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## INTRODUCTION

The issue of violence against women has gained growing attention as a major problem at colleges and universities throughout the country. In order to address this issue, in the 2014-2015 academic year, Rutgers–New Brunswick administered a campus climate survey as a part of a comprehensive assessment process to examine students’ experiences, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors related to the campus climate regarding sexual violence. *The current survey, conducted in 2018, is a follow-up to the first survey.*<sup>1</sup> Many of the same questions asked in 2014-2015 were asked again in the current survey. A dating violence module was added in order to assess students’ experiences, perceptions, and beliefs regarding dating violence at the university.

This report presents the results of every question asked on the survey. Shorter reports on topics and/or populations of interest (e.g., dating violence, queer and trans students) are also available.

## Methodology

The survey instrument was modified from the 2015 iSpeak survey at Rutgers-New Brunswick. The survey was administered on Qualtrics between April 4, 2018 and May 7, 2018. The survey was approved by the Rutgers University Institutional Review Board. All participants were provided with an informed consent form and the option to participate in the survey.

Before the survey was administered, 43 students participated in nine focus groups. The purpose of the groups was to collect information about students’ understanding and perception of intimate partner violence in order to inform the campus climate survey design as well as to inform educational programming by Student Affairs.

All students enrolled at Rutgers-New Brunswick during the spring semester of 2018 were invited to participate in the survey. Students were notified about their survey through a range of outreach measures, including direct e-mails, a social media campaign, and informational tables in dining halls and libraries. The survey opened on April 4, 2018 and closed on May 7, 2018. Participants were recruited over email and were entered into raffles to receive several cash prizes.

Students were offered several incentives to encourage participation. A tiered incentive structure was designed to encourage students to take the survey early in the administration period. Those who submitted surveys in the first three days were eligible to win the largest cash prizes. Additional drawings took place throughout the administration period, but the amount of each prize decreased at each drawing. In total, \$6000 was distributed in cash. The incentive structure was as follows:

- Ten \$300 prizes awarded on April 6th
- Ten \$200 prizes awarded on April 11th
- Ten \$100 prizes awarded on May 7th

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<sup>1</sup> Much of the survey is based on the *Not Alone* toolkit from The White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault (2014). Retrieved from <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/protecting-students-sexual-assault>

- Laptop from Office of Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA)

The survey contained six sections: 1) basic demographics (e.g., gender identity, place of residence on campus); 2) victimization; 3) perceptions of the university and fellow students; 4) knowledge of what to do in the event of sexual/dating violence; 5) exposure to information about sexual or dating violence before coming to Rutgers and since coming to Rutgers, and awareness of resources on campus; and, 6) bystander intentions.

Survey administration was done through Institutional Research in order to match student IDs to their administrative records. A total of 7,248 out of 42,317 eligible students (17.1%) accessed the survey. Institutional Research removed 157 responses from students who declined informed consent, 102 students who were under 18 years old, and 62 cases with duplicate student IDs; the official response rate was 14.2% (6,025 out of 42,317 eligible students). Figure 1 displays the daily and cumulative response rate over the survey administration period.

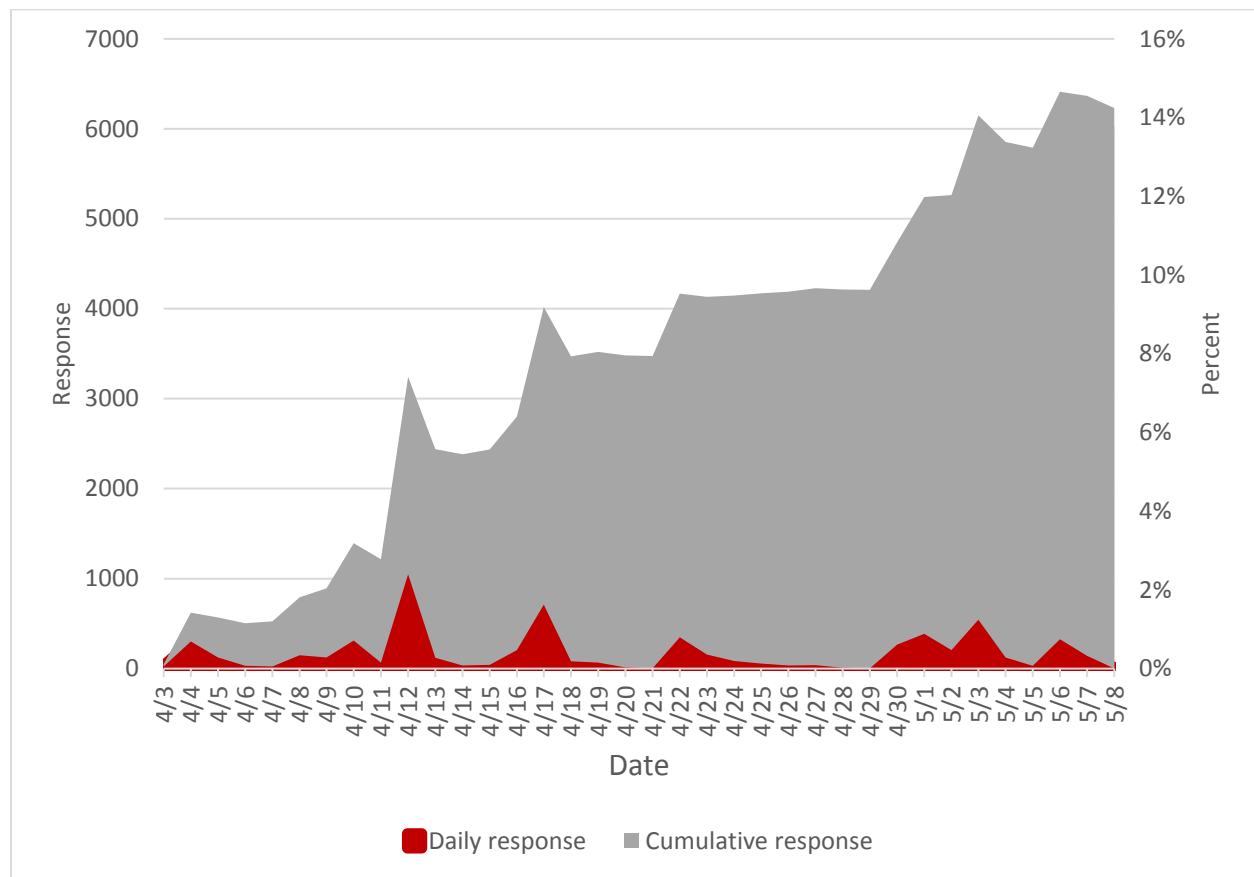


Figure 1. Daily and cumulative responses during survey administration.

All identifying information was removed before Institutional Research turned over the data to the research team. The research team removed another 114 participants who did not respond to the survey questions. The final analytic sample was 5,911 (14.0% of the eligible student population).

In order to reduce response burden, all participants were randomized to complete either the dating violence module or the sexual violence module. Of the 5,911 participants in the basic

analytic sample, 2,976 (50.3%) completed the dating violence module and 2,935 (49.7%) completed the sexual violence module.

## PART I: SAMPLE AND LEVEL OF EXPOSURE

### SURVEY SAMPLE

Demographic information about the sample is presented in Table 1. Demographic information for the participants in each module is presented in [Part II](#) for sexual violence and [Part III](#) for dating violence.

**Table 1. Participant Demographics**

	All (n=5911)		Graduate Students (n=1217)		Undergraduates (n=4694)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Sex Assigned at Birth</b>						
Male	1823	31	350	29	1473	31
Female	4080	69	864	71	3216	69
Intersex	3	<1	1	<1	2	<1
<i>Missing</i>	5	<1	2	<1	3	<1
<b>Gender Identity</b>						
Man	1804	31	347	29	1457	31
Woman	4004	68	844	69	3160	67
Transgender Man	15	<1	3	<1	12	<1
Transgender Woman	2	<1	-	-	2	<1
Non-Binary	72	1	19	2	53	1
Another	11	<1	4	<1	7	<1
<i>Missing</i>	3	<1	-	-	3	<1
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
Black	433	7	90	7	343	7
Asian	1910	32	344	28	1566	33
White	2464	42	569	47	1895	40
LatinX	779	13	147	12	632	14
Another	294	5	67	6	227	5
<i>Missing</i>	31	<1	-	-	31	<1
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>						
Straight (heterosexual)	4867	82	1007	83	3860	82
Gay	120	2	28	2	92	2
Lesbian	60	1	16	1	44	<1
Bisexual	427	7	70	6	357	8
Fluid/pansexual	114	2	33	3	81	2
Queer	81	1	32	3	49	1
Asexual	53	<1	4	<1	49	1
Questioning or unsure	108	2	8	<1	100	2



	All (n=5911)		Graduate Students (n=1217)		Undergraduates (n=4694)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Same-gender loving	2	<1	1	<1	1	<1
Prefer not to disclose	52	<1	14	1	38	<1
Another	18	<1	3	<1	15	<1
<i>Missing</i>	9	<1	1	<1	8	<1
<b>Disability Status</b>						
No	5530	94	1125	92	4405	94
Yes	370	6	90	7	280	6
<i>Missing</i>	11	<1	2	<1	9	<1
<b>Disability Type</b>						
Learning disability	30	<1	8	<1	22	<1
Blind/low vision	7	<1	2	<1	5	<1
Deaf or hard of hearing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Speech or language impairment	4	<1	-	-	4	<1
Psychological/psychiatric disability	101	2	23	2	78	2
Neurological condition	20	<1	5	<1	15	<1
Medical condition	31	<1	11	<1	20	<1
Post-traumatic stress disorder	36	<1	9	<1	27	<1
Asperger's/autism	13	<1	3	<1	10	<1
Brain injury	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allergy	20	<1	3	<1	17	<1
Mobility impairment	8	<1	4	<1	4	<1
Other	7	<1	2	<1	5	<1
<b>Campus</b>						
New Brunswick	5679	96	1007	83	4672	99
Newark	68	1	67	6	1	<1
Camden	34	<1	33	3	1	<1
Online	97	2	87	7	10	<1
Other	30	<1	22	2	8	<1
<i>Missing</i>	3	<1	1	<1	2	<1
<b>Athlete</b>						
No	5757	97	1213	99	4544	97
Yes	145	3	3	<1	142	3
<i>Missing</i>	9	<1	1	<1	8	<1
<b>Fraternity or Sorority Member</b>						
No	5074	86	1134	93	3940	84
Yes	822	14	81	7	741	16
<i>Missing</i>	15	<1	2	<1	13	<1
<b>Student Organization Member</b>						
No	3212	54	952	78	2260	48
Yes	2690	46	265	22	2425	52
<i>Missing</i>	9	<1	-	-	9	<1
<b>Online Classes*</b>						
No	4091	69	905	74	3186	68
Yes	1716	29	224	18	1492	32
<i>Missing</i>	104	2	88	7	16	<1

	All (n=5911)		Graduate Students (n=1217)		Undergraduates (n=4694)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Frequency of Online Classes<sup>+</sup></b>						
All of my classes are online	93	5	84	27	9	<1
Most of my classes are online	73	4	32	10	41	3
About half of my classes are online	182	10	64	21	118	8
A few of my classes are online	1445	80	125	40	1320	88
Other	18	1	6	2	12	<1
<i>Missing</i>	2	<1	-	-	2	<1
<b>Campus Residence</b>						
<b>Off Campus</b>						
Off-campus apartment/house	1883	32	652	54	1231	26
At permanent residence	1055	18	387	32	668	14
Other	2	<1	1	<1	1	<1
<b>On Campus</b>						
Rutgers residence hall	1863	32	25	2	1838	39
On-campus apartment/house	899	15	127	10	772	16
Other	4	<1	-	-	4	<1
<b>Fraternity or sorority house</b>	61	1	-	-	61	1
<b>Other</b>	5	<1	-	-	5	<1
<i>Missing</i>	4	<1	-	-	4	<1

\* This question was not asked of people who indicated their campus was online.

<sup>+</sup> This question was only asked of participants who indicated that they take some classes online or that their campus is online.

### **Representativeness of Survey Sample**

The representativeness of the survey respondents to the student population was compared for gender, race/ethnicity, and student status (graduate versus undergraduate; full-time versus part-time). Women were overrepresented in the survey sample (69% of the sample was female versus 51% of the university)<sup>2</sup>. Latino/a students are slightly overrepresented in the sample (13% of the sample identified as Latino/a versus 7% of the university), whereas black students and students of another racial/ethnic identity are underrepresented (7% of the sample identified as black versus 8% of the university; 5% of the sample identified as another racial/ethnic identity versus just under 6% of the university)<sup>3</sup>. Undergraduate students were slightly overrepresented in the sample (79% of the sample was undergraduates versus 77% of the university)<sup>4</sup>. Full-time students were slightly overrepresented in the survey sample (90% of the sample was full-time students versus 87% of the university).<sup>5</sup>

### **AWARENESS OF CAMPUS RESOURCES**

<sup>2</sup>  $X^2(1) = 753.67, p < .001.$

<sup>3</sup>  $X^2(4) = 375.73, p < .001.$

<sup>4</sup>  $X^2(1) = 9.99, p = .002.$

<sup>5</sup>  $X^2(1) = 73.01, p < .001.$

Students were asked to rate their awareness of several campus resources for sexual and dating violence. Table 2 presents the responses for each resource and Table 3 displays the mean (average) scores for participants across all resources. Both tables contain results for all participants (“All”) as well as graduate women, graduate men, undergraduate women, and undergraduate men.

