

## Keck Graduate Institute Claremont Colleges Sexual Assault and Campus Climate Survey Findings

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The HEDS Sexual Assault and Campus Climate Survey instrument is designed to cover the following topics: perceptions of campus climate around unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault, perceptions of how the institution addresses and responds to sexual assault, and the extent to which students have experienced unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault. But the majority of survey questions are dedicated to specific details and circumstances around accounts of sexual assault, in order to bring clarity to a topic that is inherently sensitive and difficult.

In the spring of 2015, the survey was emailed to approximately 8000 Claremont students were surveyed; the response rate was 31%; whereas the response rate for the 43 HEDS institutions was 25%. Survey responses were received from 2475 students, for a rate of 31%. For Keck Graduate Institute, the response rate was 54% (154/279). Because the survey was voluntary, and the topic of sexual assault and campus climate has the potential to provoke strong opinions, it is impossible to determine the impact self-selection may have had on the results. Additionally, there was a high degree of variability among the seven institutions. Therefore, it is important to keep in mind that these results do not necessarily represent generalizations about the entire Claremont Colleges community, or any one institution in particular.

A low incidence rate of sexual assault occurred at KGI (less than 0.1% of respondents). These incidences occurred off campus at an event or program sponsored by the institution. An additional less than .01% of KGI students indicated that they suspect that someone attempted to sexually assault them, but were not certain. The low number of incidents prevents reporting of additional specific characteristics or nature of the attack to protect student anonymity.

The findings are divided into the three following sections:

1. Perceptions of campus climate and sexual assault
2. Institutional information and education about sexual assault
3. Unwanted sexual contact

**Table 1 – KGI Survey Participant Demographics**

<b>Respondents</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Women	91	61
Men	56	38
Not reported	7	1
White	51	37
Other than white	90	63
Not reported	13	1
Heterosexual	121	82
Other than heterosexual	26	18
Not reported	7	1

All of the respondents surveyed at Keck Graduate Institute are Graduate Students.

## SECTION 1: PERCEPTIONS OF CAMPUS CLIMATE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Students responded to the following questions using a 5-point scale, where 5 represents strongly agree, 4 is agree, 3 is neither agree nor disagree, 2 is disagree, and 1 is strongly disagree.

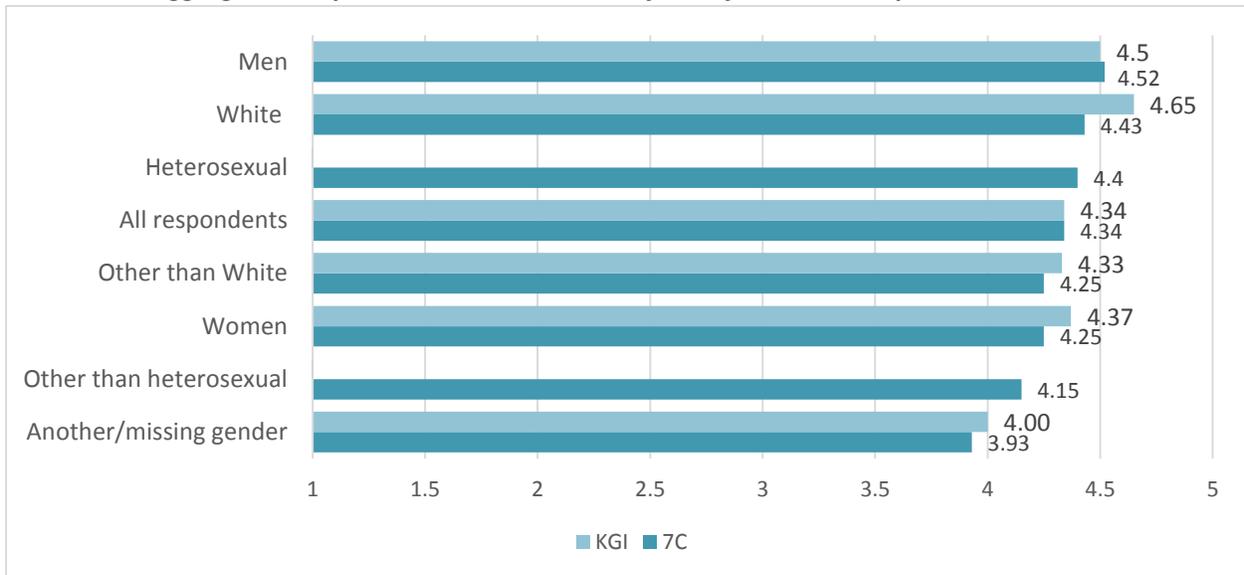
General views on campus climate are very positive. Over 93% of all KGI respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel safe on their campus.

