

# **HEDS Sexual Assault Climate Survey**

## Summary Report

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### Executive Summary

In January and February of 2016, Saint Mary's College administered the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium's (HEDS) Sexual Assault Climate Survey to its current students, both undergraduate and graduate. The goal of the survey is to assess the campus climate around sexual violence that informs decision-making and improvements that enable Saint Mary's to continue to work towards eliminating sexual violence. HEDS is a consortium of more than 100 private colleges and universities (primarily small, liberal arts institutions). Participating in the HEDS survey allows Saint Mary's to collect benchmarking data from similar institutions nationally who also administered the survey to its students during the same academic year. In total, 517 Saint Mary's students responded for a 33% response rate. A total of 49 institutions participated in the survey nationally in 2015-16 with responses collected from 13,401 women with an average response rate of 22%. Results below are isolated to women respondents only at all participating institutions in 2015-16 in order to control for gender differences in response. Available demographic data collected suggest those responding to the survey are representative of the Saint Mary's population as a whole in terms of race/ethnicity and class year.

Initial results of the survey were shared in April 2016 with the Presidential Task Force on Sexual Violence and the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees. The results below provide for initial benchmarking for assessing and implementing improvements aimed at the ultimate goal of eliminating sexual violence impacting Saint Mary's students and students nationally.

#### Frequency of Sexual Assault and Unwanted Sexual Behaviors

- 9.5% of Saint Mary's respondents report being sexually assaulted since starting at Saint Mary's.
  - An additional 4.5% suspect they were assaulted but are unsure.
  - 12 percent of women respondents at participating HEDS institutions in 2015-16 report being sexually assaulted since starting at their institution. Rates for females at Association of American University institutions was 23% in its survey administration in 2014-15 (AAU, 2014).
- 11% of Saint Mary's respondents report an attempted sexual assault was made upon them with another 7% unsure but suspect that an attempt was made.
- More than half of Saint Mary's respondents have encountered unwanted sexual behaviors including verbal, non-verbal or brief unwanted contact.
- Nearly 6 in 10 of those assaulted report being assaulted more than once and a quarter of those assaulted report being assaulted three or more times.
- 27% of assault survivors report they were assaulted by more than one person, which is higher than females at other participating HEDS institutions (21%).

### **Location of Sexual Assault and Relationship to Person Committing Sexual Assault**

- Of those sexually assaulted, more than 80% report the person committing the assault was a student from another institution and more than 80% also report the assault occurred off-campus at another college or at an apartment, bar, etc.
- Just over half of survivors report their assaulter was a nonromantic friend or acquaintance, 40% report it was a stranger.

### **Involvement of Alcohol and Ability to Give Consent**

- Three-quarters of Saint Mary's respondents who are sexual assault survivors report the incident involved them consuming alcohol compared to 64% of women respondents at participating HEDS institutions while 79% of Saint Mary's survivors report the assaulter had been consuming alcohol.
- Nearly 60% of Saint Mary's sexual assault survivors report they were unable to give consent or are unsure if they gave consent due to incapacitation which exceeds the percentage who report the same nationally (46%).

### **Who do survivors tell about the sexual assault?**

- Most sexual assault survivors report telling someone about the assault. Most commonly they confide in close friends or roommates.
- Saint Mary's sexual assault survivors report the incident less frequently to campus representatives or family members.
- Those that did not report that a sexual assault occurred indicate they did not because:
  - Felt they would be blamed
  - Wanted to forget what happened
  - Felt ashamed or embarrassed
- Only a small percentage of Saint Mary's students choose not to tell anyone of the assault.

### **Frequency of Use and Satisfaction with the College's Official Formal Reporting Process**

- Very few survivors of sexual assault utilize the College's procedures for making a formal report about the sexual assault. Thirteen percent of Saint Mary's respondents who are survivors of sexual assault report following College procedures for making a formal report about the sexual assault. This may be due to the fact that most assaults are reported to have occurred off campus.
  - This compares similarly to women respondents nationally (14%).
- Satisfaction with the College's process for making a formal report and with the institution's response to the report is mixed among the few respondents who made a formal report.
- Among all respondents, while more than three-quarters believe Saint Mary's would take an official report of assault seriously and support the person making the report, there is less confidence that the College would take action against the offender.

### **Information and Education Received on Sexual Assault**

- Saint Mary's respondents are significantly more likely to report having received education about sexual assault, resources, and reporting procedures and report they were more likely to retain the information received and found it more helpful than female respondents nationally.
- Fewer respondents nationally and at Saint Mary's report having received information about the College's procedures for investigating sexual assault.

### **Campus Climate, Safety and Supportive Environment**

- Saint Mary's respondents report a positive and supportive general campus climate with support from faculty, staff and administrators.
- Nine in ten Saint Mary's respondents agree that their fellow students are concerned about one another's welfare compared to just over 70% of female respondents nationally.
- Ninety-four percent of Saint Mary's respondents agree they feel safe on campus compared to 77% of women respondents nationally.
- However, nearly half of Saint Mary's respondents report feeling at risk for either themselves or friends being sexually assaulted on or near campus or at an off-campus event or program connected with Saint Mary's.

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**Results Summary<sup>1</sup>**

**Table 1: Demographics**

	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
<b>Class Year</b>		
Freshman/First Year	26.3%	26.2%
Sophomore	23.8%	23.0%
Junior	25.1%	22.8%
Senior	23.4%	23.7%
Graduate Student	1.0%	3.5%
Other	0.4%	0.8%
<b>Race/Ethnicity (US Citizen) and International Status</b>		
Hispanic	8.3%	10.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	1.9%	4.3%
Black or African American	1.4%	4.6%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
White	81.4%	71.3%
Two or more races	2.3%	3.3%
Unknown	1.7%	1.2%
Not a US Citizen or permanent resident	2.7%	4.5%
<b>Which term best describes your sexual orientation?</b>		
Asexual	8.1%	6.5%
Bisexual	2.0%	6.9%
Gay	0.0%	0.2%
Heterosexual	86.8%	77.7%
Lesbian	0.6%	1.4%
Pansexual	0.0%	1.9%
Queer	0.4%	1.4%
Questioning	0.8%	2.1%
Fill in	1.4%	1.8%
<b>Which of the following best describes where you are currently living?</b>		
Dormitory or other campus housing (not a fraternity or sorority house)	86.8%	65.1%
Fraternity or sorority house (including college-owned housing)	0.2%	2.2%
Residence (house, apartment, etc.) <i>within</i> walking distance to the institution	7.6%	12.5%
Residence (house, apartment, etc.) <i>farther than</i> walking distance to the institution	5.0%	16.5%
None of the above	0.4%	3.8%

<sup>1</sup> All data in the Results Summary is taken from the 2015-16 administration of the HEDS Sexual Assault Campus Climate Survey. National benchmarking data has been filtered to only show data from women respondents.