**Table 2. Awareness of Campus Resources**

	Not at all aware (1) %	Slightly aware (2) %	Somewhat aware (3) %	Very aware (4) %	Extremely aware (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
<b>Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance</b>							
All (n=5911)	20	14	25	17	13	11	2.87(1.35)
Graduate Women (n=844)	31	17	22	11	9	10	2.45(1.34)
Graduate Men (n=347)	31	14	26	10	7	12	2.38(1.28)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	15	14	25	19	16	12	3.07(1.32)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	22	13	28	17	11	10	2.80(1.32)
<b>Office of Student Conduct</b>							
All (n=5911)	13	15	29	21	11	11	3.03(1.21)
Graduate Women (n=844)	23	19	25	15	7	11	2.59(1.25)
Graduate Men (n=347)	16	17	31	16	7	13	2.78(1.19)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	10	15	29	23	11	12	3.11(1.18)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	10	12	31	24	12	11	3.18(1.18)
<b>Student Affairs Compliance and Title IX</b>							
All (n=5911)	22	16	26	16	9	12	2.68(1.29)
Graduate Women (n=844)	27	16	22	15	9	11	2.58(1.34)
Graduate Men (n=347)	21	15	24	16	11	13	2.78(1.33)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	22	17	26	15	8	12	2.65(1.27)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	20	15	28	18	9	11	2.79(1.27)
<b>SCREAM Theater or SCREAM Athletes</b>							
All (n=5911)	22	9	19	22	16	12	3.00(1.43)
Graduate Women (n=844)	50	10	13	8	8	11	2.03(1.37)
Graduate Men (n=347)	48	11	14	10	5	13	2.00(1.29)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	13	9	20	27	19	12	3.35(1.32)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	19	10	23	23	15	11	3.06(1.37)
<b>Counseling, Alcohol and Other Drug Assistance Program &amp; Psychiatric Services (CAPS)</b>							
All (n=5911)	7	8	20	28	25	11	3.63(1.21)
Graduate Women (n=844)	13	11	20	24	22	11	3.35(1.35)
Graduate Men (n=347)	10	12	23	24	18	13	3.32(1.27)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	5	7	18	29	29	12	3.78(1.15)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	8	8	25	28	21	11	3.52(1.19)
<b>Dean of Students</b>							
All (n=5911)	13	15	26	22	13	11	3.09(1.26)
Graduate Women (n=844)	21	15	26	18	9	11	2.78(1.31)
Graduate Men (n=347)	14	18	24	19	12	13	2.96(1.28)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	11	16	25	23	14	12	3.15(1.24)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	11	14	27	23	15	11	3.19(1.23)
<b>Division of Student Affairs</b>							
All (n=5911)	16	18	27	17	10	12	2.84(1.24)

	Not at all aware (1) %	Slightly aware (2) %	Somewhat aware (3) %	Very aware (4) %	Extremely aware (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
Graduate Women (n=844)	22	19	24	16	8	11	2.66(1.28)
Graduate Men (n=347)	16	18	24	17	11	14	2.86(1.28)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	15	19	27	17	10	12	2.85(1.23)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	14	16	30	19	10	11	2.94(1.22)
<b>Rutgers Office of Employment Equity</b>							
All (n=5911)	28	19	25	11	6	12	2.42(1.24)
Graduate Women (n=844)	34	18	21	10	6	11	2.28(1.26)
Graduate Men (n=347)	26	19	24	12	7	13	2.49(1.26)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	27	20	25	11	6	12	2.22(1.22)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	25	18	28	12	7	11	2.52(1.24)
<b>Rutgers Student Health</b>							
All (n=5911)	9	13	24	26	17	11	3.31(1.22)
Graduate Women (n=844)	11	15	21	24	19	10	3.28(1.31)
Graduate Men (n=347)	8	14	23	23	19	13	3.35(1.25)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	8	13	23	27	17	12	3.37(1.21)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	10	12	28	26	13	11	3.23(1.19)
<b>Rutgers University Police Department (RUPD)</b>							
All (n=5911)	4	8	19	30	29	11	3.83(1.10)
Graduate Women (n=844)	8	12	20	27	23	11	3.51(1.24)
Graduate Men (n=347)	4	9	18	30	26	13	3.75(1.13)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	3	7	17	31	30	12	3.90(1.05)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	3	6	20	28	33	11	3.91(1.08)
<b>Student Legal Services</b>							
All (n=5911)	21	19	28	15	7	12	2.63(1.22)
Graduate Women (n=844)	33	18	23	12	4	11	2.29(1.22)
Graduate Men (n=347)	19	16	26	17	9	13	2.78(1.27)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	20	20	28	14	6	12	2.61(1.20)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	16	16	30	17	9	11	2.86(1.22)

**Table 3. Average Awareness of Resources**

	All (n=5911)	Graduate Women (n=844)	Graduate Men (n=347)	Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	Undergraduate Men (n=1457)
Mean	3.03	2.71	2.86	3.12	3.10
Standard Deviation	.89	.95	.92	.84	.89
Missing %	11	10	12	12	10

Note. Reliability (Cronbach's alpha) is .90 for the entire sample.

## **EXPOSURE TO MESSAGES ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND DATING VIOLENCE**

Students were asked whether they had encountered various messages and events relating to sexual and dating violence. Table 4 presents the percentage of students who reported that they had seen a message or attended an event. The table presents results for the entire sample ("All"), graduate women and men, and undergraduate women and men. Table 5 presents three questions

that appeared for students who reported being part of Greek Life, NCAA athletics, or another student organization. Students who reported participating in these organizations were asked whether that group had ever discussed sexual or dating violence (e.g., “Since coming to Rutgers, have any of the topics covered in this survey been discussed by your coach?”). Because only undergraduates participate in Greek Life and NCAA athletics, percentages for the entire sample and graduate students are not presented for these groups.

**Table 4. Level of Exposure Scale: Students Exposed to Messages about Sexual Violence and Dating Violence**

	All (n=5911) %	Graduate Women (n=844) %	Graduate Men (n=347) %	Undergraduate Women (n=3160) %	Undergraduate Men (n=1457) %
Seen posters about these topics	78	71	65	82	77
Had a professor discuss these topics in class	32	33	18	34	28
Discussed these topics with an RA or other person in my place of residence	35	15	12	39	41
Discussed these topics with a friend	59	57	42	64	52
Voluntarily attended an event on campus related to these issues	30	26	21	35	25
Attended a mandatory event on campus about these issues	31	20	21	33	35
Posted on social media about Rutgers’ programing or response to these topics	11	12	8	12	10
Discussed these topics with someone at work	24	40	28	21	21
Seen or heard campus administrators or staff talk about these topics	46	35	37	49	51
Discussed these topics with a family member	34	35	25	37	32
Seen crime alerts about these issues at Rutgers	70	69	65	73	68
Searched the web for information on these topics	39	43	27	44	29
Seen information or discussion about these topics on social media	71	72	56	75	63
Seen information or discussion about these topics on television or in the news (online or in print)	69	72	55	72	63
Volunteered or interned at an organization that addresses these topics	14	20	10	14	12
Taken a class to learn more about these topics	14	22	10	14	11
Heard about Turn the Campus Purple programming/events	56	38	33	64	52

	All (n=5911) %	Graduate Women (n=844) %	Graduate Men (n=347) %	Undergraduate Women (n=3160) %	Undergraduate Men (n=1457) %
Attended or participated in Turn the Campus Purple programming/events	19	10	8	24	16
Visited the End Sexual Violence Now website	23	21	22	25	20
Attended the Tarana Burke (founder of #MeToo) event	7	4	2	9	5
Read or viewed the 2014 iSPEAK Campus Climate report or infographic	11	13	10	11	10
Read a statement by the Rutgers president or chancellor regarding sexual or dating/domestic violence	45	45	46	46	41
Took the iSPEAK Campus Climate survey in 2014	7	10	8	7	6
Participated in an iSPEAK Campus Climate focus group in 2015 or 2017	4	3	5	4	5
Attended the Joe Biden speaking event	11	5	4	14	10
Saw the Purple Bus	62	28	30	73	65
Rode the Purple Bus	46	12	17	57	50
Attended an Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) sponsored event (e.g., Clothesline Project, Take Back the Night, Vagina Monologues)	17	14	6	21	12
Attended the Laci Green event	2	1	2	2	3
Attended the Don McPherson event	2	1	3	1	2
Seen or heard about sexual violence and/or dating/domestic violence in a student publication or media outlet (for example, the Daily Targum or RUTV)	36	25	27	42	31
Took an online course/module (e.g., Not Anymore) regarding sexual violence or dating/domestic violence	44	45	43	45	41
Saw information sent out by the University (e.g., blue pamphlet)	33	21	24	37	33
Saw the #We R Here website, hashtag, or logo #We R Here	32	23	23	35	33

Note. Participants could select more than one source.

**Table 5. Exposure to Messages about Sexual and Dating Violence from Student Groups**  
**Since coming to Rutgers, have any of the topics related to this survey been discussed by your:**

	All (n=2690)		Undergraduates (n=2425)		Graduates (n=265)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Athlete</b>			Undergraduates (n=142)			
Coach			64	45		
Missing			11	8		
<b>Greek Life</b>			Undergraduates (n=741)			
Fraternity or sorority			475	64		
Missing			101	14		
<b>Student Organization</b>	599	22	557	23	42	16
Missing	295	11	276	11	19	7

## PART II: SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEY FINDINGS

### SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEY SAMPLE

Table 6 presents demographic information for all #iSPEAK survey respondents that were randomly assigned to complete the sexual violence module. Survey demographic data are presented as a whole for all participants (“All”) as well as by graduate and undergraduate status.

**Table 6. Participant Demographics for Sexual Violence Module**

	All (n=2935)		Graduate Students (n=621)		Undergraduates (n=2314)	
	n	%	n	%	N	%
<b>Sex Assigned at Birth</b>						
Male	907	31	175	28	732	32
Female	2025	69	445	72	1580	68
Intersex	3	<1	1	<1	2	<1
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gender Identity</b>						
Man	903	31	174	28	729	32
Woman	1990	68	435	70	1555	67
Transgender Man	6	<1	2	<1	4	<1
Transgender Woman	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Binary	33	1	10	2	23	1
Another	2	<1	-	-	2	<1
Missing	1	<1	-	-	1	<1
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
Black	219	8	47	8	172	7
Asian	954	33	176	28	778	34
White	1221	42	301	49	920	40
LatinX	370	13	68	11	302	13
Another	158	5	29	5	129	6
Missing	13	<1	-	-	13	<1
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>						
Straight (heterosexual)	2424	83	503	81	1921	83
Gay	63	2	18	3	45	2

	All (n=2935)		Graduate Students (n=621)		Undergraduates (n=2314)	
	n	%	n	%	N	%
Lesbian	28	1	8	1	20	<1
Bisexual	206	7	30	5	176	8
Fluid/pansexual	61	2	24	4	37	2
Queer	47	2	22	4	25	1
Asexual	28	1	3	<1	25	1
Questioning or unsure	42	1	3	<1	39	2
Same-gender loving	1	<1	1	<1	-	-
Prefer not to disclose	22	<1	6	1	16	<1
Another	9	<1	2	<1	7	<1
Missing	4	<1	1	<1	3	<1

## PERCEIVED UNIVERSITY RESPONSIVENESS TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Students responded to seven questions about their perceptions of the university's responsiveness to incidents of sexual violence. These questions were used in the *Not Alone* toolkit.<sup>6</sup> Responses to each question are presented in Table 7; mean scores across all seven questions are presented in Table 8.

**Table 7. Perceived University Responsiveness to Individual Reporting Sexual Violence**

	Very Unlikely (1) %	Unlikely (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Likely (4) %	Very Likely (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
<b>The university would take the report seriously.</b>							
All	2	6	17	41	29	6	3.96(.94)
Graduate women	2	5	16	43	28	6	3.95(.95)
Graduate men	2	5	12	31	44	7	4.17(.99)
Undergraduate women	1	7	18	44	24	6	3.88(.92)
Undergraduate men	2	3	17	36	39	4	4.11(.93)
<b>The university would maintain the privacy of the person making the report.</b>							
All	1	4	13	40	36	6	4.13(.89)
Graduate women	1	4	15	43	31	6	4.04(.90)
Graduate men	2	2	14	28	47	8	4.26(.92)
Undergraduate women	1	4	12	43	34	6	4.11(.88)
Undergraduate men	2	3	13	36	43	4	4.21(.89)
<b>If requested by the victim, the university would forward the report to criminal investigators (for example, the police).</b>							
All	1	3	14	38	38	6	4.16(.89)
Graduate women	2	3	15	38	36	6	4.11(.91)
Graduate men	2	2	14	27	47	8	4.25(.94)
Undergraduate women	<1	3	14	41	35	6	4.13(.86)
Undergraduate men	2	2	13	33	45	5	4.24(.89)
<b>The university would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report.</b>							

<sup>6</sup> The White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault (2014). *Not Alone* Report. Retrieved from <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/protecting-students-sexual-assault>



	Very Unlikely (1) %	Unlikely (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Likely (4) %	Very Likely (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
All	2	6	19	39	29	6	3.94(.94)
Graduate women	2	6	21	41	25	6	3.86(.95)
Graduate men	2	4	16	31	40	8	4.11(.97)
Undergraduate women	1	7	20	40	26	6	3.88(.94)
Undergraduate men	1	3	18	37	37	4	4.09(.90)
<b>The university would support the person making the report.</b>							
All	2	4	23	39	27	6	3.90(.92)
Graduate women	2	4	25	38	26	6	3.87(.93)
Graduate men	2	3	20	33	34	8	4.02(.95)
Undergraduate women	1	5	24	41	22	6	3.84(.90)
Undergraduate men	2	3	19	36	36	5	4.06(.93)
<b>The university would take action to address factors that may have led to the incident of sexual assault.</b>							
All	3	9	24	36	23	6	3.71(1.04)
Graduate women	2	12	28	31	21	6	3.61(1.04)
Graduate men	2	8	20	31	31	8	3.87(1.06)
Undergraduate women	3	9	24	38	20	6	3.67(1.02)
Undergraduate men	3	6	21	36	30	4	3.87(1.03)
<b>The university would handle the report fairly.</b>							
All	2	5	27	38	22	6	3.78(.93)
Graduate women	3	4	31	35	22	6	3.74(.95)
Graduate men	3	2	23	28	28	7	3.91(.96)
Undergraduate women	1	6	28	40	19	6	3.74(.90)
Undergraduate men	3	4	23	38	28	4	3.87(.98)

**Table 8. Perceived University Responsiveness to Individual Reporting Sexual Violence: Composite Scores**

	All (n=2935)	Graduate Women (n=435)	Graduate Men (n=174)	Undergraduate Women (n=1555)	Undergraduate Men (n=729)
Mean	3.94	3.89	4.08	3.89	4.07
Standard Deviation	.77	.80	.83	.73	.77
Missing %	6	6	7	6	4

Note. Reliability for the scale was .92 across the entire sample.

## PERCEIVED STUDENT SUPPORTIVENESS TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Students responded to three questions in order to gauge how supportive they think their fellow students are regarding sexual violence. Although the items are negatively worded in this scale, responses were reverse-coded so that higher scores correspond with more positive views of student supportiveness. Responses to each question are presented in Table 9; mean scores across all seven questions are presented in Table 10.

**Table 9. Perceived Student Supportiveness of Individual Reporting Sexual Violence**

	Very Unlikely (1) %	Unlikely (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Likely (4) %	Very Likely (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
<b>Students would label the person making the report a troublemaker.</b>							
All	13	36	25	17	4	6	3.38(1.05)
Graduate women	10	33	28	20	3	6	3.28(1.01)
Graduate men	19	37	25	10	2	8	3.66(.98)
Undergraduate women	11	36	24	18	4	6	3.35(1.06)
Undergraduate men	17	35	26	13	5	5	3.48(1.08)
<b>Students would have a hard time supporting the person who made the report.</b>							
All	15	38	25	13	3	6	3.52(1.02)
Graduate women	11	35	26	19	3	6	3.32(1.03)
Graduate men	18	39	28	6	3	7	3.68(.96)
Undergraduate women	13	39	26	14	3	6	3.49(1.01)
Undergraduate men	21	38	24	10	3	5	3.68(1.01)
<b>The alleged offender(s) or their friends would try to get back at the person who made the report.</b>							
All	6	16	35	28	9	6	2.83(1.03)
Graduate women	5	9	39	34	7	6	2.70(.95)
Graduate men	12	16	30	27	8	7	2.97(1.16)
Undergraduate women	5	17	34	28	10	6	2.77(1.02)
Undergraduate men	10	18	37	24	6	5	3.02(1.05)

**Table 10. Perceived Student Supportiveness of Individual Reporting Sexual Violence: Composite Scores**

	All (n=2935)	Graduate Women (n=435)	Graduate Men (n=174)	Undergraduate Women (n=1555)	Undergraduate Men (n=729)
Mean	3.24	3.10	3.43	3.20	3.38
Standard Deviation	.86	.84	.85	.85	.87
Missing %	6	6	7	6	4

Note. Reliability for the scale was .78 across the entire sample.

## EFFICACY

Survey participants rated their agreement with six statements in order to gauge how confident students are that they would know what to do if they or a friend experienced sexual violence. Responses to each statement are presented in Table 11.