**Table 2 - Responses to questions about General Climate**

	KGI Mean	7C Mean
Faculty, staff and administrators respect what students think	4.32	4.01
Faculty, staff and administrators concern for students' welfare	4.34	4.21
Faculty, staff and administrators treat students fairly	4.19	3.96
Student concern about welfare of other students	4.03	4.12
I feel valued in the classroom/learning environment	4.17	4.19
I feel close to people on this campus	3.91	4.01
I feel part of the community	4.03	3.94
I feel safe on this campus	4.42	4.34

However, differences were observed among various populations (because of the numbers of students who identified as non-heterosexual orientation those numbers are not reported to protect student anonymity).

**Chart 1 - Disaggregated responses to the statement *I feel safe on this campus***



Views about the institutional response to difficult or dangerous situations are slightly lower than those on campus climate, but remain positive.

**Table 3 - Responses to questions about difficult or dangerous situations**

	KGI Mean	7C Mean
Officials protect students from harm	4.08	3.72
Officials would handle a crisis well	3.98	3.54
Officials respond quickly in difficult situations	3.87	3.54
Officials handle incidents in fair and responsible manner	3.94	3.51
There is a good support system for students going through difficult times	3.89	3.47

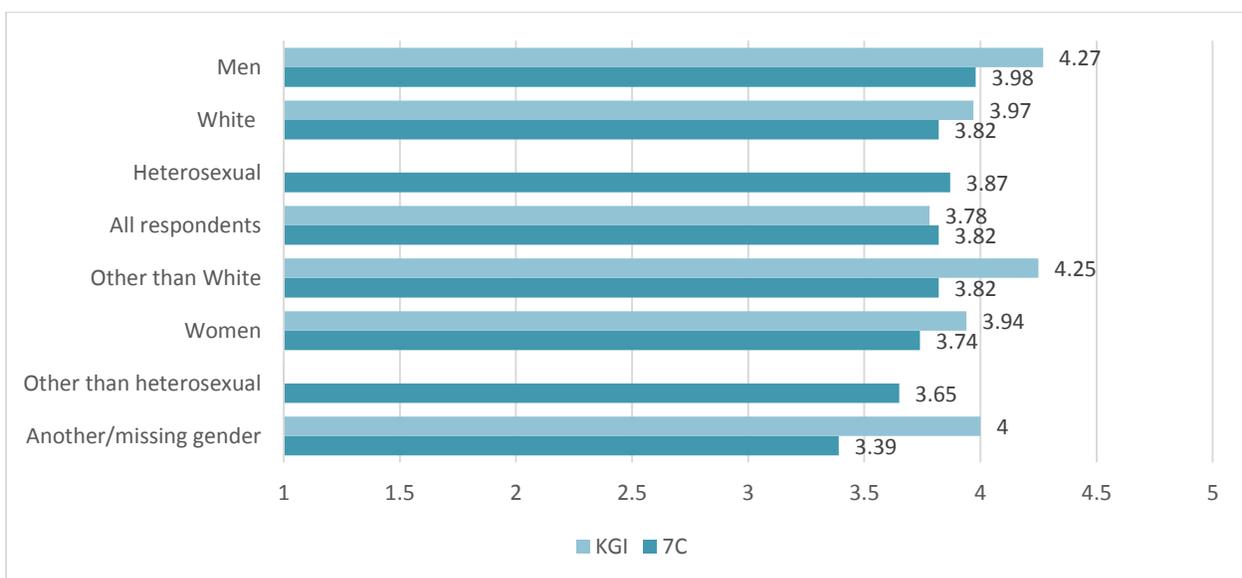
While most respondents from KGI believe that other students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault, 8.1% (as compared to 39% of 7C students) still think that they or one of their friends is at risk for being sexually assaulted on campus or during off-campus events or programs sponsored by the institution. 84.5% of KGI respondents (as compared to just over half across the 7C's) perceive the number of sexual assaults that occur on campus or during off-campus events or programs sponsored by their institution to be low.

**Table 4 - Responses to questions about views on sexual assault**

	KGI Mean	7C Mean
Low number of sexual assaults on campus	4.26	3.42
Don't believe I or one of my friends is at risk of sexual assault	4.08	3.11
Students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault	4.25	3.82

Once again, differences were observed among certain populations.

