Sexual Assault

2024 RESULTS

Campus Climate Survey

DEMOGRAPHICS

What is your biological sex?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Female	**66.38%**	543
Male	**33.25%**	272
Intersex	**0.37%**	3

Statistics based on **818** respondents

What is your current gender identity?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Female	**65.25%**	533
Male	**33.29%**	272
Transgender female	**0%**	0
Transgender male	**0.25%**	2
Genderqueer	**0.12%**	1
Gender-nonconforming	**0.73%**	6
Other (please specify)	**0.37%**	3

Statistics based on **817** respondents

Select one or more of the following options that best describes your race or ethnicity:

	Response Percent	Response Total
International or Noncitizen	**1.47%**	12
Hispanic/Latino	**6.60%**	54
American Indian or AlaskaNative	**0%**	0
Asian	**2.69%**	22
Black or African American	**1.35%**	11
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	**0.37%**	3
White	**82.52%**	675
Two or More Races	**4.77%**	39
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	**0.24%**	2

Statistics based on **818** respondents

Do you consider yourself to be:

	Response Percent	Response Total
Asexual	**3.06%**	25
Bisexual	**5.64%**	46
Pansexual	**0.74%**	6
Gay	**0.86%**	7
Heterosexual/Straight	**85.91%**	701
Lesbian	**1.84%**	15
Questioning	**1.35%**	11
Other (please specify)	**0.61%**	5

Statistics based on **816** respondents

In what year of school are you currently enrolled?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Freshman (First-Year)	**31.95%**	262
Sophomore (Second-Year)	**20.61%**	169
Junior (Third-Year)	**17.07%**	140
Senior (Fourth/Fifth/Sixth-Year)	**14.51%**	119
Graduate or professional school student	**15.73%**	129
Other (please specify)	**0.12%**	1

Statistics based on **820** respondents

Which school/college at Fairfield are you part of?

	Response Percent	Response Total
College of Arts and Sciences	**33%**	273
Dolan School of Business	**34%**	280
School of Education and Human Development	**5%**	45
School of Engineering and Computing	**8%**	65
Marion Peckham EganSchool of Nursing & Health Studies	**19%**	157

Statistics based on **820** respondents

What is your current enrollment status?

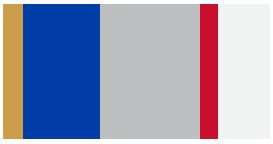
	Response Percent	Response Total
Full-time student	**91.94%**	753
Part-time student	**8.06%**	66

Statistics based on **819** respondents

Did you transfer to Fairfield from another school?			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		**2.82%**	23
No		**97.19%**	794

Statistics based on **817** respondents

GENERAL CLIMATE QUESTIONS

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:							
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Did Not Experience		Response Total
Faculty are genuinely concerned about my welfare.	44.38% (304)	49.78% (341)	3.65% (25)	0.44% (3)	1.75% (12)		**685**
Staff/Administrators are genuinely concerned about my welfare.	42.19% (289)	49.34% (338)	4.38% (30)	0.88% (6)	3.21% (22)		**685**
I feel safe at Fairfield.	53.67% (366)	44.28% (302)	1.03% (7)	0.29% (2)	0.73% (5)		**682**
School officials (administrators, public safety officer, etc.) could do more to protect students from harm.	7.53% (52)	28.94% (200)	37.77% (261)	6.51% (45)	19.25% (133)		**691**
If there were a difficult situation at Fairfield, Fairfield would handle it well.	17.27% (119)	49.35% (340)	17.13% (118)	3.92% (27)	12.34% (85)		**689**
Fairfield responds too slowly in difficult situations.	7.28% (50)	22.42% (154)	39.88% (274)	6.55% (45)	23.87% (164)		**687**
School officials handle negative incidents in a fair and responsible manner.	13.45% (92)	48.1% (329)	13.6% (93)	3.22% (22)	21.64% (148)		**684**
Fairfield does enough to protect the safety of students.	17.59% (121)	56.69% (390)	13.52% (93)	2.76% (19)	9.45% (65)		**688**
There is a good support system at Fairfield for students going through difficult times.	24.78% (171)	49.28% (340)	9.42% (65)	2.61% (18)	13.91% (96)		**690**

