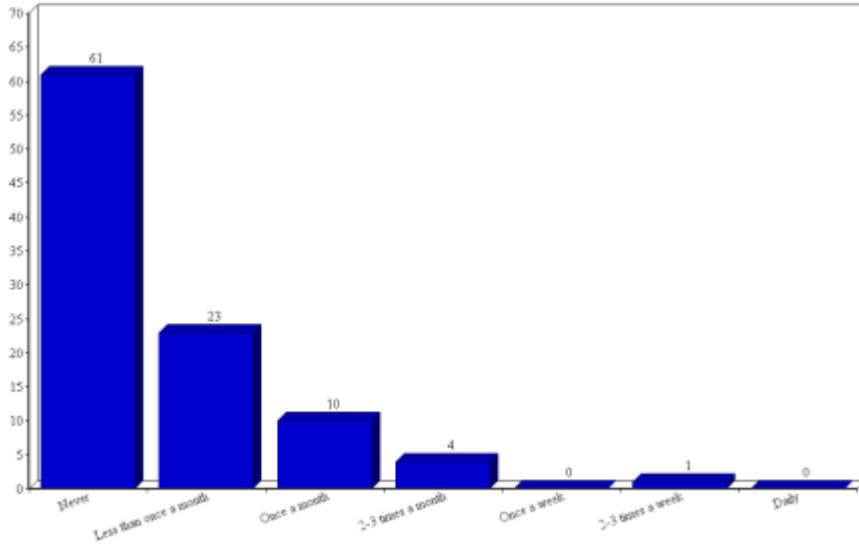
UVU

Answer	Response	Percent
Mace	13	50%
Taser	1	4%
Knife	13	50%
Brass knuckles	0	0%
Throwing stars	0	0%
Other	2	8%

How often do you worry about a school shooting taking place on your university's campus?