**Chart 2 - Disaggregated responses to the statement *I believe that students would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault***



## SECTION 2: INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

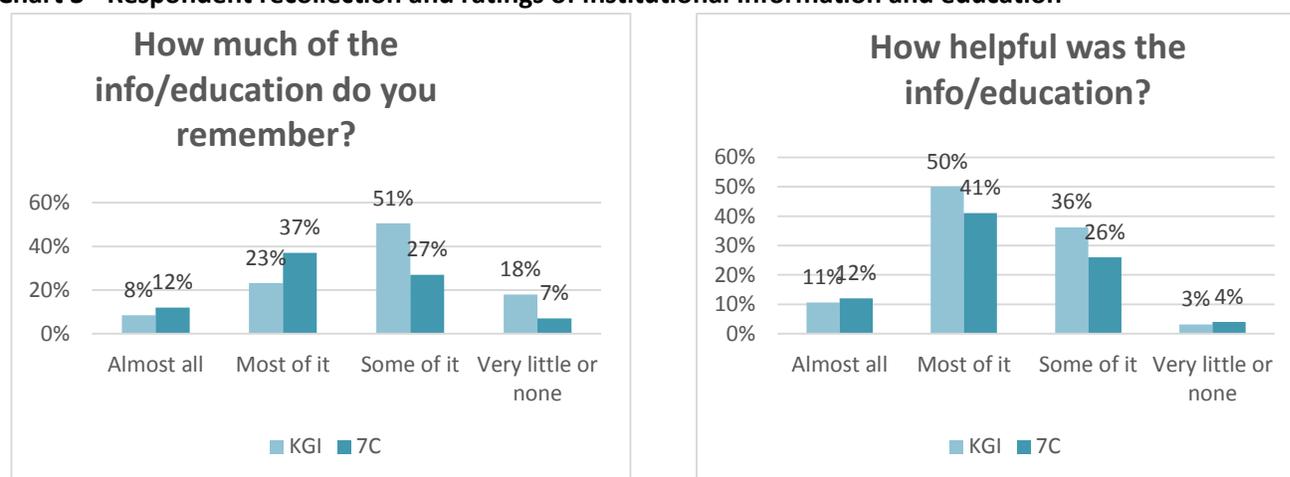
Responses regarding information and education on sexual assault provided by institution varied.

**Table 5 - Responses to questions about information or education**

<b>Did you receive information or education from institution about:</b>	<b>% Yes</b>	<b>% No</b>	<b>%Unsure</b>
What sexual assault is and how to recognize it	51	24	25
How to report and incident of sexual assault	52	22	25
Confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them	41	27	32
Procedures for investigating a sexual assault	31	35	34
Action you can take to help prevent sexual assault	41	29	30

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What sexual assault is and how to recognize it	75	13	11
How to report and incident of sexual assault	55	23	21
Confidential resources for sexual assault and how to locate them	53	24	22
Procedures for investigating a sexual assault	34	42	23
Action you can take to help prevent sexual assault	67	19	13

