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Preliminary 2024 Sexual Assault and Related Harms Survey Findings

Introduction

The 2024 Sexual Assault and Related Harms Survey was administered between October 22 and December 9, 2024. This report provides a preliminary overview of student participation and prevalence rates for the five categories of misconduct covered by [the University of Colorado Sexual Misconduct, Intimate Partner Violence, and Stalking Policy](#). These categories include sexual assault, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, intimate partner abuse (dating and domestic violence), and stalking. This preliminary report also gives an in-depth review of the findings about sexual misconduct. Additional reports covering the other categories will be released during the summer of 2025.

A total of 8,430 graduate and 32,851 undergraduate students were invited to participate. The response rate for graduate students was 29%; the response rate for undergraduate students was 28%. Survey participants were asked whether they had experienced sexual assault and related harms *since becoming a student at CU Boulder*.

Participants who answered the survey through the sections on sexual assault behaviors *and* tactics were counted as complete.

The number of survey participants and response rates for the three administrations were:

	2015			2021			2024 ¹		
	# Invited	# Respdnd	Response Rate %	# Invited	# Respdnd	Response Rate %	# Invited	# Respdnd	Response Rate %
Undergraduate Women	11,614	5,519	48%	13,678	4,274	31%	15,536	5,099	33%
Undergraduate Men	14,544	4,821	33%	16,589	3,422	21%	17,301	4,020	23%
Graduate Women	2,333	1,168	50%	3,050	1,511	50%	3393	1074	32%
Graduate Men	3,075	1,428	46%	3,948	1,539	39%	4923	1309	27%

The survey respondents were largely representative of the student population demographically, including for race, ethnicity, and school/college. As seen in previous years, women were overrepresented among survey participants compared to the population (for undergraduates: 56% of survey participants compared to 47% of the population; for graduates: 44% of

¹ Due to the small number of survey participants identified in university records as Gender Diverse (n < 50 students), results for this group cannot be disaggregated at this time. Future analyses will include a thorough examination of the experiences of students from all gender and sexual orientation identities based on university records and self-report information collected in the survey.

participants compared to 40% of the population), as were first-year students among undergraduates (34% of survey participants compared to 26% of the population). Participant demographics are presented in Appendix A.

When possible, the results presented here directly compare findings from 2024 to those from the previous administration of the Sexual Misconduct Survey in 2021. Some questions about sexual assault were modified in minor ways. Differences in response options or item administration will be noted where relevant. Substantial changes were made to the survey questions about sexual harassment and intimate partner abuse. Overall, 2021 and 2024 rates are presented for each category.

Rates of All Forms of Sexual Misconduct

Rates by Gender and Career

Compared to 2021 findings, except for graduate men, there was a small increase in the percentage of students who reported experiencing sexual assault since becoming a student at CU. 2024 sexual assault rates for all groups were still lower than in 2015.

Except for graduate men, compared to both 2015 and 2021 results, in 2024 there was a meaningful increase in reports of sexual harassment, especially among undergraduate women.

Experiences of sexual exploitation were relatively uncommon across all three data collection periods for all groups, with little change in prevalence rates. Undergraduate women were the most likely to report sexual exploitation.

In 2024, there were small increases in reports of intimate partner abuse for all groups compared to 2021, but 2024 rates are slightly lower than those reported in 2015. In contrast, 2024 stalking rates decreased for all groups compared to both 2015 and 2021.

Below are the overall rates for sexual assault, harassment, and exploitation, intimate partner abuse, and stalking:

Type of Harm	2015			2021			2024		
Sexual Assault	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%
Undergraduate Women	5,519	1,545	28%	4,274	625	15%	5,099	912	18%
Undergraduate Men	4,821	296	6%	3,422	78	2%	4,020	179	4%
Graduate Women	1,168	111	10%	1,511	21	1%	1,074	66	6%
Graduate Men	1,428	35	2%	1,539	9	1%	1,309	17	1%

