



**HEDS Sexual Assault Campus Climate Survey Findings**  
**Harvey Mudd College**  
**Fall 2015**

The HEDS Sexual Assault and Campus Climate Survey instrument is designed to cover the following topics: perceptions of campus climate around unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault, perceptions of how the institution addresses and responds to sexual assault, and the extent to which students have experienced unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault. But the majority of survey questions are dedicated to specific details and circumstances around accounts of sexual assault, in order to bring clarity to a topic that is inherently sensitive and difficult.

In the spring of 2015, the survey was emailed to approximately 8,000 graduate and undergraduate students at the seven Claremont Colleges. Survey responses were received from 2475 students, for a rate of 31%. At Harvey Mudd, the response rate was 51% (406/807). For the undergraduate (UG) student population, the response rate was 33% (1949/5896). Because the survey was voluntary, and the topic of sexual assault and campus climate has the potential to provoke strong opinions, it is impossible to determine the impact self-selection may have had on the results. Additionally, there was a high degree of variability among the seven institutions. Therefore, it is important to keep in mind that these results do not necessarily represent generalizations about the entire Claremont Colleges community, or any one institution in particular, or HMC in particular.

The findings are divided into the three following sections:

1. Perceptions of campus climate and sexual assault
2. Institutional information and education about sexual assault
3. Unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault

**Table 1 - Survey Participant Demographics**

<b>Respondents</b>	<b>HMC #</b>	<b>HMC %</b>	<b>UG #</b>	<b>UG %</b>	<b>7C #</b>	<b>7C %</b>
Women	225	55.4	1270	64.6	1578	63.8
Men	176	43.3	657	33.4	850	34.3
Another/missing gender	5	1.2	40	2.0	47	1.9
White	214	52.7	1065	54.1	1264	51.1
Other than white	185	45.6	854	43.4	1142	46.1
Heterosexual	302	74.4	1460	74.2	1848	74.7
Other than heterosexual	97	23.9	478	24.3	578	23.4

<b>Classification</b>	<b>HMC #</b>	<b>HMC %</b>	<b>UG #</b>	<b>UG %</b>	<b>7C #</b>	<b>7C %</b>
Freshman/First Year	90	22.2	487	24.9	487	19.7
Sophomore	91	22.4	485	24.8	485	19.6
Junior	112	27.6	475	24.3	475	19.2
Senior	110	27.1	508	26.0	508	20.5
Graduate Student/Other	3	0.7	--	--	508	20.5

**SECTION 1: PERCEPTIONS OF CAMPUS CLIMATE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Students responded to the following questions using a 5-point scale, where 5 represents strongly agree, 4 is agree, 3 is neither agree nor disagree, 2 is disagree, and 1 is strongly disagree.

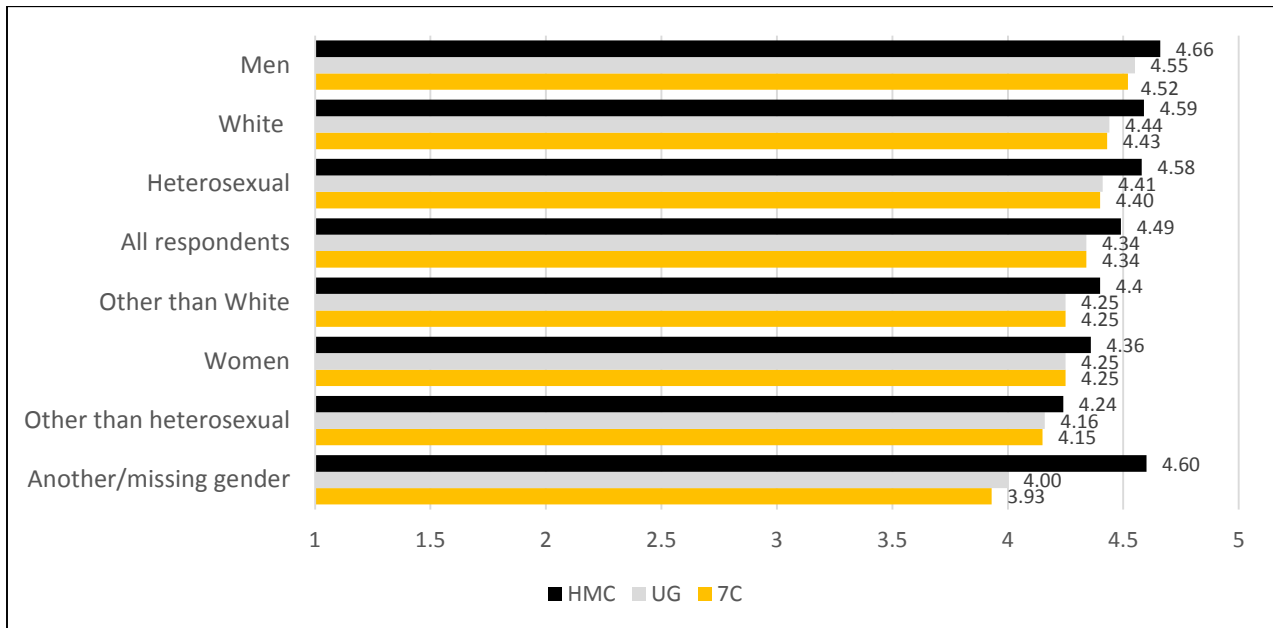
General views on campus climate are very positive. Over 90% of all 7C respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel safe on their campus; that figure is 80% for undergraduate respondents, and 94.8% for HMC respondents.

**Table 2 - Responses to questions about General Climate**

Questions about general climate	HMC Mean	UG Mean	7C Mean
Faculty, staff and administrators respect what students think	4.23	3.98	4.01
Faculty, staff, and administrators concern for students' welfare	4.42	4.22	4.21
Faculty, staff, and administrators treat students fairly	4.21	3.93	3.96
Student concern about welfare of other students	4.43	4.17	4.12
I feel valued in the classroom/learning environment	4.23	4.19	4.19
I feel close to people on this campus	4.16	4.11	4.01
I feel part of the community	4.11	4.00	3.94
I feel safe on this campus	4.49	4.34	4.34

However, differences were observed among various populations.

**Chart 1 - Disaggregated responses to the statement *I feel safe on this campus***



Views about the institutional response to difficult or dangerous situations are slightly lower than those on campus climate, but remain positive.