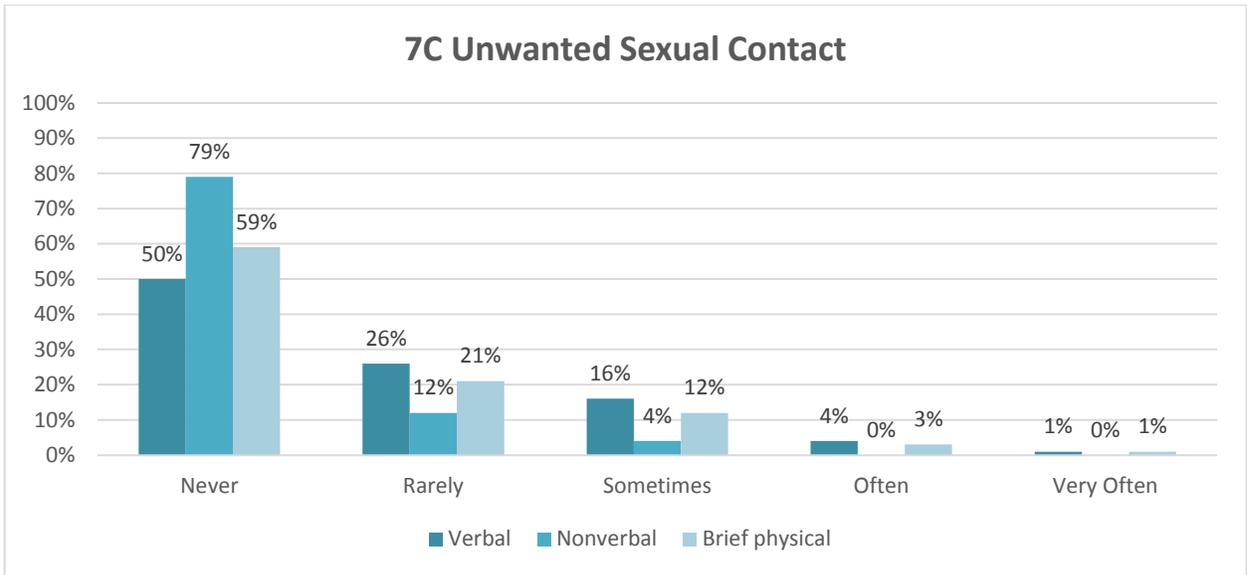
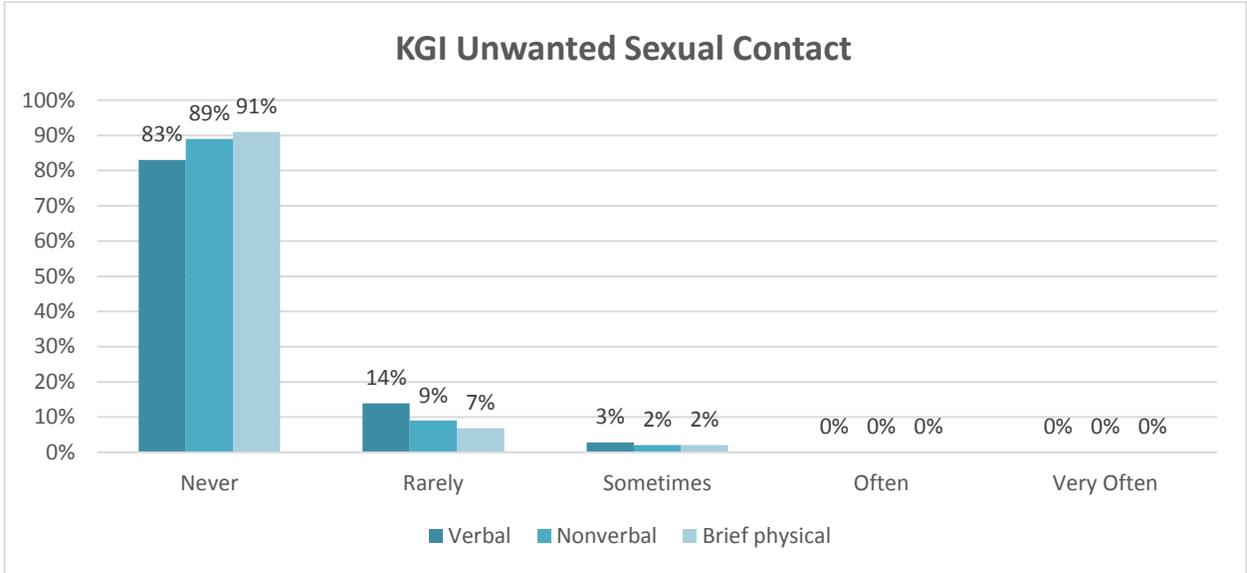
**Chart 3 - Respondent recollection and ratings of institutional information and education**



## SECTION 3: UNWANTED SEXUAL CONTACT AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Most respondents have never experienced unwanted sexual contact in the forms defined below.

**Chart 4 – Frequency of unwanted sexual contact while on campus or while off campus during events or programs sponsored by the institution**