**Table 11. Agreement with Statements about Efficacy in the Event of Sexual Violence**

	Strongly Disagree (1) %	Disagree (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Agree (4) %	Strongly Agree (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
<b>If I or a friend experienced unwanted sexual contact, I would know where to go to get help on Rutgers' campus.</b>							
All	4	20	15	38	16	7	3.44(1.14)
Graduate women	6	27	12	35	13	6	3.24(1.19)

	Strongly Disagree (1) %	Disagree (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Agree (4) %	Strongly Agree (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
Graduate men	5	21	16	33	16	8	3.37(1.18)
Undergraduate women	4	20	15	38	16	7	3.45(1.14)
Undergraduate men	4	15	19	38	18	6	3.56(1.09)
<b>If I or a friend experienced unwanted sexual contact, I would know where to go to get help off Rutgers' campus.</b>							
All	6	25	19	31	13	7	3.21(1.16)
Graduate women	6	21	14	37	16	7	3.39(1.19)
Graduate men	5	22	14	32	19	8	3.43(1.20)
Undergraduate women	7	29	20	28	10	7	3.06(1.15)
Undergraduate men	4	19	23	33	15	6	3.39(1.10)
<b>I am aware of and understand Rutgers' procedures for dealing with reported incidents of sexual misconduct.</b>							
All	8	28	23	26	10	7	3.03(1.15)
Graduate women	11	32	21	21	8	7	2.81(1.17)
Graduate men	7	25	22	24	13	9	3.13(1.19)
Undergraduate women	8	29	23	25	9	7	2.97(1.14)
Undergraduate men	5	23	23	31	13	6	3.26(1.12)
<b>At Rutgers, I know what services are available for people who experience sexual misconduct.</b>							
All	5	18	19	36	15	7	3.40(1.13)
Graduate women	6	29	18	29	11	6	3.11(1.17)
Graduate men	6	24	21	28	13	9	3.19(1.18)
Undergraduate women	5	17	18	38	16	7	3.46(1.13)
Undergraduate men	4	15	21	37	17	6	3.51(1.08)
<b>At Rutgers, students who are accused of perpetrating sexual misconduct are treated fairly.</b>							
All	2	7	55	22	8	7	3.29(.80)
Graduate women	<1	5	60	22	6	6	3.29(.70)
Graduate men	2	3	51	25	12	8	3.44(.84)
Undergraduate women	2	7	55	22	7	7	3.27(.79)
Undergraduate men	3	7	51	23	10	6	3.31(.86)
<b>At Rutgers, when an accused student is found responsible for sexual misconduct, appropriate disciplinary action is taken.</b>							
All	2	7	43	30	11	7	3.44(.88)
Graduate women	1	7	52	26	8	6	3.34(.78)
Graduate men	2	6	39	29	16	8	3.54(.93)
Undergraduate women	3	7	43	30	10	7	3.39(.89)
Undergraduate men	2	5	39	33	16	6	3.60(.88)

## RAPE MYTH ACCEPTANCE

Students rated their agreement with seven statements in order to gauge their acceptance of rape myths utilizing a scale adapted from *An Updated Measure for Assessing Subtle Rape Myths* (McMahon & Farmer, 2011).<sup>7</sup> Responses to each statement are presented in Table 12; mean scores across all seven statements are presented in Table 13.

<sup>7</sup> McMahon, S., & Farmer, G. L. (2011). An updated measure for assessing subtle rape myths. *Social Work Research, 35*, 71-81.

**Table 12. Rape Myth Acceptance Scale**

	Strongly Disagree (1) %	Disagree (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Agree (4) %	Strongly Agree (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
<b>People get too offended by sexual comments, jokes, or gestures.</b>							
All	15	33	28	14	5	6	2.58(1.08)
Graduate women	24	38	19	10	2	6	2.23(1.02)
Graduate men	10	28	30	20	6	6	2.83(1.09)
Undergraduate women	17	38	28	10	2	6	2.40(.97)
Undergraduate men	5	22	35	22	12	4	3.15(1.08)
<b>It doesn't really hurt anyone to post sexual comments or photos of people without their consent through e-mail, text, or social media.</b>							
All	61	24	7	2	<1	6	1.48(.77)
Graduate women	74	17	2	<1	<1	6	1.27(.58)
Graduate men	60	24	6	2	2	6	1.53(.87)
Undergraduate women	65	22	5	1	<1	6	1.40(.68)
Undergraduate men	45	33	13	3	2	4	1.78(.92)
<b>A person who is sexually assaulted while they are drunk is at least somewhat responsible for putting themselves in that position.</b>							
All	52	22	13	6	2	6	1.76(1.02)
Graduate women	62	19	7	4	<1	6	1.53(.88)
Graduate men	41	28	12	9	4	6	2.00(1.16)
Undergraduate women	58	21	10	4	<1	6	1.59(.90)
Undergraduate men	33	25	24	11	3	4	2.23(1.14)
<b>If one of my friends told me that someone had unwanted sexual contact with them, I would encourage them to report the incident to campus or local police.*</b>							
All	2	3	14	35	40	6	1.84(.92)
Graduate women	2	3	9	31	49	6	1.70(.92)
Graduate men	4	3	9	30	48	6	1.77(1.03)
Undergraduate women	2	3	14	36	40	6	1.84(.90)
Undergraduate men	2	2	17	38	36	4	1.91(.91)
<b>It is not necessary to get consent before sexual activity if you are in a relationship with that person.</b>							
All	60	21	8	2	2	6	1.58(.94)
Graduate women	67	19	5	2	2	6	1.44(.84)
Graduate men	55	23	5	6	5	6	1.77(1.16)
Undergraduate women	66	18	6	1	2	6	1.45(.85)
Undergraduate men	43	29	16	4	3	4	1.90(1.03)
<b>Accusations of sexual assault are often used by one person as a way to get back at the other person.</b>							
All	27	30	27	8	2	6	2.23(1.02)
Graduate women	35	31	23	5	<1	6	2.00(.94)
Graduate men	22	26	29	13	3	6	2.45(1.09)
Undergraduate women	32	31	24	6	<1	6	2.06(.96)
Undergraduate men	12	28	36	14	4	5	2.69(1.02)
<b>A lot of times, what people say is rape is actually consensual sex that they regretted afterwards.</b>							
All	39	27	21	5	2	6	1.99(1.01)
Graduate women	51	28	13	2	<1	6	1.65(.83)
Graduate men	28	30	22	10	3	6	2.25(1.10)
Undergraduate women	46	27	17	3	<1	6	1.79(.92)

	Strongly Disagree (1) %	Disagree (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Agree (4) %	Strongly Agree (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
Undergraduate men	17	27	37	11	4	4	2.57(1.04)

\*This is a negatively worded item. It was reverse scored for calculating the mean and standard deviation.

**Table 13. Rape Myth Acceptance Scale: Composite Scores**

	All (n=2757)	Graduate Women (n=435)	Graduate Men (n=174)	Undergraduate Women (n=1555)	Undergraduate Men (n=729)
Mean	1.92	1.69	2.09	1.79	2.32
Standard Deviation	.64	.52	.69	.57	.66
Missing %	6	6	6	6	4

Note. Reliability for the scale was .78 across the entire sample.

## EXPOSURE TO MESSAGES ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Participants were asked whether they had received any information about sexual violence before attending Rutgers–New Brunswick. Table 14 provides a look at students’ exposure to messages about sexual violence prior to coming to Rutgers–New Brunswick. The percentage of students who had received any information about sexual violence before Rutgers, as well as the percentage that received the information from specific sources, are presented in Table 14.

**Table 14. Exposure to Messages about Sexual Violence before Rutgers University**

	All (n=2935) %	Graduate Women (n=435) %	Graduate Men (n=174) %	Undergraduate Women (n=1555) %	Undergraduate Men (n=729) %
Received any messages before attending Rutgers	65	69	60	65	64
Education program in high school	54	41	35	57	58
Education program in middle school	24	20	17	25	27
Discussion with family	33	35	27	34	31
Discussion with friends	43	48	39	45	35
Social Media	47	46	34	51	42
Media	43	47	32	45	39
Employer	15	30	28	10	14
Health Care Provider	13	19	9	15	8
Previous College/University	17	45	41	9	10
Military	2	2	4	<1	4
Other	1	3	2	<1	<1
Missing	6	6	7	7	6

Note. Participants could select more than one source.

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION

To assess victimization, a series of questions was asked about whether students experienced various types of unwanted sexual contact at Rutgers–New Brunswick. Students who reported a completed sexual assault were asked a series of follow-up questions on the nature of the sexual violence they had experienced and what happened afterward, including any disclosure of the incident to others and use and perceived helpfulness of campus resources. In addition, students were asked how many of their peers had disclosed an experience of sexual violence to them and how they perceived their ability to help such peers. *As a reminder, the information presented in this section may be especially sensitive and difficult for some readers.*

### *Experiences of Sexual Violence*

To better understand the relationship between the campus climate and sexual violence, it is necessary to gather information about the scope and nature of unwanted sexual experiences among students. For this section of the *#iSpeak* survey, the research team drew many of the items and scales from the 2014 [Not Alone toolkit](#).<sup>8</sup> The team modified the items after consulting the available literature, with additional input from the New Brunswick campus climate Advisory Board. Before asking participants about their experiences with victimization, the *#iSpeak* survey provided students with the definition of unwanted sexual contact as stated in the Rutgers University Student Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment, Sexual Violence, Relationship Violence, Stalking and Related Misconduct.<sup>9</sup>

Following the definition, students were asked whether they had experienced sexual violence prior to coming to Rutgers–New Brunswick. Next, they were asked six questions about whether or not they had experienced various types of unwanted sexual contact since coming to Rutgers–New Brunswick. This included:

Four questions about unwanted sexual contact that involved force or threats of force, explained as: “This could include someone holding you down with his or her body weight, pinning your arms, hitting or kicking you, or threatening to use a weapon against you.”

Two questions about experiences with unwanted sexual contact while being unable to provide consent or to stop what was happening because “you were passed out, drugged, incapacitated or asleep.”

If a student endorsed any of the six types of unwanted sexual contact they were presented with several follow-up questions about the incident or incidents.

### *Prior Victimization*

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<sup>8</sup> The White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault (2014). Not Alone Report. Retrieved from <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/protecting-students-sexual-assault>

<sup>9</sup> Definition adapted from Rutgers University. (2015). [Student Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment, Sexual Violence, Relationship Violence, Stalking and Related Misconduct](#).

Before being presented with questions about their experiences at Rutgers–New Brunswick, students were asked if they had experienced any sexual violence before coming to campus (Table 15).

**Table 15. Victimization Prior to Coming to Campus**

	All (n=2935)		Graduate Women (n=435)		Graduate Men (n=174)		Under-graduate Women (n=1555)		Under-graduate Men (n=729)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Did you ever experience any form of unwanted sexual contact before becoming a student at Rutgers?	824	28	209	48	30	17	498	32	67	9
<i>Missing</i>	35	1	6	1	2	1	14	<1	13	2

***Victimization since Coming to Rutgers–New Brunswick***

In Table 16, questions one through six refer to experiences of attempted or completed unwanted sexual contact that occurred since students came to Rutgers. The first row in Table 16 shows the composite rates of sexual violence for students who indicate experiencing any one of the six types of sexual violence.

**Table 16. Victimization since Coming to Rutgers**

	All (n=2935)		Graduate Women (n=435)		Graduate Men (n=174)		Under-graduate Women (n=1555)		Under-graduate Men (n=729)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Experienced any unwanted sexual contact since coming to Rutgers	517	18	66	15	12	7	387	25	44	6
1. Since coming to Rutgers, has anyone had unwanted sexual contact with you by using physical force?	244	8	36	8	7	4	174	11	22	3
2. Since coming to Rutgers, has anyone had unwanted sexual contact with you by coercing you or threatening to use physical force?	81	3	11	3	1	<1	62	4	3	<1
3. Has anyone attempted but not succeeded in having unwanted sexual contact with you by using physical force against you?	168	6	17	4	3	2	127	8	16	2
4. Has anyone attempted but not succeeded in having unwanted sexual contact with you by coercing you or threatening to use physical force against you?	122	4	14	3	3	2	93	6	8	1
5. Since coming to Rutgers, has someone had unwanted sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what	205	7	20	5	8	5	160	10	15	2

was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep? This question refers to incidents you are CERTAIN happened.										
6. Since coming to Rutgers, has someone had unwanted sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep? This question refers to incidents you are NOT CERTAIN happened.	159	5	17	4	5	3	120	8	13	2

### *Nature of Experienced Sexual Violence*

The survey asked respondents who affirmed any of the six types of unwanted sexual contact a series of follow-up questions regarding the nature of this contact. The questions used in this survey asked behaviorally specific questions as recommended by research scholars.<sup>10</sup> Behaviorally specific questions inquire about certain incidents that students may have experienced as opposed to broader questions such as “have you been sexually assaulted?”<sup>11</sup> In this way respondents identify and affirm the behavior that reflects their experience.

The first follow-up question asked about the nature of the sexual violence, classifying whether it was “unwanted sexual touching”, “unwanted sexual penetration”, or “other”. Respondents could select any or all options regarding the nature of the unwanted sexual contact. Those respondents who selected more than one option are classified in Table 17 as experiencing more than one type of sexual violence. Table 17 displays each of the six types of unwanted sexual contact and respondents’ classification of the nature of the contact. Table 18 displays the number of separate incidents of unwanted sexual contact among students who indicated at least one experience and Table 19 depicts how many students experienced unwanted sexual contact in the last year among those students who reported at least one experience of unwanted sexual contact.

**Table 17. Nature of Sexual Violence (Unwanted Sexual Touching, Penetration, Multi-type or Other)**

	Sexual touching		Sexual penetration		More than one type		Missing or other	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Since coming to Rutgers, has anyone had unwanted sexual contact with you by using physical force?</b>								
All Survivors (n= 244)	169	69	40	16	34	14	1	<1
Graduate Women Survivors (n= 36)	27	75	5	14	3	8	1	3
Graduate Men Survivors (n=7)	5	71	1	14	1	14	0	0
Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=174)	118	68	31	18	25	14	0	0

<sup>10</sup> Cook, S., Gidycz, C., Koss, M., & Murphy, M. (2011). Emerging issues in the measurement of rape victimization. *Violence Against Women, 17*(2), 201-218.

<sup>11</sup> Fisher, B. S., Cullen F. T., & Turner M. G. (2000). The sexual victimization of college women. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice. Research Report 182369.



	Sexual touching		Sexual penetration		More than one type		Missing or other	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=22)	15	68	3	14	4	18	0	0

**Since coming to Rutgers, has anyone had unwanted sexual contact with you by coercing you or threatening to use physical force?**

All Survivors (n=81)	41	51	22	27	16	20	2	3
Graduate Women Survivors(n=11)	6	55	3	27	2	18	0	0
Graduate Men Survivors (n=1)	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=62)	33	53	16	26	11	18	2	3
Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=3)	1	33	0	0	2	67	0	0

**Has anyone attempted but not succeeded in having unwanted sexual contact with you by using physical force against you?**

All Survivors (n=168)	138	82	10	6	14	8	6	4
Graduate Women Survivors (n=17)	15	88	0	0	1	6	1	6
Graduate Men Survivors (n=3)	1	33	1	33	1	33	0	0
Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=127)	108	85	6	5	8	6	5	4
Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=16)	12	75	1	6	3	19	0	0

**Has anyone attempted but not succeeded in having unwanted sexual contact with you by coercing you or threatening to use physical force against you?**

All Survivors (n=122)	91	75	14	12	13	11	4	3
Graduate Women Survivors (n=14)	10	71	2	14	2	14	0	0
Graduate Men Survivors (n=3)	1	33	1	33	1	33	0	0
Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=93)	72	77	11	12	6	7	4	4
Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=8)	5	63	0	0	3	38	0	0

**Has someone had unwanted sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep? This question refers to incidents you are CERTAIN happened.**

All Survivors (n=205)	97	47	65	32	39	19	4	2
Graduate Women Survivors (n=20)	10	50	6	30	3	15	1	5
Graduate Men Survivors (n=8)	5	63	2	25	1	13	0	0
Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=160)	73	46	51	32	34	21	2	1
Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=15)	9	60	4	27	1	7	1	7

**Has someone had unwanted sexual contact with you when you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep? This question refers to incidents you are NOT CERTAIN happened.**

All Survivors (n=159)	91	57	34	21	31	20	3	2
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	Sexual touching		Sexual penetration		More than one type		Missing or other	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Graduate Women Survivors (n=17)	11	65	4	24	2	12	0	0
Graduate Men Survivors (n=5)	2	40	1	20	2	40	0	0
Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=120)	66	55	27	23	25	21	2	2
Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=13)	9	69	1	8	2	15	1	8

**Table 18. Number of Separate Sexual Violence Incidents Among Those Who Indicated At Least One Experience of Sexual Violence**

How many separate incidents of unwanted sexual contact have you experienced since you came to Rutgers	M	SD
All Survivors (n=484)	1.93	1.22
Graduate Women Survivors (n=62)	1.89	1.15
Graduate Men Survivors (n=11)	1.73	1.19
Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=365)	1.98	1.25
Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=38)	1.47	.89

Note. Number of incidents was measured on a scale of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5+ incidents.