**Table 2: General Climate at Saint Mary's College**

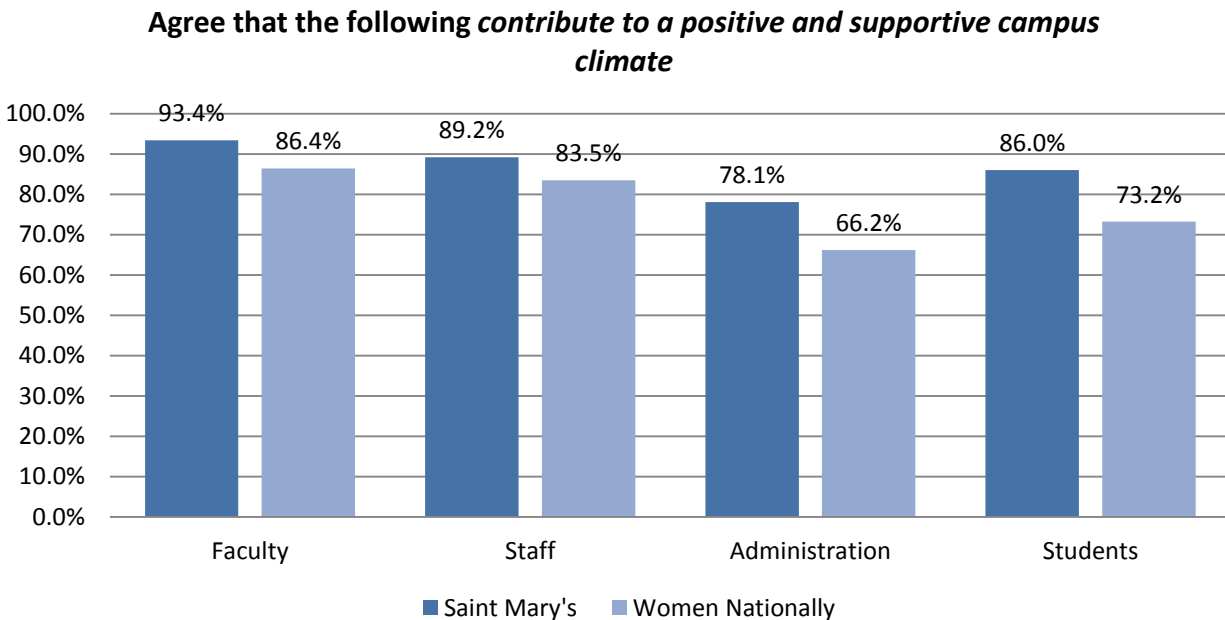
Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following:	Neither				
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Disagree nor Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<b>Faculty, staff, and administrators respect what students at Saint Mary's think.</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>50.1%</b>	<b>39.2%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	1.2%	6.2%	10.2%	54.0%	28.4%
<b>Faculty, staff, and administrators at Saint Mary's are genuinely concerned about students' welfare.</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>49.5%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	0.9%	4.0%	11.0%	49.0%	35.1%
<b>Faculty, staff, and administrators on this campus treat students fairly.</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>50.8%</b>	<b>32.6%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	1.5%	7.8%	17.3%	51.5%	21.9%
<b>Students at Saint Mary's are genuinely concerned about the welfare of other students.</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>52.4%</b>	<b>36.7%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	1.0%	6.5%	21.7%	49.5%	21.3%
<b>I feel valued in the classroom/learning environment.</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>47.7%</b>	<b>44.2%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	0.7%	3.5%	13.9%	52.5%	29.4%
<b>I feel close to people on this campus.</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>42.4%</b>	<b>38.8%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	2.6%	8.7%	16.9%	39.8%	31.9%
<b>I feel like I am a part of the Saint Mary's community.</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>41.3%</b>	<b>43.0%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	2.9%	8.6%	17.0%	41.1%	30.5%
<b>I feel safe on this campus.</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>40.5%</b>	<b>53.1%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	2.0%	6.0%	15.3%	47.2%	29.5%

- Overall, more than 80% of Saint Mary's respondents agree that faculty/staff/administrators respect what students think, are concerned about students' welfare and treat students fairly.
  - These percentages of agreement exceed that of other women respondents nationally.
- Ninety-two percent of Saint Mary's respondents agree they feel valued in a classroom/learning environment and 84% agree they feel like a part of the Saint Mary's community.
- Saint Mary's respondents are more likely than women nationally to feel safe on their institution's campus (94% agree they feel safe on this campus compared to 77% nationally).

**Table 3: Contribution of College Groups to General Climate**

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree that following groups <u>contribute to a positive and supportive campus climate</u> :	Strongly Disagree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Strongly Agree
	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Agree
<b>Faculty</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>50.6%</b>	<b>42.8%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	0.5%	2.2%	10.9%	54.2%	32.2%
<b>Staff</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>53.9%</b>	<b>35.3%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	0.5%	2.9%	13.1%	54.2%	29.3%
<b>Administration</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>50.4%</b>	<b>27.7%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	3.3%	9.9%	20.6%	43.8%	22.4%
<b>Students</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>51.7%</b>	<b>34.3%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	1.2%	5.9%	19.7%	51.0%	22.2%

- Ninety-three percent of Saint Mary’s respondents agree faculty contribute to a positive and supportive campus climate. Likewise, 89% report the same about staff, 86% about students and 78% about administration.
  - These percentages of agreement are significantly higher than reported by women respondents nationally.



**Table 4: Saint Mary’s Response to Difficult or Dangerous Situations**

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following:			Neither		
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<b>Campus officials do a good job protecting students from harm.</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>47.4%</b>	<b>26.0%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	2.1%	8.7%	23.2%	45.6%	20.4%
<b>If a crisis happened here, I am confident campus officials would handle it well.</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>26.0%</b>	<b>39.6%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	5.6%	14.6%	25.4%	35.8%	18.6%
<b>Campus officials respond quickly in difficult situations.</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>37.9%</b>	<b>18.8%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	3.9%	11.3%	32.2%	35.4%	17.2%
<b>Campus officials handle incidents in a fair and responsible manner.</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>31.7%</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	3.9%	11.0%	31.0%	37.7%	16.3%
<b>There is a good support system at Saint Mary’s for students going through difficult times.</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>33.7%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	4.1%	9.8%	22.8%	39.8%	23.5%

- Seventy-three percent of Saint Mary’s respondents agree that campus officials do a good job protecting students from harm compared to 66% of women nationally.
- Sixty percent of Saint Mary’s respondents agree that if a crisis happened here, they are confident campus officials would handle it well compared to 54% of women at HEDS institutions nationally. Fourteen percent of Saint Mary’s respondents disagree compared to 20% of women at participating HEDS institutions.
- Fifty-seven percent of Saint Mary’s respondents agree that campus officials respond quickly in difficult situations while 13% disagreed.
- When it comes to campus officials handling incidents in a fair and responsible manner, 59% of Saint Mary’s respondents agree campus officials respond fairly and responsibly compared to 54% of women nationally who say the same of their institutions.
- Eight in ten Saint Mary’s respondents agree that there is a good support system at Saint Mary’s for students going through difficult times. This significantly exceeds the percentage of women agreeing nationally (63%).