Type of Harm	2015			2021			2024 (2021 behaviors only)			2024 (including new behaviors)		
Sexual Harassment	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%
Undergraduate Women	5,519	1,534	28%	4,364	841	19%	5,018	1,689	34%	5,018	2,229	44%
Undergraduate Men	4,821	451	9%	3,485	181	5%	3,979	419	11%	3,979	563	14%
Graduate Women	1,168	233	20%	1,527	95	6%	1,067	159	15%	1,067	268	25%
Graduate Men	1,428	94	7%	1,552	35	2%	1,302	65	5%	1,302	83	6%

Type of Harm	2015			2021			2024		
Sexual Exploitation	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%
Undergraduate Women	5,519	352	6%	4,243	219	5%	4,995	255	5%
Undergraduate Men	4,821	125	3%	3,402	40	1%	3,969	77	2%
Graduate Students ²	2,596	30	1%	3,055	8	<1%	2,364	28	1%

Type of Harm	2015			2021			2024 (2021 behaviors only)			2024 (including new behaviors)		
Intimate Partner Abuse	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%
Undergraduate Women	5,519	1,145	21%	4,237	530	13%	4,971	663	13%	4,971	831	17%
Undergraduate Men	4,821	448	9%	3,399	174	5%	3,960	257	6%	3,960	312	8%
Graduate Women	1,168	162	14%	1,506	90	6%	1,060	98	9%	1,060	122	12%
Graduate Men	1,428	90	6%	1,537	42	3%	1,298	52	4%	1,298	69	5%

² Due to small numbers of participants, results for Sexual Exploitation for graduate students are not broken out by gender.

Type of Harm	2015			2021			2024		
Stalking	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%	N	Freq	%
Undergraduate Women	5,519	563	10%	4,232	429	10%	4,971	259	5%
Undergraduate Men	4,821	151	3%	3,393	109	3%	3,960	82	2%
Graduate Women	1,168	95	8%	1,506	68	5%	1,060	47	4%
Graduate Men	1,428	27	2%	1,536	22	1%	1,298	15	1%

Awareness of Campus Resources

Participants were asked about their knowledge of campus resources available to assist students who have experienced sexual misconduct. The majority of participants were aware they could get confidential and free support at the CU Boulder Office of Victim Assistance (OVA) if they, or a friend, experienced sexual misconduct:

	2024		
Aware of support available at OVA	Yes %	No %	I'm not sure %
Undergraduate Women	81%	8%	11%
Undergraduate Men	82%	8%	9%
Graduate Women	84%	6%	10%
Graduate Men	86%	6%	8%

The majority of participants were also aware they could report sexual misconduct they experienced to the CU Boulder Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC):

	2024		
Aware of the option to report sexual misconduct to OIEC	Yes %	No %	I'm not sure %
Undergraduate Women	83%	7%	10%
Undergraduate Men	86%	7%	8%
Graduate Women	88%	5%	7%
Graduate Men	88%	5%	7%

Attitude Toward Reporting to CU

Participants were asked if they felt their concerns would be taken seriously by CU Boulder if they reported a problem related to sexual assault, exploitation, or harassment, intimate partner abuse, or stalking that occurred in the context of their CU-related activities (in person or online).

Among both undergraduate and graduate students, men reported more agreement that their concerns would be taken seriously, while women reported more disagreement.

	2024		
Concerns Would Be Taken Seriously by CU	Agree/Strongly agree %	Somewhat agree %	Disagree %
Undergraduate Women	55%	23%	22%
Undergraduate Men	70%	13%	16%
Graduate Women	60%	17%	22%
Graduate Men	75%	9%	16%

Sexual Assault

Rates of Sexual Assault

Cumulative Rates by Participant's Year in School

In general, rates of assault increased with undergraduate participants' year in school.

Year in School	2021			2024		
UG Women	N	SA Freq	SA %	N	SA Freq	SA %
First Year	1496	108	7%	1734	196	11%
Second Year	912	125	14%	1256	206	16%
Third Year	960	181	19%	1011	227	22%
Fourth Year	725	167	23%	894	231	26%
Fifth Year +	128	44	34%	204	52	25%

Year in School	2021			2024		
UG Men	N	SA Freq	SA %	N	SA Freq	SA %
First Year	1207	17	1%	1331	33	2%
Second Year	747	13	2%	950	41	4%
Third Year	708	21	3%	856	51	6%
Fourth Year	537	21	4%	693	43	6%
Fifth Year +	149	6	3%	190	11	6%

Sexual Assault Rates by Race or Ethnicity

Across sex and careers, most students who reported being assaulted were White. This was true in both 2021 and 2024.

