

Goodwin University Climate Survey Review

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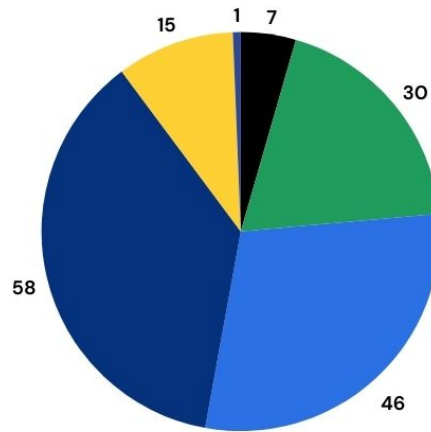
General Survey Information

CT Public Act 21-81 requires that each University in the state of Connecticut conduct a campus climate assessment every two years, and then share the results of the survey on the University's website. Goodwin University created its own Campus Climate Survey in early 2024, then launched the survey in April 2024. The goal of the survey was to gather data around sexual misconduct experiences and awareness in higher education.

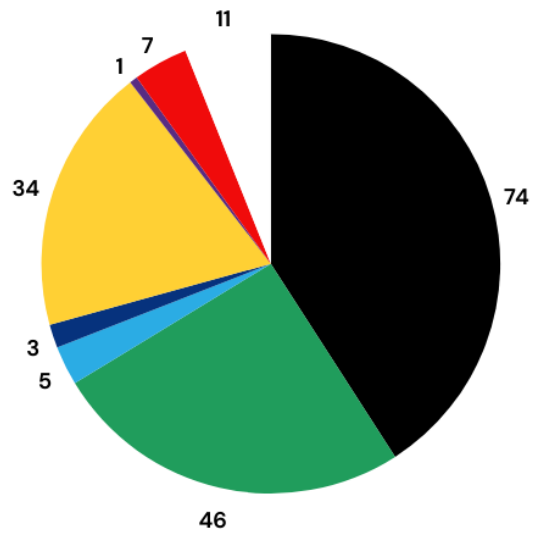
When the survey was launched, it was sent via email to all Goodwin University Students. In addition, flyers were posted around campus physically and digitally throughout the month. Goodwin received 157 responses to the Campus Climate Survey. The survey contained 48 questions covering demographic data, awareness of resources, perceptions of Goodwin's climate, a knowledge check around sexual misconduct policies and procedures at Goodwin, and questions about the student experience.