**Table 5: Perception of Frequency and Risk of Sexual Assault**

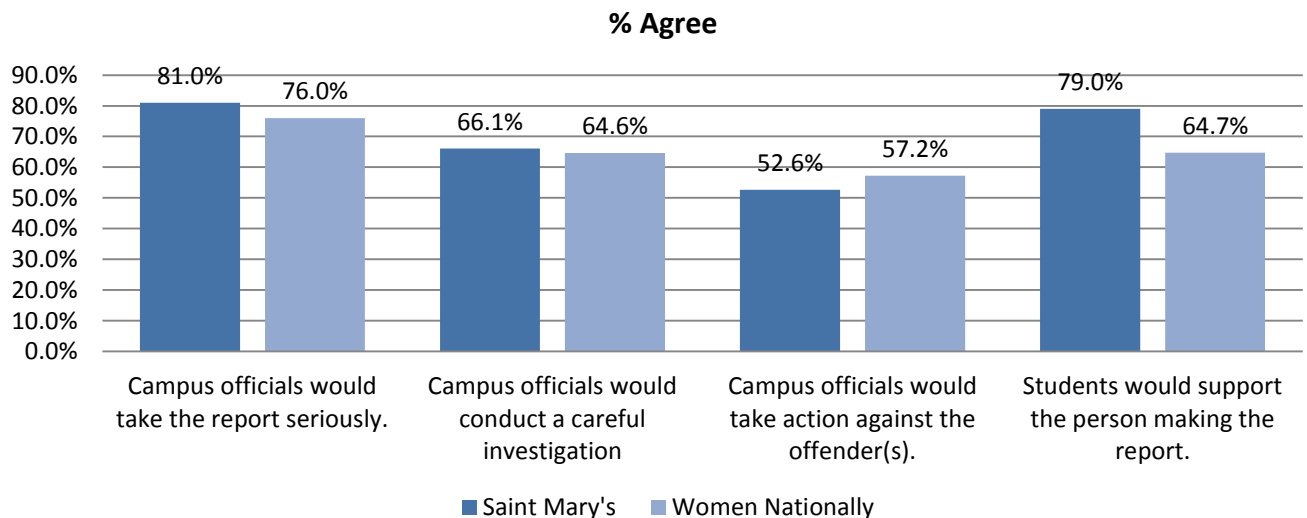
Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<b>I believe that the number of sexual assaults that occur on campus, off campus at an event or program connected with Saint Mary's, or at a social activity or party near campus is low.</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>25.2%</b>	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	8.7%	21.3%	25.5%	31.7%	12.8%
<b>I do not believe that I or one of my friends is at risk for being sexually assaulted on campus, off campus at an event or program connected with Saint Mary's, or at a social activity or party near campus.</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>33.9%</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>21.9%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	14.8%	28.9%	19.1%	24.5%	12.8%
<b>I believe that students at Saint Mary's would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault.</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>49.8%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	3.6%	13.5%	28.1%	38.5%	16.3%

- Saint Mary's respondents are less likely to agree that the number of sexual assaults that occur on campus, off campus at an event/program connected to Saint Mary's or off campus near campus is low. 42% of Saint Mary's respondents disagreed that the number of assaults is low compared to 30% of women at HEDS institutions nationally.
- Likewise, Saint Mary's students feel more at risk for being sexually assaulted on campus, off-campus at a SMC connected event or at a party/social even near campus. Nearly half of Saint Mary's respondents disagree that they do not feel at risk for being assaulted on or near campus compared to 44% of women at similar institutions.
- Saint Mary's students believe that a strong support system exists among the student body as nearly 80% agree that they believe students at Saint Mary's would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault. This compares to just 55% of women nationally who report the same of fellow students at their institutions.

**Table 6: Perception of How Institution Would Handle Student Report of Sexual Assault**

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following:			Neither		Strongly
	Strongly	Disagree	Disagree	Agree	
	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Agree
<b>Campus officials would take the report seriously.</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>48.6%</b>	<b>32.4%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	2.4%	7.3%	14.2%	43.7%	32.3%
<b>Campus officials would support and protect the person making the report.</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>30.0%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	3.0%	8.5%	18.4%	41.8%	28.3%
<b>Campus officials would conduct a careful investigation in order to determine what happened.</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>43.0%</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	3.8%	10.3%	21.4%	40.2%	24.4%
<b>Campus officials would take action against the offender(s).</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>33.9%</b>	<b>18.7%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	5.8%	12.8%	24.2%	35.1%	22.1%
<b>Students would support the person making the report.</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>46.0%</b>	<b>33.0%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	2.8%	8.6%	24.0%	41.2%	23.5%

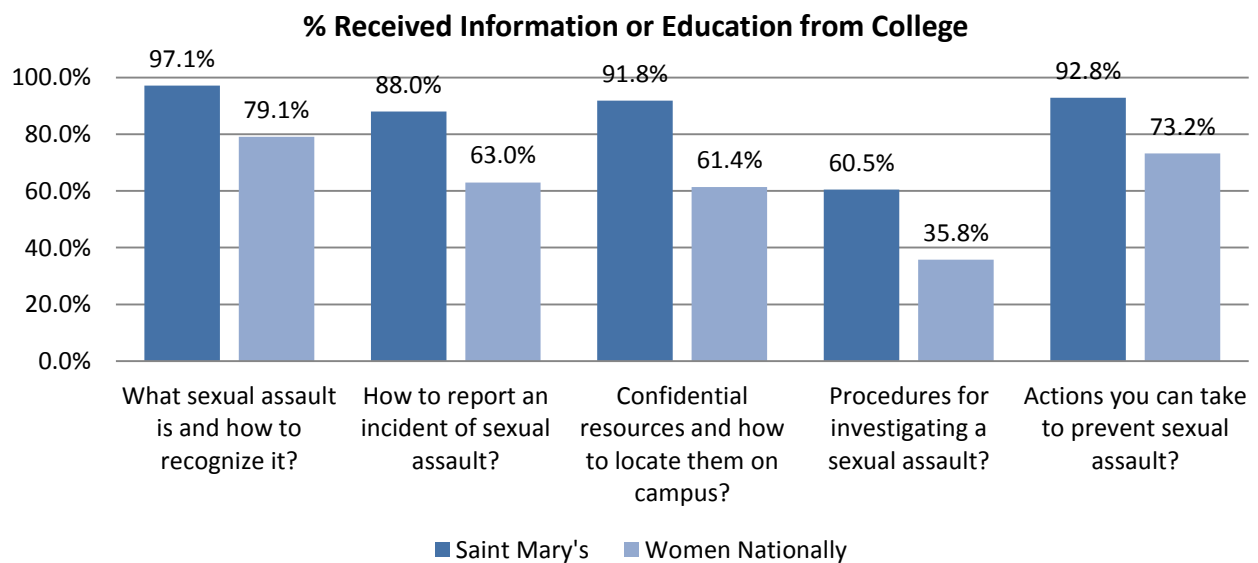
- More than 75% of Saint Mary’s respondents agree that campus officials would take a report of sexual assault seriously, would support and protect the person making the report and would conduct a careful investigation.
- Less agreement at both Saint Mary’s and nationally exists that campus officials would take action against the offender(s) as 53% of Saint Mary’s respondents and 57% of women at HEDS institutions agree. Nearly a fifth of Saint Mary’s respondents disagree that campus officials would take action against the offender(s) and 28% are unsure.
- Great confidence exists among students that their fellow students would support the person making the report as 79% agree compared to 65% of women nationally.



