Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS)

Sexual Assault
Campus Climate Survey
About the Survey

Background
• Developed by the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS)
• 57 institutions participated in the spring of 2015.
• Administered to all enrolled Pomona students 18 years of age or older during the month of February 2015.

Response rates
• Pomona = 524/1661 = 32%
• Claremont - Undergrads = 33%; Claremont -7C = 31%;
• HEDS overall = 27%
Pomona Respondents

Total surveyed: 1661
Total respondents: 524
Response rate: 32%

- First-Years: 24%
- Sophomores: 22%
- Juniors: 23%
- Seniors: 31%
- Other/Class year missing: <1%

- Women: 57%
- Men: 41%
- Another or unknown gender: 2%
- White (and only white): 52%
- Not white-only: 46%
- Race/eth unknown: 2%
- Heterosexual: 74%
- Other than heterosexual: 25%
- Orientation unknown: 1%
Respondent Protections and Data Limitations

- Participation was completely voluntary. Respondents had access on every screen of the survey to information about campus, local and national resources for unwanted sexual contact, sexual assault and relationship violence.

- HEDS withheld variables from Pomona’s raw data file that might compromise student anonymity, including:
  - Race/ethnicity, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender “fill-in” responses, and whether an assault was formally reported

- Aggregate frequencies of collapsed/dichotomized variables were provided in place of some of these omitted fields (e.g., ‘white-only’/ ‘non-white only’, ‘heterosexual’/ ‘other than heterosexual’, etc.)

- Response rates may not be random, and results may not generalize to the Pomona student body as a whole.
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A word about Claremont comparisons:
As part of our formal survey arrangements with HEDS, Pomona College will not release the names or data of other participating institutions. As one exception, all members of the Claremont Consortium agreed to the release of aggregate data for its members. Wherever useful, Pomona results are compared to the aggregate, consortial results for all undergraduate students (Claremont-UG) and for the consortium as a whole (Claremont-7C). The raw data used for this purpose do not identify institutions, and so Claremont-wide means and percentages include Pomona students as well as other respondents in the consortium.
I. Campus Climate
General Campus Climate

Scale: 1 = Strongly Disagree; 3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree; 5 = Strongly Agree
Pomona responses: “I feel safe on this campus.”

Scale: 1 = Strongly disagree; 3 = Neither agree nor disagree; 5 = Strongly agree

- Men: 4.49
- White Only: 4.37
- Heterosexual: 4.33
- All Respondents: 4.28
- Another/Missing Gender: 4.20
- Other than White: 4.17
- Women: 4.13
- Other than Heterosexual: 4.11
Response to Difficult/Dangerous Situations

Scale: 1 = Strongly Disagree; 3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree; 5 = Strongly Agree

- Campus officials do a good job of protecting students from harm.
  - Pomona: 3.68
  - Claremont - UG: 3.68
  - Claremont-7C: 3.72

- Campus officials respond quickly in difficult situations.
  - Pomona: 3.54
  - Claremont - UG: 3.51
  - Claremont-7C: 3.54

- Campus officials handle incidents in a fair and responsible manner.
  - Pomona: 3.45
  - Claremont - UG: 3.48
  - Claremont-7C: 3.51

- If a crisis happened here, I am confident campus officials would handle it well.
  - Pomona: 3.40
  - Claremont - UG: 3.47
  - Claremont-7C: 3.54

- There is a good support system for students going through difficult times.
  - Pomona: 3.23
  - Claremont - UG: 3.44
  - Claremont-7C: 3.47

There is a good support system for students going through difficult times. If a crisis happened here, I am confident campus officials would handle it well. Campus officials handle incidents in a fair and responsible manner. Campus officials do a good job of protecting students from harm.
Views on Sexual Assault

I believe that students at my institution would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault.

I believe the number of sexual assaults that occur on campus or during off-campus events sponsored by my institution is low.

I do not believe that I or one of my friends is at risk for being sexually assaulted on campus or during off-campus events sponsored by my institution.

Scale: 1 = Strongly Disagree; 3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree; 5 = Strongly Agree
Pomona responses: “I believe students would intervene.”

Scale: 1 = Strongly disagree; 3 = Neither agree nor disagree; 5 = Strongly agree
II. Education and Outreach
Education and Outreach

Have you received information or education from your institution about.....? % Yes

- What sexual assault is and how to recognize it.
  - Pomona: 90%
  - Claremont - UG: 86%
  - Claremont-7C: 75%

- Actions you can take to prevent sexual assault, such as bystander intervention, clear communication with a potential partner, or some other actions.
  - Pomona: 79%
  - Claremont - UG: 77%
  - Claremont-7C: 67%

- Confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them on campus.
  - Pomona: 73%
  - Claremont - UG: 59%
  - Claremont-7C: 53%

- How to report an incident of sexual assault.
  - Pomona: 63%
  - Claremont - UG: 60%
  - Claremont-7C: 55%

- Procedures for investigating a sexual assault.
  - Pomona: 43%
  - Claremont - UG: 38%
  - Claremont-7C: 34%
How much do you remember about the info or education about sexual assault?