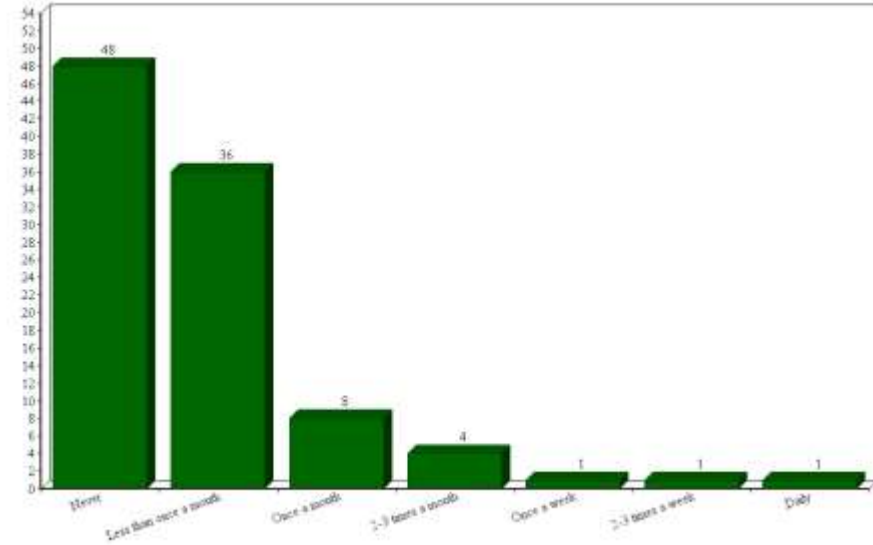
BYU

Percentage



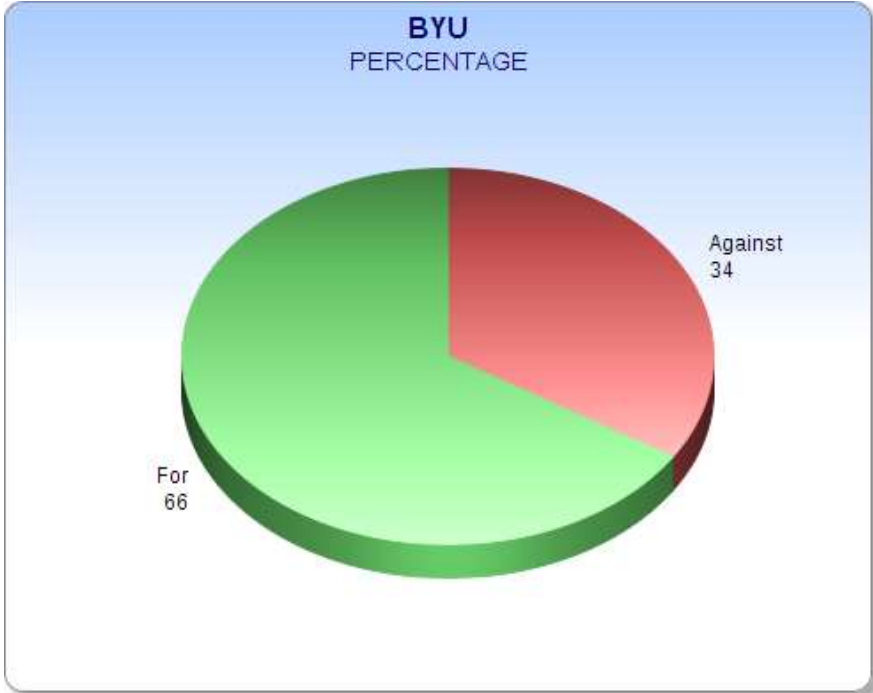
UVU

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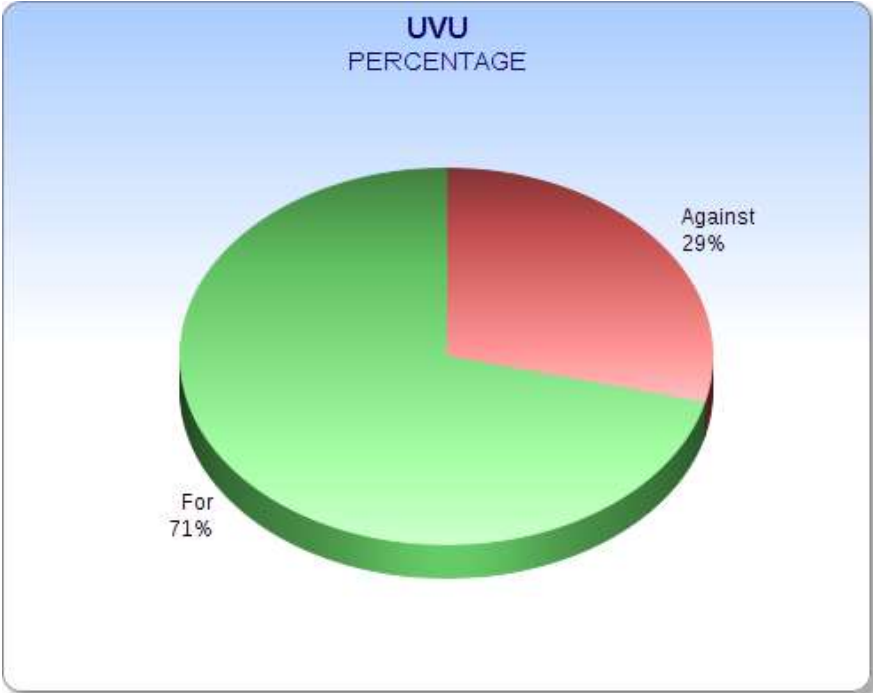


Which way would you most likely lean, for or against concealed carry of firearms?(For the purpose of this question, concealed carry of firearms is defined as carrying loaded firearm on your person while concealed from view under clothing or in a bag or other carrying device -- loaded means having a round in the chamber or magazine of a fire.)