**Table 7: Information and Education Received from Institution on Sexual Assault**

Have you received information or education from Saint Mary's about:	Yes	No	Unsure
<b>What sexual assault is and how to recognize it?</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	79.1%	12.7%	8.2%
<b>How to report an incident of sexual assault?</b>	<b>88.0%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	63.0%	23.4%	13.6%
<b>Saint Mary's confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them on campus?</b>	<b>91.8%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	61.4%	23.6%	15.0%
<b>The procedures for investigating a sexual assault?</b>	<b>60.5%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	35.8%	44.2%	20.0%
<b>The actions you can take to help prevent sexual assault, such as bystander intervention, clear communication with a potential partner, or some other action?</b>	<b>92.8%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	73.2%	17.1%	9.7%

- 97% of Saint Mary's respondents report they received information on what sexual assault is and how to recognize it compared to 79% of women at other HEDS institutions.
- 88% reported receiving information on how to report an incident of sexual assault and 92% report they received information on confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them on campus at Saint Mary's. These rates exceed that of women elsewhere with approximately 60% of women nationally reporting they received such information.
- Fewer students, 61%, report they received information on the procedures for investigating sexual assault compared to 36% of women nationally.
- 93% of Saint Mary's respondents report they received information from Saint Mary's on actions they can take to help prevent sexual assault compared to 73% of women nationally.



**Table 8: Retention of Information Received**

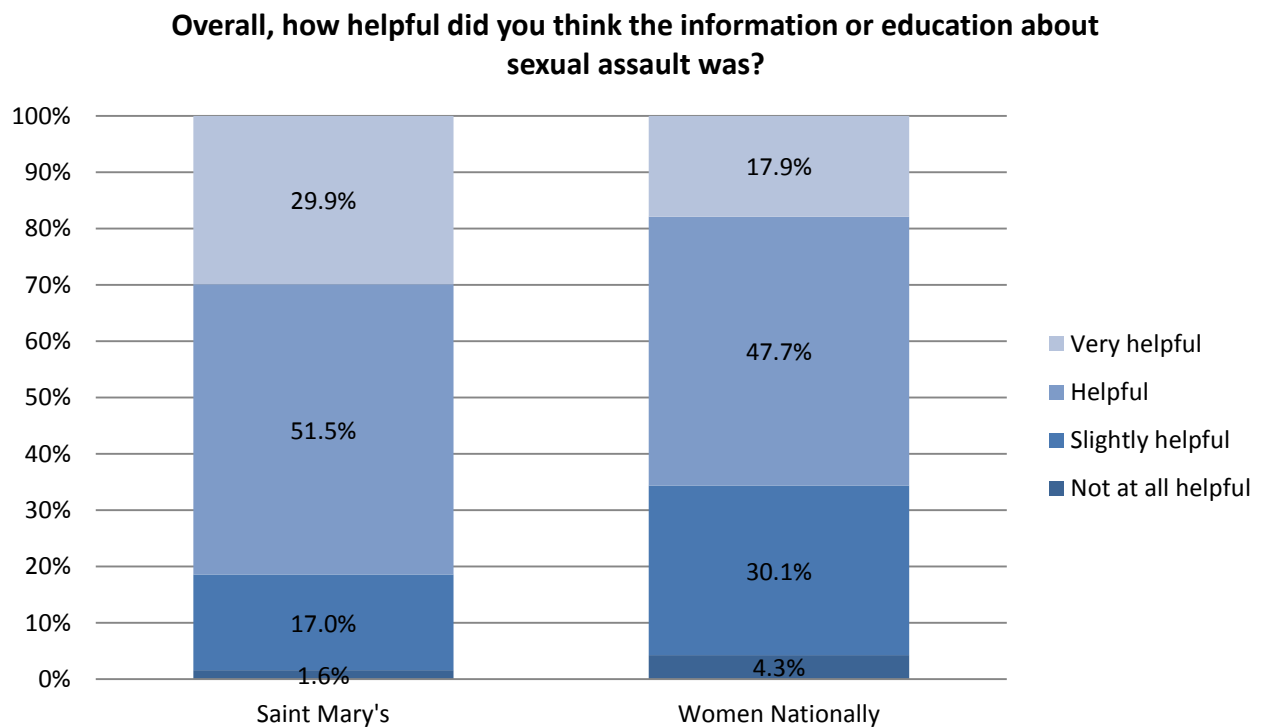
Overall, how much do you remember about the information or education from Saint Mary's about sexual assault?	Almost all or all of it	Most of it	Some of it	Very little or none of it
<b>Saint Mary's College</b>	<b>31.1%</b>	<b>49.8%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	19.1%	42.3%	30.1%	8.5%

- The majority of Saint Mary's respondents report they retain the information they receive about sexual assault as 81% report they remember almost all, all or most of the information they received about sexual assault compared to 61% at other HEDS institutions.

**Table 9: Helpfulness of Information Received**

Overall, how helpful did you think the information or education about sexual assault was?	Very helpful	Helpful	Slightly helpful	Not at all helpful
<b>Saint Mary's College</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>51.5%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	17.9%	47.7%	30.1%	4.3%

- Saint Mary's respondents found the information they received about sexual assault to be helpful as 81% report it was helpful or very helpful compared to 66% of females nationally.