**Table 19. Among Those Who Reported At Least One Experience of Sexual Violence, Incident Occurred in the Last Year**

	All Survivors (n=484)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=62)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=11)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=365)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=38)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Incident Occurred in the Last Year	212	44	15	24	2	18	172	47	17	45

### *Perpetrators of Sexual Violence*

Students who reported unwanted sexual contact since coming to Rutgers–New Brunswick were presented with additional questions about the circumstances surrounding the “most serious” incident of unwanted sexual contact.

Table 20 presents information on the perpetrator of the most serious incident of sexual violence, including the perpetrator’s gender, sexual orientation, student status, and relationship to the victim. The perpetrator’s relationship to the victim is further broken down for non-stranger perpetrators in Table 21.

**Table 20. Perpetrators of Sexual Violence**

	All Survivors (n=484)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=62)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=11)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=365)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=38)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Perpetrator's Gender</b>										
Man	428	88	59	95	4	36	345	95	15	40
Woman	30	6	-	-	6	55	5	1	18	47
Another	7	1	-	-	1	9	3	<1	1	3
Missing	19	4	3	5	-	-	12	3	4	11
<b>Perpetrator's Sexual Orientation</b>										
Straight	362	75	51	82	5	46	285	78	16	42
Queer Spectrum	26	5	1	2	3	27	7	2	14	37
I don't know	76	16	7	11	3	27	60	16	4	11
Another	1	<1	-	-	-	-	1	<1	-	-
Missing	19	4	3	5	-	-	12	3	4	11
<b>Perpetrator's Student Status</b>										
Non-Student	111	23	24	39	2	18	79	22	4	11
Student	280	58	17	27	8	73	225	62	26	68
I don't Know	74	15	18	29	1	9	49	13	4	11
Missing	19	4	3	5	-	-	12	3	4	11
<b>Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim</b>										
Non-Stranger	299	62	38	61	10	91	218	60	29	76
Stranger	166	34	21	34	1	9	135	37	5	13
Missing	19	4	3	5	-	-	12	3	4	11

**Table 21. Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim Among Victims Who Reported Non-Stranger Perpetrator**

	All Survivors with Non- Stranger Perpetrator (n=299)		Graduate Women Survivors with Non- Stranger Perpetrator (n=38)		Graduate Men Survivors with Non- Stranger Perpetrator (n=10)		Undergraduate Women Survivors with Non-Stranger Perpetrator (n=218)		Undergraduate Men Survivors with Non-Stranger Perpetrator (n=29)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Friend	96	32	8	21	6	60	69	32	13	45
Casual acquaintance or hookup	123	41	18	47	2	20	90	41	12	41
Current romantic partner (boyfriend or girlfriend)	18	6	3	8	-	-	13	6	1	3
Ex-romantic partner (ex- boyfriend or ex- girlfriend)	34	11	4	11	-	-	26	12	2	7
Other	28	9	5	13	2	20	20	9	1	3

	All Survivors with Non-Stranger Perpetrator (n=299)		Graduate Women Survivors with Non-Stranger Perpetrator (n=38)		Graduate Men Survivors with Non-Stranger Perpetrator (n=10)		Undergraduate Women Survivors with Non-Stranger Perpetrator (n=218)		Undergraduate Men Survivors with Non-Stranger Perpetrator (n=29)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<i>Missing</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### ***Drug and Alcohol Use***

In order to understand the influence of drugs and alcohol during unwanted sexual contact, survey participants who indicated that they had experienced some form of sexual violence since coming to campus were presented with questions about drug and alcohol use by the perpetrator and by themselves (see Tables 22 and 23).

**Table 22. Drug and Alcohol Use by the Perpetrator**

	All Survivors (n=484)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=62)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=11)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=365)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=38)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Alcohol only	157	32	21	34	5	46	115	32	15	40
Drugs and alcohol	67	14	7	11	1	9	54	15	5	13
Drugs only	5	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	3
I don't know	138	29	16	26	3	27	110	30	8	21
Neither	99	21	15	24	2	18	71	20	5	13
Missing	18	4	3	5	0	0	11	3	4	11

**Table 23. Drug and Alcohol Use by the Victim**

	All Survivors (n=484)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=62)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=11)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=365)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=38)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Drugs	65	13	8	13	2	18	45	12	9	24
<i>Missing</i>	19	4	4	7	-	-	11	3	4	11
Given a drug without consent	29	6	3	5	1	9	25	7	-	-
<i>Missing</i>	18	4	3	5	-	-	11	3	4	11
Alcohol	307	63	39	63	10	91	235	64	22	58
<i>Missing</i>	19	4	3	5	-	-	12	3	4	11

### ***Location of Victimization***

For those students who indicated that they experienced unwanted sexual contact, the survey asked the location of the unwanted sexual contact. Table 24 is divided in three sections. The first section displays whether the unwanted sexual contact occurred in the student's own home/room

or somewhere else. The second section of Table 24 provides a breakdown of where the unwanted sexual contact occurred for those who experienced unwanted sexual contact somewhere other than their own home. The third section of Table 24 provides a breakdown of where the unwanted sexual contact occurred for those who experienced unwanted sexual contact in their own home.

**Table 24. Location of Unwanted Sexual Contact**

	All Survivors (n=484)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=62)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=11)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=365)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=38)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Somewhere other than own home or room	371	77	44	71	4	36	291	80	27	71
Own home or room	94	19	15	24	6	55	63	17	7	18
<i>Missing</i>	19	4	3	5	1	9	11	3	4	11
<b>The incident happened somewhere other than own home or room.</b>										
	All (n=371)		Graduate Women (n=44)		Graduate Men (n=4)		Undergraduate Women (n=291)		Undergraduate Men (n=27)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Off-campus apartment	140	38	16	36	3	75	109	38	10	37
Greek house	89	24	6	14	1	25	75	26	7	26
Residence hall	43	12	1	2	0	0	38	13	4	15
On-campus apartment	23	6	2	5	0	0	17	6	3	11
Other	75	20	19	43	0	0	51	18	3	11
<i>Missing</i>	1	<1	0	0	0	0	1	<1	0	0
<b>The incident happened in own home or room.</b>										
	All (n=94)		Graduate Women (n=15)		Graduate Men (n=6)		Undergraduate Women (n=63)		Undergraduate Men (n=7)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Your own off-campus apartment/house	34	36	11	73	3	50	16	25	3	43
Your own on-campus apartment/house	12	13	1	7	2	33	9	14	-	-
Your own residence hall	48	51	3	20	1	17	38	60	4	57
<i>Missing</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**DISCLOSURE AND ACCESSING RESOURCES**

Students who reported an incident of unwanted sexual contact were asked whether or not they told anyone about what happened to them. The number and percentage of students who told someone about the incident, as well as the number and percentage that filed a formal complaint, are presented in Table 25. Students who indicated that they had told someone about the incident

were asked how long before they reported the incident. Numbers and percentages for each time frame (e.g., within the first 24 hours, within the first week) are presented in Table 26.

**Table 25. Disclosure of Unwanted Sexual Contact**

	All Survivors (n=484)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=62)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=11)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=365)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=38)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Did you tell anyone about the [most serious] incident?</b>										
Yes	285	59	38	61	7	64	220	60	14	37
No	179	37	21	34	4	36	133	36	19	50
<i>Missing</i>	20	4	3	5	-	-	12	3	5	13
<b>Did you file a formal complaint about this incident to anyone at the University?</b>										
Yes	16	3	1	2	-	-	15	4	-	-
No	444	92	58	94	11	100	333	91	34	90
<i>Missing</i>	24	5	3	5	-	-	17	5	4	11

**Table 26. Time to Report Unwanted Sexual Contact**

	All Survivors Who Disclosed (n=285)		Graduate Women Survivors Who Disclosed (n=38)		Graduate Men Survivors Who Disclosed (n=7)		Undergraduate Women Survivors Who Disclosed (n=220)		Undergraduate Men Survivors Who Disclosed (n=14)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Within the first 24 hours	173	61	22	58	4	57	139	63	5	36
Within one week	57	20	7	18	1	14	43	20	5	36
Within one month	22	8	5	13	0	0	14	6	3	21
Within one year	24	8	4	11	2	29	15	7	1	7
More than a year	8	3	-	-	-	-	8	4	-	-
<i>Missing</i>	1	<1	-	-	-	-	1	<1	-	-

**To Whom Did Survivors Disclose Sexual Violence**

Students were presented with a list of 22 possible resources to whom they might have disclosed. There were nine off campus or informal resources (e.g., friend or peer at Rutgers) and 13 campus resources (e.g., Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance). The number and percentage of survivors who disclosed to each resource is presented in Table 27.

**Table 27. To Whom Did Survivors Disclose**

	All Survivors (n=484)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=62)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=11)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=365)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=38)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Off-Campus or Informal</b>										
Friend or peer at Rutgers	257	53	31	50	5	46	202	55	13	34

	All Survivors (n=484)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=62)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=11)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=365)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=38)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Friend or peer NOT at Rutgers	173	36	25	40	3	27	134	37	6	16
Romantic partner at Rutgers	77	16	5	8	1	9	61	17	7	18
Romantic partner NOT at Rutgers	51	11	6	10	-	-	43	12	-	-
Family member	59	12	9	15	1	9	47	13	1	3
Health care provider NOT at Rutgers	14	3	3	5	-	-	11	3	-	-
Religious leader NOT at Rutgers	1	<1	-	-	-	-	1	<1	-	-
Therapist/counselor NOT at Rutgers	34	7	8	13	-	-	22	6	2	5
Other person NOT at Rutgers	6	1	-	-	-	-	5	1	1	3
<b>Campus Resources</b>										
On-campus counselor/therapist	41	9	3	5	1	9	34	9	1	3
Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) staff	36	7	2	3	-	-	33	9	-	-
Religious leader at Rutgers	2	<1	-	-	-	-	2	<1	-	-
Rutgers Student Health	12	3	1	2	-	-	11	3	-	-
Rutgers University Police Department	12	3	-	-	-	-	11	3	1	3
Resident Advisor (RA) or Residence Life staff	9	2	-	-	-	-	7	2	2	5
Rutgers Human Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rutgers Office of Student Conduct	10	2	-	-	-	-	9	3	1	3
Rutgers field instructor/intern supervisor	1	<1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rutgers Office of Student Affairs Compliance & Title IX	14	3	-	-	-	-	14	4	-	-
Rutgers Athletic Coach	2	<1	-	-	-	-	2	<1	-	-
Rutgers faculty or staff	26	5	4	7	1	9	21	6	-	-
Other person at Rutgers	9	2	-	-	-	-	8	2	-	-

Note. Participants could select more than one disclosure resource. \*Numbers in this table regarding disclosure sources were calculated differently than was done for the 2014 Campus Climate report.

### *Usefulness of Disclosure Resources*

Survivors who indicated using a particular disclosure resource were asked whether that resource’s response made things better, made things worse, or had no affect at all. The number and percentage of survivors who gave each response for off-campus or informal disclosure sources is presented in Table 28; campus resources are presented in Table 29. Because only a limited number of students accessed these services, answers are presented for all respondents and not broken down into subsets of the population here.

**Table 28. Perceived Efficacy of Off-Campus/Informal Disclosure Sources Among Those Who Disclosed to Source**

<b>Did their response:</b>								
	Make things better		Make things worse		Have no effect at all		<i>Missing</i>	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Friend or peer at Rutgers	154	60	20	8	81	32	2	<1
Friend or peer NOT at Rutgers	112	65	6	4	53	31	2	1
Romantic partner at Rutgers	51	66	9	12	16	21	1	1
Romantic partner NOT at Rutgers	29	57	11	22	11	22	-	-
Family member	34	58	17	29	6	10	2	3
Health care provider NOT at Rutgers	8	57	4	29	2	14	-	-
Religious leader NOT at Rutgers	1	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Therapist/counselor NOT at Rutgers	23	68	2	6	8	24	1	3
Other person NOT at Rutgers	3	50	1	17	2	33	-	-

**Table 29. Perceived Efficacy of On-Campus Disclosure Sources Among Those Who Disclosed to Source**

<b>Did their response:</b>								
	Make things better		Make things worse		Have no effect at all		<i>Missing</i>	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Rutgers Student Health	6	50	-	-	6	50	-	-
On-campus counselor/therapist	25	61	3	7	11	27	2	5
Rutgers faculty or staff	21	81	-	-	5	19	-	-
Rutgers University Police Department	5	42	3	25	4	33	-	-
Rutgers Office of Student Conduct	9	90	-	-	1	10	-	-
Rutgers Athletic Coach	-	-	1	50	1	50	-	-



<b>Did their response:</b>								
	Make things better		Make things worse		Have no effect at all		Missing	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Religious leader at Rutgers	1	50	1	50	-	-	-	-
Rutgers field instructor/intern supervisor	1	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rutgers Office of Student Affairs Compliance and Title IX	11	79	-	-	3	21	-	-
Resident Advisor (RA) or Residence Life staff	8	89	-	-	1	11	-	-
Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA)	29	81	2	6	4	11	1	3
Rutgers Human Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other person at Rutgers	5	56	-	-	4	44	-	-

### ***Reasons Students Did Not Disclose***

Respondents who did not tell anyone about what happened to them were asked why they did not disclose and presented with a list of 23 possible reasons. The number and percentage of survivors who did not disclose for each reason is presented in Table 30.

**Table 30. Reasons for Nondisclosure of Sexual Violence**

	All Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n= 179)		Graduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=21)		Graduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=4)		Undergraduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=133)		Undergraduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=19)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
It is a private matter; I wanted to deal with it on my own	151	84	19	91	3	75	111	84	16	84
Didn't think what happened was serious enough to talk about	131	73	14	67	2	50	97	73	16	84
Didn't think others would understand	80	45	11	52	1	25	55	41	11	58
I thought I would be blamed for what happened	86	48	12	57	-	-	64	48	8	42
Didn't think others would think it was serious	96	54	14	67	1	25	68	51	11	58

	All Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n= 179)		Graduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=21)		Graduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=4)		Undergraduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=133)		Undergraduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=19)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Fear of not being believed	60	34	7	33	1	25	42	32	8	42
Ashamed/embarrassed	80	45	13	62	1	25	58	44	6	32
It would feel like an admission of failure	46	26	5	24	1	25	34	26	4	21
I didn't want others to worry about me	115	64	13	62	1	25	87	65	12	63
Had other things I needed to focus on and was concerned about	124	69	17	81	1	25	93	70	11	58
Didn't want the person who did it to get in trouble	65	36	6	29	1	25	48	36	8	42
I feared others would harass me or react negatively toward me	48	27	5	24	-	-	37	28	5	26
Thought people would try to tell me what to do	65	36	7	33	-	-	47	35	9	47
Fear the person who did it would try to get back at me	41	23	6	29	-	-	31	23	3	16
I wanted to forget it happened	120	67	15	71	1	25	89	67	13	68
Didn't know reporting procedure on campus	31	17	8	38	-	-	21	16	1	5
Concerned that my cultural/ethnic community would not support me	17	10	3	14	-	-	12	9	2	11
I thought nothing would be done	74	41	12	57	-	-	54	41	6	32
Feared I or another would be punished for infractions or violations	30	17	4	19	1	25	23	17	2	11
Afraid it would reflect badly on the LGBT community*	9	23	-	-	1	100	5	19	2	25
Concerned that members of my religious group would not support me	16	9	2	10	-	-	12	9	2	11
Afraid it would reflect badly on my	18	10	3	14	-	-	11	8	4	21

	All Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n= 179)		Graduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=21)		Graduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=4)		Undergraduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=133)		Undergraduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=19)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
racial/ethnic community										
Concerned others would find out	71	40	12	57	1	25	50	38	7	37
Other	3	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	5

Note. Multiple responses could be selected. \*This question was only asked of those who identified as gay, lesbian, bisexual, fluid/pansexual, queer, asexual, questioning or unsure, same-gender loving, or another sexual orientation.