77 responses



86 responses



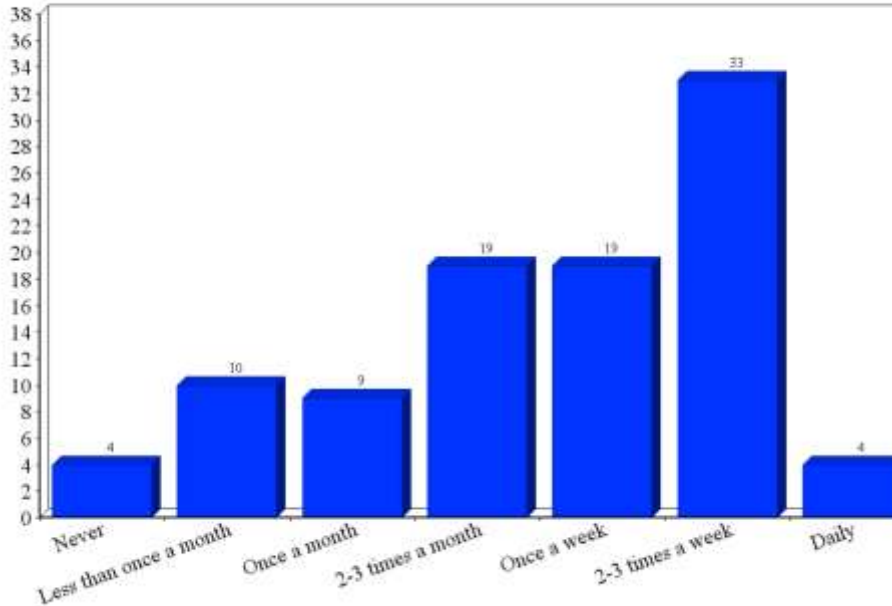
Results

Both schools support lawful
concealed carry.

How often do you see campus police officers in the halls and around campus?

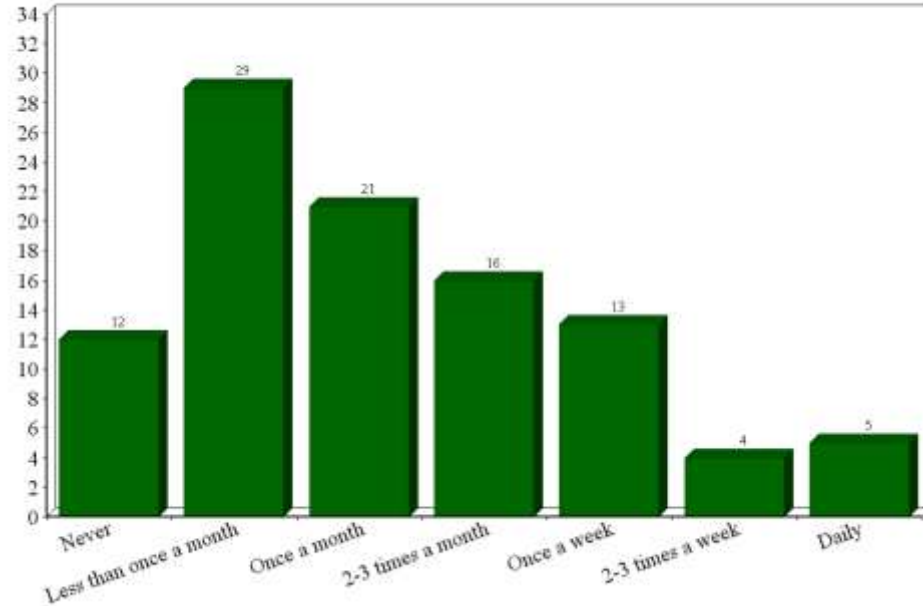
BYU (69 Responses)

