

Victoria University



893 students participated in the survey

NATIONAL STUDENT SAFETY SURVEY

PREVALENCE IN A UNIVERSITY CONTEXT

Sexual harassment

11.0%
since starting university

4.0%
in the past 12 months

Experiences of sexual harassment in the past 12 months:

Female

5.1%

Male**



Differently-described gender

13.6%*

Sexual assault

2.5%
since starting university

in the past 12 months

Experiences of sexual assault in the past 12 months:

Female**



Male**



Differently-described gender**



CONTEXT OF MOST IMPACTFUL INCIDENT

Sexual harassment

Location

General campus areas

40.2%

University lecture theatres, computer labs

24.5%

Hospitality or retail areas on campus

14.5%*

Perpetrator

57.4%

knew some or all of the perpetrators involved

Asked of students who experienced sexual harassment in an Australian university context

REPORTING AND SUPPORT SEEKING

Formal complaints made to the university

4.7%*

of students who were sexually harassed made a formal complaint

Seeking support from the university

24.0%

of students who were sexually harassed sought support or assistance

Asked of students who experienced sexual harassment in an Australian university context

Knowledge of university support and reporting channels

54.3%

know nothing or very little about where to go to make a complaint about sexual harassment

56.7%

know nothing or very little about where to go to make a complaint about sexual assault

50.8%

know nothing or very little about where to seek support or assistance for harassment

49.5%

know nothing or very little about where to seek support or assistance for assault

Asked of all students

Relative standard errors (RSE) were calculated for survey estimates. If the RSE was above 50% or there were no respondents to an item an ** appears meaning the estimate is unreliable and not reportable. Differently described gender includes students whose gender identity was not classified as female or male. Gender identity was derived using the 'two-step method' of cross-classifying responses to sex assigned at birth and current gender. Context of most impactful incident. Students who had been sexually harassed in a university context were asked questions about the context of the most impactful (or significant) incident they had experienced. This incident was self-identified by the student.