Almost all or all: Pomona 11%, Claremont-UG 15%, Claremont-7C 12%
Most: Pomona 46%, Claremont-UG 44%, Claremont-7C 37%
Some: Pomona 31%, Claremont-UG 28%, Claremont-7C 27%
Very little or none: Pomona 5%, Claremont-UG 6%, Claremont-7C 7%
Missing: Pomona 17%

How helpful was the info or education about sexual assault?

Very helpful: Pomona 14%, Claremont-UG 4%, Claremont-7C 4%
Helpful: Pomona 49%, Claremont-UG 45%, Claremont-7C 41%
Slightly helpful: Pomona 29%, Claremont-UG 29%, Claremont-7C 26%
Not helpful: Pomona 3%, Claremont-UG 14%, Claremont-7C 12%
Missing: Pomona 6%, Claremont-UG 8%, Claremont-7C 17%
III. Unwanted Sexual Contact and Rates of Sexual Assault
**Frequency of unwanted verbal behaviors** -

Such as someone making sexual comments about your body; someone making unwelcome sexual advances, propositions, or suggestions to you; or someone telling you sexually offensive jokes or kidding about your sex or gender-specific traits.
Frequency of unwanted nonverbal behaviors -
Such as sending you sexual emails, texts, or pictures; posting sexual comments about you on blogs or social media; showing you sexually offensive pictures or objects; leering at you or making lewd gestures toward you; or touching oneself sexually in front of you.
Frequency of unwanted brief physical contact-
Such as someone briefly groping you, rubbing sexually against you, pinching you, or engaging in any other brief inappropriate or unwelcome touching of your body.
In the HEDS survey, sexual assault was defined as any of the following unwanted, non-consensual types of sexual contact occurring while on campus or while off-campus at an event or program sponsored by the student’s institution:

a. Touching of a sexual nature
b. Oral sex
c. Vaginal sex
d. Anal sex
e. Anal or vaginal penetration with any body part or object

Note: Sexual assault rates are sensitive to survey formats, wording and definitions. These sensitivities make it difficult to report a single figure, or to compare rates nationally across survey initiatives. Rates for both attempted and actual assault are presented in the following charts according to the HEDS survey methodology.
Incidents of *Attempted* Sexual Assault - Disaggregated

**Has anyone attempted to sexually assault you? % Yes**

- Other than heterosexual: Pomona 8%, Claremont - UG 11%, Claremont - 7C 9%
- Women: Pomona 9%, Claremont - UG 11%, Claremont - 7C 9%
- White only: Pomona 5%, Claremont - UG 8%, Claremont - 7C 7%
- All respondents: Pomona 5%, Claremont - UG 8%, Claremont - 7C 7%
- Another/missing gender: Pomona 0%, Claremont - UG 8%, Claremont - 7C 6%
- Other than White: Pomona 5%, Claremont - UG 8%, Claremont - 7C 7%
- Heterosexual: Pomona 4%, Claremont - UG 8%, Claremont - 7C 6%
- Men: Pomona 1%, Claremont - UG 2%, Claremont - 7C 2%

**Has anyone attempted to sexually assault you? % Suspect, but unsure**

- Other than heterosexual: Pomona 8%, Claremont - UG 7%, Claremont - 7C 6%
- Women: Pomona 9%, Claremont - UG 7%, Claremont - 7C 6%
- White only: Pomona 5%, Claremont - UG 5%, Claremont - 7C 5%
- All respondents: Pomona 7%, Claremont - UG 5%, Claremont - 7C 5%
- Another/missing gender: Pomona 8%, Claremont - UG 9%, Claremont - 7C 4%
- Other than White: Pomona 8%, Claremont - UG 5%, Claremont - 7C 4%
- Heterosexual: Pomona 6%, Claremont - UG 5%, Claremont - 7C 4%
- Men: Pomona 3%, Claremont - UG 2%, Claremont - 7C 2%
Incidents of Sexual Assault - Disaggregated

Have you been sexually assaulted - % Yes

- Other than heterosexual: Pomona 14%, Claremont - UG 12%, Claremont - 7C 10%
- Women: Pomona 11%, Claremont - UG 12%, Claremont - 7C 10%
- White only: Pomona 9%, Claremont - UG 10%, Claremont - 7C 9%
- All respondents: Pomona 8%, Claremont - UG 9%, Claremont - 7C 7%
- Another/missing gender: Pomona 13%, Claremont - UG 8%, Claremont - 7C 6%
- Other than White: Pomona 7%, Claremont - UG 7%, Claremont - 7C 5%
- Heterosexual: Pomona 6%, Claremont - UG 7%, Claremont - 7C 6%
- Men: Pomona 4%, Claremont - UG 3%, Claremont - 7C 3%

Have you been sexually assaulted - % Suspect, but unsure

- Other than heterosexual: Pomona 8%, Claremont - UG 5%, Claremont - 7C 5%
- Women: Pomona 5%, Claremont - UG 5%, Claremont - 7C 4%
- White only: Pomona 4%, Claremont - UG 4%, Claremont - 7C 3%
- All respondents: Pomona 4%, Claremont - UG 4%, Claremont - 7C 3%
- Another/missing gender: Pomona 4%, Claremont - UG 4%, Claremont - 7C 3%
- Other than White: Pomona 0%, Claremont - UG 0%, Claremont - 7C 2%
- Heterosexual: Pomona 4%, Claremont - UG 4%, Claremont - 7C 3%
- Men: Pomona 2%, Claremont - UG 3%, Claremont - 7C 3%
IV. Nature, Context and Reporting of Sexual Assault
What Did the Incident Involve?

