



Herkimer County Community College

Sexual Violence Prevalence (SVP)

Introduction from December 2025 SUNY Briefing

In October 2014, the SUNY Board of Trustees (BOT) enacted a policy on sexual and interpersonal violence. Among other things, that policy requires that “Beginning in the 2015-2016 academic year, each State University of New York State operated, and community college will conduct a uniform climate survey that ascertains student experience with and knowledge of reporting and college adjudicatory processes for sexual harassment, including sexual violence, and other related crimes.” Soon after, NYS Education Law 129-B was signed into legislation. Per NYS Education Law 129B the survey is direct to specifically address

- The Title IX Coordinator's role
- Campus policies and procedures addressing sexual assault
- How and where to report sexual violence as a victim/survivor or witness
- The availability of resources on and off campus, such as counseling, health, academic assistance
- The prevalence of victimization and perpetration of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on and off campus during a set time period
- Bystander attitudes and behavior
- Whether victims/survivors reported to the College and/or police, and reasons why they did or did not report
- The general awareness of the difference, if any, between the institution's policies and the penal law
- The general awareness of the definition of affirmative consent.

Herkimer County Community College Response Results

Employee Responses

In the 2025 survey there were 128 out of 268 employees that responded (47.8%).

In reviewing the results

- Percent of employees indicated student disclosure of an unwanted sexual experience was down by 13.4% from the spring 2023 survey. (Spring 2023: 23.6% and Spring 2025 10.2%) response count 17 and 12 respectively
- There was a 4.8% increase in the percentage of employees knowing how to advise students on where to get help on campus. (2023: 86.1% and 2025: 90.9%) response count 62 and 110 respectively
- Percent of employees who understand what happens at their campus when a student reports sexual assault increased by 10.7%. (2023: 62% and 2025: 72.7%) response count 44 and 88 respectively.

Student Responses

In the 2025 survey there were 60 out of 1024 students that responded to the survey (5.9 %).

In this survey the students indicated:

- They had knowledge of Title IX policies and resources, and the results were up by 2.5% over the spring 2023 survey. (2023: 75.8% and 2025: 78.3%)
- Students Experiencing Sexual Harassment in the past year was down 3.7% from the spring 2023 survey. (2023: 26.4% and 2025: 22.7%)
- Students Experiencing Sexual Assault in the past year was down 7.8% from the spring 2023 survey. (2023: 19.2% and 2025: 11.4%)

Summary

The student response rates decreased as compared to the Spring 2023 survey (6.4%) while the employee response rates increased as compared to the Spring 2023 survey (47.8%). The response rates are too low for us to consider this data unbiased. We can, however, look at trends over time to gain some valuable insight. These results show the college that the role of Title IX officer continually needs to be promoted as well as the policies on how to file a report. Key topics such as incapacitation and the Good Samaritan policy will also continue to be highly promoted.

The next SVP Campus Climate Survey will be administered in Spring 2027. For additional information please refer to Uniform Campus Climate Survey. If you have any questions about the survey or the results, please email Herkimer County Community College's Title IX Coordinator Vicki Brown at brownvl@herkimer.edu (for students) and Lori Nichols at nicholsla@herkimer.edu (for employees).