

Report on the 2021 YU Campus Climate Survey

Fall 2021

The Campus Climate Survey is designed by Yeshiva University Campus Climate Survey Committee to ascertain general awareness and knowledge of the University's prevention and response to sexual assault. In Fall 2021, all YU undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students were invited to take the survey. The survey is anonymous and confidential. Of the total of 4,788 YU students, 825 students responded to the survey, resulting in a response rate of 17.2%. Following are the results of the survey.

1. How old are you?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Under 18	3	0.4%
18	15	1.8%
19	78	9.5%
20	152	18.4%
21	137	16.6%
22	106	12.8%
23	59	7.2%
24	45	5.5%
25+	230	27.9%
Total	825	100%

2. What is your current student status?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Freshman undergraduate student	27	3.3%
Sophomore undergraduate student	127	15.5%
Junior undergraduate student	164	20.0%
Senior undergraduate student	142	17.3%
Associate of Science student	2	0.2%
Graduate or professional school student	351	42.8%
Other	7	0.9%
Total	820	100%

3. What school are you enrolled in?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration	10	1.2%
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law	174	21.3%
Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies	8	1.0%
Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology	52	6.4%
Katz School of Science and Health	35	4.3%
Stern College for Women	202	24.7%
Sy Syms School of Business	129	15.8%
Wurzweiler School of Social Work	73	8.9%
Yeshiva College	135	16.5%
Total	818	100%

4. Select one or more of the following options that best describes your ethnicity/race:		
	Count	% of survey participants
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	0.4%
Asian	30	3.6%
Black or African American	34	4.1%
Hispanic or Latino	42	5.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.1%
White	696	84.4%
Other	52	6.3%

5. What is your current gender identity?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Female	482	59.0%
Male	311	38.1%
Transgender	4	0.5%
Non-binary/third gender	5	0.6%
Prefer to self-describe:	4	0.5%
Prefer not to say	11	1.4%
Total	817	100%

6. What is your sexual orientation?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Heterosexual	681	84.3%
Gay or Lesbian	20	2.5%
Bisexual	44	5.4%
Prefer to self-describe:	20	2.5%
Prefer not to say	43	5.3%
Total	808	100%

7. Which best describes your current living arrangement in this academic year?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
University Housing	324	39.8%
Off-campus apartment	341	41.8%
At home with family	136	16.7%
Other	14	1.7%
Total	815	100%

8. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, and answer as best as you can:

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. I feel valued as an individual at YU	568	26%	47%	21%	6%
b. I feel close to the faculty and staff at YU	569	22%	45%	26%	7%
c. I feel close to my fellow students at YU	568	36%	46%	14%	4%
d. I feel I am part of YU	568	27%	45%	23%	5%
e. I am happy to be a student at YU	568	31%	49%	14%	5%
f. I feel safe when I am on YU's campus	562	39%	50%	9%	2%
g. I believe there is a clear sense of appropriate and inappropriate behavior among students at YU	563	30%	45%	19%	6%
h. I believe alcohol abuse is a big problem at YU	561	2%	9%	56%	33%
i. I believe YU is trying hard to protect the rights of all students	565	22%	39%	25%	14%
j. I believe YU is trying hard to make sure that all students are treated equally and fairly.	564	23%	40%	23%	14%
k. I believe YU is trying hard to make sure that all students are safe.	565	32%	45%	15%	8%
l. I believe that students at YU generally trust one another	564	29%	56%	13%	3%
m. I believe that students at YU generally respect one another	563	29%	53%	14%	4%

9. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, and answer as best as you can:

Overall, the campus security personnel at YU:

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	563	34%	51%	13%	2%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	563	36%	49%	11%	4%
c. Treat students fairly	559	40%	53%	5%	2%
d. Are more interested in protecting the reputation of YU than the students they serve	552	10%	19%	53%	18%

Overall, the faculty at YU:

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	563	34%	48%	14%	3%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	562	29%	51%	16%	4%
c. Treat students fairly	560	28%	53%	14%	5%
d. Are more interested in protecting the reputation of YU than the students they serve	560	16%	20%	46%	18%

Overall, the President, Provost, Deans, and other leadership staff at YU:

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	561	20%	42%	23%	14%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	559	21%	43%	22%	14%
c. Treat students fairly	557	20%	45%	21%	14%
d. Are more interested in protecting the reputation of YU than the students they serve	555	34%	29%	24%	13%