Rates are based on only those respondents who were certain of an actual sexual assault (i.e. excludes “attempted” and “unsure”).

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<th>Pomona</th>
<th>Claremont - UG</th>
<th>Claremont - 7C</th>
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<td>Touching</td>
<td>88%</td>
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<td>Vaginal Sex</td>
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<td>Other Penetration</td>
<td>10%</td>
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## Did the incident involve: Force, drugs or alcohol

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<th>Claremont - UG % YES</th>
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<td>Other people threatening physical force, coercion, or intimidation</td>
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<td>Other people using physical force</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>Other people drinking alcohol</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>Other people using drugs</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Your drinking alcohol</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<td>Your voluntarily taking or using drugs</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Your being given a drug without knowledge or consent</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Were you unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were incapacitated</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>41%</td>
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When Did the Assault Occur?

Rates are based on only those respondents who were certain of an actual sexual assault (i.e. excludes “attempted” and “unsure”).
Class Year of Survey Respondents Indicating Assault

Actual Assault - % Yes

- First-Year: Pomona 4%, Claremont - UG 4%, Claremont - 7C 4%
- Sophomore: Pomona 2%, Claremont - UG 7%, Claremont - 7C 7%
- Junior: Pomona 9%, Claremont - UG 11%, Claremont - 7C 11%
- Senior: Pomona 15%, Claremont - UG 14%, Claremont - 7C 14%
- Grad student/other: Pomona 0%, Claremont - UG 0%, Claremont - 7C 1%
Location of Assault

- **On Campus, Residential Building**:
  - Pomona: 62%
  - Claremont - UG: 61%
  - Claremont - 7C: 60%

- **Off Campus, At Another College**:
  - Pomona: 19%
  - Claremont - UG: 26%
  - Claremont - 7C: 26%

- **On Campus, Nonresidential Building**:
  - Pomona: 14%
  - Claremont - UG: 7%
  - Claremont - 7C: 8%

- **Off Campus, Not at Another College**:
  - Pomona: 5%
  - Claremont - UG: 6%
  - Claremont - 7C: 6%
Sex of Assailant(s)

- **Male**: 88%, 90%, 89%
- **Female**: 10%, 9%, 9%
- **Unknown**: 2%, 1%, 1%
- **Both Males and Females**: 0%, 1%, 1%

Legend:
- Pomona
- Claremont - UG
- Claremont - 7C
Relationship to Assailant(s)

- **Student - My Institution**
  - Pomona: 60%
  - Claremont- UG: 67%
  - Claremont-7C: 60%

- **Student - Another Institution**
  - Pomona: 29%
  - Claremont- UG: 37%
  - Claremont-7C: 36%

- **Not Affiliated with any Institution**
  - Pomona: 5%
  - Claremont- UG: 4%
  - Claremont-7C: 5%

- **I Do Not Know**
  - Pomona: 5%
  - Claremont- UG: 4%
  - Claremont-7C: 5%

- **Faculty, Staff, Admin**
  - Pomona: 0%
  - Claremont- UG: 1%
  - Claremont-7C: 1%

- **Non-Romantic**
  - Pomona: 49%
  - Claremont- UG: 38%
  - Claremont-7C: 32%

- **Friend**
  - Pomona: 23%
  - Claremont- UG: 23%
  - Claremont-7C: 19%

- **Stranger Casual Date or Hookup**
  - Pomona: 12%
  - Claremont- UG: 9%
  - Claremont-7C: 8%

- **Ex-Romantic Partner**
  - Pomona: 7%
  - Claremont- UG: 4%
  - Claremont-7C: 5%

- **Current Romantic Partner**
  - Pomona: 7%
  - Claremont- UG: 5%
  - Claremont-7C: 5%

- **Other**
  - Pomona: 2%
  - Claremont- UG: 1%
  - Claremont-7C: 1%

- **Co-Worker**
  - Pomona: 0%
  - Claremont- UG: 0%
  - Claremont-7C: 0%

- **Family Member**
  - Pomona: 0%
  - Claremont- UG: 1%
  - Claremont-7C: 1%

- **Employer or Supervisor**
  - Pomona: 0%
  - Claremont- UG: 1%
  - Claremont-7C: 1%
Whom Did You Tell About the Assault?

- Close Friend
- Romantic Partner
- Parent or Guardian
- Campus Counselor
- Campus Sexual Assault Advocate
- Faculty, Staff, or Administrator
- Private Counselor
- RA
- Roommate
- Title IX Coordinator
- Other Family Member
- No one
- Other
- Campus Health Services
- Sexual Assault Hotline
- Local Police
- Campus Safety
- Faculty, Staff, or Admin from Another School

Pomona
Claremont - UG
Claremont - 7C