Race and Ethnicity	2021 (N = 621)			2024 (N = 912)		
UG Women	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population
American Indian or Alaska Native	8	1%	1%	8	1%	2%
Asian or Asian American	57	9%	10%	106	12%	10%
Black Diaspora (Black, African, African American, or Caribbean)	10	2%	3%	30	3%	3%
International	4	1%	2%	8	1%	2%
Latine, Latinx, or Hispanic	73	12%	14%	142	16%	15%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	5	1%	1%	2	<1%	1%
Unknown	4	1%	1%	1	<1%	2%
White	464	75 %	68%	615	67%	67%

Race and Ethnicity	2021 (N = 78)			2024 (N = 179)		
UG Men	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	5%	1%	2	1%	2%
Asian or Asian American	10	13%	9%	18	10%	10%

Black Diaspora (Black, African, African American, or Caribbean)	6	8%	3%	5	3%	3%
International	1	1%	5%	6	3%	3%
Latine, Latinx, or Hispanic	7	9%	13%	27	15%	12%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0%	1%	1	1%	1%
Unknown	0	0%	1%	0	0%	1%
White	50	64%	67%	120	67%	67%

Race and Ethnicity	2021 (N = 21)			2024 (N = 66)		
Grad Women	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	14%	2%	3	5%	1%
Asian or Asian American	3	14%	7%	9	14%	9%
Black Diaspora (Black, African, African American, or Caribbean)	0	0%	3%	1	2%	3%
International	0	0%	15%	8	12%	19%
Latine, Latinx, or Hispanic	1	5%	11%	6	9%	11%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0%	<1%	1	2%	<1%
Unknown	0	0%	2%	1	2%	1%
White	14	67%	59%	37	56%	55%

Race and Ethnicity	2021 (N = 9)			2024 (N = 17)		
Grad Men	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0%	1%	1	6%	1%
Asian or Asian American	0	0%	7%	3	18%	8%
Black Diaspora (Black, African, African American, or Caribbean)	1	11%	2%	1	6%	2%
International	0	0%	23%	4	24%	29%
Latine, Latinx, or Hispanic	1	11%	9%	2	12%	9%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0%	<1%	0	0%	<1%
Unknown	0	0%	2%	0	0%	3%
White	7	78%	56%	6	35%	48%

Sexual Assault Rates by Sexual Orientation³

About half of undergraduate men and women, as well as graduate women, who experienced sexual assault identified as heterosexual. There were too few graduate men to allow for disaggregation of their results.

Sexual Orientation	2021 (N = 625)		2024 (N = 912)	
Undergraduate Women who experienced assault	N	%	N	%
LGBTQ+	245	39%	322	35%
Heterosexual	334	53%	466	51%
Prefer Not to Answer	15	2%	42	5%
No response	31	5%	82	9%

Sexual Orientation	2021 (N = 78)		2024 (N = 179)	
Undergraduate Men who experienced assault	N	%	N	%
LGBTQ+	26	33%	64	36%
Heterosexual	40	51%	86	48%
Prefer Not to Answer	2	3%	14	8%
No response	10	13%	18	10%

³ Participants could self-identify their gender and sexual orientation using a wide range of identities, including (but not limited to) Agender, Aromantic, Asexual, Bisexual, Gay, Gender fluid, Gender non-conforming, Intersex, Lesbian, Man, Non-binary, Pansexual, Queer, Questioning, Straight, Trans, Two-Spirit, and Woman. They could also opt not to respond or indicate that their identity was not listed. While this summary presents findings by broader groups (Heterosexual and LGBTQ+), future analyses will disaggregate the data to better reflect the diversity of students' identities and experiences.