## RECEIVED DISCLOSURES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Table 31 shows the number of students who have had another student disclose an experience of sexual violence to them and Table 32 presents how many students disclosed an experience of sexual violence to them.

**Table 31. Students Who Have Had Another Student Disclose an Experience of Sexual Violence to Them**

	All (n=2935)		Graduate Women (n=435)		Graduate Men (n=174)		Undergraduate Women (n=1555)		Undergraduate Men (n=729)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Yes	798	27	75	17	25	14	534	34	144	20
No	1817	62	318	73	132	76	840	54	508	70
Missing %	320	11	42	10	17	10	181	12	77	11

**Table 32. Of Those Who Have Had Another Rutgers Student Disclose Sexual Violence Victimization, Number Who Have Disclosed**

	All (n=798)	Graduate Women (n=75)	Graduate Men (n=25)	Undergraduate Women (n=534)	Undergraduate Men (n=144)
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>How many students disclosed to you?</b>					
1	33	28	56	31	35
2	30	31	24	30	29
3 or more	35	40	12	36	30
Missing %	3	1	8	2	6

Students who reported that another student had disclosed an incident of sexual violence to them were asked three questions regarding their ability to respond to their peers' disclosures. Specifically, they were asked whether they felt they knew how to respond in a helpful way, whether they believe their response was helpful, and whether they felt comfortable talking to the student about sexual violence (see Table 33).

**Table 33. Perceived Response to Sexual Violence Disclosure Among Those Who Have Had Another Rutgers Student Disclose Sexual Violence Victimization**

	Yes %	No %	Missing %
<b>Did you feel that you knew how to respond in a helpful way?</b>			
All (n=798)	63	37	<1
Graduate Women (n=75)	76	24	-
Graduate Men (n=25)	48	48	4
Undergraduate Women (n=534)	63	37	<1
Undergraduate Men (n=144)	59	41	-
<b>Do you believe that your response was helpful to the student?</b>			
All (n=798)	74	25	<1
Graduate Women (n=75)	76	23	1
Graduate Men (n=25)	60	36	4
Undergraduate Women (n=534)	75	24	<1
Undergraduate Men (n=144)	72	28	-
<b>Did you feel comfortable talking to the student about their unwanted sexual experience?</b>			
All (n=798)	80	19	<1
Graduate Women (n=75)	89	11	-
Graduate Men (n=25)	72	24	4
Undergraduate Women (n=534)	81	19	<1
Undergraduate Men (n=144)	74	26	-

## KNOWING SOMEONE WHO EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE

In addition to asking about other students’ disclosures of sexual violence, the survey asked if respondents knew someone—“a friend or a family member”—who had experienced sexual violence (Table 34).

**Table 34. Students Who Know Someone Who Experienced Sexual Violence**

	All (n=2935)		Graduate Women (n=435)		Graduate Men (n=173)		Undergraduate Women (n=1555)		Undergraduate Men (n=729)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Yes	1112	38	219	50	61	35	627	40	174	24
No	1502	51	176	41	95	55	744	48	479	66
Missing	321	11	40	9	18	10	184	12	76	10

## PART III: DATING VIOLENCE FINDINGS

### DATING VIOLENCE SURVEY SAMPLE

Table 35 presents demographic information for all #iSPEAK survey respondents that were randomly assigned to complete the dating violence module. Survey demographic data are presented as a whole for all participants (“All”) as well as by graduate and undergraduate status.

**Table 35. Participant Demographics for Dating Violence Module**

	All (n=2976)		Graduate Students (n=596)		Undergraduates (n=2380)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Sex Assigned at Birth</b>						
Male	916	31	175	29	741	31
Female	2055	69	419	70	1636	69
Intersex	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Missing</i>	5	<1	2	<1	3	<1
<b>Gender Identity</b>						
Man	901	30	173	29	728	31
Woman	2014	68	409	69	1605	67
Transgender Man	9	<1	1	<1	8	<1
Transgender Woman	2	<1	-	-	2	<1
Non-Binary	39	1	9	2	30	1
Another	9	<1	4	<1	5	<1
<i>Missing</i>	2	<1	-	-	2	<1
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
Black	214	7	43	7	171	7
Asian	956	32	168	28	788	33
White	1243	42	268	45	975	41
LatinX	409	14	79	13	330	14
Another	136	5	38	6	98	4
<i>Missing</i>	18	<1	-	-	18	<1
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>						
Straight (heterosexual)	2443	82	504	85	1939	82
Gay	57	2	10	2	47	2
Lesbian	32	1	8	1	24	1
Bisexual	221	7	40	7	181	8
Fluid/pansexual	53	2	9	2	44	2
Queer	34	1	10	2	24	1
Asexual	25	<1	1	<1	24	1
Questioning or unsure	66	2	5	<1	61	3
Same-gender loving	1	<1	-	-	1	<1
Prefer not to disclose	30	1	8	1	22	<1
Another	9	<1	1	<1	8	<1
<i>Missing</i>	5	<1	-	-	5	<1
<b>Relationship status (e.g., dating/hooking up/married/living with) since coming to Rutgers</b>						
Never been in a relationship	870	29	159	27	711	30
Currently/previously in a relationship	2102	71	437	73	1665	70
<i>Missing</i>	4	<1	-	-	4	<1

## PERCEIVED UNIVERSITY RESPONSIVENESS TO DATING VIOLENCE

Students responded to seven questions about their perceptions of the university's responsiveness to incidents of dating violence. These questions mirrored those asked about sexual violence (see [Part II](#)) and were used in the *Not Alone* toolkit.<sup>12</sup> Responses to each question are presented in Table 36; mean scores across all seven questions are presented in Table 37.

**Table 36. Perceived University Responsiveness to Individual Reporting Dating Violence**

	Very Unlikely (1) %	Unlikely (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Likely (4) %	Very Likely (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
<b>The university would take the report seriously.</b>							
All	3	7	17	41	25	8	3.85(.99)
Graduate women	3	7	18	41	22	10	3.80(.99)
Graduate men	2	4	10	42	33	9	4.09(.92)
Undergraduate women	2	7	18	43	21	8	3.81(.95)
Undergraduate men	4	5	16	35	32	7	3.93(1.07)
<b>The university would maintain the privacy of the person making the report.</b>							
All	2	4	14	39	33	8	4.07(.92)
Graduate women	2	4	17	40	27	10	3.95(.93)
Graduate men	2	3	11	37	39	8	4.19(.90)
Undergraduate women	<1	4	13	41	32	8	4.08(.87)
Undergraduate men	3	3	14	35	39	7	4.11(.97)
<b>If requested by the victim, the university would forward the report to criminal investigators (for example, the police).</b>							
All	1	3	13	38	36	8	4.13(.89)
Graduate women	1	3	15	41	29	10	4.04(.87)
Graduate men	2	2	10	30	48	8	4.31(.89)
Undergraduate women	1	3	14	40	34	9	4.12(.87)
Undergraduate men	2	3	12	35	42	7	4.19(.93)
<b>The university would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report.</b>							
All	2	6	18	39	27	8	3.90(.96)
Graduate women	3	9	17	38	24	10	3.79(1.03)
Graduate men	2	5	16	32	36	9	4.03(1.02)
Undergraduate women	1	6	18	42	24	8	3.89(.91)
Undergraduate men	3	5	17	34	34	7	4.00(1.00)
<b>The university would support the person making the report.</b>							
All	2	4	23	38	25	9	3.88(.92)
Graduate women	2	5	25	38	21	10	3.80(.91)
Graduate men	2	4	19	32	34	9	4.01(.99)
Undergraduate women	1	4	24	41	21	9	3.84(.89)
Undergraduate men	2	4	19	33	34	8	4.01(.98)
<b>The university would take action to address factors that may have led to the incident of dating or domestic violence.</b>							
All	2	10	19	40	20	8	3.72(1.01)

<sup>12</sup> The White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault (2014). *Not Alone Report*. Retrieved from <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/protecting-students-sexual-assault>

	Very Unlikely (1) %	Unlikely (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Likely (4) %	Very Likely (5) %	Missing %	M (SD)
Graduate women	3	13	20	38	16	10	3.58(1.04)
Graduate men	3	8	16	36	30	8	3.88(1.06)
Undergraduate women	2	10	19	42	18	8	3.71(.97)
Undergraduate men	3	8	17	39	27	7	3.84(1.03)
<b>The university would handle the report fairly.</b>							
All	2	5	23	41	20	8	3.80(.92)
Graduate women	1	6	28	37	18	10	3.73(.89)
Graduate men	2	4	16	41	29	8	3.97(.95)
Undergraduate women	1	6	23	44	18	8	3.78(.88)
Undergraduate men	3	5	21	39	26	7	3.86(.98)

\*This is a negatively worded item. It was reverse scored for calculating the mean and standard deviation.

**Table 37. Perceived University Responsiveness to Individual Reporting Dating Violence: Composite Scores**

	All (n=2976)	Graduate Women (n=409)	Graduate Men (n=173)	Undergraduate Women (n=1605)	Undergraduate Men (n=728)
Mean	3.91	3.81	4.07	3.89	3.99
Standard Deviation	.77	.80	.83	.73	.83
Missing %	8	10	8	8	7

Note. Reliability for the scale was .92 across the entire sample.

## PERCEIVED STUDENT SUPPORTIVENESS TO DATING VIOLENCE

Students responded to three questions in order to gauge how supportive they think their fellow students are regarding dating violence. These questions mirrored those asked about sexual violence (see [Part II](#)). Although the items are negatively worded in this scale, responses were reverse-coded so that higher scores correspond with more positive views of student supportiveness. Responses to each question are presented in Table 38; mean scores across all seven questions are presented in Table 39.

**Table 38. Perceived Student Supportiveness of Individual Reporting Dating Violence**

	Very Unlikely (1) %	Unlikely (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Likely (4) %	Very Likely (5) %	Missing %	M(SD)
<b>Students would label the person making the report a troublemaker.</b>							
All	13	34	25	17	4	8	3.40(1.06)
Graduate Women	13	30	26	18	3	10	3.33(1.07)
Graduate Men	14	31	29	15	4	8	3.41(1.05)
Undergraduate Women	12	36	24	17	3	8	3.41(1.04)
Undergraduate Men	15	33	25	15	4	7	3.44(1.08)

**Students would have a hard time supporting the person who made the report.**

All	14	37	25	13	3	8	3.50(1.03)
Graduate Women	12	31	30	14	3	10	3.39(1.01)
Graduate Men	15	33	28	15	2	8	3.47(1.01)
Undergraduate Women	14	40	23	13	3	8	3.52(1.01)
Undergraduate Men	18	34	26	10	5	7	3.55(1.07)
<b>The alleged offender(s) or their friends would try to get back at the person who made the report.</b>							
All	7	16	33	29	7	8	2.85(1.03)
Graduate Women	7	14	32	31	6	10	2.83(1.04)
Graduate Men	9	16	33	29	5	8	2.96(1.05)
Undergraduate Women	6	17	32	30	8	8	2.82(1.03)
Undergraduate Men	9	16	37	26	5	7	2.95(1.02)

**Table 39. Perceived Student Supportiveness of Individuals Reporting Dating Violence**

	All (n=2976)	Graduate Women (n=409)	Graduate Men (n=173)	Undergraduate Women (n=1605)	Undergraduate Men (n=728)
Mean	3.25	3.18	3.28	3.25	3.31
Standard Deviation	.87	.87	.87	.85	.89
Missing %	8	10	8	8	7

Note. Reliability for the scale was .78 across the entire sample.

## EFFICACY

Survey participants rated their agreement with six statements. These statements were created to gauge how confident students on campus are that they would know what to do if they or a friend experienced dating violence. Responses to each statement are presented in Table 40.

**Table 40. Efficacy in the Event of Dating Violence**

	Strongly Disagree (1) %	Disagree (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Agree (4) %	Strongly Agree (5) %	Missing %	M(SD)
<b>If I or a friend experienced dating or domestic violence, I would know where to get help on Rutgers' campus.</b>							
All (n=2976)	5	19	13	37	17	9	3.47(1.16)
Graduate Women (n=409)	8	25	15	29	14	9	3.19(1.24)
Graduate Men (n=173)	3	24	13	31	18	10	3.40(1.19)
Undergraduate Women (n=1605)	3	17	11	41	18	10	3.59(1.11)
Undergraduate Men (n=728)	6	18	18	34	16	8	3.40(1.16)
<b>If a friend or I experienced dating or domestic violence, I know where to get help off Rutgers' campus.</b>							
All (n=2976)	6	25	17	31	12	9	3.21(1.16)
Graduate Women (n=409)	6	21	14	36	13	9	3.32(1.17)
Graduate Men (n=173)	3	21	20	28	18	10	3.43(1.15)
Undergraduate Women (n=1605)	5	29	16	30	10	10	3.12(1.16)
Undergraduate Men (n=728)	6	18	22	31	14	8	3.32(1.15)
<b>I am aware of and understand Rutgers' procedures for dealing with reported incidents of dating or domestic violence.</b>							
All (n=2976)	7	26	20	27	11	9	3.10(1.17)



	Strongly Disagree (1) %	Disagree (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Agree (4) %	Strongly Agree (5) %	Missing %	M(SD)
Graduate Women (n=409)	10	29	20	24	8	10	2.89(1.17)
Graduate Men (n=173)	7	24	20	25	13	10	3.15(1.20)
Undergraduate Women (n=1605)	6	26	19	28	11	10	3.14(1.15)
Undergraduate Men (n=728)	8	22	22	27	13	8	3.15(1.20)
<b>At Rutgers, I know what services are available for people who experience dating or domestic violence.</b>							
All (n=2976)	5	17	15	38	15	10	3.46(1.14)
Graduate Women (n=409)	8	25	16	28	12	10	3.12(1.23)
Graduate Men (n=173)	7	22	17	30	14	10	3.24(1.20)
Undergraduate Women (n=1605)	3	14	14	42	17	10	3.61(1.07)
Undergraduate Men (n=728)	6	18	19	35	15	8	3.39(1.15)
<b>At Rutgers, students who are accused of perpetrating dating or domestic violence are treated fairly.</b>							
All (n=2976)	2	7	46	27	8	9	3.36(.84)
Graduate Women (n=409)	2	6	52	23	6	10	3.27(.78)
Graduate Men (n=173)	3	3	47	29	8	10	3.40(.82)
Undergraduate Women (n=1605)	1	6	45	30	7	10	3.38(.80)
Undergraduate Men (n=728)	4	8	43	25	12	8	3.36(.95)
<b>At Rutgers, when an accused student is found responsible for dating or domestic violence, appropriate disciplinary action is taken.</b>							
All (n=2976)	2	6	38	32	12	9	3.50(.89)
Graduate Women (n=409)	2	6	46	28	9	10	3.39(.82)
Graduate Men (n=173)	2	4	35	31	17	10	3.64(.93)
Undergraduate Women (n=1605)	2	7	38	33	10	10	3.47(.87)
Undergraduate Men (n=728)	3	5	33	35	17	8	3.63(.95)

## EXPOSURE TO MESSAGES ABOUT DATING VIOLENCE

Participants were asked whether they had received any information about dating violence before coming to Rutgers-New Brunswick; if they had, they were asked whether they had received that information from one of 10 different sources (e.g., education program in high school, health care provider, etc). The percentage of students who had received any information about dating violence before Rutgers, as well as the percentage that received the information from each specific source, are presented in Table 41.