**Table 10: Frequency of Unwanted Sexual Contact**

Since starting at Saint Mary's, how often have you experienced the following forms of unwanted sexual contact while you were (a) on campus; (b) off campus at an event or program connected with Saint Mary's, including study abroad and internships; or (c) at a social activity or party near campus such as at an apartment, restaurant, or bar?	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often
<b>Unwanted verbal behaviors – such as someone making sexual comments about your body; making unwelcome sexual advances, propositions, or suggestions to you; or telling you sexually offensive jokes or kidding about your sex or gender---specific traits</b>	40.8%	27.3%	23.0%	7.5%	1.4%
--Women respondents nationally	36.5%	26.2%	25.6%	9.0%	2.6%
<b>Unwanted nonverbal behaviors – such as someone sending you sexual emails, texts, or pictures; posting sexual comments about you on blogs or social media; showing you sexually offensive pictures or objects; leering at you or making lewd gestures towards you; or touching him/herself sexually in front of you</b>	71.5%	18.8%	7.8%	1.7%	0.2%
--Women respondents nationally	68.4%	18.6%	9.9%	2.4%	0.8%
<b>Unwanted brief physical contact – such as someone briefly groping you, rubbing sexually against you, pinching you, or engaging in any other brief inappropriate or unwelcome touching of your body</b>	50.7%	24.9%	17.3%	6.0%	1.2%
--Women respondents nationally	54.7%	22.5%	16.3%	5.1%	1.4%

- 59% of Saint Mary's respondents report they have experienced unwanted sexual contact in the form of verbal behaviors since starting at Saint Mary's at least rarely. This rate is similar to female respondents nationally (64%).
- 28% of Saint Mary's students report they have received unwanted nonverbal behaviors (unwanted sexual texts, email, social media posts, lewd gestures, etc.) since starting at Saint Mary's at least rarely. Again, the rate is similar to female respondents nationally (32%).
- Unwanted brief physical contact (such as someone briefly groping, rubbing sexually against someone, pinching, or other brief inappropriate/unwelcome touching of the body) was experienced by 49% of Saint Mary's respondents at least rarely compared to 45% of women respondents nationally.

**Table 11: Responsible Party for Unwanted Sexual Contact Identified in Table 10**

	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
Student(s) from this institution	7.3%	86.5%
Student(s) from another institution	90.0%	27.9%
Faculty member(s), staff member(s), or administrator(s) from this institution	1.8%	4.6%
Faculty member(s), staff member(s), or administrator(s) from another institution	1.2%	1.0%
Employer(s)/supervisor(s) at this institution	0.9%	1.8%
Person or people from the local community	32.6%	30.1%
Other	4.4%	4.1%

Note: Asked of those who indicated at least "Rarely" (N=341) for at least one item in Table 10. Check all that apply.

- For those in table 9 who have experienced unwanted sexual contact at least rarely, 90% of those students report it, a student from another institution was at least one of those responsible. A third also report a person(s) from the local community was also at least one of those responsible.
- This differs from women respondents nationally at mostly co-educational institutions where the majority of responsible parties come from the student's institution.

**Sexual Assault Definition (as presented in the survey) and Rates**

The following questions focus on sexual assault experiences. Sexual assault is defined in the survey as referring to five specific types of sexual contact, which respondents **did not want** or for which **they did not give consent**.

- Touching of a sexual nature (kissing you, touching of private parts, grabbing, fondling, rubbing up against you in a sexual way, even if it was over your clothes)
- Oral sex (someone's mouth or tongue making contact with your genitals, or your mouth or tongue making contact with someone else's genitals)
- Vaginal sex (someone's penis being put in your vagina, or your penis being put into someone else's vagina)
- Anal sex (someone's penis being put in your anus, or your penis being put into someone else's anus)
- Anal or vaginal penetration with a body part other than a penis or tongue, or by an object, like a bottle or candle

Additionally, the survey asks respondents to consider only the following locations of assault: (a) on campus; (b) off campus at an event or program connected with Saint Mary's, including study abroad and internships; or (c) at a social activity or party near campus such as at an apartment, restaurant, or bar?

**Table 12: Rates of Attempted Sexual Assault**

Since starting at Saint Mary’s, has anyone <b>attempted, but not succeeded in</b> , sexually assaulting you while you were (a) on campus; (b) off campus at an event or program connected with Saint Mary’s, including study abroad and internships; or (c) at a social activity or party near campus such as at an apartment, restaurant, or bar?	Yes	No	Unsure
<b>Saint Mary’s College</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>81.6%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	11.9%	81.0%	7.1%

**Table 13: Responsible Party for Attempted Sexual Assault**

	Saint Mary’s	HEDS Women
Student(s) from this institution	0.0%	84.1%
Student(s) from another institution	92.6%	18.7%
Faculty member(s), staff member(s), or administrator(s) from this institution	0.0%	1.4%
Faculty member(s), staff member(s), or administrator(s) from another institution	0.0%	0.3%
Employer(s)/supervisor(s) at this institution	1.9%	1.0%
Person or people from the local community	27.8%	15.4%
Other	3.7%	4.2%

Asked only of those who reported an attempted sexual assault. Check all that apply.

- Eleven percent of Saint Mary’s respondents report that since starting at Saint Mary’s, an unsuccessful attempt at sexual assault was made upon them. An additional 7% are unsure.
  - These figures compare similarly to women respondents nationally.
- When asked to identify the responsible part of the attempts, 93% report at least one of those attempting was a student from another institution and 28% report at least one was a person or people from the local community.

**Table 14: Rates of Sexual Assault**

Since starting at Saint Mary’s College, have you been sexually assaulted while you were (a) on campus; (b) off campus at an event or program connected with Saint Mary’s College, including study abroad and internships; or (c) at a social activity or party near campus such as at an apartment, restaurant, or bar?	Yes	No	Unsure
<b>Saint Mary’s College</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>86.0%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	11.9%	83.7%	4.5%

- One in ten Saint Mary’s respondents report that since starting at Saint Mary’s, they have been sexually assaulted. Approximately 5% of Saint Mary’s respondents are unsure if they were sexually assaulted. Twelve percent of women respondents nationally report they have been sexually assaulted.

**Table 15: Location of Sexual Assault for those Victimized**

	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
On this campus, in a dormitory or other campus housing (not a fraternity or sorority house)	0.0%	58.9%
On this campus, in a nonresidential building or some other location on campus	2.1%	7.9%
In a fraternity or sorority house, on or off campus, including college---owned housing	6.4%	10.9%
Off campus, at another college or university (not study abroad)	48.9%	1.9%
Study abroad, study away, or other off---campus study program	6.4%	4.1%
Off---campus internship	0.0%	0.6%
Off campus, at an apartment, restaurant, bar, or another location nearby	36.2%	15.7%

Note: Asked only of those who reported being sexual assaulted since starting college.

- The vast majority of sexual assaults against Saint Mary's respondents were reported to have occurred off-campus at another college or university or at an apartment, restaurant, bar or another location nearby.