Sexual Orientation	2021 (N = 21)		2024 (N = 66)	
Graduate Women who experienced assault	N	%	N	%
LGBTQ+	15	71%	32	48%
Heterosexual	4	19%	31	47%
Prefer Not to Answer	0	0%	1	2%
No response	2	10%	2	3%

Sexual Assault Rates by Transfer Status

Non-transfer students comprise the great majority of both undergraduate women (92%) and men (84%) who experienced sexual assault. Undergraduate women and men transfer students are less likely to report experiencing sexual assault during their time at CU compared to students who began their college careers on the Boulder campus.

Transfer Status	2021 (N = 627)			2024 (N = 912)		
Among UG women who were sexually assaulted	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population
Non-Transfer	573	91%	75%	836	92%	76%
Transfer	54	9%	15%	76	8%	14%

Transfer Status	2021 (N = 78)			2024 (N = 179)		
Among UG men who were sexually assaulted	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population
Non-Transfer	72	92%	71%	150	84%	71%
Transfer	6	8%	19%	29	16%	19%

Sexual Assault Rates by First Generation Status

The majority of undergraduate women (86%) and men (87%) who experienced sexual assault were *not* first generation students. These proportions closely mirror their representation in the population as a whole.

First Generation Status	2021 (N = 625)			2024 (N = 912)		
Among UG women who were sexually assaulted	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population
Not first generation	549	88%	84%	781	86%	84%
First generation	76	12%	16%	131	14%	16%

First Generation Status	2021 (N = 78)			2024 (N = 179)		
Among UG men who were sexually assaulted	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of population
Not first generation	67	86%	86%	155	87%	86%
First generation	11	14%	14%	24	13%	14%

Sexual Assault Rates by Disability Status

The majority of undergraduate women who experienced sexual assault indicated that they had some sort of disability. Women with a chronic mental health condition comprised just over half of those who experienced sexual assault (51%). Results for undergraduate men and graduate students could not be disaggregated due to the smaller number of participants who indicated they had been sexually assaulted.

Disability Status	2021 (N = 594)		2024 (N = 832)	
Among UG women who were sexually assaulted	N	%	N	%
No Disability	159	27%	265	32%
Any Disability	379	64%	527	63%
ADHD/Learning disability	180	30%	--	--
Neurodivergent (e.g., ADHD, ASD, Sensory Processing Disorder)	--	--	274	33%
Chronic mental health condition	299	50%	423	51%
Learning disability	--	--	70	8%
Chronic medical condition	50	8%	68	8%
Mobility or sensory disability	12	2%	24	3%
Other disability	24	4%	33	4%
Prefer not to answer	56	9%	40	5%

Sexual Assault Rates by Financial Precarity

Students who indicated that they "often" or "always" have difficulty paying for basic necessities were overrepresented among those who experienced sexual assault compared to the sample as a whole.

Difficulty Paying for Basic Necessities	2021 (N = 594)			2024 (N = 829)		
Among UG women who were sexually assaulted	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of sample	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of sample
Never	194	33%	40%	285	34%	40%
Rarely	139	23%	27%	196	24%	26%
Sometimes	180	30%	24%	227	27%	24%
Often	55	9%	6%	83	10%	7%
Always	26	4%	3%	38	5%	3%

Difficulty Paying for Basic Necessities	2021 (N = 68)			2024 (N = 160)		
Among UG men who were sexually assaulted	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of sample	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of sample
Never	19	28%	42%	49	31%	43%
Rarely	17	25%	27%	45	28%	28%
Sometimes	19	28%	22%	35	22%	21%
Often	9	13%	7%	20	13%	6%
Always	4	6%	3%	11	7%	3%

Difficulty Paying for Basic Necessities	2021 (N = 19)			2024 (N = 64)		
Among Grad women who were sexually assaulted	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of sample	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of sample
Never	4	21%	40%	10	16%	35%
Rarely	7	37%	27%	13	20%	28%
Sometimes	6	32%	23%	27	42%	28%
Often	1	5%	8%	7	11%	6%
Always	1	5%	2%	7	11%	3%

Difficulty Paying for Basic Necessities	2021 (N = 8)			2024 (N = 16)		
Among Grad men who were sexually assaulted	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of sample	Freq	% of those who experienced assault	% of sample
Never	0	0%	45%	7	44%	38%
Rarely	1	13%	26%	4	25%	29%
Sometimes	3	38%	21%	1	6%	25%
Often	2	25%	5%	2	13%	6%
Always	2	25%	2%	2	13%	2%

Sexual Assault Rates by School, College, or Program

Among undergraduate women who were sexually assaulted, participants in A&S Natural Sciences were overrepresented among those who experienced sexual assault compared to the sample as a whole. Participants enrolled in CMCI were underrepresented compared to their representation in the population of CU undergraduate women. Results for undergraduate men and graduate students could not be disaggregated.