**Table 3 - Responses to questions about difficult or dangerous situations**

Difficult or dangerous situations	HMC Mean	UG Mean	7C Mean
Officials protect students from harm	3.79	3.68	3.72
Officials would handle a crisis well	3.65	3.47	3.54
Officials respond quickly in difficult situations	3.56	3.51	3.54
Officials handle in fair and responsible manner	3.70	3.48	3.51
There is a good support system for students going through difficult times	3.82	3.44	3.47

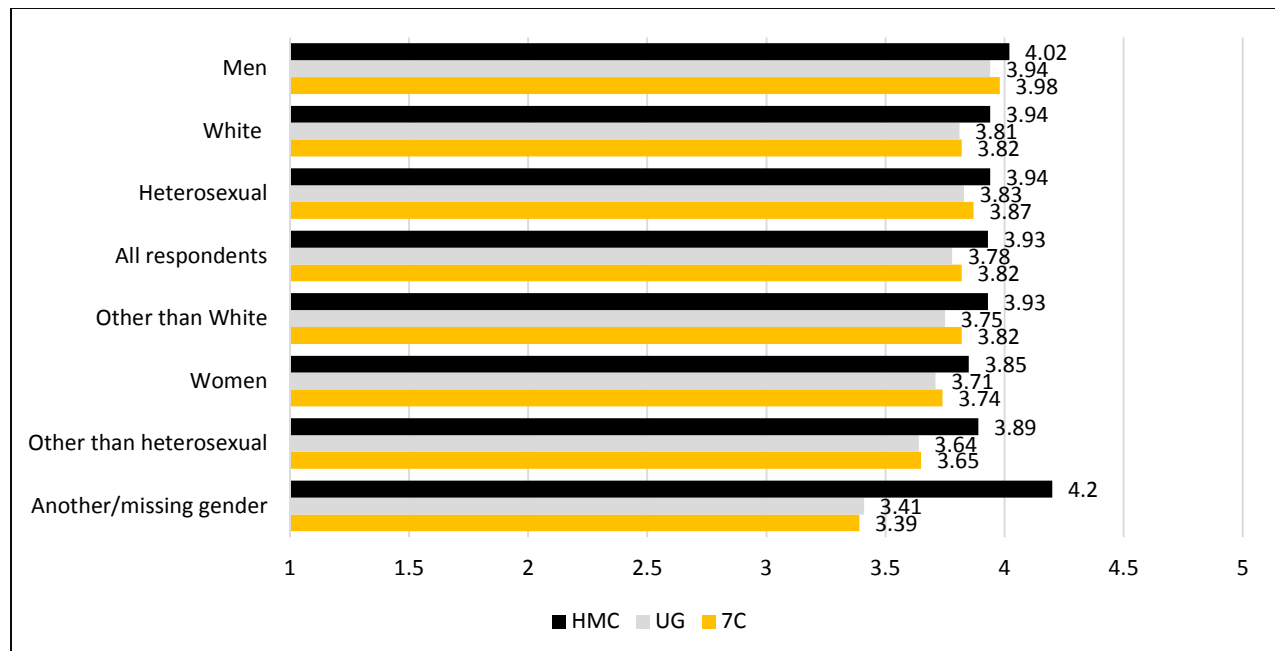
While most respondents from the 7Cs (including HMC) believe that other students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault; 31.3% of HMC respondents (42.2% UG and 39% 7C) still think that they or one of their friends is at risk for being sexually assaulted on campus or during off-campus events or programs sponsored by the institution. Just over half of 7C students (46.5% UG and 59.8% HMC) perceive the number of sexual assaults that occur on campus or during off-campus events or programs sponsored by their institution to be low.

**Table 4 - Responses to questions about views on sexual assault**

Views on sexual assault at institution	HMC Mean	UG Mean	7C Mean
Low number of sexual assaults on campus	3.61	3.29	3.42
Don't believe I or one of my friends is at risk of sexual assault	3.30	2.95	3.11
Students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault	3.93	3.78	3.82

Once again, differences were observed among certain populations.

**Chart 2 - Disaggregated responses to the statement *I believe that students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault***



## SECTION 2: INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

Responses regarding information and education on sexual assault provided by institution varied.

**Table 5 - Responses to questions about information or education**

<b>HMC: Did you receive information or education from institution about</b>	<b>% Yes</b>	<b>% No</b>	<b>% Unsure</b>
What sexual assault is and how to recognize it	83.3	6.9	9.4
How to report an incident of sexual assault	58.1	20.0	21.4
Confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them	54.9	18.2	26.4
Procedures for investigating a sexual assault	26.6	43.3	29.1
Action you can take to help prevent sexual assault	77.3	12.1	10.1

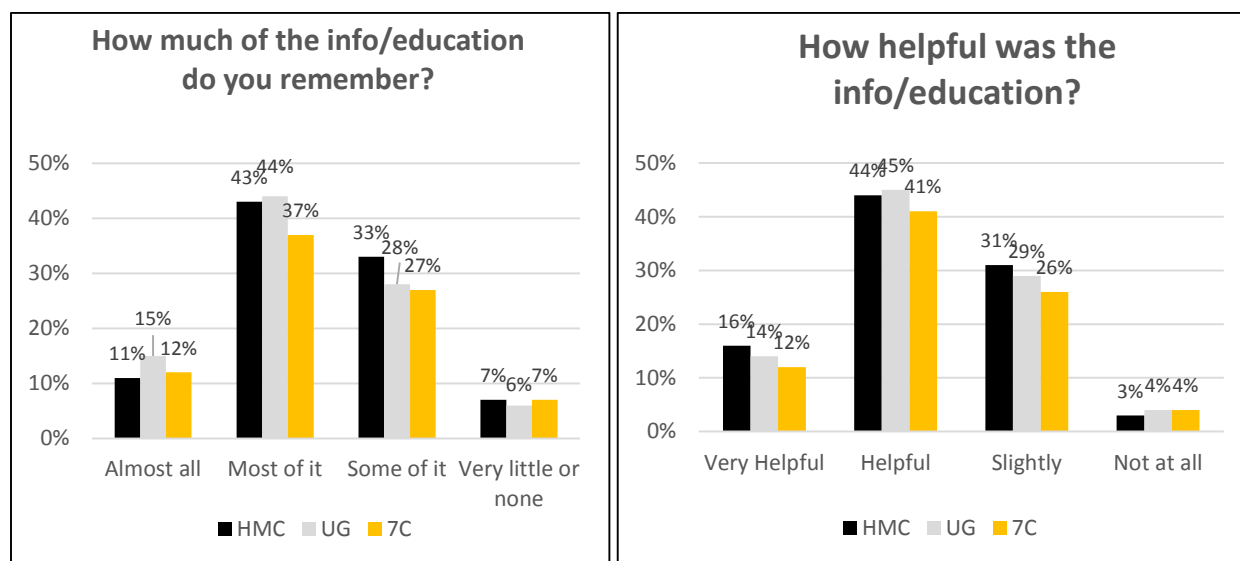
  

<b>UG: Did you receive information or education from institution about</b>	<b>% Yes</b>	<b>% No</b>	<b>% Unsure</b>
What sexual assault is and how to recognize it	85.6	6.6	7.0
How to report an incident of sexual assault	59.5	19.6	20.0
Confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them	59.4	19.4	20.3
Procedures for investigating a sexual assault	37.7	40.3	21.0
Action you can take to help prevent sexual assault	77.2	12.6	9.3

<b>7C: Did you receive information or education from institution about</b>	<b>% Yes</b>	<b>% No</b>	<b>% Unsure</b>
What sexual assault is and how to recognize it	74.8	13.3	10.8
How to report an incident of sexual assault	55.0	23.2	20.5
Confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them	53.2	23.5	22.1
Procedures for investigating a sexual assault	33.7	42.2	22.9
Action you can take to help prevent sexual assault	67.2	18.9	12.6