Demographic Data

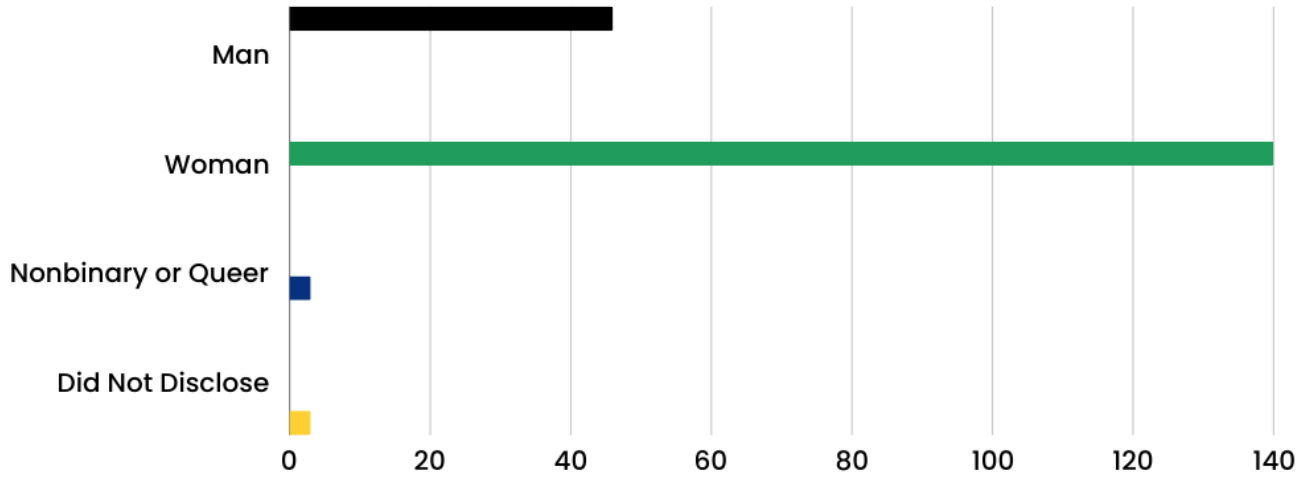
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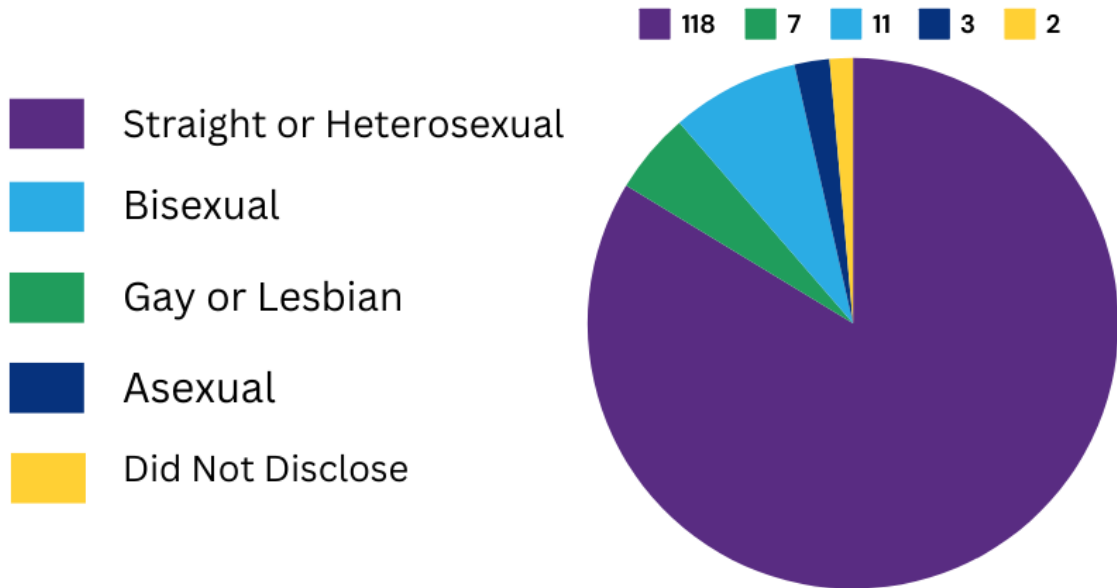
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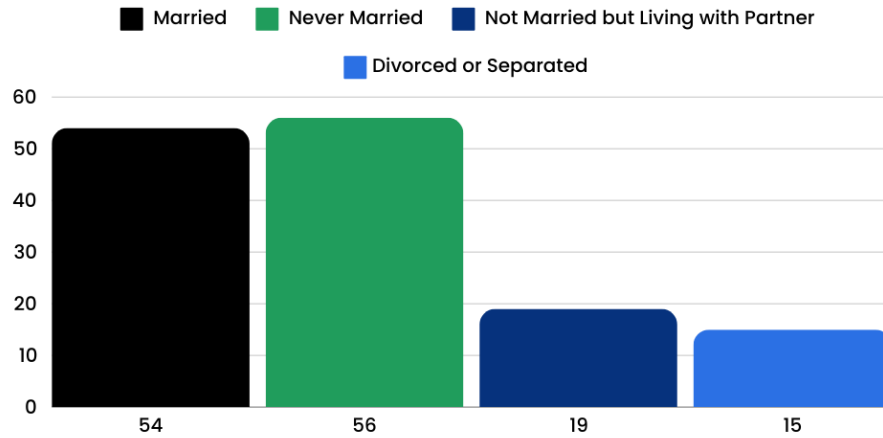
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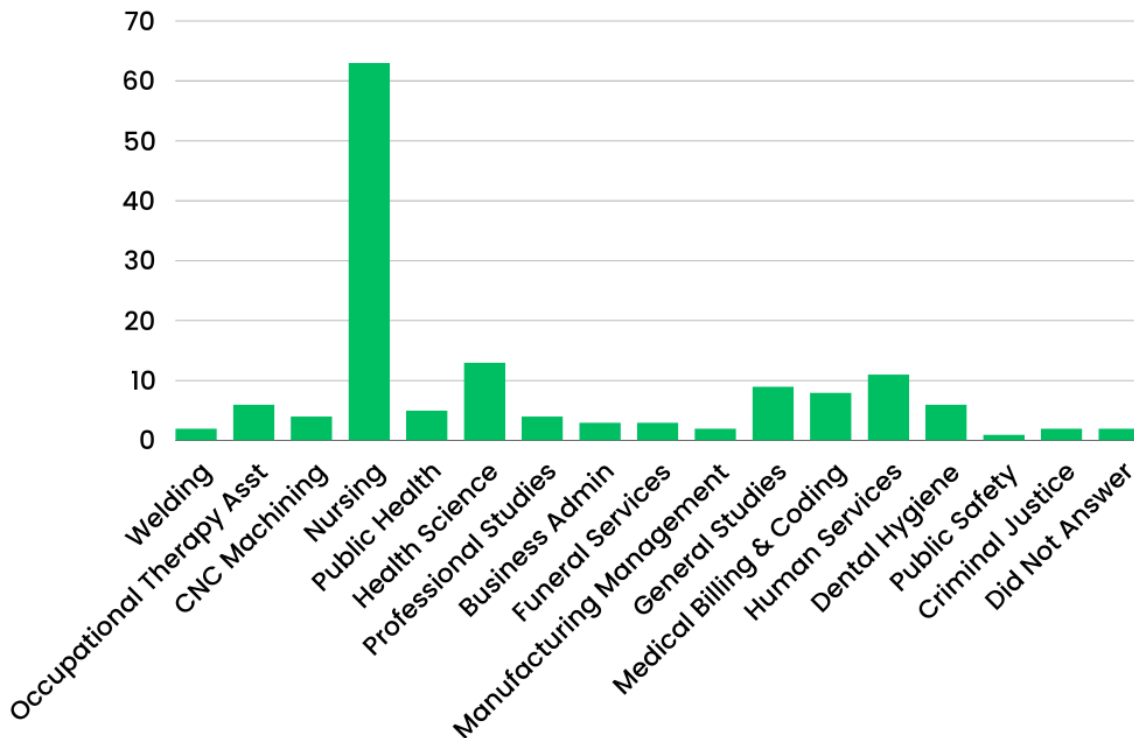


