



AJSAC Fact Sheet

Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault Committed Against University of Alaska Students

ANCHORAGE, AK— The 16-04 issue of the *AJSAC Fact Sheet* presents past year estimates of sexual misconduct and sexual assault victimization against University of Alaska (UA) students. Estimates are provided for the UA system as a whole, as well as for each of UA's three major administrative units (MAUs): the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), and the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS). The estimates are based on 1,982 survey responses to the *University of Alaska Campus Climate Survey*, an online survey that collected data from a random sample of undergraduate and graduate students who were enrolled at UA during spring semester 2016. The *University of Alaska Campus Climate Survey* was designed to establish baseline estimates of sexual misconduct and sexual assault committed in the preceding year — both on and off campus — against students enrolled at UA during the spring semester 2016. This survey was modeled after the *Campus Climate Survey Recommendations* prepared by the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

- 11.4% of UA (statewide) students experienced sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or both.
 - 10.3% of UAA students experienced sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or both
 - 6.8% of UAA students experienced sexual misconduct
 - 1.0% of UAA students experienced sexual assault
 - 2.5% of UAA students experienced both sexual misconduct and sexual assault
 - 12.9% of UAF students experienced sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or both
 - 9.5% of UAF students experienced sexual misconduct
 - 0.4% of UAF students experienced sexual assault
 - 3.0% of UAF students experienced both sexual misconduct and sexual assault
 - 12.0% of UAS students experienced sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or both
 - 7.3% of UAS students experienced sexual misconduct
 - 1.3% of UAS students experienced sexual assault
 - 3.4% of UAS students experienced both sexual misconduct and sexual assault
- Based on the estimates, approximately 1 in 9 UA students has experienced sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or both.
- The final sample includes 1,982 students surveyed from February 2016 to March 2016. The final response rate was 20.1%.

Important limitations of this study: 1) This survey provides baseline estimates for the *number of victims* and not the *number of total victimization incidents* that occurred. 2) These estimates are only generalizable to students who were enrolled at the University of Alaska (UA) during the spring of 2016. 3) This survey only includes students who were age 18 or older. 4) These estimates may be conservative because of the continuing stigma of reporting sexual violence.

Important strengths of this study: 1) This survey presents a more holistic view of sexual violence committed against UA students by asking students about sexual misconduct and sexual assault victimizations that occurred both on and off campus. 2) This survey uses an established survey protocol vetted and recommended by the White House and the Bureau of Justice Statistics. 3) This survey includes both male and female victims in the baseline estimates of sexual misconduct and sexual assault. 4) This survey presents the first baseline estimates of sexual misconduct and sexual assault against UA students; these estimates can be utilized by the University of Alaska to impact and evaluate prevention efforts and education programs for UA students.

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