**Chart 3 - Respondent recollection and ratings of institutional information and education**



### SECTION 3: UNWANTED SEXUAL CONTACT AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

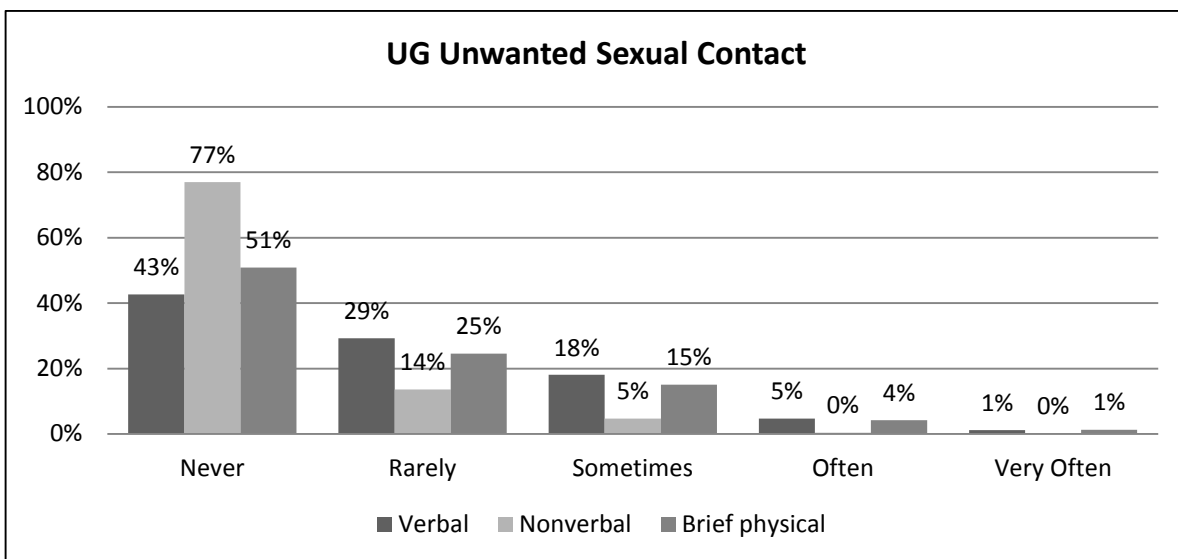
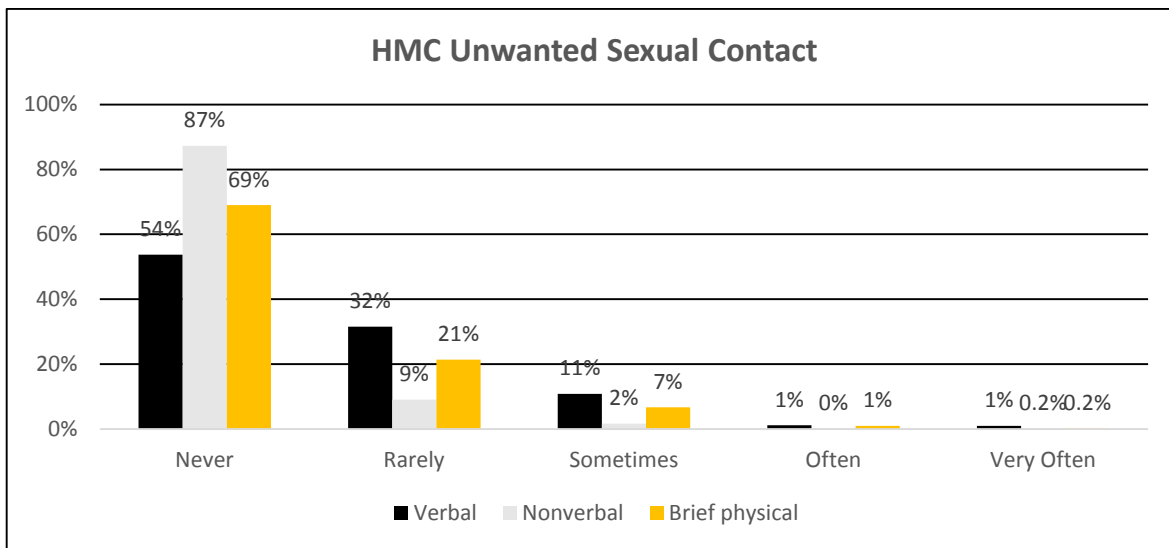
Most respondents have never experienced unwanted sexual contact in the forms defined below:

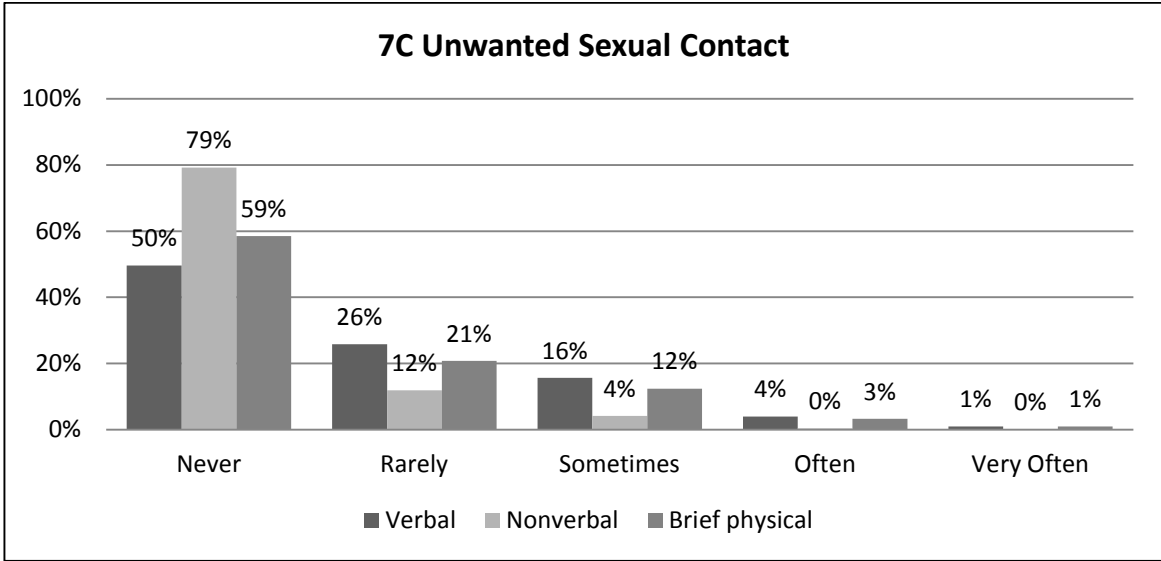
Unwanted verbal behaviors – such as someone making sexual comments about your body; someone making unwelcome sexual advances, propositions, or suggestions to you; or someone telling you sexually offensive jokes or kidding about your sex or gender-specific traits

Unwanted nonverbal behaviors – such as 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 oneself sexually in front of you