**Table 41. Exposure to Messages about Dating Violence before Rutgers University–New Brunswick**

	All (n=2976) %	Graduate Women (n=409) %	Graduate Men (n=173) %	Undergraduate Women (n=1605) %	Undergraduate Men (n=728) %
Received any messages before attending Rutgers	59	58	49	62	54

	All (n=2976) %	Graduate Women (n=409) %	Graduate Men (n=173) %	Undergraduate Women (n=1605) %	Undergraduate Men (n=728) %
Education program in high school	48	33	30	54	49
Education program in middle school	20	12	10	24	21
Discussion with family	28	26	25	31	24
Discussion with friends	37	37	31	41	30
Social Media	43	40	29	49	34
Media	40	38	29	43	35
Employer	11	22	25	8	10
Health Care Provider	10	13	7	11	7
Previous College/University	14	40	28	8	8
Military	2	1	4	1	2
Other	1	3	<1	<1	<1
<i>Missing</i>	9	9	10	10	8

Note. Participants could select more than one source.

## **DATING VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION**

To assess dating violence victimization, a series of questions were asked about whether students had experienced various types of dating violence since coming to Rutgers. These questions were only asked of students who indicated that they had been romantically involved with someone (e.g., dating, hooking up, married to, living with, etc). Students who indicated at least one experience of dating violence since coming to Rutgers were asked a series of follow-up questions about the perpetrator, bystander responses, whether they disclosed the incident to anyone, and the perceived helpfulness of campus resources. In addition, students were asked how many of their peers had disclosed an experience of dating violence to them and how they perceived their ability to help their peers.

Four types of dating violence were measured by asking participants whether they had experienced 52 different behaviors: 1) Physical dating violence, 2) Psychological dating violence, 3) Digital dating violence (i.e., using the internet or a cellphone to engage in dating violence), and 4) Financial abuse. A legal expert reviewed each behavior to determine whether it met the criteria of either a violation of the student code of conduct and/or a Title IX violation. Some behaviors met this criteria if they happened at least once (e.g., my partner kicked me) whereas others required a pattern of abuse (e.g., my partner damaged something that belonged to me). One behavior (“my partner threatened to start dating someone else”) was determined not to meet the criteria of dating abuse. For a complete list of the 52 items and the criteria please see Appendix.

A factor analysis was used to collapse the 16 different physical dating violence items into three subgroups: mild (e.g., scratched me), moderate (e.g., pushed, grabbed, or shoved me), and severe physical dating violence (e.g., assaulted me with a gun or knife). The number and percentage of participants who experienced any of these three types, as well as any physical dating violence at

all, are presented in Table 42. The number and percentage for each item are presented in Table 43.

A factor analysis was used to collapse the 14 different psychological dating violence items into three subgroups: emotional (e.g., said things to hurt my feelings on purpose), physical threats (e.g., threatened to hurt me), and control (e.g., would not let me do things with other people). The number and percentage of participants who experienced any of these three types, as well as any psychological dating violence at all, are presented in Table 42. The number and percentage for each item are presented in Table 44.

Experiences of digital dating abuse were also divided into three subcategories: sexual coercion (e.g., pressured me to sext), direct aggression (e.g., sent a mean or hurtful public message about me that others can see using social media), and monitoring/control (e.g., used the internet or cell phone to monitor my whereabouts and activities). The number and percentage of participants who experienced any of these three types, as well as any digital dating violence at all, are presented in Table 42. The number and percentage for each item are presented in Table 45.

Finally, participants were asked three questions about financial abuse since coming to Rutgers; number and percentage of participants who experienced any of the three types of financial abuse are presented in Table 42. The number and percentage for each item are presented in Table 46.

**Table 42. Experiences of At Least One Incident of Dating Violence: Presented By Type and Subtype**

	All (n=2102)		Graduate Women (n=318)		Graduate Men (n=106)		Undergraduate Women (n=1154)		Undergraduate Men (n=471)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Any physical dating violence</b>	437	21	50	16	18	17	247	21	111	24
Mild	304	15	29	9	16	15	153	13	99	21
Moderate	292	14	37	12	6	6	188	16	54	12
Severe	45	2	6	2	1	<1	23	2	13	3
<b>Any psychological dating violence</b>	676	32	97	31	27	26	394	34	142	30
Emotional	606	29	97	29	24	23	357	31	122	26
Physical threats	143	7	18	6	7	7	74	6	41	9
Control	282	13	29	9	11	10	168	15	69	15
<b>Any digital violence</b>	793	38	95	30	23	22	499	43	160	34
Sexual Coercion	484	23	60	19	6	6	342	30	68	14
Direct aggression	341	16	41	13	11	10	209	18	76	16
Monitoring/control	450	21	56	18	14	13	265	23	104	22
<b>Any financial abuse</b>	144	7	16	5	9	9	77	7	40	9

## Experiences of Physical Dating Violence

A validated measure of physical dating violence<sup>13</sup> was used to assess students' experiences of physical dating violence since coming to Rutgers. Students were asked whether they had experienced any of 16 types of physical dating violence which were instigated by the other person (in other words, they were instructed not to count incidents that the other person did in self-defense). Frequencies for each of the 16 items are presented in Table 43.

**Table 43. Experiences of Physical Dating Violence**

	Never (0) %	Once (1 time) %	Sometimes (2-5 times) %	Often (6+ times) %	Missing %
<b>Scatched me</b>					
All	91	3	1	<1	4
Graduate Women	94	<1	<1	<1	5
Graduate Men	87	4	<1	0	9
Undergraduate Women	93	3	1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	86	6	3	2	4
<b>Slapped me</b>					
All	89	4	2	<1	4
Graduate Women	92	2	<1	<1	5
Graduate Men	84	7	0	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	91	3	2	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	86	5	5	1	3
<b>Physically twisted my arm</b>					
All	92	2	1	<1	4
Graduate Women	92	3	<1	<1	5
Graduate Men	92	0	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	92	3	2	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	93	2	<1	<1	4
<b>Slammed me or held me against my will</b>					
All	90	3	2	<1	4
Graduate Women	90	3	2	<1	5
Graduate Men	91	<1	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	89	5	3	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	94	1	1	<1	3
<b>Kicked me</b>					
All	94	1	<1	<1	4
Graduate Women	95	0	0	0	5
Graduate Men	86	4	<1	0	9
Undergraduate Women	95	<1	<1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	91	2	2	<1	4
<b>Bent my fingers</b>					

<sup>13</sup> Foshee, V. A., Bauman, K. E., Arriaga, X. B., Helms, R. W., Koch, G. G., & Linder, G. F. (1998). An evaluation of Safe Dates, an adolescent dating violence prevention program. *American Journal of Public Health, 88*(1), 45-50.

	Never (0) %	Once (1 time) %	Sometimes (2-5 times) %	Often (6+ times) %	Missing %
All	94	1	<1	<1	4
Graduate Women	94	<1	<1	0	5
Graduate Men	91	0	<1	0	9
Undergraduate Women	94	2	<1	<2	4
Undergraduate Men	93	2	1	<1	3
<b>Bit me</b>					
All	90	3	3	<1	4
Graduate Women	91	3	2	<1	5
Graduate Men	88	2	2	0	9
Undergraduate Women	91	3	2	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	87	4	4	2	3
<b>Tried to choke me or choked me</b>					
All	90	3	2	<1	4
Graduate Women	92	2	<1	<1	5
Graduate Men	91	0	<1	0	9
Undergraduate Women	90	5	2	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	92	2	1	<1	4
<b>Pushed, grabbed, or shoved me</b>					
All	86	5	3	1	4
Graduate Women	88	5	2	<1	5
Graduate Men	86	3	2	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	85	6	4	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	88	4	4	1	3
<b>Dumped me out of a car</b>					
All	95	<1	<1	<1	4
Graduate Women	94	<1	0	<1	5
Graduate Men	91	<1	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	95	1	<1	0	4
Undergraduate Men	94	<1	<1	0	4
<b>Threw something at me that hit me</b>					
All	92	2	2	<1	4
Graduate Women	94	<1	0	<1	5
Graduate Men	85	4	2	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	92	3	1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	91	2	3	<1	4
<b>Burned me</b>					
All	95	<1	<1	0	5
Graduate Women	95	<1	0	0	5
Graduate Men	92	0	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	96	<1	<1	0	4
Undergraduate Men	95	<1	<1	0	4
<b>Hit me with a fist</b>					
All	94	1	<1	<1	4
Graduate Women	94	<1	<1	0	5
Graduate Men	87	3	<1	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	95	<1	<1	<1	4

	Never (0) %	Once (1 time) %	Sometimes (2-5 times) %	Often (6+ times) %	Missing %
Undergraduate Men	92	3	2	<1	4
<b>Hit me with something hard besides a fist</b>					
All	94	1	<1	<1	4
Graduate Women	94	<1	<1	<1	5
Graduate Men	89	<1	2	0	9
Undergraduate Women	95	<1	<1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	93	2	1	<1	4
<b>Beat me up</b>					
All	95	<1	<1	<1	4
Graduate Women	94	<1	0	0	5
Graduate Men	92	0	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	95	<1	<1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	95	<1	<1	<1	4
<b>Assaulted me with a gun or knife</b>					
All	95	<1	<1	0	5
Graduate Women	95	0	0	0	5
Graduate Men	92	0	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	95	<1	<1	0	4
Undergraduate Men	95	<1	<1	0	4

### *Experiences of Psychological Dating Violence*

A validated measure of psychological dating violence<sup>14</sup> was used to assess students' experiences of psychological violence since coming to Rutgers. Students were asked whether they had experienced any of 14 types of psychological dating violence. Frequencies for each of the 14 items are presented in Table 44.

**Table 444. Experiences of Psychological Dating Violence**

	Never (0) %	Once (1 time) %	Sometimes (2-5 times) %	Often (6+ times) %	Missing %
<b>Damaged something that belonged to me</b>					
All	87	6	2	<1	4
Graduate Women	89	4	3	<1	4
Graduate Men	82	7	3	0	9
Undergraduate Women	88	7	2	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	87	6	3	<1	3
<b>Said things to hurt my feelings on purpose</b>					
All	64	12	15	5	4
Graduate Women	60	11	18	6	5
Graduate Men	64	9	15	3	9

<sup>14</sup> Foshee, V. A., Bauman, K. E., Arriaga, X. B., Helms, R. W., Koch, G. G., & Linder, G. F. (1998). An evaluation of Safe Dates, an adolescent dating violence prevention program. *American Journal of Public Health, 88*(1), 45-50.

	Never (0) %	Once (1 time) %	Sometimes (2-5 times) %	Often (6+ times) %	Missing %
Undergraduate Women	61	14	15	6	4
Undergraduate Men	71	10	13	3	3
<b>Insulted me in front of others</b>					
All	78	8	8	2	4
Graduate Women	79	8	7	<1	5
Graduate Men	78	8	4	2	9
Undergraduate Women	77	9	8	2	4
Undergraduate Men	78	7	10	2	3
<b>Threw something at me but missed</b>					
All	91	3	2	<1	4
Graduate Women	94	1	<1	<1	4
Graduate Men	85	3	3	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	92	3	2	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	88	5	3	2	3
<b>Would not let me do things with other people</b>					
All	81	6	7	3	4
Graduate Women	84	6	3	3	4
Graduate Men	82	2	6	2	9
Undergraduate Women	80	6	7	3	4
Undergraduate Men	81	5	7	3	3
<b>Threatened to start dating someone else</b>					
All	88	4	3	1	4
Graduate Women	90	3	3	<1	4
Graduate Men	87	2	2	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	88	4	2	2	4
Undergraduate Men	86	5	4	1	3
<b>Told me I could not talk to a person who is of the gender I date</b>					
All	83	6	5	3	4
Graduate Women	86	4	4	2	4
Graduate Men	80	6	2	4	9
Undergraduate Women	82	6	5	4	4
Undergraduate Men	83	5	6	3	3
<b>Started to hit me but stopped</b>					
All	92	2	1	<1	4
Graduate Women	93	1	<1	<1	4
Graduate Men	86	3	2	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	93	2	1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	92	3	2	<1	3
<b>Did something purposefully to make me jealous</b>					
All	76	9	9	2	4
Graduate Women	82	5	6	3	4
Graduate Men	86	2	4	0	9
Undergraduate Women	74	10	10	2	4
Undergraduate Men	76	9	10	3	3
<b>Blamed me for bad things they did</b>					
All	77	7	8	4	4

	Never (0) %	Once (1 time) %	Sometimes (2-5 times) %	Often (6+ times) %	Missing %
Graduate Women	78	6	8	4	4
Graduate Men	82	2	5	3	9
Undergraduate Women	76	8	8	5	4
Undergraduate Men	81	7	7	3	3
<b>Threatened to hurt me</b>					
All	92	2	1	<1	4
Graduate Women	93	2	<1	<1	4
Graduate Men	89	0	2	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	92	2	1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	91	3	2	<1	4
<b>Made me describe where I was every minute of the day</b>					
All	88	3	3	2	4
Graduate Women	92	2	<1	2	4
Graduate Men	86	0	4	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	86	4	4	2	4
Undergraduate Men	87	4	4	2	3
<b>Brought up something from the past to hurt me</b>					
All	74	9	10	4	4
Graduate Women	74	8	11	4	4
Graduate Men	74	9	5	4	9
Undergraduate Women	72	9	10	5	4
Undergraduate Men	78	8	9	3	3
<b>Put down my looks</b>					
All	83	6	6	2	4
Graduate Women	84	5	4	2	4
Graduate Men	84	3	3	2	9
Undergraduate Women	80	7	7	2	4
Undergraduate Men	88	3	4	2	3

### *Experiences of Digital Dating Violence*

A validated measure of digital dating violence<sup>15</sup> was used to assess students' experiences of dating violence perpetrated through the internet or a cell phone since coming to Rutgers. Students were asked whether they had experienced any of 19 types of digital dating violence. Frequencies for each of the 19 items are presented in Table 45.