MARITAL STATUS



138 (88%) of survey takers are enrolled in undergraduate programs, while 18 (12%) are in graduate programs. 87 of the 157 responses indicated that the enrolled students were in all online classes. 36 survey takers indicated they take a combination of online and on ground courses, while 31 students reported taking all on ground courses.

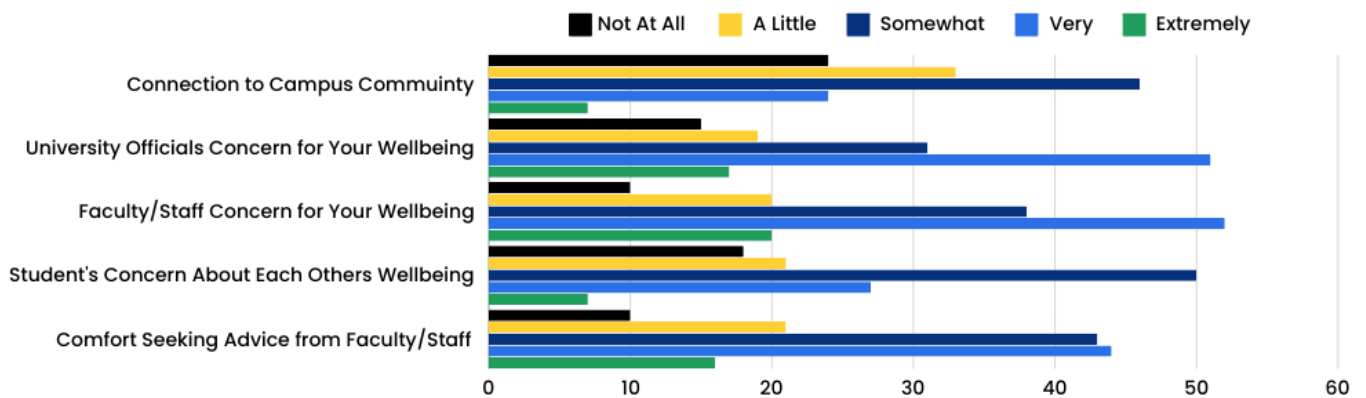
PROGRAM ENROLLMENT



Perceptions of Goodwin’s Climate

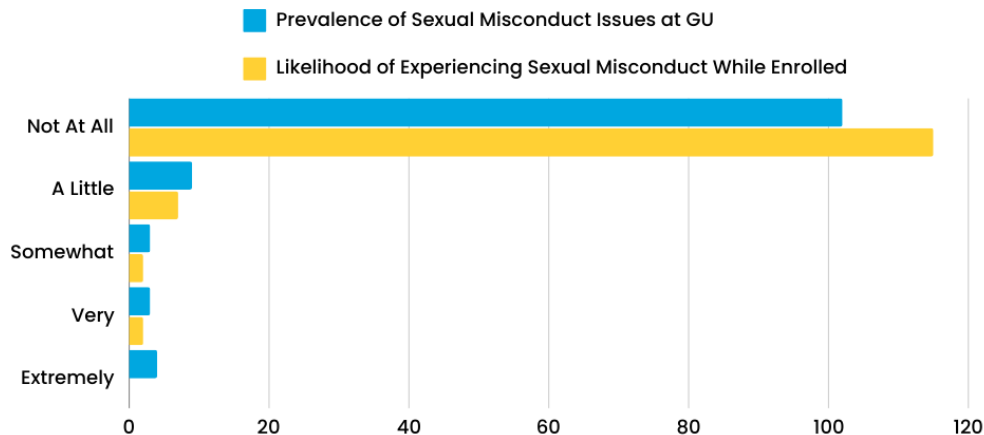
Next, the survey asked a series of questions regarding the survey takers perception of Goodwin University’s Climate. These include:

- How connected do you feel to the campus community at Goodwin University as a whole?
- How concerned are university officials at Goodwin about your well-being?
- How concerned are faculty or staff at Goodwin about your well-being?
- How concerned are students at Goodwin about each other's well-being?
- How comfortable are you seeking advice from faculty or staff at Goodwin University, even about something personal?



Next, the survey asked specific questions about survey takers perception of sexual misconduct at Goodwin University, including:

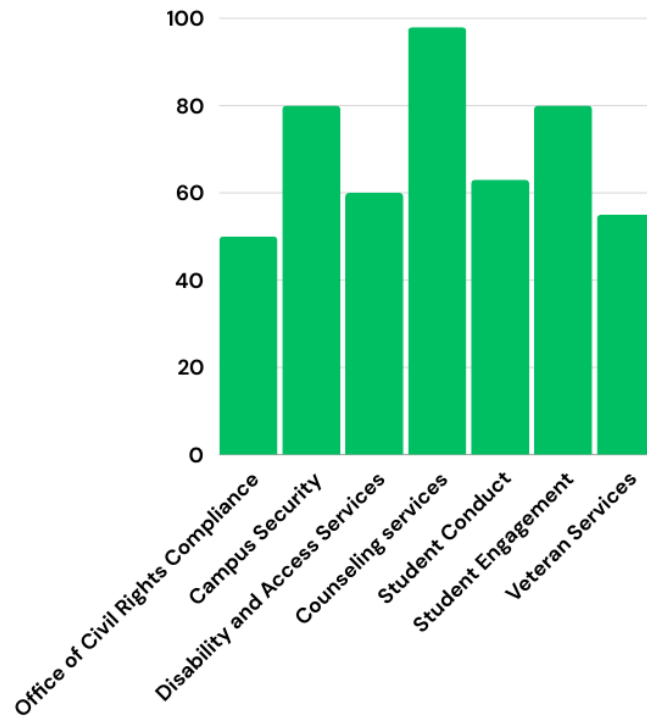
- How problematic is sexual assault or other sexual misconduct at Goodwin University?
- How likely do you think it is that you will experience sexual assault or sexual misconduct in the future while enrolled at Goodwin?



Knowledge Check

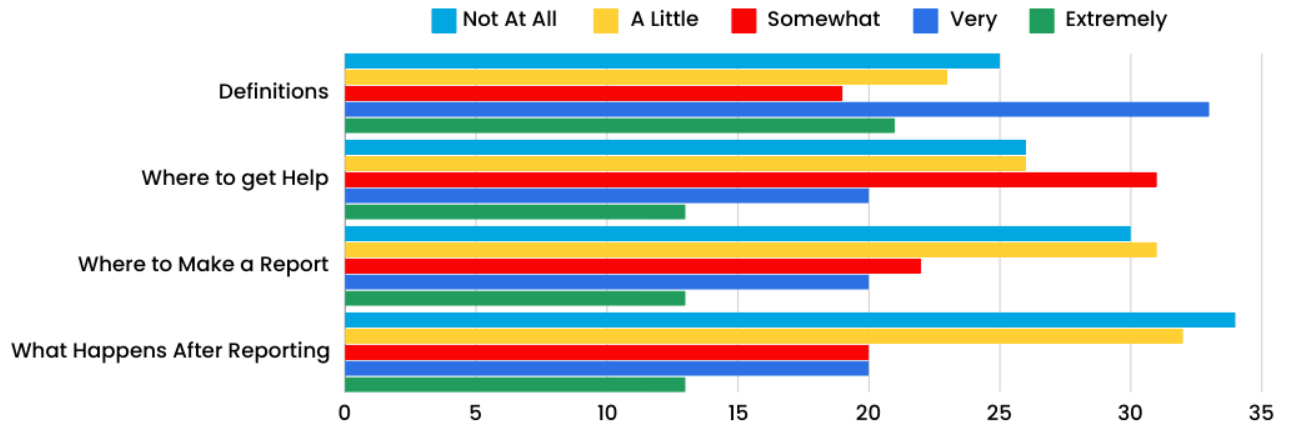
The survey then asked takers questions regarding resources and University policy and procedure around sexual misconduct.