School, College, or Program	2021 (N = 627)			2024 (N = 912)		
Among UG women who were sexually assaulted	N	%	% of population	N	%	% of population
A&S Humanities	41	7%	7%	70	8%	6%
A&S Natural Sciences	272	43%	38%	388	43%	38%
A&S Social Sciences	73	12%	11%	101	11%	10%
CEAS	84	13%	12%	128	14%	13%
CMCI	55	9%	10%	65	7%	10%
Education	6	1%	2%	16	2%	2%
Environmental Design	5	1%	2%	13	1%	2%
Exploratory Studies	20	3%	5%	41	4%	6%
Leeds	54	9%	11%	70	8%	11%
Music	11	2%	1%	11	1%	1%

Incident Characteristics

Sexual Assault Behaviors

Assaultive behaviors were grouped into five categories: intentional touching ONLY, attempted oral sex (either performed on the participant or an attempt to make the participant perform it) , attempted penetration (oral, anal, or vaginal), making the participant perform sexual acts, and penetration (oral, anal, or vaginal). Participants were able to indicate that the incident involved one or more of these behaviors.

- The most common behavior experienced by women (both undergraduate and graduate) was attempted penetration.
- The most common behavior experienced by undergraduate men was penetration, while for graduate men it was intentional touching.

Compared to 2021:

- Undergraduate women were less likely to report being penetrated during the assault.
- Undergraduate men were more likely than in 2021 to report experiencing penetration.
- Among graduate women, reports of penetration decreased while reports of being made to perform sexual acts increased.

Also in 2024, undergraduates (both men and women) and graduate women were less likely to indicate that the assault involved being only intentionally touched on a private body part, compared to 2021. This change likely reflects the addition of two new categories of assaultive behaviors in the 2024 survey: (1) attempted penetration, and (2) attempted oral sex (either performed on the participant or an attempt to make the participant perform it).

In 2021, when these “attempted” behaviors were not listed as separate response options, some participants may have selected “intentionally touched only” as the best available description of a non-consensual sexual incident that did not involve completed penetration or being made to perform or submit to oral sex.

Sexual Assault Behaviors	2021 (N = 621)		2024 (N = 912)	
	Freq	%	Freq	%
UG Women				
Intentionally touched you ONLY	266	43%	337	37%
Attempted to perform oral sex or make you perform oral sex	---	---	256	28%
Attempted penetration	---	---	424	46%
Penetrated you	277	45%	341	37%
Made you perform sexual acts	226	36%	357	39%

Sexual Assault Behaviors	2021 (N = 77)		2024 (N = 179)	
	Freq	%	Freq	%
UG Men				
Intentionally touched you ONLY	44	57%	69	39%
Attempted to perform oral sex or make you perform oral sex,	---	---	61	34%
Attempted penetration	---	---	35	20%
Penetrated you	19	25%	73	41%
Made you perform acts	26	34%	26	15%

Sexual Assault Behaviors	2021 (N = 20)		2024 (N = 66)	
	Freq	%	Freq	%
Graduate Women				
Intentionally touched you ONLY	9	45%	25	38%
Attempted to perform oral sex or make you perform oral sex,	---	---	22	33%
Attempted penetration	---	---	33	50%
Penetrated you	10	50%	27	41%
Made you perform acts	3	15%	27	41%

Sexual Assault Behaviors	2021 (N = 9)		2024 (N = 17)	
	Freq	%	Freq	%
Graduate Men				
Intentionally touched you ONLY	3	33%	9	53%
Attempted to perform oral sex or make you perform oral sex,	---	---	6	35%
Attempted penetration	---	---	5	29%
Penetrated you	3	33%	6	35%
Made you perform acts	6	67%	6	35%

Sexual Assault Tactics

Two of the tactics used to facilitate the assault were updated in 2024:

- “Knowingly touched or groped” was replaced with, “Caught you off guard” to reflect the participant’s experience rather than the offenders perspective.
- The wording of, “Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon” was revised to focus only on what the participant had agreed to: “Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what *you* had agreed to.”

