

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 assault. Therefore, the University is publishing this data 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 Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services Department (EAD) involving students as either complainants or respondents under the Sexual Misconduct and Intimate Partner Violence Policy (http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/sexual-misconduct/). 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 and intimate partner violence, as well as consent, healthy relationships, and healthy sexuality (<https://www.vanderbilt.edu/projectsafe/>).

2014-15 Reports and Investigations (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)

Reports	115
Investigations	22

2015-16 Reports and Investigations (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016)

Reports	149
Investigations	18

2016-17 Reports and Investigations (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017):¹

Reports	246*
Investigations	11**

*Based on additional information obtained or provided, some of these reports may result in investigation at a later date.

** Some of these investigations are still pending.

Three-Year Aggregated Findings (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17):

Responsible for a Violation	12
Not Responsible for a Violation	36

We hope the following explanatory notes will be helpful in understanding the data.

- This data includes reports of all forms of sexual misconduct and intimate partner violence, including:
 - Sexual Assault – Intercourse
 - Sexual Assault – Contact
 - Sexual Harassment

¹ The majority of the reports that EAD receives are incomplete, anonymous, or confidential disclosures that inhibit the EAD from conducting an investigation.

- 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 in which the student complainant or student respondent (or both) were unidentified. These reports may have resulted from an incomplete or anonymous disclosure to a mandatory reporter, or from an incomplete, anonymous, or confidential disclosure to the Project Safe Center, which became a limited confidential resource in 2016-17.
 - This data does not include reports made to confidential resources, such as the Psychological and Counseling Center (PCC), the Student Health Center, or clergy.
 - 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 includes reports of pre-matriculation incidents, such as incidents occurring in high school or occurring at another college.
 - When EAD receives a report, EAD will contact the complainant by email to offer resources and to request a meeting. If the complainant does not respond or indicates that they do not wish to participate, the Title IX Coordinator will determine what, if any, steps the university will take to address the issue. Because in many reports the complainant and/or respondent are not identified, Vanderbilt's ability to investigate the incident and address the matter may be limited. In other instances where some information is known but EAD does not proceed with a full investigation, EAD will consider other measures as outlined in the policy.
 - 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 his/her/their capacity as an employee.
 - We plan to post the number of reports/investigations annually, and we plan to post the next report of the aggregated number of findings data will next be posted in 2020.