PERCEPTIONS OF LEADERSHIP, POLICIES, AND REPORTING

If someone were to report a sexual assault to administrators at Fairfield, how likely is it that:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Did Not Experience		Response Total
Administrators would take the report seriously?	53.53% (311)	26.85% (156)	8.95% (52)	1.55% (9)	9.12% (53)		581
Administrators would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report?	49.74% (287)	28.6% (165)	10.75% (62)	1.91% (11)	9.01% (52)		577
Administrators would support the person making the report?	50.86% (295)	29.14% (169)	10% (58)	1.21% (7)	8.79% (51)		580
Administrators would take corrective action to address factors that may have led to the sexual assault?	42.93% (249)	27.93% (162)	15% (87)	3.62% (21)	10.52% (61)		580
Administrators would take corrective action against the offender?	43.33% (250)	24.09% (139)	16.98% (98)	4.85% (28)	10.75% (62)		577
Administrators would take steps to protect the person making the report from retaliation?	42.22% (244)	27.34% (158)	15.74% (91)	3.11% (18)	11.59% (67)		578
The alleged offender(s) or their associates would retaliate against the person making the report?	25.3% (146)	25.48% (147)	19.93% (115)	6.07% (35)	23.22% (134)		577

While you have been a student at Fairfield, how useful did you find trainings you've received in the following areas related to sexual assault:

	Very Useful	Moderately Useful	Slightly Useful	Not Useful	I have not received training in this area		Response Total
Which behaviors are defined as "sexual assault?"	36.08% (210)	37.97% (221)	14.43% (84)	3.44% (20)	8.08% (47)		582
How to report a complaint of sexual assault?	36.32% (211)	34.42% (200)	15.15% (88)	4.13% (24)	9.98% (58)		581
The availability of confidential on-campus resources to help victims of sexual assault?	40.8% (235)	34.2% (197)	11.81% (68)	3.13% (18)	10.07% (58)		576
The procedures followed to investigate a complaint of sexual assault?	33.16% (191)	34.72% (200)	14.76% (85)	3.82% (22)	13.54% (78)		576

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Did Not Experience		Response Total
I know where to go to get help regarding sexual assault at Fairfield.	29.67% (173)	48.2% (281)	12.69% (74)	1.37% (8)	8.06% (47)		**583**
I understand Fairfield's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault.	27.29% (158)	44.91% (260)	14.68% (85)	2.07% (12)	11.05% (64)		**579**
I understand how to report a sexual assault at Fairfield.	28.18% (164)	46.22% (269)	13.57% (79)	1.72% (10)	10.31% (60)		**582**
I understand where I can find confidential support at Fairfield.	34.6% (201)	49.91% (290)	7.75% (45)	0.86% (5)	6.89% (40)		**581**
I understand where I can find 24/7 support related to sexual assault.	31.38% (182)	43.45% (252)	14.48% (84)	1.55% (9)	9.14% (53)		**580**
I know where to seek special accommodations at Fairfield if I was assaulted.	27.68% (160)	39.1% (226)	19.72% (114)	2.77% (16)	10.73% (62)		**578**
I have confidence that Fairfield's administrators will follow the procedures necessary to address complaints of sexual assault fairly.	35.8% (208)	46.99% (273)	5.51% (32)	1.55% (9)	10.16% (59)		**581**

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

This section asks about non-consensual or unwanted sexual contact you may have experienced. The person with whom you had unwanted sexual contact could have been a stranger or someone you know, such as a family member, a dating or romantic partner, or another student. These questions ask about five types of sexual contact:

- touching of a sexual nature
- oral sex
- sexual intercourse
- anal sex
- sexual penetration with a finger or object

We would like to learn more about situations when students have experienced non-consensual or unwanted sexual contact in order to help prevent these incidents and support students better. We understand that these can be very sensitive issues for students, and resources will be provided at the end of the survey.