Percentage



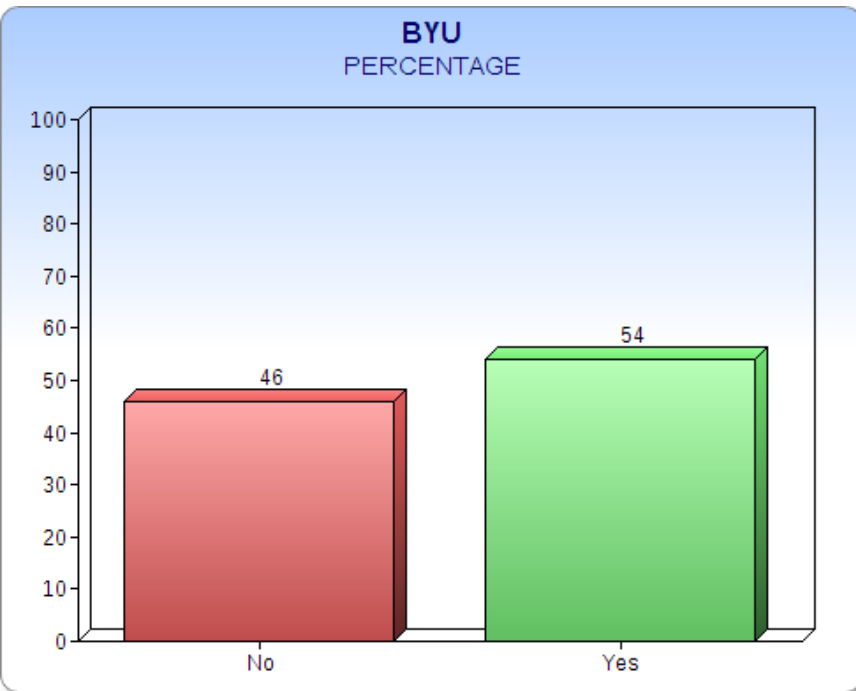
UVU (82 Responses)

Percentage

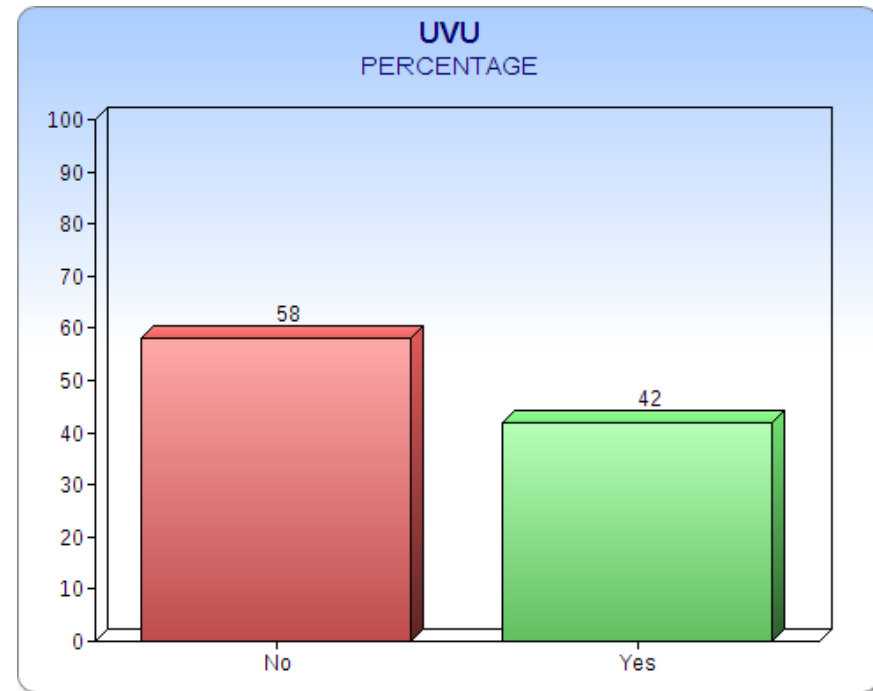


Are you aware of your ability as a student to request a police escort to your car at night?

