ANCHORAGE, AK — The 16-05 issue of the AJSAC Fact Sheet presents separate estimates of sexual violence, including sexual misconduct and sexual assault victimization both on and off campus, against women and men enrolled at the University of Alaska (UA) in spring semester 2016. Women- and men-specific estimates are provided for the UA system as a whole only.

The results presented here are based on the survey responses of a randomly selected sample of 1,982 undergraduate and graduate students who were enrolled at any of the three UA major administrative units (MAUs) — UA Anchorage (UAA), UA Fairbanks (UAF), or UA Southeast (UAS) during 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.

Between January 2015 and spring semester 2016 – both on and off campus:

- 14.9% of women students at UA experienced sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or both
  - 10.4% of women students experienced sexual misconduct
  - 0.7% of women students experienced sexual assault
  - 3.8% of women students experienced both sexual misconduct and sexual assault
- 5.8% of men students at UA experienced sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or both
  - 3.8% of men students experienced sexual misconduct
  - 0.9% of men students experienced sexual assault
  - 1.1% of men 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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