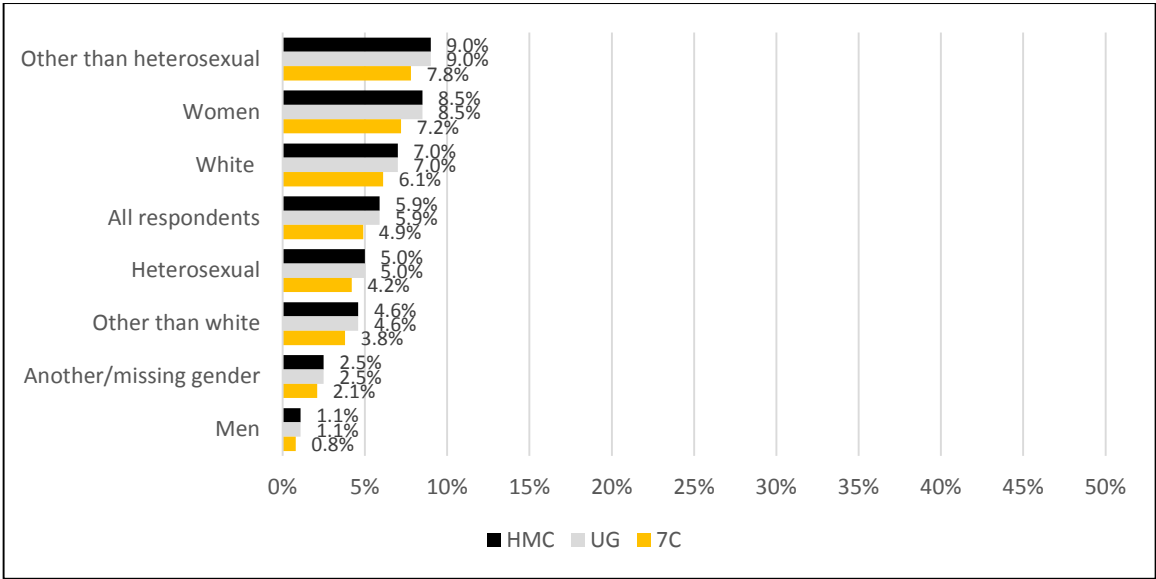
Unwanted brief physical contact – such as someone briefly groping you, rubbing sexually against you, pinching you, or engaging in any other brief inappropriate or unwelcome touching of your body

**Chart 4 – Frequency of unwanted sexual contact while on campus or while off campus during events or programs sponsored by the institution**



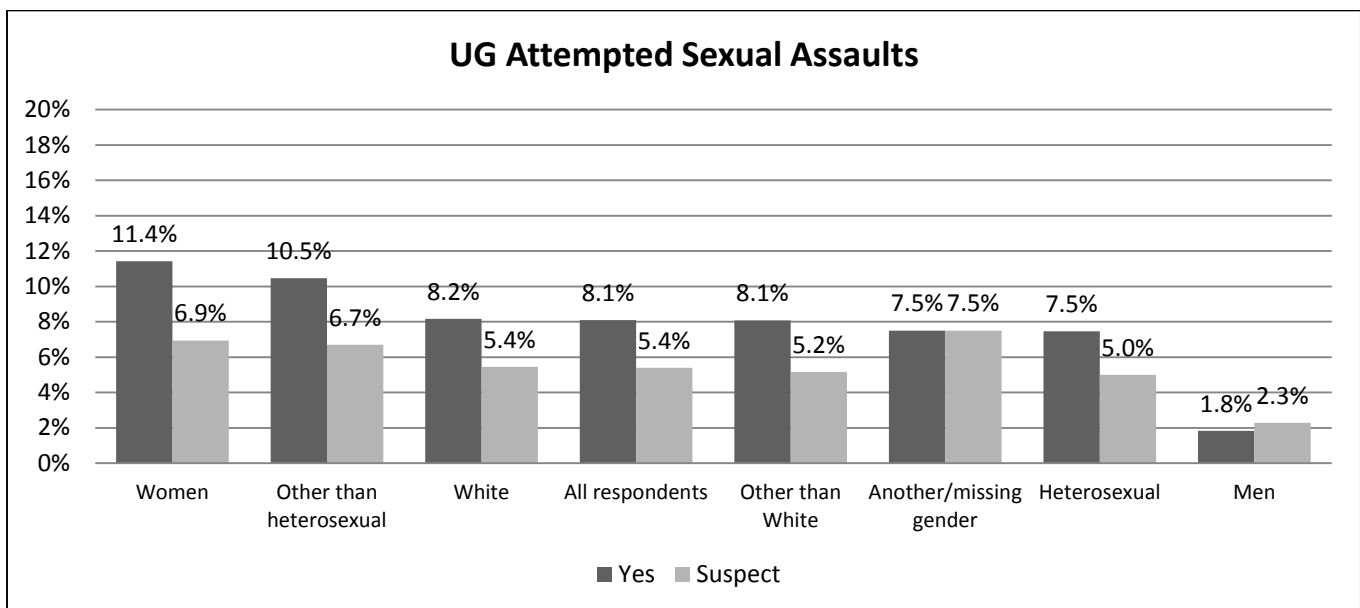
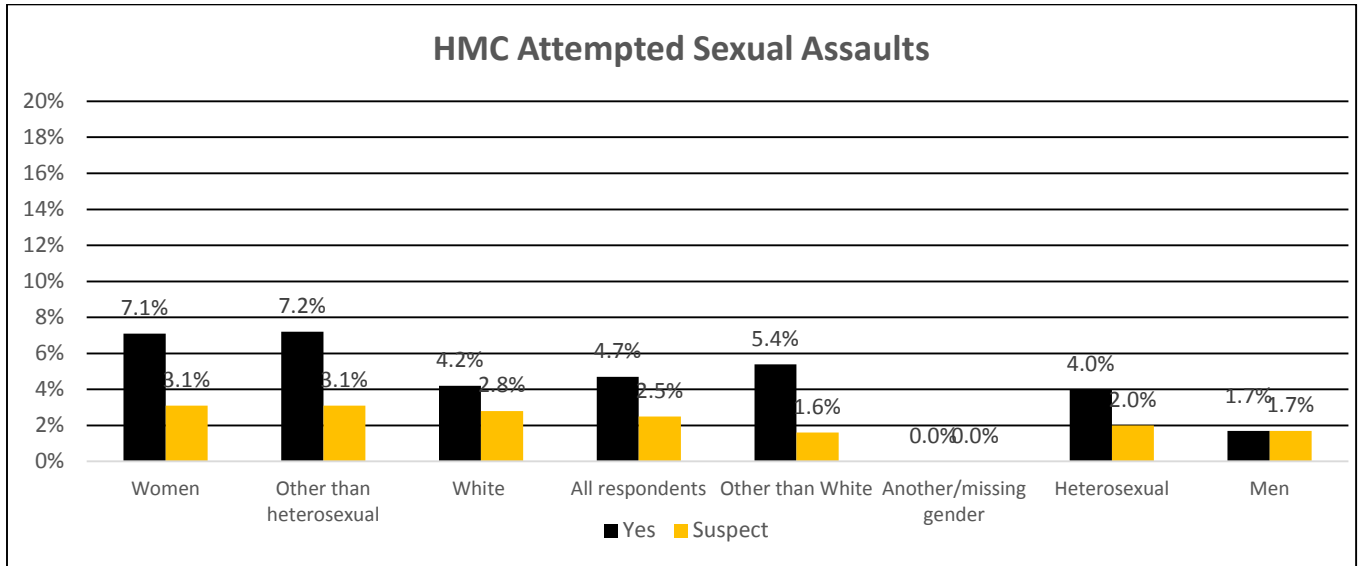


