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Introduction

Colby-Sawyer College administered the RSA188-H statewide climate survey between February 3 and March 15, 2025. Colby-Sawyer College's Sexual Assault and Violence Education (SAVE) Committee requested student participation in this survey regarding unwanted sexual and interpersonal violence experiences and perceptions of the college's response to these incidents. Robin Burroughs Davis, Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students and Title IX Coordinator was the principal investigator.

Colby-Sawyer College's full-time enrollment (FTE) for the spring 2026 semester was 679. The survey was administered through Qualtrics and emailed to 846 students. The survey was promoted via poster campaign, social media campaign, TV monitors, tabling events, multiple email reminders, and at a presentation with approximately 150 students in attendance. Students who completed the survey had the option to be entered into a drawing for several gift cards to incentivize participation.

Ninety-nine students agreed to take the survey, which represents an 12% response rate. Fifty-eight students finished the survey, which represents a 59% completion rate. A copy of the survey and aggregate data per question are attached.

High-Level Summary of Sexual Misconduct Findings

Stalking Victimization

Students were asked about whether they had experienced ten different kinds of stalking-related events since they enrolled at CSC. Overall, 11 of 63 students (18 percent) who answered questions related to stalking victimization reported experiencing at least one stalking-related incident. The prevalence of these events is shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Students Who Reported At Least One Instance of Stalking Victimization

Stalking-related Incident	N	%
Sent you unwanted emails, text messages, or social media comments/direct messages	11	18%
Spread rumors about you online, whether they were true or not	10	16%
Left you unwanted messages (including text or voice messages)	10	16%
Watched or followed you from a distance or spied on you with a location tracking app, camera, or other device (i.e., AirTags, Find My..., Snap Map, etc.)	8	13%
Approached you or showed up in places, such as your home, workplace, or school when you didn't want them to be there	7	11%
Made unwanted phone calls to you (including hang up calls)	7	11%
Left strange or potentially threatening items for you to find	4	6%
Made threats to your physical or emotional safety online	3	5%
Left you cards, letters, flowers, or presents when they knew you didn't want them to	2	3%
Snuck into your home or car and did things to scare you by letting you know they had been there	2	3%

Used coercion, threats, or intimidation to gain access to your phone, email, or other accounts	1	2%

Dating Violence Victimization

Students were asked whether they had experienced ten different forms of dating violence since they enrolled at CSC. Overall, 13 of the 61 students (21 percent) who answered questions related to dating violence reported experiencing at least one instance of dating violence victimization. **Table 2** displays the number and percentage of students who reported experiencing each specific form.

Table 2. Students Who Reported At Least One Instance of Dating Violence Victimization

Dating Violence Victimization Incident	N	%
The person repeatedly humiliated me or put me down	13	22%
The person threatened me and I was concerned for my safety or well being	10	16%
The person punched a wall or other object near me	9	15%
The person kept tabs on me by following me in person, monitoring my location, or gaining access to my accounts/devices	9	15%
The person pushed, grabbed, hit, or shook me	8	14%
The person attempted to or did control my personal life, such as where I went, what I wore, who I saw, or how I spent my money	8	13%
The person stole or destroyed my property	6	10%
The person choked me or applied pressure to me throat or neck in a way that was not OK with me	5	8%
The person said they would disclose my personal or private information to others	4	7%
The person threatened to harm people close to me	4	7%

Sexual Violence Victimization

Students were asked about whether they had experienced four different forms of sexual violence since they enrolled at CSC, whether on-campus, off-campus, during a break, or when school was in session. Overall, of the 60 participants who completed questions related to sexual violence, 12 students (20 percent) reported experiencing at least one instance of sexual violence victimization. **Table 3** reports the numbers and percentages of students who reported that they had experienced each type of sexual violence.

Table 3. Students Who Reported At Least One Instance of Sexual Violence Victimization

Sexual Violence Victimization Incident	N	%
Someone touched, kissed, or rubbed up against the private areas of my body, removed some of my clothes, or made me touch them sexually, without my consent (but did not attempt sexual penetration).	12	20%
Someone ATTEMPTED to have oral, anal, or vaginal penetration with me without my consent.	8	13%
Someone had oral sex with me or made me have oral sex with them without my consent.	5	8%

Someone penetrated my vagina or anus with their body part or an object, or made me penetrate their vagina or anus, without my consent.	4	7%

Sexual Harassment by Students

Students were asked about twelve sexual harassment situations initiated by other CSC students, as well by visitors or guests of other CSC students. **Table 4** shows the numbers and percentages of students who reported that they had experienced each situation.