10. Since the beginning of the current academic year, has anyone done the following to you either in person or by phone, text message, e-mail, or social media? Please include incidents regardless of where they happened.		
	Count	% of survey participants
Made sexual advances, gestures, comments, or jokes that were unwelcome to you	60	7.3%
Flashed or exposed themselves to you without your consent	2	0.2%
Showed or sent you sexual pictures, photos, or videos that you didn't want to see	8	1.0%
Showed or sent sexual photos/videos of you or spread sexual rumors about you that you didn't want shared	8	1.0%

11. Since the beginning of the current academic year, has anyone had unwanted sexual contact with you?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	17	3.1%
No	540	97.0%
Total	557	100%

12. How many separate incidents of unwanted sexual contact have you experienced since the beginning of the current academic year?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
0 incidents	537	95.2%
1 incident	21	3.7%
2 incidents	5	0.9%
3 incidents	1	0.2%
4 incidents	0	0.0%
5 or more incidents	0	0.0%
Total	564	100%

If you have experienced one or more incidents of unwanted sexual contact, please answer questions 13 - 29 with respect to the incident that has had the greatest impact on you. Otherwise, skip to question 30.

13. How did the person(s) have unwanted sexual contact with you? Please indicate whether each of the following happened.

	# of responses	Yes	No	Unsure
a. Touched or grabbed your sexual body parts	20	55%	45%	0%
b. Threatened to hurt you or someone you care about	20	20%	80%	0%
c. Used physical force against you, such as holding you down with his or her body weight, pinning your arms, hitting or kicking you	20	10%	90%	0%
d. You were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were incapacitated, passed out, unconscious, blacked out, or asleep	20	15%	85%	0%

14. Where did the incident occur?

	# of responses	% of total responses
On YU's campus	6	29%
Off-campus but in New York City	13	62%
In a different city	1	5%
Unsure/Don't know	1	5%
Total	21	100%

15. What was the gender of the person(s) who had unwanted sexual contact with you?

	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-29
Male	17	63%
Female	3	11%
Transgendered	0	0%
Unsure/Don't know	3	11%

16. Who was the person(s) who had unwanted sexual contact with you? (Please select all that apply.)

	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-29
A stranger	5	19%
Someone you had seen or heard about but not talked to	0	0%
An acquaintance, friend of a friend, or someone that you had just met	7	26%
A student at YU	12	44%
A professor or teaching assistant at YU	0	0%
An employee at YU	0	0%
A current or ex-friend or roommate	0	0%
A current or ex-dating partner or spouse	0	0%
Someone else - please specify:	0	0%
Unsure/Don't know	1	4%

17. Had the person(s) who had unwanted sexual contact with you been drinking alcohol or using drugs?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	9	41%
No	8	36%
Unsure/Don't know	5	23%

18. In the hours prior to the incident had you consumed alcohol or drugs?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	10	48%
No	10	48%
Unsure/Don't know	1	5%

19. Have you told any of your roommates, friends, or family members about the incident?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	15	71%
No	6	29%

20. Please indicate whether you notified any of the following groups or organizations about the incident:		
	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-29
YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	1	4%
YU Office of Student Life	0	0%
Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	3	11%
YU counseling center	0	0%
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	0	0%
YU campus security	0	0%
Local police	0	0%
None of the above	17	63%

21. Please indicate if someone else notified any of the following groups or organizations about the incident:		
	Count	% of survey participants who responded to Q13-29
YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	2	7%
YU Office of Student Life	1	4%
Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	2	7%
YU counseling center	1	4%
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	0	0%
YU campus security	0	0%
Local police	0	0%
None of the above	18	67%

22. If notified about the incident, were the groups or organizations helpful?				
	# of responses	Yes	No	NOT Applicable
a. YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	19	5%	16%	79%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	0%	11%	89%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	19	5%	16%	79%
d. YU counseling center	19	0%	11%	89%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	19	0%	11%	89%
f. YU campus security	19	0%	11%	89%
g. Local police	19	0%	11%	89%

23. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you didn't know how to contact them?			
	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
a. YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	19	5%	95%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	0%	100%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	19	0%	100%
d. YU counseling center	19	11%	89%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	19	0%	100%
f. YU campus security	19	5%	95%
g. Local police	19	0%	100%

24. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you were concerned that the group would not keep your situation confidential?			
	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
a. YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	19	16%	84%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	16%	84%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	19	21%	79%
d. YU counseling center	18	11%	89%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	19	0%	100%
f. YU campus security	19	5%	95%
g. Local police	19	11%	89%

25. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you were concerned that the group would treat you poorly, not respond effectively, or not take any action?

	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
a. YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	19	26%	74%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	26%	74%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	19	26%	74%
d. YU counseling center	19	21%	79%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	19	16%	84%
f. YU campus security	19	21%	79%
g. Local police	19	26%	74%

26. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you did not need assistance, did not think the incident was serious enough to report, or did not want any action taken?