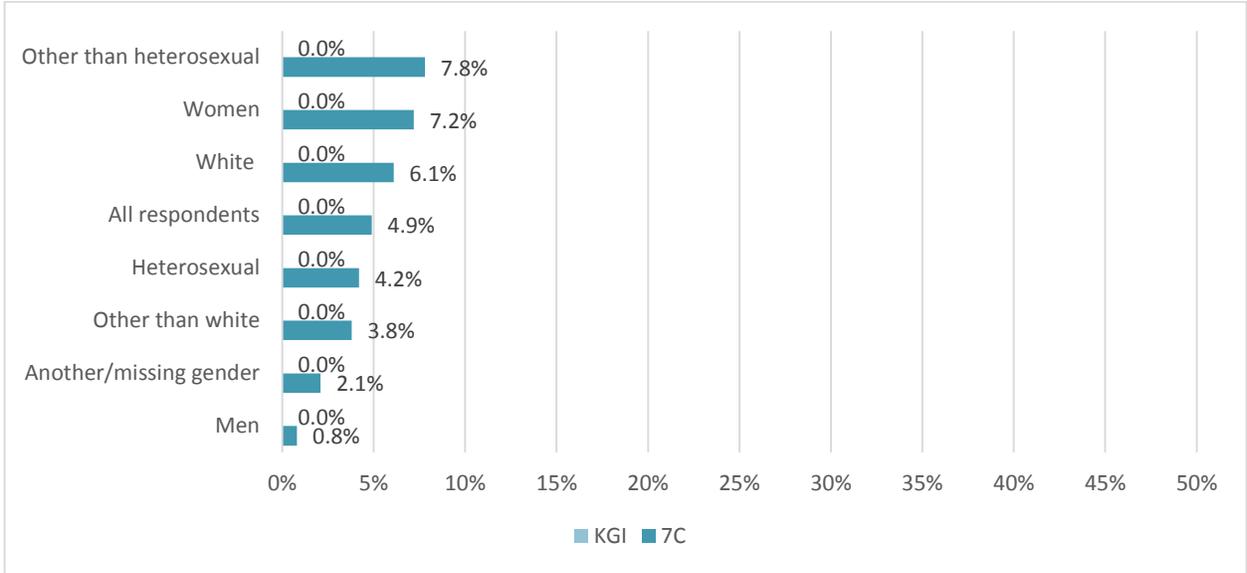


Unwanted verbal behaviors – such as someone making sexual comments about your body; someone making unwelcome sexual advances, propositions, or suggestions to you; or someone telling you sexually offensive jokes or kidding about your sex or gender-specific traits

Unwanted nonverbal behaviors – such as sending you sexual emails, texts, or pictures; posting sexual comments about you on blogs or social media; showing you sexually offensive pictures or objects; leering at you or making lewd gestures towards you; or touching oneself sexually in front of you

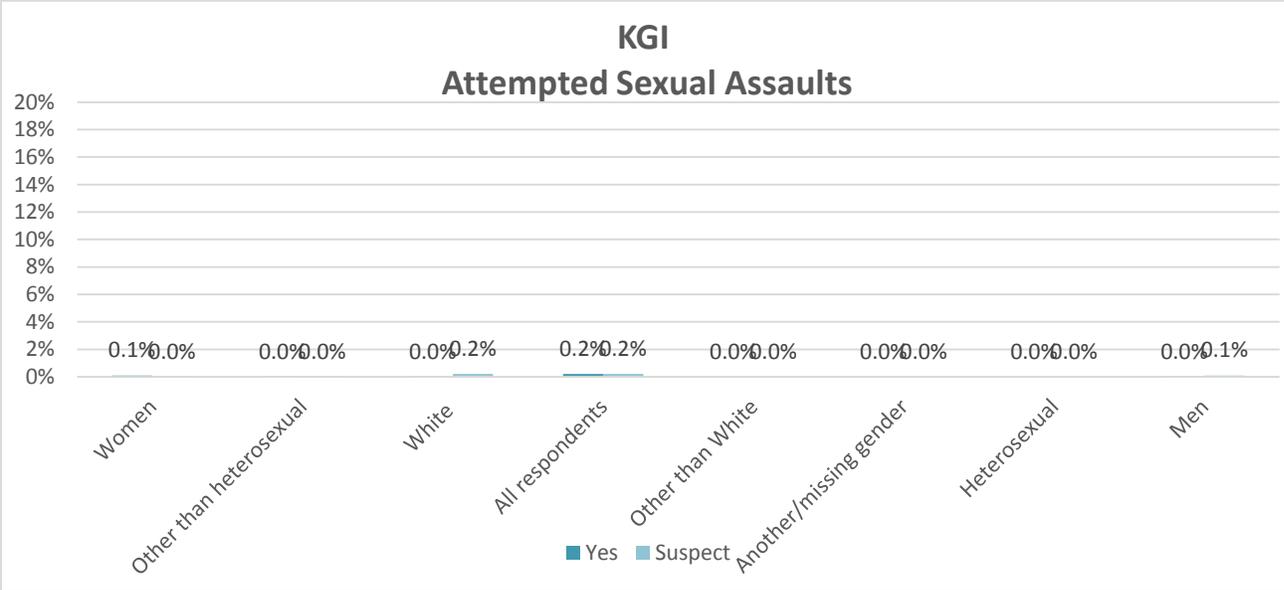
Unwanted brief physical contact – such as someone briefly groping you, rubbing sexually against you, pinching you, or engaging in any other brief inappropriate or unwelcome touching of your body

**Chart 5 - Disaggregated percentages of unwanted verbal behaviors experienced often or very often**



In response to the question “Has anyone attempted, but not succeeded in, sexually assaulting you while you were on campus or while you were off campus during an event or program sponsored by your institution?” 2.0% of KGI and 8.1% of 7C respondents answered yes. 2.0% of KGI and 4.7% of 7C respondents suspected that someone attempted to sexually assault them, but were not certain.

**Chart 6 – Attempted sexual assault**



### 7C Attempted Sexual Assaults

