Student Sexual Misconduct Data

Vanderbilt University is committed to providing all members of its community with a safe and welcoming environment, which includes protecting members of the University community from sexual misconduct. Therefore, the University is publishing sexual misconduct data involving students to enhance transparency and inform the campus community of reports and investigations of sexual misconduct and intimate partner violence. The data reflects all reports of sexual misconduct and intimate partner violence made or referred to the Title IX and Student Discrimination Office involving students as either complainants or respondents under the Sexual Misconduct and Intimate Partner Violence Policy (https://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/sexual-misconduct/).

This data includes reports of all forms of sexual misconduct and intimate partner violence, including:

Sexual Assault – Intercourse Sexual Assault – Contact Sexual Harassment Sexual Exploitation Attempts to commit sexual misconduct Facilitating, aiding, encouraging, concealing, and/or otherwise assisting a violation of the policy Stalking Dating Violence Domestic Violence Retaliation

This data includes reports of both on-campus and off-campus incidents, as well as incidents perpetrated through telephonic and/or electronic means. This data also includes reports of prematriculation incidents, such as incidents occurring in high school or occurring at another college. This data does not include reports made to confidential resources, such as the University Counseling Center, the Student Health Center, or clergy. This data does not include reports where an employee who is also a student has made a report of sexual misconduct or intimate partner violence strictly in their capacity as an employee. This data does not include reports of sexual misconduct that does not involve students.

When the Title IX and Student Discrimination Office receives a report, a staff member will contact the complainant by email to offer resources and to request an informational meeting. If the complainant does not respond or indicates that they do not wish to pursue an investigation, the Title IX Coordinator will determine what, if any, steps the University will take to address the issue as outlined in the policy, including the implementation of interim measures. In many reports, the complainant and/or respondent are not identified. Therefore, the Title IX and Student Discrimination Office's ability to investigate the incident and address the matter may be limited. We will post the number of reports/investigations annually, and we will post aggregated findings data every three years with the next publication being in 2020.

2018-2019 Reports and Investigations (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)

Reports	377
Investigations	23^{1}

Vanderbilt offers several resources to students impacted by sexual misconduct and intimate partner violence, including the Project Safe Center, which provides information, support, referrals, and education about sexual misconduct and intimate partner violence, as well as consent, healthy relationships, and healthy sexuality. <u>https://www.vanderbilt.edu/projectsafe/</u>

¹ At the time of publication, some of these investigations remain pending.