	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
a. YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	20	65%	35%
b. YU Office of Student Life	20	65%	35%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	20	65%	35%
d. YU counseling center	20	60%	40%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	20	70%	30%
f. YU campus security	20	65%	35%
g. Local police	20	75%	25%

27. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you felt that other people might think that what happened was at least partly your fault or that you might get in trouble for some reason?

	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
a. YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	19	16%	84%
b. YU Office of Student Life	19	16%	84%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	19	11%	89%
d. YU counseling center	19	16%	84%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	19	11%	89%
f. YU campus security	19	16%	84%
g. Local police	19	11%	89%

28. How upsetting was the incident for you?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Very upsetting	4	20%
Upsetting	4	20%
Somewhat upsetting	11	55%
Not at all upsetting	1	5%
Total	20	100%

29. Did the incident lead you to have problems with your:			
	# of responses	Yes	No
a. schoolwork or grades	20	30%	70%
b. friends, roommates, or peers	20	30%	70%
c. family members	19	16%	84%
d. job or with your boss or coworkers	19	16%	84%

30. Since the beginning of the current academic year, has an intimate partner (e.g., boyfriend, girlfriend, domestic partner or spouse):			
	# of responses	Yes	No
a. threatened to hurt you but you did not think you might really get hurt?	516	1.6%	98.5%
b. threatened to hurt you and you thought you might really get hurt?	515	0.8%	99.2%
c. pushed, grabbed, or shook you?	514	1.8%	98.3%
d. hit you, kicked you, slapped you, or beat you up?	515	0.6%	99.4%

31. If you answered Yes to question 30, did you report this incident to a YU administrator, faculty or staff member?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	5	3.0%
No	161	97.0%

32. Since the beginning of the current academic year, have you done the following to anyone either in person or by phone, text message, e-mail, or social media? (Please select all that apply.)		
	Count	% of survey participants
Made sexual advances, gestures, comments, or jokes to someone that were unwelcome to them	1	0.1%
Flashed or exposed yourself to someone without their consent	0	0.0%
Showed or sent someone sexual pictures, photos, or videos that they didn't want to see	0	0.0%
Showed or sent sexual photos/videos of someone or spread sexual rumors about someone that they didn't want shared	1	0.1%
Watched or took photos/videos of someone when they were nude or having sex, without their consent	1	0.1%
None of the above	490	59.4%

33. Since the beginning of the current academic year, (excluding bill collectors, telephone solicitors or other sales people) has anyone ever: (Please select all that apply.)		
	Count	% of survey participants
Followed or spied on you	12	1.5%
Sent you unsolicited mail, emails or texts	36	4.4%
Made unsolicited phone calls to you	23	2.8%
Showed up at places where you were even though they had no business being there?	9	1.1%
Left unwanted items for you to find	0	0.0%
Vandalized your property	1	0.1%
None of the above (skip to question 38)	453	54.9%

34. Where did the incident occur?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
On YU's campus	13	28.9%
Off-campus but in New York City	20	44.4%
In a different city	5	11.1%
Unsure/Don't know	7	15.6%
Total	45	100%

35. How upsetting was the incident for you?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Very upsetting	8	17.8%
Upsetting	12	26.7%
Somewhat upsetting	15	33.3%
Not at all upsetting	10	22.2%
Total	45	100%

36. How frightened were you by these things?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Very frightened	2	4.4%
Frightened	9	20.0%
A little frightened	12	26.7%
Not at all frightened	22	48.9%
Total	45	100%

37. Did you report the incident to a YU administrator, faculty or staff member?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	5	10.9%
No	41	89.1%
Total	46	100%

38. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Please answer as best as you can when thinking about your school.

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. Sexual harassment is not tolerated at YU	501	31%	31%	16%	11%	11%
b. YU takes training in sexual assault prevention seriously	500	20%	19%	19%	15%	28%
c. YU is doing a good job of educating students about sexual assault (e.g., what consent means, how to define sexual assault, how to look out for one another)	499	15%	18%	27%	20%	20%
d. YU is doing a good job of trying to prevent sexual assault from happening	499	17%	21%	19%	15%	28%
e. YU is doing a good job of providing needed services to victims of sexual assault	499	14%	13%	14%	19%	39%
f. YU is doing a good job of investigating incidents of sexual assault	498	13%	14%	13%	20%	40%
g. YU is doing a good job of holding people accountable for committing sexual assault	497	13%	11%	16%	22%	38%

39. Have you ever attended an assembly or workshop, or received any online or other type of training or classes offered by YU that covered: (Please select all that apply.)