Have you experienced sexual contact without your consent since you became a student at Fairfield?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	**7.8%**	46
No	**89.83%**	530
Not sure	**2.37%**	14

Statistics based on **590** respondents

The questions below ask about non-consensual or unwanted sexual contact that involved force or threats of force against you. Force could include someone holding you down with their body weight, pinning your arms, hitting or kicking you, or using or threatening to use a weapon against you.

Since you became a student at Fairfield, has anyone had/attempted but not succeeded in having sexual contact with you by using physicalforce or threatening to physically harm you?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Attempted	**22.41%**	13
Yes	**27.59%**	16
No	**39.66%**	23
Not sure	**10.35%**	6

Statistics based on **58** respondents

The next question asks about non-consensual or unwanted sexual contact resulting from verbal or non-physical coercion. This can included telling you lies, making promises you knew were untrue, threatening to end a relationship, threatening to spread rumors about you, showing displeasure, criticizing you, getting angry, and/or verbally pressuring you after you indicated you didn't want to have sexual contact.

Since you became a student at Fairfield, has someone had/attempted but not succeeded in having sexual contact with you by using verbal or non-physical coercion?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Attempted	**22.03%**	13
Yes	**32.2%**	19
No	**35.59%**	21
Not sure	**10.17%**	6

Statistics based on **59** respondents

The next question asks about your experiences with non-consensual or unwanted sexual contact while you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep. These situations might include times you voluntarily consumed alcohol or drugs or times you were given drugs without your knowledge or consent.

Since you became a student at Fairfield, has someone had/attempted but not succeeded in having sexual contact with you when you wereunable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were passed out, drugged, drunk, incapacitated, or asleep? This question asks about incidents that you are certain happened.

	Response Percent	Response Total
Attempted	**6.78%**	4
Yes	**35.59%**	21
No	**49.15%**	29
Not sure	**8.48%**	5

Statistics based on **59** respondents

The next set of questions relate to an incident when someone had non-consensual or unwanted sexual contact with you while you were a student at Fairfield. For these questions, if you have experienced this more than once, please consider the incident that has had the greatest impact on you.

Who had this unwanted sexual contact with you? Please select the best option from the list below.

	Response Percent	Response Total
Stranger	**13.73%**	7
Family member	**0%**	0
Acquaintance	**25.49%**	13
Coworker	**1.96%**	1
Employer/supervisor	**0%**	0
Faculty	**0%**	0
Staff/Administrator	**0%**	0
Non-romantic friend	**27.45%**	14
Casual or first date	**7.84%**	4
Current dating/romantic partner	**3.92%**	2
Ex-dating/romantic partner	**13.73%**	7
Coach	**0%**	0
Other (please specify)	**5.88%**	3

Statistics based on **51** respondents

Was this person a student at Fairfield?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	**74.51%**	38
No	**19.61%**	10
Not sure	**5.88%**	3

Statistics based on **51** respondents

Was this person affiliated with Fairfield, as an employee, staff, or faculty member?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	**1.92%**	1
No	**92.31%**	48
Not sure	**5.77%**	3

Statistics based on **52** respondents

What was the sex of the person who had unwanted sexual contact with you?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Male	**90.2%**	46
Female	**7.84%**	4
Transgender	**0%**	0
Not sure	**1.96%**	1

Statistics based on **52** respondents

Where did the incident occur? Please select the most appropriate location. You may use the open-ended text field to specify the location, if desired.