(70 Responses)

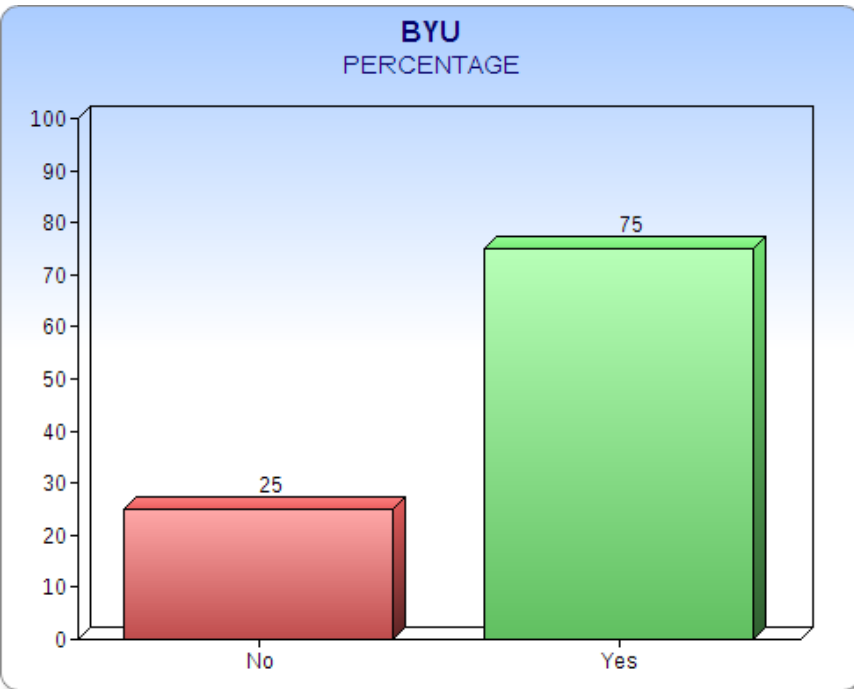


(84 Responses)

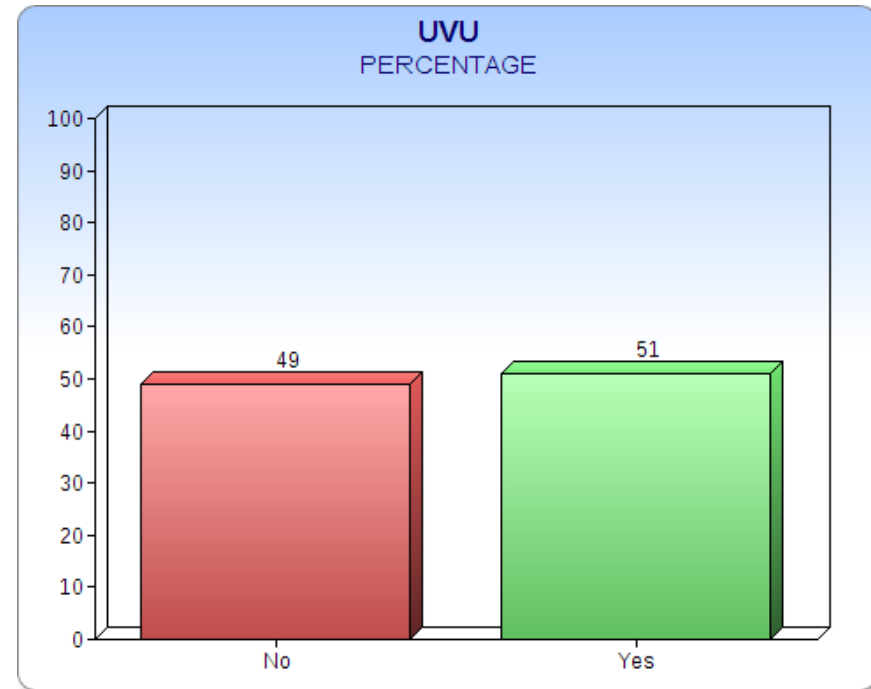


Do you know where your university's Police Department is located?

69 Responses



79 Responses



Reason for results

BYU students may feel less need for people to have a concealed weapon because they feel a stronger police presence at their school.