Are you aware of the services and resources provided by the following? Mark all that apply



The questions regarding University policy and procedure were as follows:

- How knowledgeable are you about how sexual assault and other sexual misconduct are defined at Goodwin University?
- How knowledgeable are you about where to get help at Goodwin if you or a friend experienced sexual assault and other sexual misconduct?
- How knowledgeable are you about where to make a report of sexual assault and other sexual misconduct at Goodwin?
- How knowledgeable are you about what happens when a student reports an incident of sexual assault and other sexual misconduct at Goodwin?



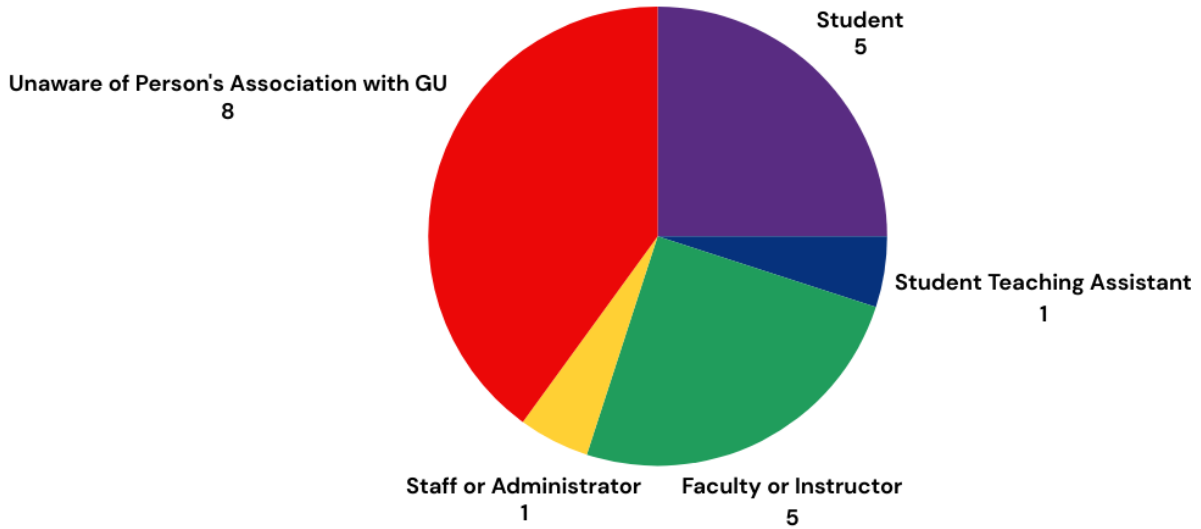
Campus Experiences

The remaining questions asked about survey takers experiences since being enrolled at Goodwin. To start, a series of yes or no questions were asked regarding their experiences.

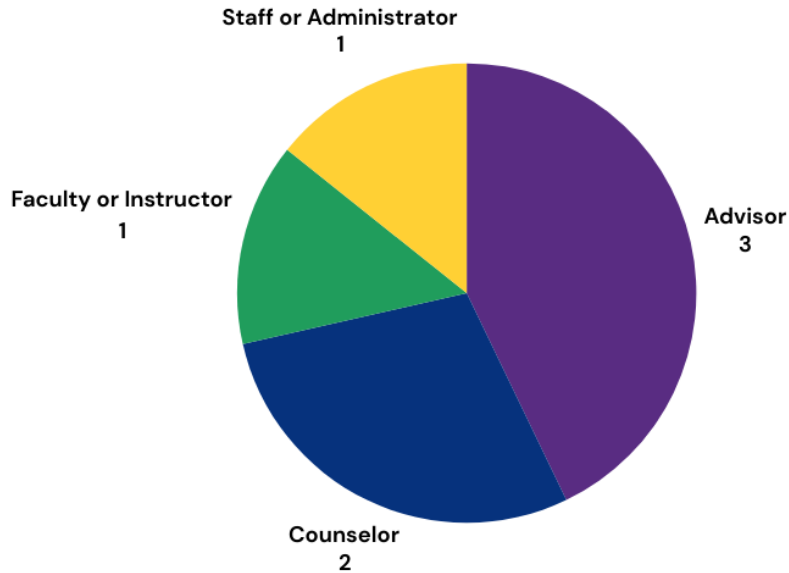
- 110 survey takers answered “No,” when asked, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has a student, or someone employed or otherwise associated with Goodwin made sexual remarks or told sexual jokes or sexual stories that were insulting or offensive to you?” 5 survey takers responded with “Yes.”
- 109 survey takers answered “No,” when asked, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has a student, or someone employed or otherwise associated with Goodwin made inappropriate or offensive comments about you or someone else's body, appearance, or sexual activities?” 6 survey takers chose, “Yes.”
- 111 survey takers answered, “No,” when asked, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has a student, or someone employed or otherwise associated with Goodwin said crude or gross sexual things to you or tried to get you to talk about sexual matters when you didn't want to?” 4 survey takers responded to the question with, “Yes.”
- 112 survey takers chose, “No,” when asked, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has a student, or someone employed or otherwise associated with Goodwin used social or online media to do any of the following that you didn't want: send offensive sexual remarks, jokes, stories, pictures, or videos to you?” 3 survey takers answered, “Yes,” to this question.
- 113 survey takers said, “No,” when asked, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has a student, or someone employed or otherwise associated with Goodwin continued to ask you to go out, get dinner, have drinks, or have sex even though you said "No"?” 2 survey takers answered, “Yes.”

