Utah Valley University (UVU) is committed to maintaining an educational and working environment free from discrimination and harassment including eliminating all forms of sexual misconduct. The purpose of UVU’s Campus Climate Survey is to gather information about the campus environment regarding sexual misconduct and sexual assault from the students’ perspective. The results of this survey are used to assess the current perceptions, experience, and behaviors and to identify areas of need to guide the improvement of intervention and prevention programs. This Campus Climate Survey was conducted via email between December 7, 2016, and January 2, 2017. Six thousand degree-seeking students were randomly selected for the survey with a 10.5% response rate. Results of this survey are at the 95% confidence level with a margin of error of ±3.1%

Sexual misconduct includes a variety of behaviors including verbal, nonverbal or physical contact of a sexual nature, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexual assault, rape, sexual battery, and sexual coercion and constitutes a violation of a person’s physical and emotional well-being. Most students report that sexual misconduct is not very problematic at UVU. One in seven males and one in three females reported experiencing at least one instance of sexual misconduct since coming to UVU. One in five females and one in ten males reported that the sexual misconduct occurred while on campus. Verbal misconduct is the most common type of sexual misconduct reported.

UVU strives to ensure compliance with Policy 162 Sexual Misconduct and encourages campus community members who experience any kind of sexual misconduct to make a report. Links to Policy 162 and information about reporting can be found at [https://www.uvu.edu/equalopportunity/title_9.html](https://www.uvu.edu/equalopportunity/title_9.html).

Verbal misconduct is the most common type of sexual misconduct reported. Females disproportionately experience sexual misconduct of all types on and off campus.
Overall, 1 in 13 females and 1 in 48 males reported experiencing sexual assault since coming to UVU. The most common type of sexual assault is sexual contact occurring without affirmative consent. Less than one percent of respondents who completed the survey reported experiencing sexual assault on campus.
Individuals who experienced sexual misconduct were most likely to tell friends about the incident. They were least likely to report to campus organizations or law enforcement.

The most common reason given for not reporting sexual misconduct to UVU was the respondent didn’t feel the incident was serious enough to report. This was the top response for both males and females.

Source: Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Misconduct 2016
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