<sup>15</sup> Reed, L. A., Tolman, R. M., & Ward, L. M. (2016). Snooping and Sexting: Digital Media as a Context for Dating Aggression and Abuse Among College Students. *Violence Against Women*, 22(13), 1556-1576. doi:10.1177/1077801216630143



**Table 45. Experiences of Digital Dating Violence**

<b>Since coming to Rutgers, how often has a person you've dated/ been romantically involved with done the following things to you using the internet or a cell phone:</b>					
	Never (0) %	Once (1 time) %	Sometimes (2-5 times) %	Often (6+ times) %	Missing %
<b>Pressured me to sext</b>					
All	79	7	7	3	4
Graduate Women	82	6	5	3	5
Graduate Men	86	2	3	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	75	8	10	4	3
Undergraduate Men	87	5	4	1	3
<b>Sent a sexual text or naked photo of himself/herself/themselves to me that I did not want</b>					
All	84	5	5	2	4
Graduate Women	87	5	4	<1	4
Graduate Men	90	<1	0	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	80	6	7	3	4
Undergraduate Men	90	2	3	1	3
<b>Sent a sexual text or naked photo or video of me to others without my permission</b>					
All	93	2	<1	<1	4
Graduate Women	93	2	<1	0	4
Graduate Men	92	0	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	94	2	<1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	94	2	<1	<1	3
<b>Shared an embarrassing photo or video of me with others without permission</b>					
All	89	4	3	<1	4
Graduate Women	91	3	2	0	4
Graduate Men	86	5	0	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	89	4	3	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	89	4	4	<1	3
<b>Used the internet or cell phone to pressure me to have sex or do other sexual activities</b>					
All	89	2	4	1	4
Graduate Women	90	2	3	<1	5
Graduate Men	89	0	2	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	87	3	5	2	4
Undergraduate Men	93	2	2	<1	3
<b>Sent a mean or hurtful PRIVATE message</b>					
All	81	5	7	3	4
Graduate Women	82	4	6	3	5
Graduate Men	84	0	6	2	9
Undergraduate Women	79	7	7	3	4
Undergraduate Men	84	5	6	2	4
<b>Posted a mean or hurtful PUBLIC message about me that others can see using social media</b>					
All	93	2	1	<1	4
Graduate Women	93	<1	2	0	5
Graduate Men	90	2	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	93	2	1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	92	2	2	<1	4
<b>Used the internet or cell phone to spread a rumor about me</b>					

**Since coming to Rutgers, how often has a person you've dated/ been romantically involved with done the following things to you using the internet or a cell phone:**

	Never (0) %	Once (1 time) %	Sometimes (2-5 times) %	Often (6+ times) %	Missing %
All	92	2	1	<1	4
Graduate Women	91	<1	2	<1	5
Graduate Men	92	0	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	93	2	1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	92	3	1	<1	4
<b>Used the internet or cell phone to send me a threatening message</b>					
All	92	2	1	<1	4
Graduate Women	91	1	1	1	5
Graduate Men	90	2	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	92	2	2	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	93	2	1	<1	3
<b>Pressured me to respond quickly to calls, texts, or other messages</b>					
All	77	5	10	4	4
Graduate Women	83	3	7	3	5
Graduate Men	77	4	5	6	9
Undergraduate Women	76	6	10	4	4
Undergraduate Men	77	5	10	5	3
<b>Used the internet or cell phone to monitor my whereabouts and activities</b>					
All	85	3	5	3	4
Graduate Women	88	2	3	2	5
Graduate Men	85	2	2	3	9
Undergraduate Women	84	3	6	3	4
Undergraduate Men	84	4	5	3	3
<b>Used the internet or cell phone to threaten to harm me physically</b>					
All	94	1	<1	<1	4
Graduate Women	94	<1	<1	<1	5
Graduate Men	92	0	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	94	1	<1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	94	1	<1	<1	4
<b>Sent so many messages (like texts, chats) that it made me feel uncomfortable</b>					
All	81	5	7	3	4
Graduate Women	83	4	5	4	5
Graduate Men	84	4	<1	3	9
Undergraduate Women	79	6	9	3	4
Undergraduate Men	84	7	3	2	4
<b>Used the internet or cell phone to monitor who I talk to or who I am friends with</b>					
All	87	3	4	2	4
Graduate Women	88	1	3	2	5
Graduate Men	84	3	3	2	9
Undergraduate Women	87	3	4	2	4
Undergraduate Men	87	3	4	2	4
<b>Pressured me for passwords to access my cell phone or online accounts</b>					
All	90	3	2	1	5
Graduate Women	92	2	1	<1	5

<b>Since coming to Rutgers, how often has a person you've dated/ been romantically involved with done the following things to you using the internet or a cell phone:</b>					
	Never (0) %	Once (1 time) %	Sometimes (2-5 times) %	Often (6+ times) %	Missing %
Graduate Men	86	4	<1	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	89	3	3	1	4
Undergraduate Men	90	5	<1	1	4
<b>Used my cell phone or online account to pretend they were me</b>					
All	93	1	<1	<1	5
Graduate Women	94	<1	0	<1	5
Graduate Men	91	0	0	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	93	2	<1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	93	2	1	<1	4
<b>Looked at my private information (text messages, emails, etc.) to check up on me without my permission</b>					
All	85	5	4	2	5
Graduate Women	86	5	3	1	5
Graduate Men	80	8	<1	3	9
Undergraduate Women	85	5	4	2	4
Undergraduate Men	85	5	4	2	5
<b>Used information from my social networking site(s) to tease me or put me down</b>					
All	89	4	2	<1	5
Graduate Women	89	4	<1	<1	6
Graduate Men	88	4	0	0	9
Undergraduate Women	89	4	2	1	5
Undergraduate Men	88	3	3	<1	5
<b>Pressured me to share my location using social media (such as a Snapchat)</b>					
All	90	3	2	1	5
Graduate Women	91	1	2	<1	6
Graduate Men	88	0	2	0	10
Undergraduate Women	90	3	2	1	4
Undergraduate Men	88	5	2	<1	5

### ***Experiences of Financial Abuse***

Finally, participants were asked three questions about financial abuse since coming to Rutgers; these questions were adapted from a validated scale.<sup>16</sup> Frequencies for each of the three items are presented in Table 46.

<sup>16</sup> Postmus, J., Plummer, S., & Stiylianou, A. (2015). Measuring Economic Abuse in the Lives of Survivors: Revising the Scale of Economic Abuse. *Violence Against Women*, 22 (6) 692-703.

**Table 46. Experiences of Financial Abuse**

Since coming to Rutgers, how often has a person you've dated/ been romantically involved with done the following things to you:					
	Never (0) %	Once (1 time) %	Sometimes (2-5 times) %	Often (6+ times) %	Missing %
<b>Built up debt under my name by doing things like using my credit card or running up the cell phone bill</b>					
All	94	<1	1	<1	4
Graduate Women	93	<1	2	<1	4
Graduate Men	88	<1	2	<1	9
Undergraduate Women	95	<1	<1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	95	2	<1	<1	3
<b>Demanded to know how money was spent</b>					
All	92	2	2	<1	4
Graduate Women	92	2	2	<1	4
Graduate Men	85	<1	4	2	9
Undergraduate Women	94	1	1	<1	4
Undergraduate Men	89	4	2	<1	4
<b>Did things to keep me from going to my job or my classes</b>					
All	86	5	4	1	4
Graduate Women	92	1	2	<1	4
Graduate Men	88	<1	3	0	9
Undergraduate Women	85	6	4	1	4
Undergraduate Men	83	5	6	1	5

**Perpetrators of Dating Violence**

Students were asked to think about the one experience of dating violence that had the greatest effect on them and then answered several questions about this incident.

Table 47 presents information on the perpetrator of the most significant experience of dating violence, including the perpetrator's gender, student status, and relationship to the victim.

**Table 47. Characteristics of Perpetrators of Most Serious Incident of Dating Violence**

	All Survivors (n=1321)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=184)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=53)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=763)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=294)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Perpetrator's Gender</b>										
Man	941	71	169	92	6	11	714	94	37	13
Woman	327	25	6	3	41	77	28	4	242	82
Transgender Man, Transgender Woman, Non- binary, I don't know, or other	36	3	7	4	2	4	16	2	9	3

	All Survivors (n=1321)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=184)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=53)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=763)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=294)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<i>Missing</i>	17	1	2	1	4	8	5	<1	6	2
<b>Perpetrator's Student Status</b>										
Current Rutgers Student	661	50	43	23	16	30	415	54	175	60
Not a current Rutgers Student	602	46	136	74	32	60	320	42	100	34
Don't Know	37	3	4	2	1	2	21	3	10	3
<i>Missing</i>	21	2	1	<1	4	8	7	<1	9	3
<b>Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim</b>										
Current romantic partner	509	39	93	51	25	47	268	35	115	39
Ex-romantic partner	352	27	41	22	4	8	216	28	85	29
Casual acquaintance/hookup	251	19	23	13	7	13	174	23	39	13
Another	189	14	25	14	13	25	98	13	48	16
<i>Missing</i>	20	2	2	1	4	8	7	<1	7	2

## BYSTANDER RESPONSE TO DATING VIOLENCE

Participants were asked whether anyone saw what happened during the most significant experience of dating violence and if yes, how many people saw the incident (see table 48).

**Table 48. Bystander Response to Most Serious Incident of Dating Violence**

Was there anyone who saw what happened to you?	Yes		If yes, how many people? M(SD)	No		<i>Missing</i>	
	n	%		n	%	n	%
All Survivors (n=1321)	182	14	2.92(1.67)	1112	84	27	2
Graduate Women Survivors (n=184)	27	15	2.78(1.81)	154	84	3	2
Graduate Men Survivors (n=53)	4	8	3.50(1.00)	45	85	4	8
Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=763)	113	15	2.73(1.65)	639	84	11	1
Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=294)	35	12	3.51(1.63)	250	85	9	3

Note. Response options for how many people were: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or more. Small sample sizes prevented analysis of follow-up questions about bystanders' actions.

## DISCLOSURE AND ACCESSING RESOURCES

Students who reported at least one incident of dating violence were asked whether they had told anyone about the most serious incident. The number and percentage of students who told someone about the most serious incident of dating violence, as well as the number and percentage that filed a formal complaint, are presented in Table 49. Students who indicated that they had told someone about the incident were asked how long before they reported the incident. Numbers and percentages for each time frame (e.g., within the first 24 hours, within the first week) are presented in Table 50.

**Table 49. Disclosure of Dating Violence**

	All Survivors (n=1321)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=184)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=53)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=763)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=294)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Did you tell anyone about the [most serious] incident?</b>										
Yes	486	37	79	43	7	13	318	42	70	24
No	808	61	102	55	42	79	434	57	215	73
Missing	27	2	3	2	4	8	11	1	9	3
<b>Did you file a formal complaint?</b>										
Yes	14	1	4	2	-	-	10	1	-	-
No	1267	96	177	96	49	93	732	96	282	96
Missing	40	3	3	2	4	8	21	3	12	4

\*Percentages in this row do not add up to 100 percent as they are rounded to the nearest percent

**Table 50. Time to Report Dating Violence**

	All Survivors Who Disclosed (n=486)		Graduate Women Survivors Who Disclosed (n=79)		Graduate Men Survivors Who Disclosed (n=7)		Undergraduate Women Survivors Who Disclosed (n=318)		Undergraduate Men Survivors Who Disclosed (n=70)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Within the first 24 hours	234	48	31	39	2	29	156	49	36	51
Within one week	108	22	21	27	2	29	69	22	15	21
Within one month	56	12	8	10	1	14	36	11	10	14
Within one year	51	11	10	13	2	29	32	10	6	9
More than a year	27	6	7	9	-	-	19	6	1	1
Missing	10	2	2	3	-	-	6	2	2	3

### *To Whom Did Survivors Disclose Dating Violence*

Students were presented with a list of 22 possible resources to whom they might have disclosed. There were nine off campus or informal resources (e.g., friend or peer at Rutgers) and 13 campus resources (e.g., Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance). The number and percentage of survivors who disclosed to each resource is presented in Table 51.

**Table 51. To Whom Did Survivors Disclose Dating Violence**

	All Survivors (n=1321)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=184)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=53)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=763)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=294)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Off-Campus or Informal</b>										
Friend or peer at Rutgers	364	28	41	22	1	2	258	34	55	19
Friend or peer NOT at Rutgers	335	25	56	30	6	11	219	29	44	15
Romantic partner at Rutgers	121	9	8	4	-	-	97	13	15	5
Romantic partner NOT at Rutgers	78	6	24	13	2	4	40	5	6	2
Family member	146	11	26	14	3	6	89	12	24	8
Healthcare provider NOT at Rutgers	11	<1	5	3	-	-	6	<1	-	-
Religious leader NOT at Rutgers	7	<1	2	1	-	-	3	<1	2	<1
Therapist/Counselor NOT at Rutgers	63	5	21	11	1	2	37	5	2	<1
Another person NOT at Rutgers	10	<1	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-
<b>Campus Resources</b>										
On-campus counselor/therapist	62	5	8	4	-	-	40	5	8	3
Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA)	30	2	4	2	-	-	23	3	-	-
Religious leader at Rutgers	13	1	2	1	-	-	10	1	1	<1
Rutgers Student Health	16	1	5	3	-	-	11	1	-	-
Rutgers University Police Department	10	<1	2	1	-	-	7	<1	1	<1
Resident Advisor (RA) or Residential Life staff	15	1	1	<1	-	-	13	2	1	<1
Rutgers Human Resources	1	<1	1	<1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Student Conduct	4	<1	1	<1	-	-	3	<1	-	-
Rutgers field instructor/intern supervisor	6	<1	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rutgers Office of Student Affairs Compliance & Title IX	6	<1	1	<1	-	-	5	<1	-	-
Rutgers Athletic Coach	2	<1	-	-	-	-	2	<1	-	-

	All Survivors (n=1321)		Graduate Women Survivors (n=184)		Graduate Men Survivors (n=53)		Undergraduate Women Survivors (n=763)		Undergraduate Men Survivors (n=294)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Rutgers faculty/staff	22	2	6	3	-	-	12	2	2	<1
Another person at Rutgers	10	<1	2	1	-	-	7	<1	1	<1

Note. Participants could select more than one disclosure resource.

### ***Usefulness of Disclosure Resources***

Survivors who indicated using a particular disclosure resource were asked whether that resource's response made things better, made things worse, or had no effect at all. The number and percentage of survivors who gave each response for off-campus or informal disclosure sources is presented in Table 52; campus resources are presented in Table 53. Numbers and percentages are presented for the entire sample but not by subgroup because of the low number of participants that were asked the questions about the usefulness of a particular resource.

**Table 52. Perceived Efficacy of Off-Campus/Informal Disclosure Sources Among Those Who Disclosed to Source**

	<b>Did their response:</b>							
	Make things better		Make things worse		Have no effect at all		<i>Missing</i>	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Friend or peer at Rutgers	236	65	17	5	111	31	-	-
Friend or peer NOT at Rutgers	217	65	8	2	108	32	2	<1
Romantic partner at Rutgers	70	58	5	4	46	38	-	-
Romantic partner NOT at Rutgers	51	65	3	4	24	31	-	-
Family member	95	65	15	10	36	25	-	-
Health care provider NOT at Rutgers	6	55	2	18	3	27	-	-
Religious leader NOT at Rutgers	7	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Therapist/counselor NOT at Rutgers	43	68	-	-	20	32	-	-
Another person NOT at Rutgers	7	70	-	-	3	30	-	-

**Table 53. Perceived Efficacy of On-Campus Disclosure Sources Among Those Who Disclosed to Source**

	<b>Did their response:</b>							
	Make things better		Make things worse		Have no effect at all		<i>Missing</i>	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Rutgers Student Health	7	44	1	6	8	50	-	-
On-campus counselor/therapist	37	60	4	7	21	34	-	-



<b>Did their response:</b>								
	Make things better		Make things worse		Have no effect at all		<i>Missing</i>	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Rutgers faculty/staff	15	68	2	9	5	23	-	-
Rutgers University Police Department	4	40	3	30	3	30	-	-
Office of Student Conduct	-	-	1	25	3	75	-	-
Rutgers Athletic Coach	1	50	1	50	-	-	-	-
Religious leader at Rutgers	9	69	1	8	2	15	1	7
Rutgers field instructor/intern supervisor	5	83	-	-	1	17	-	-
Rutgers Office of Student Affairs Compliance and Title IX	1	17	1	17	4	67	-	-
Resident Advisor (RA) or Residence Life staff	11	73	-	-	4	27	-	-
Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA)	19	63	-	-	11	37	-	-
Rutgers Human Resources	-	-	1	100	-	-	-	-
Another person at Rutgers	5	50	-	-	5	50	-	-

### ***Reasons Students Did Not Disclose***

Survivors who indicated that they did not disclose the most significant incident of dating violence were asked why they did not disclose. These survivors were presented with a list possible reasons. The number and percentage of survivors who did not disclose for each reason is presented in Table 54.