**Table 16: Number of Incidents of Sexual Assaults for those Victimized**

Since starting at Saint Mary's, **how many incidents of sexual assault have you experienced** while you were (a) on campus; (b) off campus at an event or program connected with Saint Mary's, including study abroad and internships; or (c) at a social activity or party near campus such as at an apartment, restaurant, or bar?

	1	2	3	4	More than 4
<b>Saint Mary's College</b>	<b>41.7%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	40.9%	29.7%	13.3%	3.7%	12.4%

Note: Asked only of those who reported being sexually assaulted since starting college.

- For those Saint Mary's respondents who are survivors of sexual assault, 42% report once incident of assault since starting at Saint Mary's, a third report two assaults and 25% report three or more incidents of assault.

**Table 17: Number of People Who Sexually Assaulted Survivor**

How many people sexually assaulted you?	One Person	More than one person	I am not sure
<b>Saint Mary's College</b>	<b>68.8%</b>	<b>27.1%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	76.1%	21.4%	2.5%

Note: Asked of those who reported being sexually assaulted since starting college. For those who reported being sexually assaulted more than once, they were asked to consider a single assault incident.

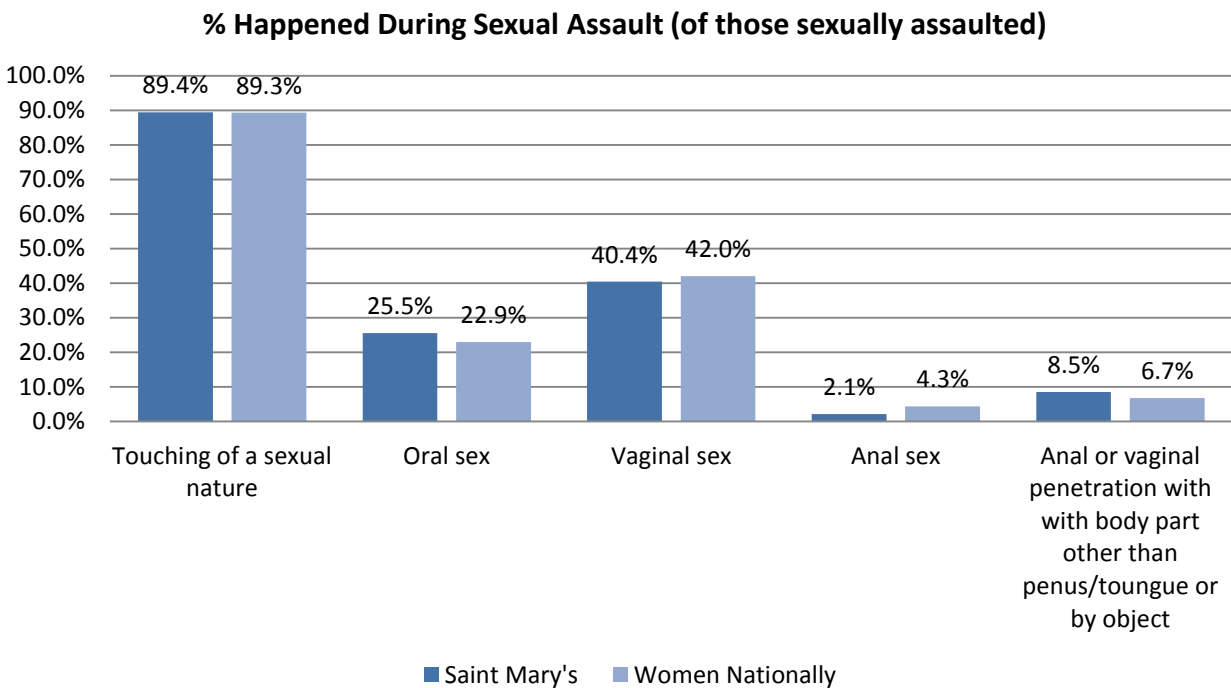
- For Saint Mary's respondents who are survivors of sexual assault, 69% report one person assaulted them, while 27% report more than one person was involved in the incident of sexual assault. This compares to 21% of women respondents nationally who report more than one person was involved in the incident of sexual assault.



**Table 18: Which of the Following Happened During Sexual Assault**

	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
Touching of a sexual nature (kissing you, touching of private parts, grabbing, fondling, rubbing up against you in a sexual way, even if it was over your clothes)	89.4%	89.3%
Oral sex (someone's mouth or tongue making contact with your genitals, or your mouth or tongue making contact with someone else's genitals)	25.5%	22.9%
Vaginal sex (someone's penis being put in your vagina, or your penis being put into someone else's vagina)	40.4%	42.0%
Anal sex (someone's penis being put in your anus, or your penis being put into someone else's anus)	2.1%	4.3%
Anal or vaginal penetration with a body part other than a penis or tongue, or by an object, like a bottle or candle	8.5%	6.7%

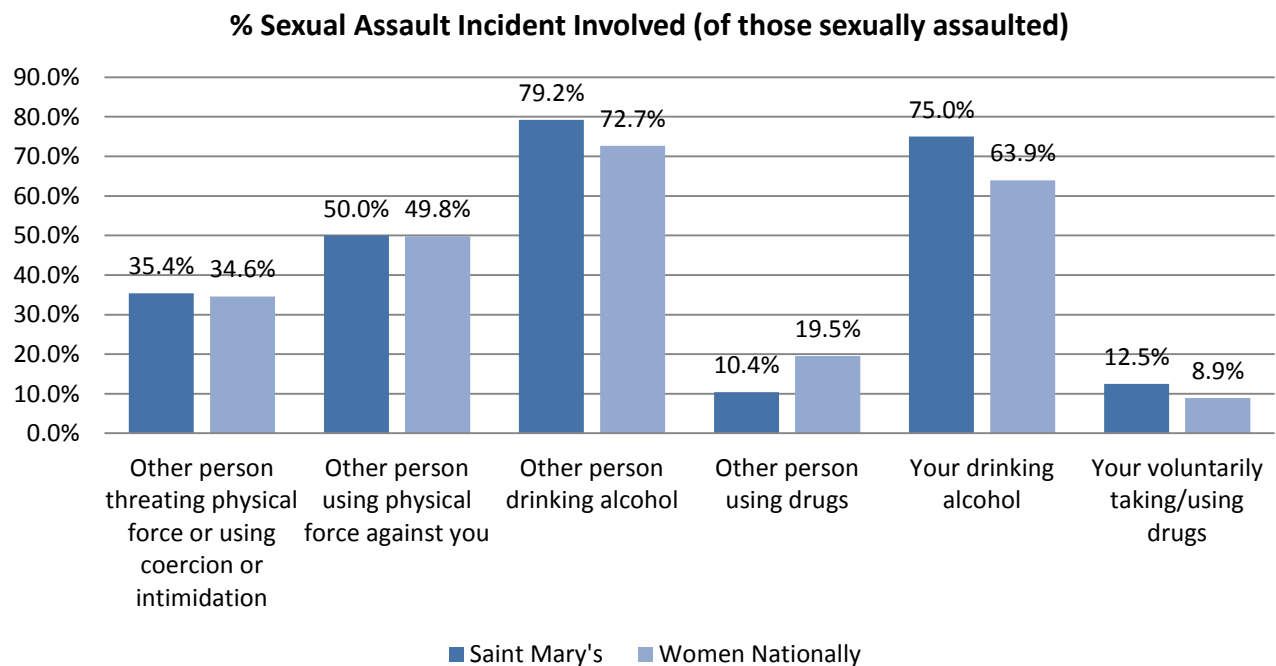
Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault. Respondents select all that apply.