	Count	% of survey participants
The legal definition of sexual assault	114	14%
What the definition of "consent" is and how to obtain it from a sexual partner	124	15%
YU's policy on sexual assault	115	14%
How to report sexual assault	117	14%
What services are available for survivors of sexual assault	87	11%
How to intervene as a bystander to protect other students from sexual assault	72	9%
Other strategies for preventing sexual assault	66	8%
None of the above	281	34%

41. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, answering as best as you can when thinking about your school.

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. I am aware of and understand YU's procedures for dealing with reported incidents of sexual assault	489	13%	22%	26%	16%	24%
b. I know what services are available for people who experience sexual assault	488	15%	26%	23%	16%	20%
c. If a friend of mine were sexually assaulted, I know where to take my friend to get help	487	17%	28%	22%	15%	18%
d. At YU, students who are accused of perpetrating a sexual assault are treated fairly	485	10%	16%	12%	11%	51%
e. At YU, when it is determined that sexual assault has happened, the perpetrator gets punished appropriately	487	10%	10%	14%	17%	49%

42. If I were sexually assaulted I believe YU would:						
	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. Take my case seriously	490	24%	23%	17%	16%	20%
b. Protect my privacy	490	30%	39%	9%	8%	15%
c. Treat me with dignity and respect	489	26%	30%	16%	10%	19%
d. Enable me to continue my education without having to interact with the person who assaulted me	489	22%	20%	15%	15%	28%

43. How likely or unlikely would you be to go to or get in touch with the following groups or organizations at your school if you were sexually assaulted?					
	# of responses	Very Likely	Likely	Somewhat likely	Not at all likely
a. YU Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	452	19%	23%	25%	33%
b. YU Office of Student Life	450	14%	18%	22%	45%
c. Other YU administrators, faculty, or staff	451	23%	26%	23%	28%
d. YU counseling center	450	32%	25%	20%	23%
e. A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at YU	450	40%	29%	17%	15%
f. YU campus security	453	18%	20%	20%	42%
g. Local police	452	36%	24%	24%	15%

44. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following things. Please think about the situation and answer as best as you can.					
	# of responses	Very Likely	Likely	Somewhat likely	Not at all likely
a. If your friends are sending sexual pictures, web pages, or messages to someone who didn't ask for them, how likely are you to say something to try to get them to stop?	444	60%	25%	11%	4%
b. If people you don't know very well are making unwanted sexual comments, jokes, or gestures, how likely are you to say something to try to get them to stop?	444	44%	23%	22%	11%
c. If you see one of your friends leading someone who is obviously drunk away to have sex with them, how likely are you to say or do something to get them to stop?	441	68%	22%	8%	2%
d. If you suspect that one of your friends might be in an abusive relationship, how likely are you to ask them if they are being mistreated?	442	59%	30%	10%	2%
e. If someone tells you that they had sex with someone who passed out, how likely are you to report the incident to a campus administrator or police?	440	45%	23%	22%	10%
f. If you see someone you don't know who looks uncomfortable and is being touched, grabbed, or pinched in a sexual way, how likely are you to speak up or help in some other way?	442	54%	29%	13%	4%
g. When you go out with your friends, how likely are you to come up with a plan for helping each other be safe?	440	41%	25%	18%	16%

45. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. As you consider these statements, please think about the overall population of students at YU and try to answer as best as you can.

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. At YU, it is common for students to spread sexual comments, photos, or videos that people don't want shared, either in person or by text, e-mail, or social media	444	2%	5%	21%	36%	36%
b. At YU, when students make sexual comments, jokes, or gestures, other students stand up to them	442	7%	19%	17%	10%	47%
c. A lot of sexual assaults happen among students at YU when students are unable to provide consent because they are incapacitated, passed out, unconscious, blacked out, or asleep	441	2%	6%	11%	22%	59%
d. Most students at YU are knowledgeable about the topic of sexual assault, including how it is defined, how often it occurs, and what the legal consequences are	442	13%	20%	16%	14%	37%
e. At YU, if students see someone trying to have unwanted sexual contact with someone, they will try to stop them	440	15%	28%	8%	3%	46%

46. Please indicate how much you are aware of the function of the following YU resources specifically relating to sexual assault, domestic/dating violence and stalking:

	# of responses	Very Aware	Aware	Somewhat Aware	Not At all Aware
a. YU Title IX Coordinator	441	15%	20%	22%	44%
b. YU Dean of Students	439	14%	18%	28%	40%
c. YU Counseling Center	439	30%	32%	20%	19%
d. YU Housing Office	438	11%	14%	20%	55%

47. Have you ever been provided with a copy of, or link to, YU's non-discrimination and anti-harassment policy?

	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes	217	49%
No	225	51%