**Table 54. Reasons for Nondisclosure of Dating Violence**

	All Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=808)		Graduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=102)		Graduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=42)		Undergraduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=434)		Undergraduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=215)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
It is a private matter; I wanted to deal with it on my own	534	66	67	66	31	74	301	69	125	58
Didn't think what happened was serious enough to talk about	431	53	67	66	16	38	235	54	103	48
Didn't think others would understand	169	21	24	24	5	12	111	26	27	13

	All Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=808)		Graduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=102)		Graduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=42)		Undergraduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=434)		Undergraduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=215)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
I thought I would be blamed for what happened	101	13	8	8	4	10	70	16	18	8
Didn't think others would think it was serious	235	29	34	33	4	10	141	33	52	24
Fear of not being believed	68	8	3	3	1	2	51	12	13	6
Ashamed/embarrassed	132	16	20	20	3	7	93	21	14	7
It would feel like an admission of failure	78	10	9	9	4	10	51	12	13	6
I didn't want others to worry about me	228	28	22	22	7	17	151	35	44	21
Had other things I needed to focus on and was concerned about	281	35	32	31	10	24	182	42	55	26
Didn't want the person who did it to get in trouble	165	20	17	17	9	21	102	24	30	14
I feared others would harass me or react negatively toward me	63	8	6	6	3	7	42	10	11	5
Thought people would try to tell me what to do	125	16	17	17	4	10	82	19	21	10
Fear the person who did it would try to get back at me	75	9	4	4	2	5	51	12	17	8
I wanted to forget it happened	182	23	23	23	6	14	124	29	28	13
Didn't know reporting procedure on campus	69	9	9	9	1	2	38	9	20	9
Concerned that my cultural/ethnic community would not support me	36	5	1	1	2	5	20	5	13	6
I thought nothing would be done	122	15	18	18	2	5	77	18	24	11
Feared I or another would be punished for infractions or violations	43	5	1	1	-	-	26	6	15	7
Afraid it would reflect badly on the LGBT community*	10	7	-	-	-	-	5	7	4	14

	All Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=808)		Graduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=102)		Graduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=42)		Undergraduate Women Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=434)		Undergraduate Men Survivors Who Did Not Disclose (n=215)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Concerned that members of my religious group would not support me	35	4	2	2	2	5	24	6	7	3
Afraid it would reflect badly on my racial/ethnic community	40	5	1	1	2	5	23	5	14	7
Concerned others would find out	120	15	13	13	4	10	83	19	18	8
Other	56	7	8	8	6	14	25	6	15	7

Note. Multiple responses could be selected.\*This question was only asked of those who identified as gay, lesbian, bisexual, fluid/pansexual, queer, asexual, questioning or unsure, same-gender loving, or another sexual orientation.

## RECEIVED DISCLOSURES OF DATING VIOLENCE

Table 55 presents the number of students who have had another student disclose an experience of dating violence to them and Table 56 presents how many students disclosed an experience of dating violence to them.

**Table 55. Students Who Have Had Another Student Disclose an Experience of Dating Violence to Them**

	All (n=2976)		Graduate Women (n=409)		Graduate Men (n=173)		Undergraduate Women (n=1605)		Undergraduate Men (n=728)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Yes	615	21	61	15	5	3	414	26	113	16
No	1992	67	304	74	146	84	978	61	533	73
Missing	369	12	44	11	22	13	213	13	82	11

**Table 56. Of Those Who Have Had Another Rutgers Student Disclose Dating Violence Victimization, Number Who Have Disclosed**

	All (n=615)	Graduate Women (n=61)	Graduate Men (n=5)	Undergraduate Women (n=414)	Undergraduate Men (n=113)
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>How many students disclosed to you?</b>					
1	37	48	20	35	38
2	28	25	40	29	30
3 or more	33	26	20	34	27
Missing	3	2	-	2	4

Those students who reported that another student had disclosed were asked three questions regarding their ability to respond to their peers' disclosures of dating violence. Specifically, they

were asked whether they felt they knew how to respond in a helpful way, whether they believed their response was helpful, and whether they felt comfortable talking to the student about dating violence (see Table 57).

**Table 57. Perceived Response to Dating Violence Disclosure Among Those Who Have Had Another Rutgers Student Disclose Dating Violence Victimization**

	Yes %	No %	Missing %
<b>Did you feel that you knew how to respond in a helpful way?</b>			
All (n=615)	64	36	<1
Graduate Women (n=61)	80	20	-
Graduate Men (n=5)	100	-	-
Undergraduate Women (n=414)	64	36	<1
Undergraduate Men (n=113)	54	46	-
<b>Do you believe that your response was helpful to the student?</b>			
All (n=615)	73	26	<1
Graduate Women (n=61)	79	21	-
Graduate Men (n=5)	80	20	-
Undergraduate Women (n=414)	74	25	<1
Undergraduate Men (n=113)	66	34	<1
<b>Did you feel comfortable talking to the student about dating violence?</b>			
All (n=615)	83	17	<1
Graduate Women (n=61)	80	20	-
Graduate Men (n=5)	80	20	-
Undergraduate Women (n=414)	85	15	<1
Undergraduate Men (n=113)	76	24	-

## KNOWING SOMEONE WHO EXPERIENCED DATING VIOLENCE

In addition to asking about other students’ disclosures of dating violence, participants were asked if they knew someone—“a friend or a family member”—who had experienced dating violence (Table 58).

**Table 58. Students Who Know Someone Who Experienced Dating Violence**

	All		Graduate Women		Graduate Men		Undergraduate Women		Undergraduate Men	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Yes	1247	42	212	52	53	31	712	44	233	32
No	1362	46	154	38	99	57	680	42	413	57
Missing	367	12	43	11	21	12	213	13	82	11

## PART IV: BYSTANDER INTENTIONS

Table 59 and 60 present information on students’ bystander intentions, or students’ intentions to intervene as a prosocial bystander in situations of sexual and dating violence. Table 59 presents all individual questions asked of participants on bystander intentions while Table 60 displays the mean (average) scores for participants across these questions. Both tables contain results for all

participants (“All”) as well as graduate women, graduate men, undergraduate women, and undergraduate men.

**Table 59. Bystander Intentions Scale**

	Very Unlikely (1) %	Unlikely (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Likely (4) %	Very Likely (5) %	Missing %	M(SD)
<b>Approach someone I know if I thought they were in an abusive relationship and let them know I’m here to help.</b>							
All (n=5911)	<1	2	12	40	33	12	4.16(.82)
Graduate Women (n=844)	<1	2	11	39	37	11	4.23(.80)
Graduate Men (n=347)	1	2	14	43	27	13	4.06(.83)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	<1	2	11	40	34	13	4.21(.78)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	1	4	17	39	28	12	4.01(.89)
<b>Let someone who I suspect has been sexually assaulted know I’m available for help and support.</b>							
All (n=5911)	<1	2	11	39	35	13	4.19(.82)
Graduate Women (n=844)	1	1	8	39	40	11	4.28(.79)
Graduate Men (n=347)	<1	3	14	40	30	13	4.11(.82)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	<1	2	9	38	36	14	4.25(.77)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	2	3	17	38	29	12	4.01(.90)
<b>Ask someone who seems upset if they are okay or need help.</b>							
All (n=5911)	<1	2	10	36	39	13	4.26(.80)
Graduate Women (n=844)	<1	1	7	36	44	11	4.36(.74)
Graduate Men (n=347)	1	4	14	35	34	13	4.12(.90)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	<1	1	8	35	42	14	4.35(.74)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	2	2	16	38	30	12	4.06(.89)
<b>If someone said they had an unwanted sexual experience but they don’t call it rape, I would express concern or offer to help.</b>							
All (n=5911)	<1	1	10	40	36	13	4.25(.76)
Graduate Women (n=844)	<1	<1	7	41	40	11	4.33(.72)
Graduate Men (n=347)	<1	2	10	40	34	14	4.21(.80)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	<1	<1	7	41	38	13	4.33(.69)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	<1	3	18	39	28	12	4.02(.86)
<b>Express concern to someone I know who has unexplained bruises that may be signs of abuse in relationship.</b>							
All (n=5911)	<1	3	12	40	32	13	4.15(.82)
Graduate Women (n=844)	<1	3	10	40	35	11	4.18(.84)
Graduate Men (n=347)	<1	4	15	42	26	13	4.00(.86)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	<1	2	10	40	34	14	4.22(.76)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	1	4	15	39	29	12	4.02(.89)
<b>Stop and check in on someone who looks intoxicated when they are being taken upstairs at party.</b>							

	Very Unlikely (1) %	Unlikely (2) %	Neutral (3) %	Likely (4) %	Very Likely (5) %	Missing %	M(SD)
All (n=5911)	1	3	14	34	35	13	4.13(.90)
Graduate Women (n=844)	1	3	12	34	38	11	4.19(.88)
Graduate Men (n=347)	1	6	18	35	26	13	3.91(.97)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	<1	3	12	34	38	14	4.22(.84)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	2	4	20	35	28	12	3.93(.96)
<b>See a guy talking to a woman I know. He is sitting close to her and by look on her face I can see she is uncomfortable. I ask her if she is okay or try to start a conversation with her.</b>							
All (n=5911)	<1	3	12	36	36	13	4.17(.87)
Graduate Women (n=844)	<1	3	10	36	40	11	4.25(.83)
Graduate Men (n=347)	2	6	16	38	26	13	3.92(.97)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	<1	2	9	35	40	13	4.29(.79)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	2	5	18	36	28	12	3.93(.96)
<b>See someone and their partner. Partner has fist clenched around the arm of person and person looks upset. I ask if everything is okay.</b>							
All (n=5911)	1	7	21	35	23	13	3.83(.96)
Graduate Women (n=844)	1	7	19	35	28	11	3.92(.96)
Graduate Men (n=347)	1	11	22	34	19	13	3.67(1.00)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	<1	6	19	36	24	13	3.90(.92)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	2	9	25	33	19	12	3.66(1.01)
<b>Ask someone who is being shoved or yelled at by their partner if they need help.</b>							
All (n=5911)	<1	4	14	36	33	13	4.11(.89)
Graduate Women (n=844)	<1	3	13	37	34	11	4.14(.86)
Graduate Men (n=347)	2	5	20	34	27	13	3.92(.96)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	<1	3	13	35	35	14	4.17(.86)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	2	5	16	37	29	12	3.99(.94)
<b>Tell someone if I think their drink was spiked with a drug.</b>							
All (n=5911)	<1	<1	6	22	58	13	4.56(.71)
Graduate Women (n=844)	<1	<1	5	21	62	11	4.61(.69)
Graduate Men (n=347)	<1	4	8	22	52	14	4.41(.87)
Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	<1	<1	5	21	60	13	4.62(.65)
Undergraduate Men (n=1457)	<1	1	10	24	52	12	4.42(.80)

**Table 60. Bystander Intentions: Composite Scores**

	All (n=5911)	Graduate Women (n=844)	Graduate Men (n=347)	Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	Undergraduate Men (n=1457)
Mean	4.18	4.25	4.03	4.26	4.01

	All (n=5911)	Graduate Women (n=844)	Graduate Men (n=347)	Undergraduate Women (n=3160)	Undergraduate Men (n=1457)
Standard Deviation	.63	.61	.68	.57	.70
<i>Missing %</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>11</i>

Note. Reliability for this scale was .92 for the entire sample.

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## APPENDIX

<i>Unhealthy dating behavior</i>	<i>Does this violate the Rutgers Code of Conduct?</i>	<i>Is this a Title IX violation?</i>	<i>Considered DV in analysis if frequency is...</i>
<b>Scratched me</b>	If on purpose, yes	Maybe	>=1
<b>Slapped me</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Physically twisted my arm</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Slammed me or held me against my will</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Kicked me</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Bent my fingers</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Bit me</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Tried to choke me or choked me</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Pushed, grabbed, or shoved me</b>	Yes	Probably	>=1
<b>Dumped me out of a car</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Threw something at me that hit me</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Burned me</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Hit me with a fist</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Hit me with something hard besides a fist</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Beat me up</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Assaulted me with a gun or knife</b>	Yes	Yes	>=1
<b>Damaged something that belonged to me</b>	Yes	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	>=2
<b>Said things to hurt my feelings on purpose</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	>=2
<b>Insulted me in front of others</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	>=2

<b>Threw something at me but missed</b>	Yes	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Would not let me do things with other people</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Threatened to start dating someone else</b>	Probably not	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	N/A – does not meet criteria
<b>Told me I could not talk to a person who is of the gender I date</b>	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Started to hit me but stopped</b>	Yes	Maybe	$\geq 1$
<b>Did something purposefully to make me jealous</b>	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Blamed me for bad things they did</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Threatened to hurt me</b>	Yes	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Made me describe where I was every minute of the day</b>	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Brought up something from the past to hurt me</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Put down my looks</b>	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Built up debt under my name by doing things like using my credit card or running up the cell phone bill</b>	Yes	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Demanded to know how money was spent</b>	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Did things to keep me from going to my job or my classes</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Pressured me to sext (sending a sexual text or naked photo of myself)</b>	Sexual exploitation / intimidation	Sexual exploitation / intimidation	$\geq 1$

<b>Sent a sexual text or naked photo of himself/herself/themselves to me that I did not want</b>	Sexual exploitation / intimidation	Sexual exploitation / intimidation	>=1
<b>Sent a sexual text or naked photo or video of me to others without my permission</b>	Sexual exploitation / intimidation	Sexual exploitation / intimidation	>=1
<b>Shared an embarrassing photo or video of me with others (such as a Snapchat or YouTube video) without permission</b>	Maybe	Sexual exploitation / intimidation	>=1
<b>Used the internet or a cell phone to pressure me to have sex or do other sexual activities</b>	Sexual exploitation / intimidation	Sexual exploitation / intimidation	>=1
<b>Sent a mean or hurtful PRIVATE message (such as a text message, Snapchat, Twitter direct message, etc.)</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	>=2
<b>Posted a mean or hurtful PUBLIC message about me that others can see using social media (such as group text, subtweet, etc.)</b>	Maybe (defamation)	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	>=2
<b>Used the internet or a cell phone to spread a rumor about me</b>	Maybe (defamation)	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	>=2
<b>Used the internet or a cell phone to send me a threatening message</b>	Yes	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	>=2
<b>Pressured me to respond quickly to calls, texts, or other messages</b>	Probably not on its own, but maybe if part of a pattern of abuse	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	>=2
<b>Used the internet or a cell phone to monitor my whereabouts and activities</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	>=2
<b>Used the internet or a cell phone to threaten to harm me physically</b>	Yes	Maybe	>=1

<b>Sent so many messages (like texts, chats) that it made me feel uncomfortable</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Used the internet or a cell phone to monitor who I talk to or who I am friends with</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Pressured me for passwords to access my cell phone or online accounts</b>	Probably	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Used my cell phone or online account to pretend they were me</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Looked at my private information (text messages, emails, etc.) to check up on me without my permission</b>	Probably	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Used information from my social networking site(s) to tease me or put me down</b>	Probably	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$
<b>Pressured me to share my location using social media (such as a Snapchat)</b>	Maybe	Yes if part of pattern of abuse	$\geq 2$