**Table 19: Involvement of Physical Force, Alcohol and Drugs in Sexual Assault**

Did this incident of sexual assault involve? (%yes)	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
The other person threatening to use physical force against you, or using coercion or intimidation?	35.4%	34.6%
The other person using physical force against you	50.0%	49.8%
The other person drinking alcohol?	79.2%	72.7%
The other person using drugs?	10.4%	19.5%
Your drinking alcohol?	75.0%	63.9%
Your voluntarily taking or using any drugs other than alcohol?	12.5%	8.9%
Your being given a drug without your knowledge or consent?	6.3%*	5.1%

Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault. Respondents select all that apply. \*19% indicated they were unsure.



- For Saint Mary's respondents who were survivors of sexual assault, half report physical force had been used against them during the incident of assault.
- Alcohol was involved in three-quarters of all incidents of sexual assault with Saint Mary's respondents more frequently reporting the incident involved them drinking alcohol.
- About 12% Saint Mary's respondents who indicated they were sexually assaulted report the assault incident involved them voluntarily taking or using drugs. While 6% of Saint Mary's assault survivors report the assault incident involved them being given a drug without their knowledge or consent, nearly a fifth reported they were unsure of they had been given a drug without their knowledge or consent.

**Table 20: Ability to Give Consent Due to Incapacitation**

Were you unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were incapacitated in some way (e.g., passed out, drugged, drunk, asleep)?	Yes	No	Unsure
<b>Saint Mary's College</b>	<b>54.2%</b>	<b>41.7%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	39.7%	53.0%	7.3%

Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault.

- More than half of Saint Mary's respondents who are survivors of sexual assault report they were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because they were incapacitated in some way. This exceeds the rate reported by women respondents nationally (40%).

**Table 21: When in Student's Career did Assault Occur?**

	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
During the summer before I officially enrolled (pre-orientation, etc.)	0.0%	0.7%
During new student orientation	0.0%	1.4%
In my first year	48.9%	51.3%
Summer between my first and second years	2.1%	1.3%
In my second year	25.5%	23.9%
Summer between my second and third years	0.0%	1.0%
In my third year	10.6%	12.0%
Summer between my third and fourth years	0.0%	0.8%
In my fourth year	6.4%	2.9%
Other	6.4%	4.8%

Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault. Check all that apply.

**Table 22: Assaulter(s) Affiliation**

Was the person(s) who sexually assaulted you affiliated with Saint Mary's or another college or university?	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
At least one person was a student at this College.	4.3%	84.3%
At least one person was a student at another institution.	82.6%	9.8%
At least one person was a faculty, staff, or administrator from this College.	0.0%	1.4%
At least one person was a faculty, staff, or administrator from another institution.	0.0%	0.1%
To my knowledge, no one was affiliated with this College or another institution.	13.0%	6.8%
I do not know.	2.2%	3.0%

Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault. Check all that apply.

- More than 8 in 10 Saint Mary's respondents who are survivors of sexual assault report at least one person who assaulted them was a student at another institution.
- Women respondents nationally who are enrolled at co-ed institutions most frequently report the person committing the assault is a student at their institution.

**Table 23: Survivor's Relationship to Assaulter(s)**

Which of the following describes your relationship with the person(s) who sexually assaulted you at the time of the assault?	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
Nonromantic friend or acquaintance	55.3%	58.7%
Stranger	40.4%	30.0%
Casual date or hookup	17.0%	18.3%
Ex-romantic partner	6.4%	7.4%
Other	4.3%	4.4%
Employer/supervisor	2.1%	0.5%
Coworker	2.1%	1.3%
Current romantic partner	0.0%	6.7%
College professor/instructor	0.0%	0.5%
College staff member	0.0%	0.7%
College administrator	0.0%	0.2%
Family member	0.0%	0.4%

Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault. Check all that apply.

- Slightly more than half of respondents who are survivors of sexual assault both at Saint Mary's and nationally report the person(s) who sexually assaulted them was a nonromantic friend or acquaintance.
- Saint Mary's respondents who are survivors of assault more frequently report at least one of their assaulters was a stranger (40% vs. 30%).
- Just under a fifth of respondents who are survivors of sexual assault both at Saint Mary's and nationally report their assaulter was a casual date or hookup.

**Table 24: Sex of Assaulter(s)**

What was the sex of the person(s) who assaulted you?	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
Male	93.8%	97.2%
Female	4.2%	1.2%
Both male and female	2.1%	1.4%
I do not know	0.0%	0.2%

Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault.

**Table 25: Bystanders at time of Assault**

Were there any bystanders when you were sexually assaulted?	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
Yes	47.9%	35.9%
No	39.6%	50.1%
I am not sure.	12.5%	14.0%

Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault.

**Table 26: Did the Bystander Present Intervene?**

	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
Yes	21.7%	25.5%
No	78.3%	74.5%

Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault who reported a bystander was present in Table 25.

- Saint Mary's respondents who are survivors of sexual assault report the presence of bystanders at the time of assault more frequently compared to women respondents nationally who are survivors of sexual assault.
- Of those Saint Mary's respondents who are survivors of sexual assault and reported bystanders were present during their assault, 22% report that bystander(s) intervened.

**Table 27: Who did Survivor Tell About Assault?**

	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
Close friend	87.5%	78.7%
Roommate	37.5%	36.5%
Romantic partner	20.8%	22.5%
Campus counselor	14.6%	17.3%
Parent or guardian	10.4%	16.9%
Other family member	10.4%	8.1%
Faculty, staff, administrator from this college	10.4%	13.1%
No one	6.3%	12.7%
Private counselor	6.3%	6.7%
Campus health services	6.3%	3.4%
Campus Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator	4.1%	7.1%
Local Police	4.1%	3.4%
Resident advisor/assistant or other peer advisor	2.0%	7.0%
Faculty, staff, administrator from another institution	2.0%	0.8%
Campus security/safety/police	4.1%	5.8%
Local or national sexual assault hotline	0.0%	1.2%
Campus pastor, minister, rabbi or other clergy	0.0%	1.0%
Campus sexual assault advocate	2.0%	3.9%

Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault. Check all that apply.