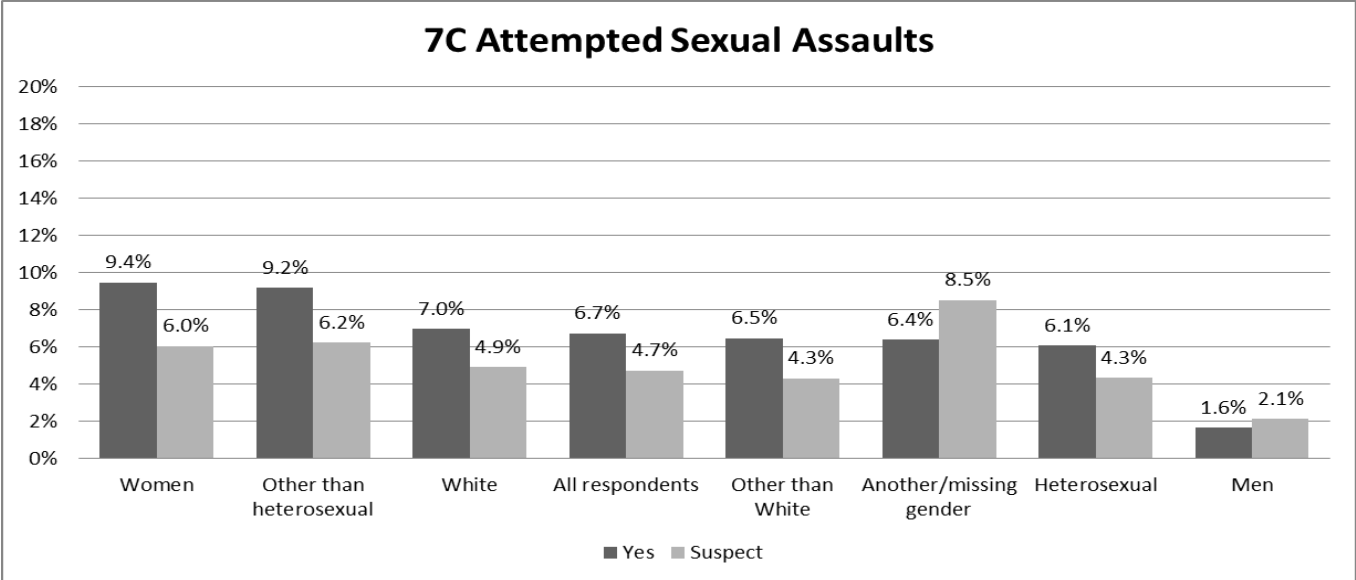
**Chart 5 - Disaggregated percentages of unwanted verbal behaviors experienced often or very often**



In response to the question “Has anyone attempted, but not succeeded in, sexually assaulting you while you were on campus or while you were off campus during an event or program sponsored by your institution?” 4.7% of HMC and 8.1% of UG and 7C respondents answered yes. An additional 2.5% of HMC, 5.4% of UG and 4.7% of 7C respondents suspected that someone attempted to sexually assault them, but were not certain.