Table 4. Percent of Students Who Reported Experiencing At Least One Instance of Sexual Harassment by Other Students

Sexual Harassment by Other Students	N	%
Made offensive sexist remarks	37	54%
Was condescending to you or treated you negatively because of your sex or gender identity	31	48%
Made sexual remarks, jokes or stories that were insulting or offensive to you	30	46%
Made unwanted attempts to establish a romantic or sexual relationship with you (i.e., ask you for dates, drinks, dinner, etc.)	21	38%
Cat-called, followed, honked, or whistled at you, flashed you, or directed other sexually aggressive actions towards you in public	21	32%
Made gestures or used body language of a sexual nature which embarrassed or offended you	16	30%
Publicly shamed/humiliated you regarding your sexual activity or experiences	18	28%
Repeatedly told sexual stories or jokes that were offensive to you	16	25%
Displayed, used, or distributed sexually graphic or suggestive materials	15	23%
Made unwelcome attempts to draw you into a discussion of sexual matters	14	22%
Sent or posted unwelcome sexual comments, jokes, or pictures by text, email, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, TikTok, or other electronic means	12	18%

Sexual Harassment by Faculty/Staff

Students were asked about sexual harassment situations initiated by faculty and/or staff members at CSC. **Table 5** displays numbers and percentages of students who reported that they had experienced each situation.

Table 5. Percent of Students Who Reported Experiencing At Least One Instance of Sexual Harassment by Faculty/Staff

Sexual Harassment by Faculty/Staff	N	%
A faculty or staff member made offensive sexist remarks.	6	10%
A faculty or staff member made sexual remarks, jokes, or stories that were insulting or offensive to you.	4	7%
A faculty or staff member put you down, was condescending to you, or treated you negatively because of your sex or gender identity.	4	7%

A faculty or staff member repeatedly told sexual stories or jokes that were offensive to you.	3	5%
A faculty or staff member touched you in a way that made you feel uncomfortable.	3	5%
A faculty or staff member made unwelcome attempts to draw you into a discussion of sexual matters.	1	1%
A faculty or staff member displayed, used, or distributed sexually graphic or suggestive materials outside of course materials.	1	1%
A faculty or staff member made gestures or used body language of a sexual nature which embarrassed or offended you.	0	0%
A faculty or staff member made unwanted attempts to establish a romantic or sexual relationship with you (i.e., ask you for dates, drinks, dinner, etc.).	0	0%
A faculty or staff member made unwanted attempts to touch or kiss you.	0	0%
A faculty or staff member attempted to bribe you or implied better treatment to engage in sexual behavior.	0	0%
A faculty or staff member mistreated you or threatened you with some sort of retaliation for not being sexually cooperative.	0	0%

Institutional Response to Reports of Sexual Misconduct

Students were asked what their perception of the College's response to reports of sexual misconduct is as well as the experiences they have had. **Table 6** displays numbers and percentages of students who responded.

Table 6. Student Perception of How Colby-Sawyer Would Respond to Reports of Sexual Misconduct

Perception of College Response	N	%
The college would take the report [of sexual misconduct] seriously.	62	89%
The college would maintain privacy of the person making the report.	64	91%
The college would do its best to honor the request of the person about how to go forward with the case.	60	91%
The college would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report.	63	88%
The college would provide supportive measures to the person who made the report.	60	88%
The college would take corrective action to address factors that may have led to the sexual misconduct.	49	79%
The college would punish the person who made the report.	43	61%
The college would handle the report fairly.	54	90%

Summary of Campus Climate Findings

Students were asked about their perceptions of the extent to which they are valued by faculty, staff, administers and how safe they feel on campus. **Table 7** displays numbers and percentages of students' perception of safety. **Table 8** displays numbers and percentages of students' perception of their value.

Table 7. Student Perception of Safety on Campus

Perception of College Safety	N	%
I feel safe on this campus.	72	86%
On or around this campus, I feel safe from sexual harassment.	47	65%
On or around this campus, I feel safe from dating violence.	50	89%
On or around this campus, I feel safe from sexual violence.	46	82%
On or around this campus, I feel safe from stalking.	48	88%
I don't think sexual misconduct is a problem at Colby-Sawyer College.	27	47%
I don't think there is much I can do about sexual misconduct on this campus. [Strongly Disagree or Disagree]	31	53%
There isn't much need for me to think about sexual misconduct while at college. [Strongly Disagree or Disagree]	39	70%

Table 8. Student Perception of How They Are Valued

Perception of Campus Climate	N	%
I feel valued in the classroom/learning environment.	38	66%
I think faculty, staff, and administrators respect what students on this campus think.	47	82%
I think faculty and staff are genuinely concerned about my welfare.	51	88%
I think administrators are genuinely concerned about my welfare.	37	66%
I feel close to people on this campus.	41	71%
I feel like I am a part of Colby-Sawyer College.	42	72%
I am happy to be at Colby-Sawyer College	45	78%
I think the faculty, staff, and administrators at this school treat students fairly	41	72%
I would recommend attending Colby-Sawyer College to others.	49	67%
If I had it to do over again, I would still attend Colby-Sawyer College	40	69%