The next three questions were aimed at understanding more about the experiences of those who answered, “Yes,” to the above 5 questions.

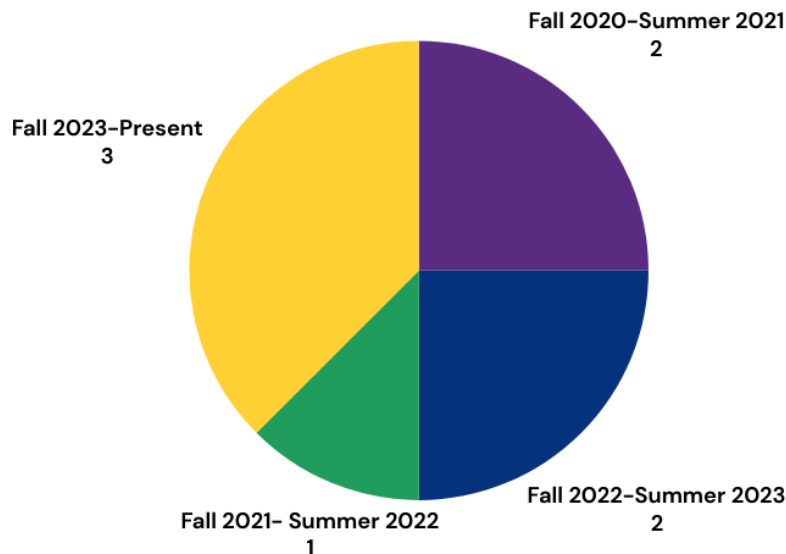
**If you said "Yes" to any of the above: How was the person/were the people who behaved this way associated with Goodwin University?
Please select all that apply.**



If you said "Yes" to any of the above: Since you have been a student at Goodwin, have you contacted any of the following about this experience? Please select all that apply.



If you said "Yes" to any of the above:When did you most recently contact someone about this experience/these experiences?



Next, there were a series of yes or no questions regarding behaviors related to stalking.

- 106 of the survey takers answered, “No,” when asked, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has someone made unwanted phone calls, sent emails, voice, or text or instant messages to you, or posted unwanted messages, pictures, or videos online to or about you?” 2 survey takers responded, “Yes.”
- 107 of the survey takers responded, “No,” to the question, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has someone made unwanted phone calls, sent emails, voice, or text or instant messages to you, or posted unwanted messages, pictures, or videos online to or about you?” 1 survey taker indicated, “Yes.”
- 107 of the survey takers answered, “No,” when asked, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has someone spied on, watched, or followed you in person, or monitored your activities or tracked your location?” 1 survey taker responded, “Yes.”

Those who answered, “Yes,” to the above 3 questions were then asked three more questions in an attempt to further understand their experiences.

- When asked, “If you said "Yes" to any of the above: How was the person/were the people who behaved this way associated with Goodwin University? Please select all that apply,” 1 of the survey takers identified a Goodwin Student, while another survey taker said the person was not associated with Goodwin.

- When asked, “If you said "Yes" to any of the above: Since you have been a student at Goodwin, have you contacted any of the following about this experience? Please select all that apply,” both “faculty or instructor,” and “counselor,” were selected.
- When asked, “If you said "Yes" to any of the above: When did you most recently contact someone about this experience/these experiences?” there were 2 selections for “Fall 2022-Summer 2023,” and 1 selection for “Prior to Fall 2020.”

The next series of questions asked about survey takers experiences around intimate partner violence.

- 106 survey takers answered, “No,” when asked, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has a partner controlled or tried to control you?” 1 survey taker answered, “Yes.”
- 104 survey takers responded, “No,” when asked, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has a partner threatened to physically harm you, someone you love, or him/herself?” 3 survey takers indicated, “Yes.”
- 106 survey takers indicated, “No,” when asked, “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has a partner used any kind of physical force against you or otherwise physically hurt or injure you?” 1 survey taker answered, “Yes.”