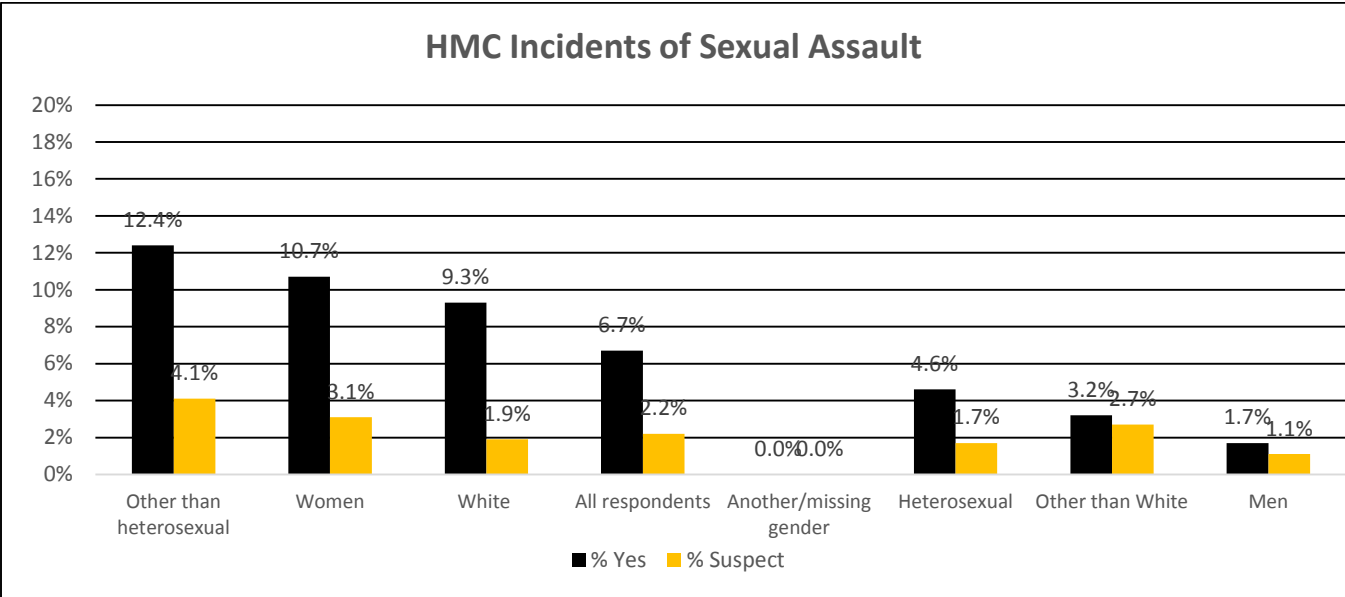
**Chart 6 – Attempted sexual assaults**



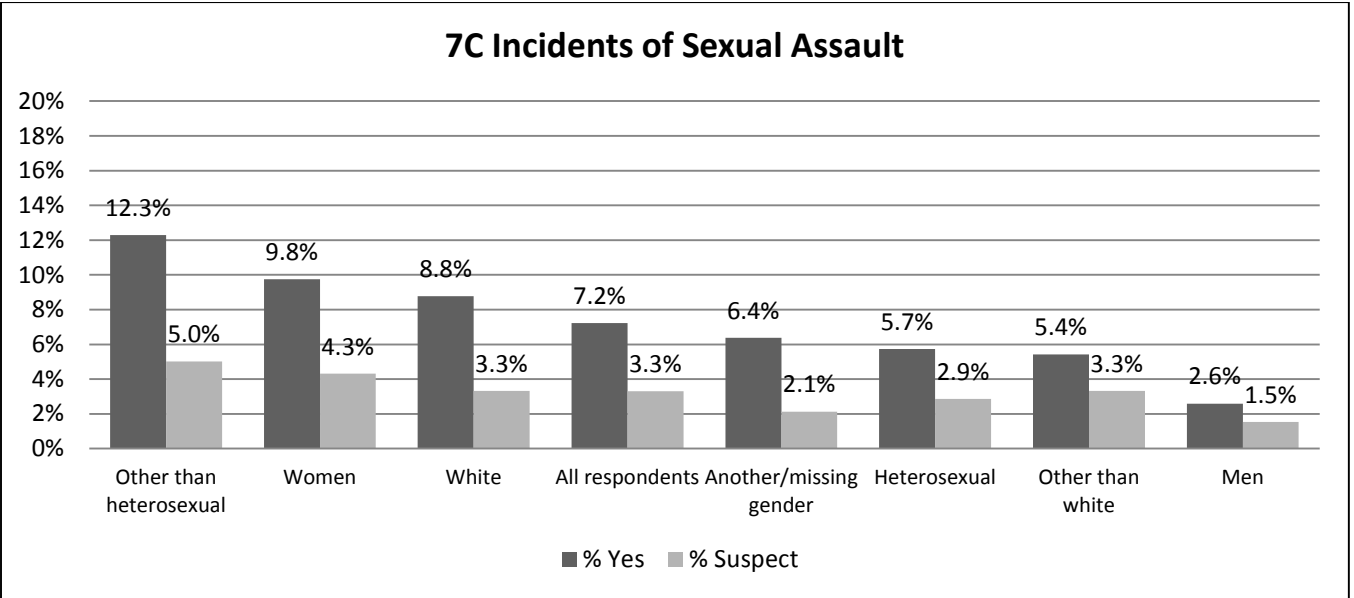
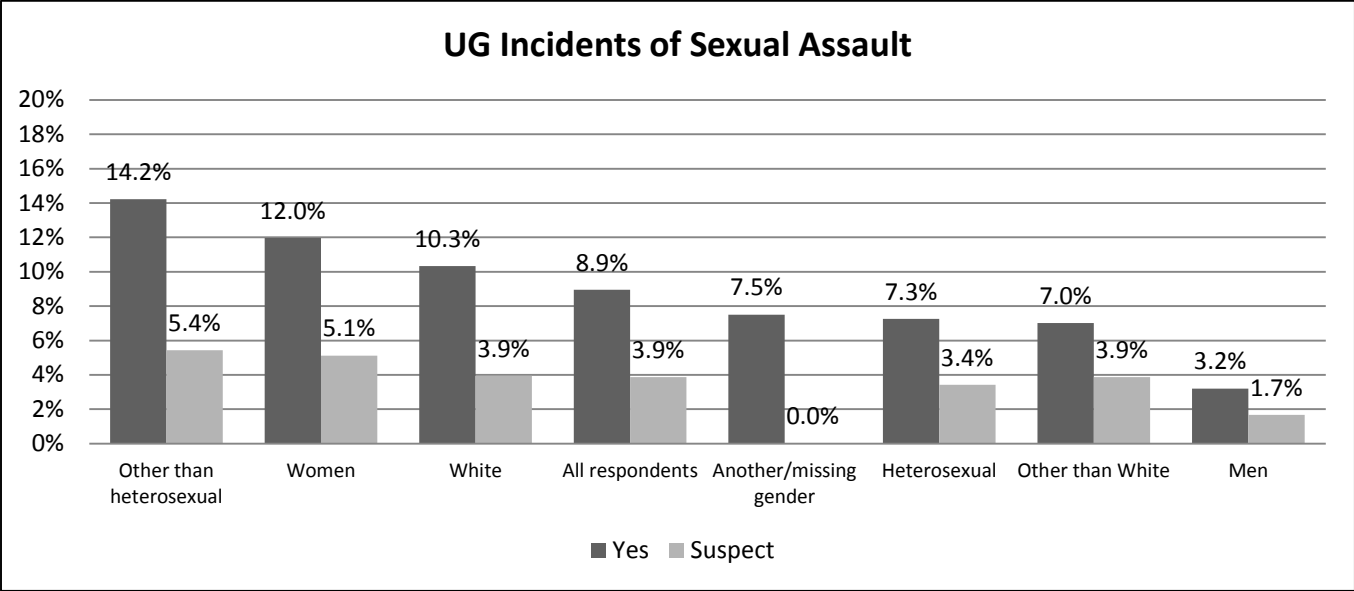


6.7% of HMC respondents (8.9% of undergraduates and 7.2% of 7C respondents) indicated that they had been sexually assaulted while they were on campus or while off campus at an event or program sponsored by their institution. An additional 2.2% of HMC respondents (3.9% of UG and (3.3% of all respondents) suspect that someone attempted to sexually assault them, but were not certain.

**Chart 7 - Reported incidents of sexual assault**







Most reported incidents of sexual assault involve touching, over half involve sex – anal, oral, or vaginal. They were defined as follows:

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

**Table 6 – Types of sexual contact occurring during the sexual assault**

Which of the following happened	HMC %	UG %	7C %
Touching of a sexual nature	74.1	86.9	87.2
Oral sex	11.1	18.8	19.6
Vaginal sex	29.6	38.1	38.0
Anal sex	0.0	4.5	5.6
Anal or vaginal penetration with other than penis or tongue	7.4	6.3	6.7

