



The Survey

Saint Anselm College, an institution with a total student headcount of 2223 in spring 2026, administered the New Hampshire Department of Education Climate Survey, developed by a task force created under NH RSA 188-H, to enrolled undergraduate and graduate students from February 19, 2026 – March 31, 2026. This survey was administered by Institutional Research and was sent initially by the Title IX Coordinator and Director of the Harbor to 2223 undergraduate and graduate students, with reminders from the Director of Health Services and Vice President of Student Development & Mission/Dean of Students. Staff from the Harbor, Saint Anselm's confidential drop-in center providing advocacy, support, and programming related to domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault, hosted a table in the Student Center during the administration to answer questions and encourage participation. Students were incentivized with a \$5 voucher for an on-campus coffee for completing the survey. Despite these collaborative campus-wide efforts, the survey received only 129 initial responses (5.8% response rate), and of these responses, only 96 students (4.3% of total) completed any questions beyond the initial demographics. Unfortunately, this low response rate renders drawing reliable conclusions about the entire population impossible.

The demographic characteristics of the respondents aligned fairly well with the characteristics of the overall student body population in most areas, with the exception of gender, where a disproportionate percentage of the respondents categorized themselves as female. Note that in the table below, N/A indicates that data is not captured for the total student body.

Table 1: Comparison of respondent characteristics to overall student body

	Climate Survey Respondents	Total Student Body
Class		
First Year	24%	29%
Sophomore	26%	24%
Junior	22%	23%
Senior	26%	22%
Graduate Student	2%	2%
Gender		
Woman	72%	60%
Man	25%	40%
Nonbinary or gender expansive	2%	N/A
Prefer not to say	1%	<1%
Sexual Orientation		
Heterosexual/straight	75%	N/A

Bisexual	11%	N/A
Prefer not to say	6%	N/A
Queer	3%	N/A
Asexual	2%	N/A
Lesbian	2%	N/A
A sexual orientation not listed here	1%	N/A
Gay	0%	N/A

	Climate Survey Respondents	Total Student Body
Race/Ethnicity		
White	80%	84%
Asian or Asian American	2%	<1%
Latinx/o/a or Hispanic	5%	6%
Black or African American or African	1%	2%
Native American or Alaska Native or Indigenous	0%	<1%
Middle Eastern or North African	0%	N/A
Afro-Latino or Afro-Caribbean	0%	N/A
A race or ethnicity not listed here	0%	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%	<1%
Two or More Races	2%	1%
Unknown	8%	5%
International	2%	1%
Living Situation		
On Campus	87%	90%
Off Campus	13%	10%
Housing Insecure	0%	N/A

The low response rate and significantly greater proportion of women respondents in comparison with the overall student body indicates that survey results may not be generally applicable to the overall student body.

Perception of Campus Climate Regarding Sexual Misconduct¹

This survey provided an assessment of students' perceptions of campus climate regarding sexual misconduct. Ninety-three percent of respondents indicate that they generally felt safe on campus, with more students feeling safer from sexual violence (81%, 68/83) than from sexual harassment (74%, 60/81). Students are aware that sexual misconduct is an issue, with 80% (66/83) of respondents

¹ For questions in which a 5-point Likert scale that included I Don't Know were used, percentages reported here represent the sum of "strongly agree/very likely" and "agree/likely". I Don't Know responses were excluded from the total.

disagreeing with the statement “There isn’t much need for me to think about sexual misconduct while at college.” Moreover, 61% (51/83) of students *disagree* with the statement “I don’t think there is much I can do about sexual misconduct while at Saint Anselm College.” In the 2024 survey, only 41% disagreed with the same statement. The fact that, in 2026, a higher proportion of respondents disagreed suggests that students are feeling more empowered. This may be a result of recent efforts to educate students: when asked about what information they have received from someone at Saint Anselm College about sexual misconduct, 88% (84/96) know where to go to get help if someone experiences sexual misconduct and know Title IX protections against sexual misconduct. Fifty-Seven percent (55/96) reported receiving information on how to help prevent sexual misconduct. This is an increase from the last time the survey was administered, at which time only 36% reported receiving prevention information, but there is still opportunity for improvement in this area. Eighty-six percent (83/96) of students indicate that they feel confident that they would know how to make a report of sexual misconduct, and while only 69% (64/93) indicate that they understand what happens when a report is made, in general students feel that the report would be handled positively.

Incidents

The survey also queried respondents about the prevalence of sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, and sexual violence they experienced while a student at Saint Anselm College. The most frequent type of sexual harassment experienced by Saint Anselm College students was a situation in which another student “made sexual remarks, jokes or stories that were insulting or offensive to you”, with 69% of respondents (66/95) indicating at least one incident of sexual harassment. When asked about stalking victimization, 43% of respondents (39/91) stated that they had experienced at least one incident, with “Sent you unwanted emails, text messages, or social media comments/direct messages” being the most frequently reported, at 32% (29/91). Twenty-eight percent of respondents (25/89) identified at least one incident of dating violence, with the most frequent incident category being “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” at 16% (14/87), and at least one instance of sexual violence was indicated by 20 students. Of the 31% (27/87) of respondents who indicated that they had experienced at least one incidence of sexual harassment by a faculty or staff member, the most prevalent was “A faculty or staff member put you down, was condescending to you, or treated you negatively because of your sex or gender identity”, with 20 students reporting having had this experience at least once.

Reporting

Students who indicated that they had experienced sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or sexual violence were asked if they had told anyone about the incident, and 52% (34/65) had told no one. Most cited “It’s a private matter – wanted to deal with it on my own”, “Ashamed/Embarrassed”, or “Didn’t think what happened was serious enough to talk about” as their reasons for not reporting the incident. Of the 31 respondents who told someone, most told a close friend, parent/guardian, or roommate, with only half (14/28) speaking with on-campus faculty or staff. For those few students who spoke with on-campus faculty or staff, their experience was largely positive.