Two follow up questions were directed at those who answered, “Yes,” to the above 3 questions.

- First, survey takers were asked, “If you said "Yes" to any of the above: Since you have been a student at Goodwin, have you contacted any of the following about this experience? Please select all that apply.” There was one indication for “advisor,” “faculty or instructor,” and “counselor.”
- Next, survey takers were asked, “If you said "Yes" to any of the above: When did you most recently contact someone about this experience/these experiences?” There was one indication for each of the following: Fall-2022-Summer 2023, Fall 2021-Summer 2022, Prior to Fall 2020.

Next, survey takers were asked two questions regarding nonconsensual sexual contact. For both of the below questions, 107 survey takers answered, “No,” while 0 survey takers answered, “Yes.”

- “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has someone made a successful attempt at the following nonconsensual or unwanted contact with you:
 - Sexual penetration. When one person puts a penis, fingers, or object inside someone else's vagina or anus, or
 - Oral sex. When someone's mouth or tongue makes contact with someone else's genitals?”
- “Since you have been a student at Goodwin University, has someone made a successful attempt at the following nonconsensual or unwanted contact with you:

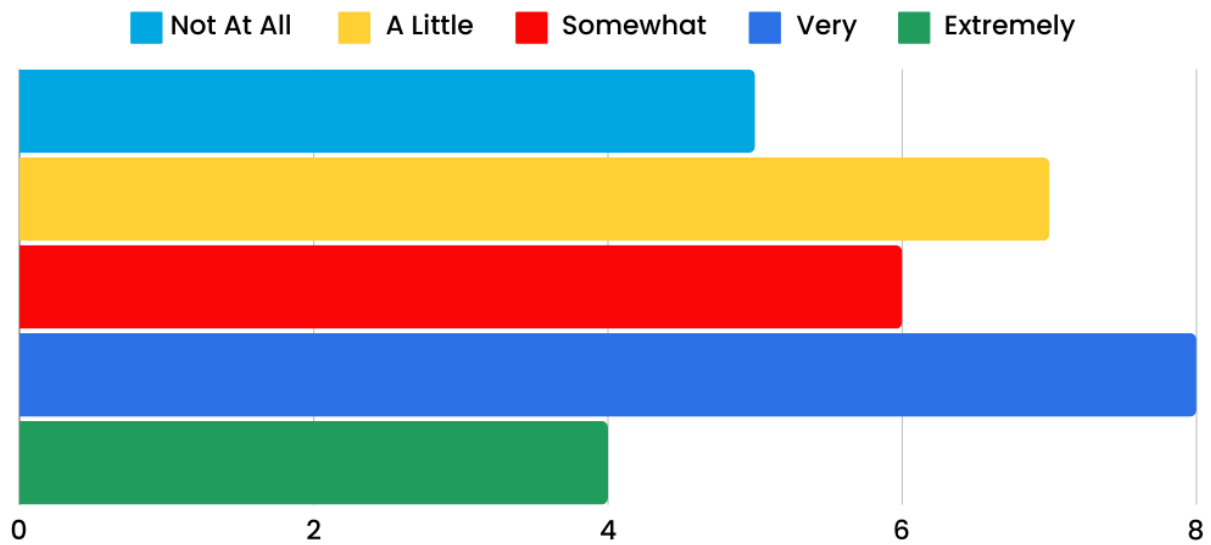
- Kissing
- touching someone's breast, chest, crotch, groin, or buttocks
- grabbing, groping, or rubbing against each other in a sexual way, even if the touching is over the other's clothes?"

Survey takers were then asked follow up questions to the above two questions.