- Survivors of sexual assault both at Saint Mary's and nationally most frequently tell a close friend about their assault. Students less frequently tell others (campus support staff, counselors, local police, etc.) who are outside their immediate friends, roommates or romantic partners.

**Table 28: Use of Formal Institutional Reporting Process**

Did you use the College's procedures for making a formal report about the sexual assault?	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
Yes	13.3%	14.2%
No	86.7%	85.8%

Note: Asked only of Survivors of Assault.

- Very few survivors of sexual assault utilize the College's procedures for making a formal report about the sexual assault. Thirteen percent of Saint Mary's respondents who are survivors of assault report using the College's procedures for making a formal report about the sexual assault. This compares similarly to women respondents nationally (14%).

**Table 29: Satisfaction with Process for Making Formal Report**

How satisfied were you with the College's process for making a formal report about sexual assault?	Saint Mary's*	HEDS Women
Unsure at this time	0.0%	4.1%
Very dissatisfied	33.3%	25.1%
Dissatisfied	0.0%	11.3%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	16.7%	15.9%
Satisfied	33.3%	30.3%
Very satisfied	16.7%	13.3%

Note: Asked only of those making a formal report \*Use caution in interpreting the results as N=6.

**Table 30: Satisfaction with Response to Report**

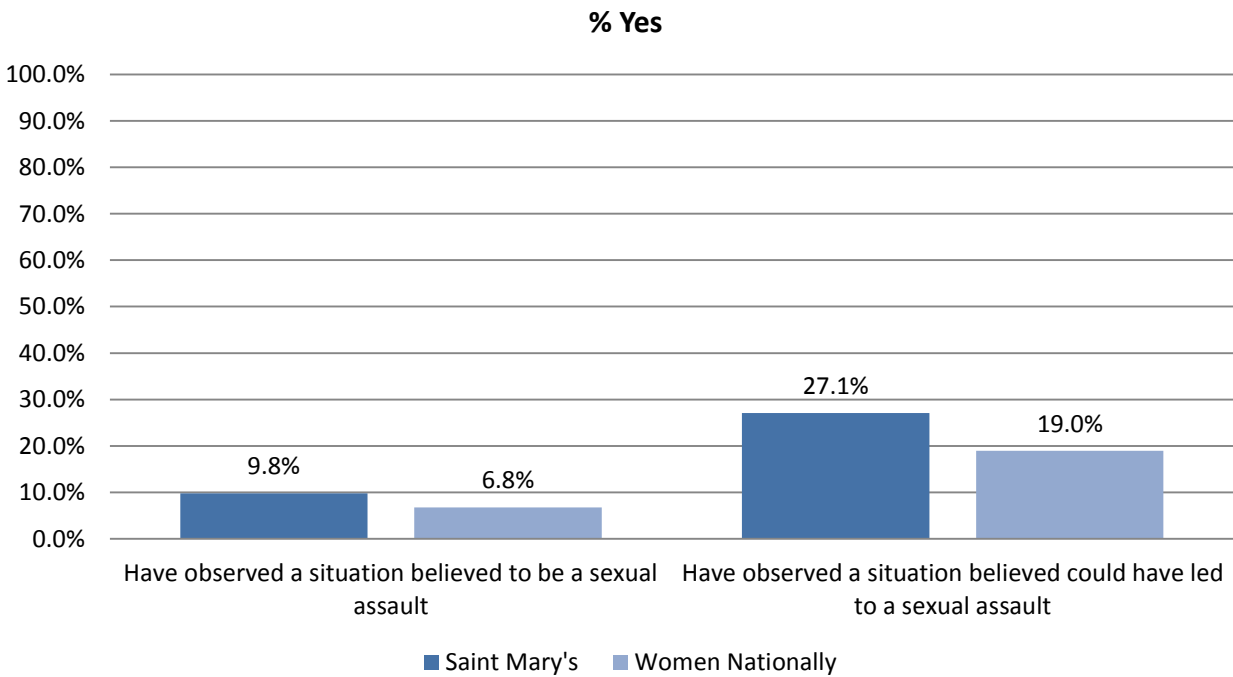
How satisfied were you with the College's response to your report?	Saint Mary's*	HEDS Women
Unsure at this time	0.0%	5.1%
Very dissatisfied	33.3%	27.7%
Dissatisfied	0.0%	14.4%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	0.0%	13.8%
Satisfied	16.7%	21.5%
Very satisfied	50.0%	17.4%

Note: Asked only of those making a formal report \*Use caution in interpreting these results as N=6.

- Satisfaction with the College's process for making a formal report and with the institution's response to the report is mixed among the few respondents who made a formal report.
- Half of Saint Mary's respondents who made a formal report were satisfied with the College's process while a third were very dissatisfied. Two-thirds of Saint Mary's respondents who made a formal report were satisfied with the College's response to their report and a third were very dissatisfied.

**Table 31: Bystander Observation of Sexual Assaults**

	Yes	No	I suspect but not certain
<b>Have observed a situation believed to be a sexual assault</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	6.8%	86.3%	6.9%
<b>Have observed a situation believed could have led to a sexual assault</b>	<b>27.1%</b>	<b>60.7%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
--Women respondents nationally	19.0%	67.6%	13.4%



- Approximately 10% of Saint Mary's respondents have observed a situation they believed to be a sexual assault and more than a quarter (27%) have observed a situation they believed could have led to a sexual assault.

**Table 32: Bystander Intervention in Sexual Assaults**

Did you intervene?	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
Yes	82.1%	62.7%
I considered intervening but did not feel safe doing so.	5.1%	11.0%
I considered intervening but did not feel comfortable doing so.	5.1%	8.9%
I considered intervening but did not know how to do so.	7.7%	11.0%
I did not intervene.	0.0%	6.4%

Note: Asked of those who indicate they had observed a situation they believed to be sexual assault

- Of those Saint Mary's respondents who observed a situation they believed to be sexual assault, 82% report intervening and the remaining indicate they considered intervening but did not because of safety or comfort or did not know what to do.

**Table 33: How did Bystander intervene?**

How did you intervene?	Saint Mary's	HEDS Women
I stepped in and separated the people involved in the situation.	40.6%	46.3%
I asked the person who appeared to be at risk if they needed help.	62.5%	56.2%
I confronted the person who appeared to be causing the situation.	12.5%	24.9%
I created a distraction to cause one or more of the people to disengage from the situation.	31.3%	28.3%
I asked others to step in with me and diffuse the situation.	34.4%	30.8%
I told someone in a position of authority about the situation.	18.8%	14.2%
Other	0.0%	5.0%

Note: Asked of those who indicate they had intervened in a situation they believed to be sexual assault or could have led to sexual assault. Respondents can check all that apply.