	Response Percent	Response Total
On-apartments campus	**5.88%**	3
On-campus other facility	**1.96%**	1
On-campus residence hall	**50.98%**	26
On-campus townhouses	**9.80%**	5
Off-campus non-beach housing	**9.80%**	5
On-apartment campus	**5.88%**	3
On-campus other facility	**15.69%**	8

Statistics based on **51** respondents

Did the incident involve:

	Yes	No	Response Total
The other person's use of alcohol?	64% (32)	36% (18)	**50**
Your use of alcohol?	50% (25)	50% (25)	**50**
The other person's use of drugs?	18% (9)	82% (41)	**50**
Your use of drugs?	3.92% (2)	96.08% (49)	**51**



Statistics based on **51** respondents

Keep in mind that you are in no way responsible for the incident that occurred, even if you had been drinking or using drugs.

There are a lot of good reasons why someone may not tell anyone about an incident of non-consensual or unwanted sexual contact. What were your reasons? Please check all that apply.

	Response Percent	Response Total
I was ashamed/embarrassed	**31.25%**	15
It's a private matter-wanted to deal with it on my own	**50%**	24
I was concerned others would find out	**18.75%**	9
I didn't want the person who did it to get in trouble	**25%**	12
I was afraid of retaliation from the person who did it	**29.17%**	14
I was afraid of not being believed	**27.08%**	13
The person who did it is well-recognized at Fairfield	**10.42%**	5
I thought I would be blamed for what happened	**25%**	12
I didn't think what happened was serious enough to talk about	**43.75%**	21
I didn't think others would think it was serious	**22.92%**	11
I thought people would try to tell me what to do	**12.50%**	6
It would feel like an admission of failure	**8.33%**	4
I didn't think others would think it was important	**27.08%**	13
I didn't think others would understand	**25%**	12
I didn't have time to deal with it due to academics, work, etc.	**18.75%**	9
I didn't know the reporting procedure at my school	**8.33%**	4
I was afraid that I or another would be punished for other infractions or violations (e.g., underage drinking)	**4.17%**	2
I did not feel the campus leadership would solve my problems	**20.83%**	10
I was afraid others would harass me or react negatively toward me	**12.50%**	6
I thought nothing would be done	**20.83%**	10
I didn't want others to worry about me	**33.33%**	16
I wanted to forget it happened	**45.83%**	22
I had other things that needed my attention (e.g.,classes, work)	**29.17%**	14
I didn't think the school would do anything about my report	**12.50%**	6
Other (please specify)	**4.17%**	2

Statistics based on **48** respondents

Did you seek medical treatment for the incident?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	**3.92%**	2
No	**96.08%**	49

Statistics based on **51** respondents

Did you seek counseling services as a result of the incident?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	**35.29%**	18
No	**64.71%**	33

Statistics based on **51** respondents

Did you seek advocacy services as a result of the incident?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	**1.96%**	1
No	**98.04%**	50

Statistics based on **51** respondents

In the past, have you pressured or forced/attempted to pressure/force someone but not succeeded in having sexual contact with someone without that person's explicit consent (e.g., used physical force or threatened to physically harm them; manipulated them through lies, threats, or pressure; took sexual advantage of them when they were significantly impaired or incapacitated by drugs/alcohol)? Remember that your responses will remain confidential and will not be linked to your identity or reported.

	Response Percent	Response Total
Attempted but not succeeded	**0.86%**	5
Yes	**0.52%**	3
No	**97.94%**	569
Not sure	**0.69%**	4

Statistics based on **581** respondents

STALKING AND RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

This section asks questions about experiences you might have had in romantic or intimate relationships and other forms of social contact (from strangers, friends, relatives, spouses, and/or partners) since you became a student at Fairfield. Please do not refer to relationships or contact prior to your time at Fairfield.

Stalking can be defined as: A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. Stalking involves repeated and continued harassment made against the expressed or reasonably implied wishes of another individual, which causes the targeted individual to feel emotional distress, including fear and apprehension. Stalking behaviors may include: pursuing or following; non-consensual (unwanted) communication or contact including face-to-face, telephone calls, voice messages, electronic messages, web-based messages, text messages, unwanted gifts, etc.; trespassing; and surveillance or other types of observation

Not including bill collectors, telephone solicitors, or other sales people, has anyone, of any gender, ever: Please check all that apply, or "Not applicable."