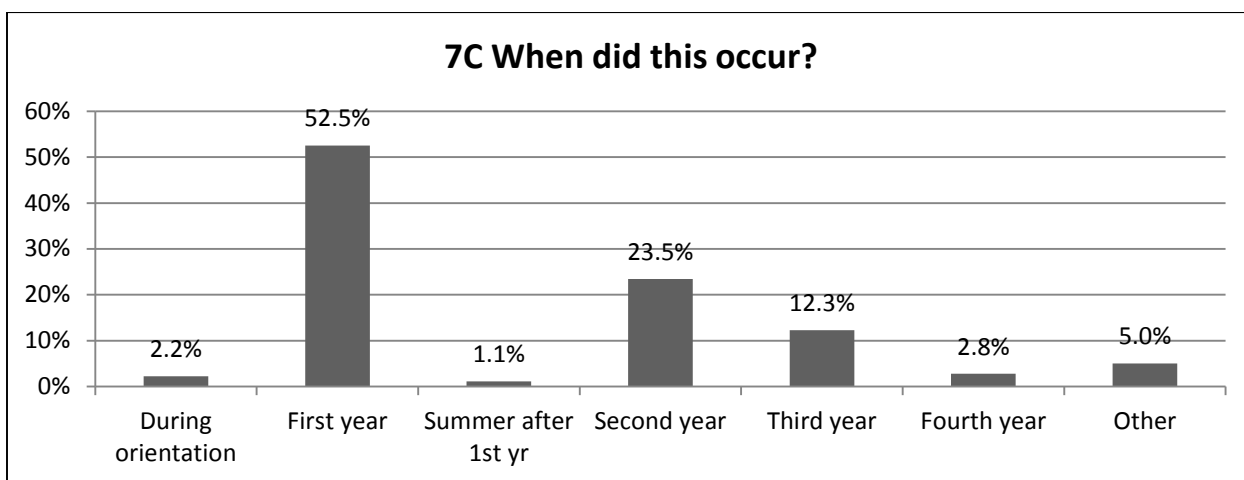
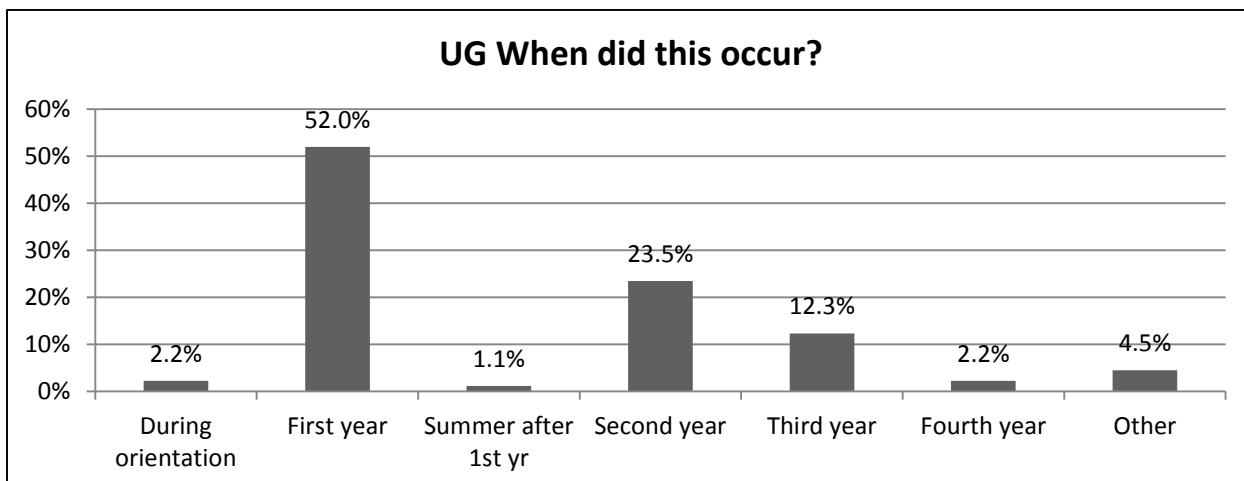
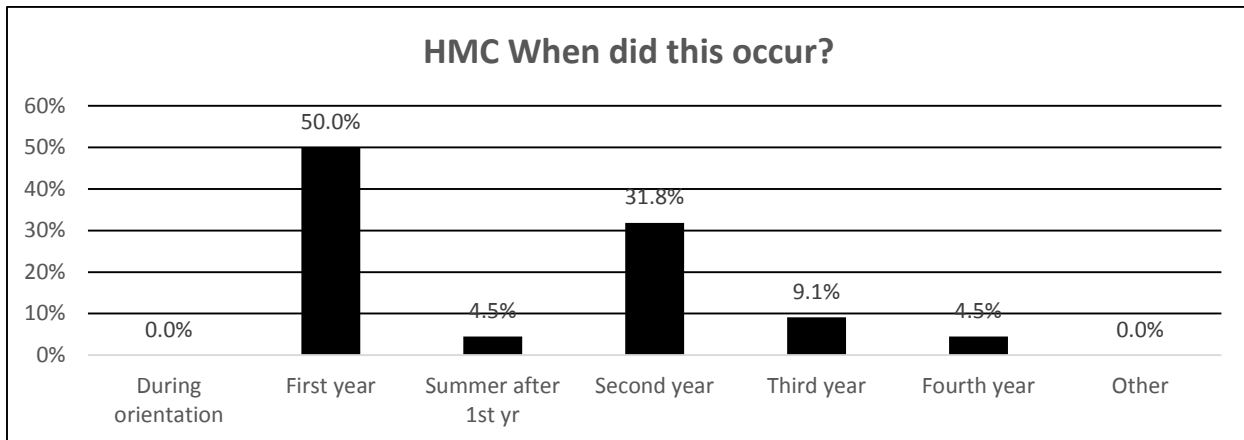
Sexual assault frequently occurs when students are in susceptible situations; over 40% of UG and 7C respondents reporting an assault (47.8% at HMC) said they were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because they were incapacitated. The majority of incidents involve either the assaulter or the assaulted drinking alcohol.

**Table 7 - Involvement of force, drugs, or alcohol in sexual assaults**

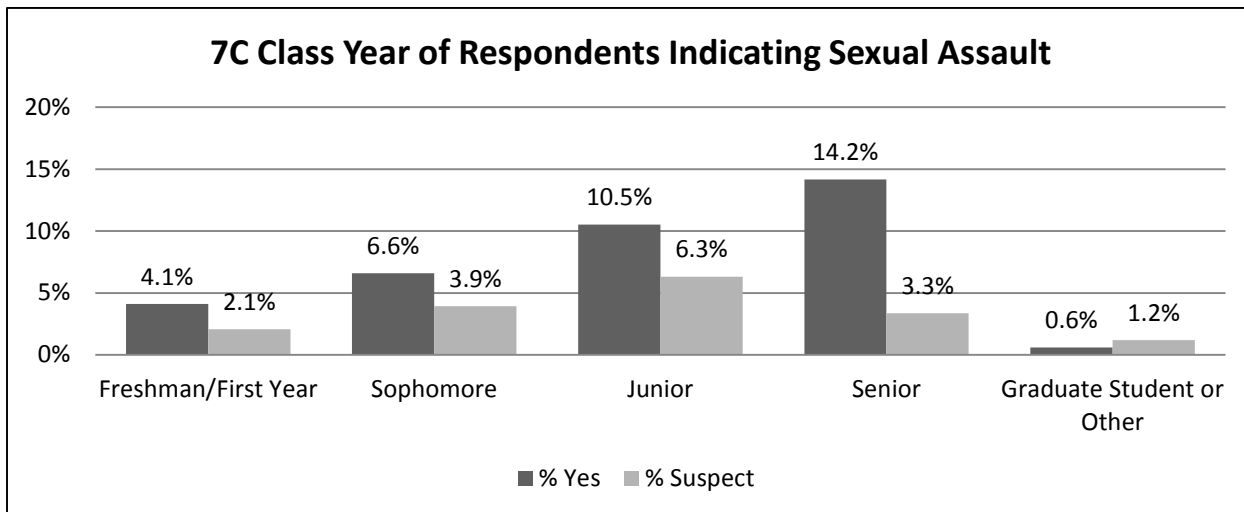
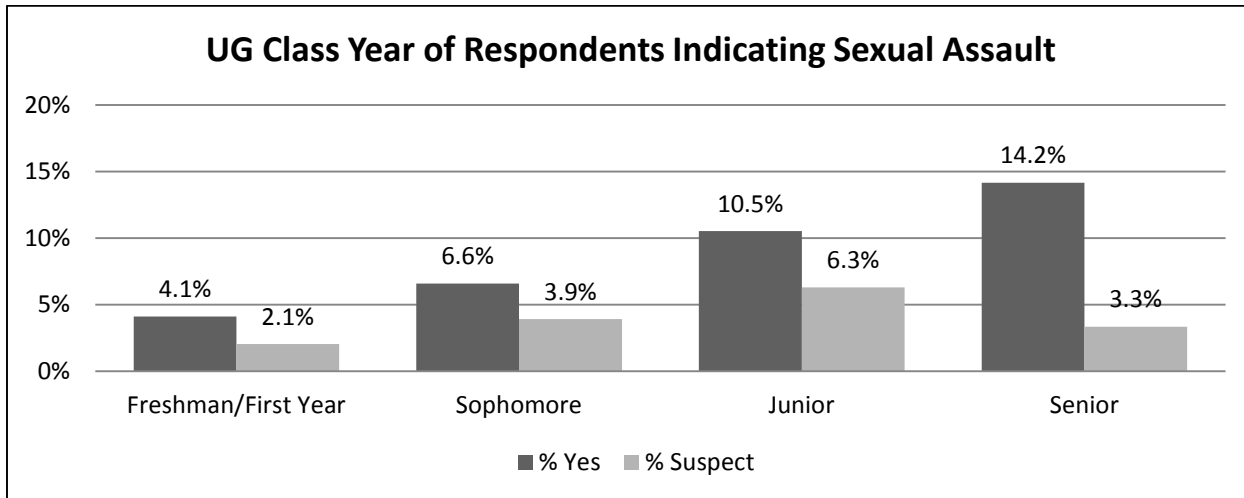
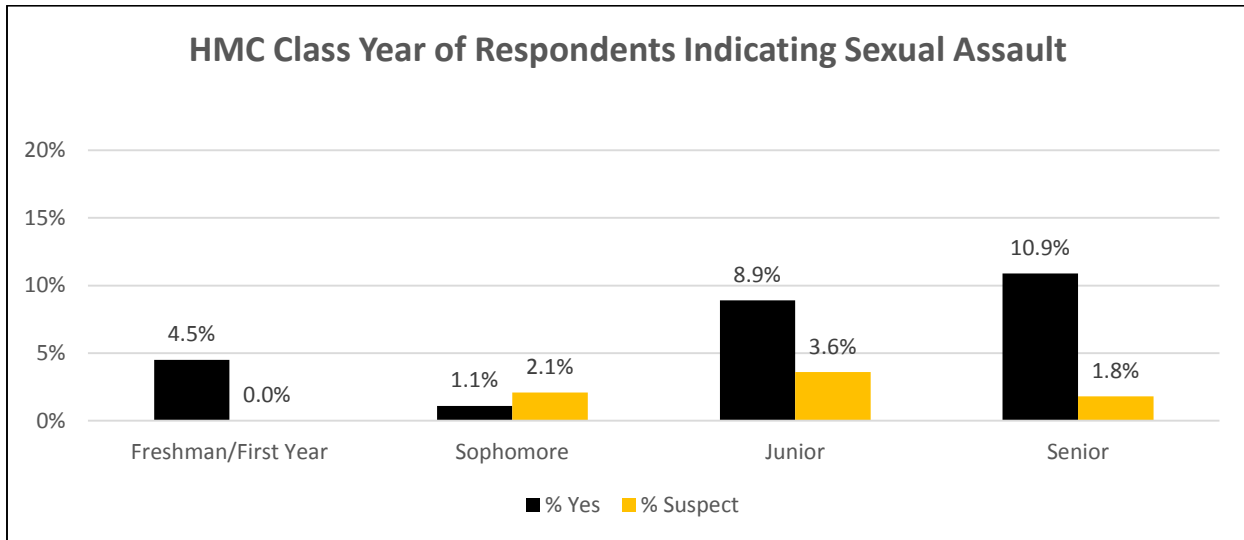
Did this incident involve	HMC % Yes	UG % Yes	7C % Yes
Other people threatening physical force, coercion, or intimidation	21.7	29.0	29.1
Other people using physical force	26.1	43.8	43.6
Other people drinking alcohol	65.2	74.4	73.7
Other people using drugs	4.3	19.9	20.1
Your drinking alcohol	52.2	64.8	64.2
Your voluntarily taking or using drugs	8.7	11.4	11.2
Your being given a drug without knowledge or consent	0.0	1.7	1.7
Were you unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were incapacitated	47.8	40.9	41.9