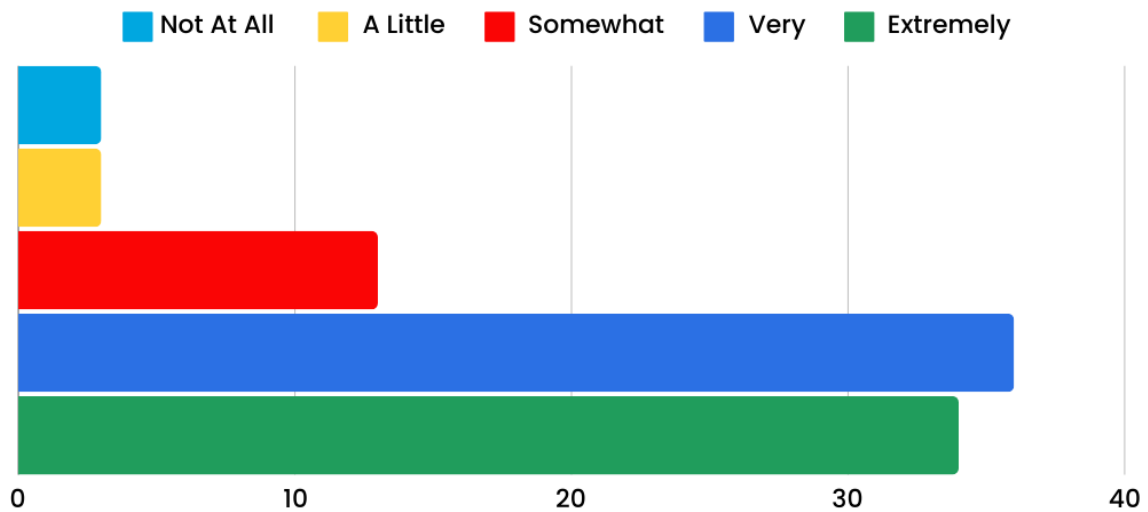
- Survey takers identified, 1 “student,” 1 “faculty or instructor,” and 1 “I am unaware of this persons association with Goodwin,” in response to the question, “If you said "Yes" to any of the above: How was the person/were the people who behaved this way associated with Goodwin University? Please select all that apply.”
- In response to being asked, “If you said "Yes" to any of the above: Since you have been a student at Goodwin, have you contacted any of the following about this experience? Please select all that apply,” survey takers indicated 1 of each of the following, “advisor,” “faculty or instructor,” and “counselor.”
- Finally, when asked, “If you said "Yes" to any of the above: When did you most recently contact someone about this experience/these experiences?” survey takers selected Fall 2022-Summer 2023 and Prior to Fall 2020, 1 time each.

Finally, survey takers were asked four questions regarding the services they’d received at Goodwin and their perception of these services. One of these questions asked, “If someone were to report a sexual assault or other sexual misconduct to an official at Goodwin, how likely is it that campus officials would take the report seriously?” 26 survey takers responded, “No,” and 1 survey taker responded, “Yes.”

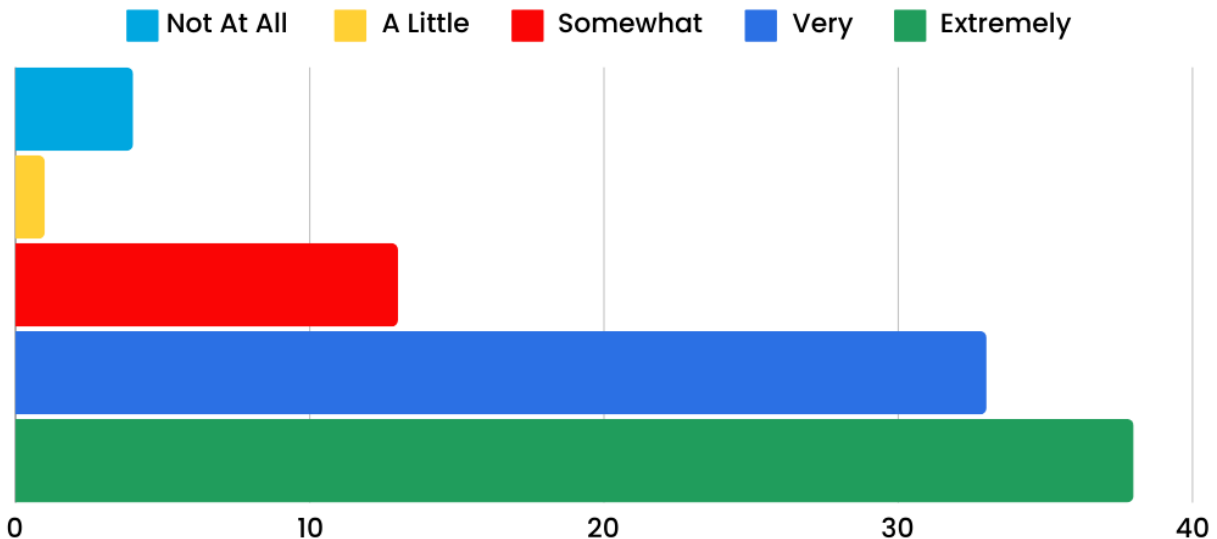
How useful was the service at Goodwin in helping you after your experience?



If someone were to report a sexual assault or other sexual misconduct to an official at Goodwin, how likely is it that campus officials would conduct a fair investigation?



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Conclusion

Throughout the survey, survey takers were reminded that they could skip over any section they did not want to answer, which may explain the lack of answers for some questions. The end of the survey reminded students of their resources on campus, including confidential counseling, campus resources, confidential off campus resources, and national hotlines. The data gathered from this survey will be utilized to plan programming and education and increase awareness across Goodwin University's campus for faculty, staff, and students.