	Response Percent	Response Total
Followed or spied on you?	**4.18%**	23
Sent you unsolicited letters or written correspondence?	**2.18%**	12
Made unsolicited phone calls to you?	**4%**	22
Sent you unsolicited emails or text messages?	**7.27%**	40
Showed up at classes where you were even though they had no business being there?	**0.73%**	4
Left unwanted items for you to find?	**0.36%**	2
Tried to communicate in other ways against your will?	**3.27%**	18
Vandalized your property or destroyed something you loved?	**0.73%**	4
Not applicable - I have not experienced any of these things	**88.55%**	487

Statistics based on **550** respondents

Has anyone ever done any of these things to you on more than one occasion?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	**68.25%**	43
No	**31.75%**	20

Statistics based on **63** respondents

The following questions ask about behaviors that some students report have been used by their partners in current or previous relationships.These questions refer to all romantic or intimate relationships, from one-time hook-ups to ongoing dating.

Have you been in a romantic or intimate relationship since you became a student at Fairfield?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	**47.65%**	274
No	**49.22%**	283
Not sure	**3.13%**	18

Statistics based on **63** respondents

Select a response for each of the times listed below to show your closest estimate of how often your partner has used any of the following behaviors in your current or previous relationship(s) since you became a student at Fairfield:

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Very Frequently		Response Total
Called you a name and/or criticized you	69.49% (189)	13.6% (37)	12.87% (35)	2.21% (6)	1.84% (5)		272
Tried to keep you from doing something you wanted to do (e.g., going out with friends, going to meetings)	73.16% (199)	13.97% (38)	9.19% (25)	1.84% (5)	1.84% (5)		272
Gave you angry stares or looks	76.1% (207)	13.6% (37)	6.62% (18)	2.21% (6)	1.47% (4)		272
Prevented you from having money for your own use	93.73% (254)	4.43% (12)	0.74% (2)	0.37% (1)	0.74% (2)		271
Threatened to hit or throw something at you	95.22% (259)	2.21% (6)	1.1% (3)	0.37% (1)	1.1% (3)		272
Pushed, grabbed, or shoved you	89.67% (243)	6.64% (18)	2.58% (7)	0% (0)	1.11% (3)		271
Put down your family and friends	83.4% (226)	8.86% (24)	4.43% (12)	1.85% (5)	1.48% (4)		271
Accused you of paying too much attention to someone or something else	80.37% (217)	9.26% (25)	5.19% (14)	3.7% (10)	1.48% (4)		270
Said things to scare you (e.g., told you something"bad" would happen, threatened to commit suicide)	91.73% (244)	4.14% (11)	2.26% (6)	0.38% (1)	1.5% (4)		266
Slapped, hit, punched, or kicked you	95.57% (259)	1.85% (5)	1.85% (5)	0% (0)	0.74% (2)		271
Made you do something humiliating or degrading (e.g., begging for forgiveness, having to ask permission to do something you want to do)	92.99% (252)	2.95% (8)	1.48% (4)	1.48% (4)	1.11% (3)		271

Select a response for each of the times listed below to show your closest estimate of how often your partner has used any of the following behaviors in your current or previous relationship(s) since you became a student at Fairfield:

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Very Frequently		Response Total
Pressured or forced you to text or take naked photos	91.51% (248)	3.32% (9)	2.58% (7)	1.48% (4)	1.11% (3)		**271**
Checked up on you (e.g., listened to your phone calls, checked the mileage on your car, called you repeatedly during class)	90.04% (244)	4.06% (11)	3.32% (9)	1.48% (4)	1.11% (3)		**271**
Drove recklessly when you were in the car	91.48% (247)	4.82% (13)	1.85% (5)	1.11% (3)	0.74% (2)		**270**
Pressured you to have sex in a way that you didn't like or want	89.3% (242)	4.06% (11)	1.48% (4)	2.95% (8)	2.21% (6)		**271**
Threatened you with a knife, gun, or other weapon	98.88% (265)	0.75% (2)	0.37% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)		**268**
Stopped you or tried to stop you from going to work or school	96.68% (262)	1.85% (5)	1.11% (3)	0% (0)	0.37% (1)		**271**
Threw, hit, kicked, or smashed something	95.17% (256)	2.23% (6)	1.49% (4)	0.74% (2)	0.37% (1)		**269**
Physically forced you to have sex	97.05% (263)	0.37% (1)	1.48% (4)	1.11% (3)	0% (0)		**271**
Choked or strangled you	96.67% (261)	1.11% (3)	1.85% (5)	0.37% (1)	0% (0)		**270**
Pretended to choke or strangle you	94.82% (256)	1.85% (5)	1.85% (5)	1.11% (3)	0.37% (1)		**270**
Used a knife, gun, or other weapon against you	98.89% (267)	0.74% (2)	0.37% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)		**270**

Statistics based on **272** respondents

The following questions ask about the previously listed behaviors that may have occurred in a current or previous relationship since you became a student at Fairfield. For these questions, please consider the incident that has had the greatest impact on you.

Were you injured in the incident?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	**1.15%**	3
No	**98.47%**	257
Not sure	**0.38%**	1

Statistics based on **261** respondents

Did you seek medical attention?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	**25%**	1
No	**75%**	3

Statistics based on **4** respondents

Readiness to Help

The following question asks about sexual violence. Sexual violence refers to a range of behaviors that are unwanted, including: harmful or inappropriate remarks about physical appearance; persistent sexual advances that are undesired; unwanted touching; and unwanted oral, anal, or vaginal penetration or attempted penetration. These behaviors could be initiated by someone who is known or unknown to the recipient, including someone the recipient is or was in a relationship with.

Please read the following statements regarding sexual violence and select the response that indicates how true each is for you

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Did Not Experience		Response Total
I don't think sexual violence is a problem at Fairfield.	8.74% (48)	30.06% (165)	28.05% (154)	8.02% (44)	25.14% (138)		**549**
I don't think there is much I can do about sexual violence at Fairfield.	3.83% (21)	24.41% (134)	45.9% (252)	12.02% (66)	13.84% (76)		**549**
Sometimes I think I should learn more about sexual violence	7.69% (42)	52.56% (287)	22.53% (123)	4.21% (23)	13% (71)		**546**
I am planning to learn more about the problem of sexual violence at Fairfield.	6.24% (34)	46.42% (253)	21.47% (117)	4.59% (25)	21.28% (116)		**545**
I have recently attended a program on-campus about sexual violence.	3.66% (20)	11.91% (65)	52.2% (285)	19.05% (104)	13.19% (72)		**546**

Statistics based on **549** respondents;

The following questions ask about your experience intervening when someone may be experiencing or is about to experience sexual violence.

Have you intervened when someone may be experiencing or is about to experience sexual violence?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes, I have on-campus		**9.38%**	50
Yes, I have off-campus		**15.01%**	80
No, I have not		**61.16%**	326
Not sure		**14.45%**	77

Statistics based on **533** respondents

Please rate your level of agreement with the following:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Dont Know		Response Total
I feel confident that I am able to identify circumstances where someone may need my help getting out of a situation that could involve or lead to sexual violence.	47.2% (253)	46.83% (251)	1.68% (9)	0% (0)	4.29% (23)		**536**
I feel comfortable intervening on behalf of someone else when I see a situation that could involve or lead to sexual violence.	43.02% (231)	45.07% (242)	4.66% (25)	0.37% (2)	6.89% (37)		**537**
I feel prepared to help a friend if they disclosed an incident of sexual violence to me.	55.22% (296)	39.37% (211)	1.87% (10)	0% (0)	3.55% (19)		**536**

Statistics based on **537** respondents

If you experienced an incident of sexual violence, and you told a University employee about the incident, did you receive information on resources and options?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		**5.24%**	**28**
No		**7.12%**	**38**
Not Applicable		**87.64%**	**468**

Statistics based on **534** respondents