Many sexual assaults **occur** between students' first year and completion of their second year. However, about half of the students who were sexually assaulted experienced multiple incidents and were asked to think about one incident for the survey. The largest proportions of sexual assault **reporters** were juniors or seniors.

**Chart 8 – When the reported sexual assault happened**



**Chart 9 – Class year of survey respondents who reported incidents of sexual assault**



In the majority of the incidents reported, males were assaulters, but there are reported instances of females, as well as males and females, as assailants. Most assaults occurred on campus, in a residential building or at another college or university.

**Table 8: Sex of the assaulter and the location where the assault occurred**

<b>Sex of the Assaulter</b>	<b>HMC %</b>	<b>UG %</b>	<b>7C %</b>	<b>Location of sexual assault</b>	<b>HMC %</b>	<b>UG %</b>	<b>7C %</b>
Female	8.7	8.5	8.9	On campus, in a residential building	95.7	60.8	60.1
Male	91.3	89.8	89.4	On campus, in a nonresidential building	0.0	6.8	7.9
Both males and females	0.0	1.1	1.1	Off campus, another college/university	0.0	26.1	25.8
I do not know	0.0	0.6	0.6	Off campus, not college/university	4.3	5.7	6.2

In half of the reported cases at HMC, the assaulter was a nonromantic friend or acquaintance (48.1%), followed by casual dates or hookups (25.9%) and ex-romantic partners (14.8%). An overwhelming majority (90.9%) of the assaulters were students at HMC.

**Table 9 – Institutional affiliation and relationship to the assaulter**

<b>Was the person who sexually assaulted you</b>	<b>HMC%</b>	<b>UG %</b>	<b>7C %</b>
A student at my institution	90.9	60.2	60.3
A student at another school	4.5	36.9	36.3
A faculty, staff member, or administrator at my institution	0.0	0.6	0.6
A faculty, staff member, or administrator at another institution	0.0	0	0
Not affiliated with school or another school	4.5	4.0	3.9
I do not know	0.0	4.0	4.5

<b>Relationship to assaulter</b>	<b>HMC %</b>	<b>UG %</b>	<b>7C %</b>
Stranger	7.4	32.4	31.8
Nonromantic friend or acquaintance	48.1	48.9	49.2
Casual date or hookup	25.9	23.3	22.9
Current romantic partner	3.7	4.0	3.9
Ex-romantic partner	14.8	8.5	8.4
College professor or instructor	0.0	0.0	0.0

<b>Relationship to assaulter</b>	<b>HMC %</b>	<b>UG %</b>	<b>7C %</b>
College staff member	0.0	0.0	0.0
College administrator	0.0	0.0	0.0
Employer/supervisor	0.0	0.6	0.6
Co-worker	0.0	0.6	0.6
Family member	0.0	0.0	0.6
Other	0.0	4.5	5.0

While the majority (63%) of those who reported assaults tell a close friend, far fewer tell the campus Title IX coordinator or deputy coordinator.

**Table 10 – Who was informed about the sexual assault**

<b>Whom did you tell</b>	<b>HMC %</b>	<b>UG %</b>	<b>7 C%</b>
No one	14.8	13.6	13.4
Close friend	63.0	81.3	80.4
Romantic partner	7.4	23.9	23.5
Parent or guardian	11.1	22.7	22.9
Other family member	7.4	9.1	8.9
Roommate	33.3	26.7	26.3
Resident advisor or peer advisor	18.5	14.2	14.5
Campus counselor	22.2	15.9	15.6
Private counselor	7.4	9.1	9.5
Faculty, staff, or administrator	18.5	18.8	19
Faculty, staff, or administrator at other school	0.0	3.4	3.4
Campus security, safety, or campus police	0.0	4.5	4.5
Local police	0.0	2.8	2.8
Local or national sexual assault hotline	0.0	2.8	2.8
Campus pastor, minister, rabbi, or other clergy	0.0	1.7	1.7
Campus sexual assault advocate	0.0	7.4	7.3
Campus title IX coordinator or deputy coordinator	22.2	13.1	12.8
Campus health services	7.4	11.4	11.2
Other	11.1	6.3	7.3