

Consistent with New York State Education Law 129-B and policies of The State University of New York, SUNY Potsdam participated in the 2019 University-wide Biennial SUNY Uniform Campus Climate Survey. The Survey gathered information about student and employee experience with sexual and interpersonal violence and knowledge of policies and resources.

393 students and 270 employees completed the survey, for response rates of 12% and 27%, respectively.

In the survey 47 percent of female students, 23 percent of male students, and 41 percent of Gender Non-Binary students who responded to the question reported that they were subject to sexual harassment in the prior year. Twenty-seven percent of female students and nine percent of male students who responded to the question reported that they were subject to sexual assault in the prior year. Eighty-three percent of students indicated familiarity with affirmative consent, 79 percent indicated that they knew where to report, and 36 percent could identify the Title IX Coordinator.

SUNY Potsdam, working with SUNY and community colleagues (including students, faculty, and staff), will use these data to improve response to violence, develop prevention programs, and will continue to study the issue. The next Climate Survey will be administered in the Spring Semester of 2021. More information about the Survey is available at <https://www.suny.edu/climatesurvey/>.