Participants were able to indicate that more than one of these tactics had been used to facilitate the sexual assault incident.

While the use of incapacitation decreased among undergraduate women who experienced assault, the prevalence of this tactic increased for all other groups.

The most common assaultive tactics were "caught you off guard" and "ignored efforts to get them to stop".

Sexual Assault Tactics	2021 (N = 619)		2024 (N = 912)	
	Freq	%	Freq	%
UG Women				
Knowingly touched or groped	545	88%	--	--
Caught you off guard or without your permission	--	--	760	83%
Ignored efforts to get them to stop	459	74%	645	71%
Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon	426	69%	--	--
Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what <i>you</i> agreed to	--	--	458	50%
Used your incapacitation	355	57%	417	46%
Used physical threats or intimidation	86	14%	159	17%
Used force	173	28%	261	29%

Sexual Assault Tactics	2021 (N = 77)		2024 (N = 179)	
UG Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
Knowingly touched or groped	65	84%	--	--
Caught you off guard	--	--	138	77%
Ignored efforts to get them to stop	48	62%	90	50%
Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon	40	52%	--	--
Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what <i>you</i> agreed to	--	--	67	37%
Used your incapacitation	29	38%	82	46%
Used physical threats or intimidation	11	14%	27	15%
Used force	18	23%	35	20%

Sexual Assault Tactics	2021 (N = 20)		2024 (N = 66)	
Graduate Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
Knowingly touched or groped	16	89%	--	--
Caught you off guard	--	--	55	83%
Ignored efforts to get them to stop	13	65%	52	79%
Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon	16	80%	--	--
Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what <i>you</i> agreed to	--	--	41	62%
Used your incapacitation	9	45%	40	61%
Used physical threats or intimidation	3	15%	20	30%
Used force	6	30%	26	39%

Sexual Assault Tactics	2021 (N = 9)		2024 (N = 17)	
	Freq	%	Freq	%
Graduate Men				
Knowingly touched or groped	7	88%	--	--
Caught you off guard	--	--	14	82%
Ignored efforts to get them to stop	5	56%	12	71%
Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon	4	44%	--	--
Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what <i>you</i> agreed to	--	--	11	65%
Used your incapacitation	3	33%	9	53%
Used physical threats or intimidation	2	22%	5	29%
Used force	2	22%	5	29%

Incident Timing

In both administrations of the survey, for undergraduates, the majority of assaults occurred in the Fall semester:

- Undergraduate women: 66% (2021); 56% (2024)
- Undergraduate men: 64% (2021); 61% (2024)

In both 2021 and 2024, the window for the next greatest risk is the Fall semester of students' second year at CU.

Year in School at Time of Assault

The rate of assault in both survey administrations is highest for students in their first year. Looking specifically within undergraduate women, this pattern is consistent among sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Note that the N in the table below is the total number of undergraduate women who participated in the survey at each grade level.

	2021 (N = 911)		2024 (N = 1256)	
UG Women – Sophomores	SA Freq	SA rate %	SA Freq ⁴	SA rate %
Assault occurred in their first year	78	9%	110	9%
Assault occurred in their second year	32	4%	31	2%

	2021 (N = 960)		2024 (N = 1011)	
UG Women – Juniors	SA Freq	SA rate %	SA Freq	SA rate %
Assault occurred in their first year	95	10%	120	12%
Assault occurred in their second year	38	4%	46	4%
Assault occurred in their third year	18	2%	14	1%

	2021 (N = 725)		2024 (N = 894)	
UG Women – Seniors	SA Freq	SA rate %	SA Freq	SA rate %
Assault occurred in their first year	68	9%	108	12%
Assault occurred in their second year	40	6%	54	6%
Assault occurred in their third year	13	2%	25	3%
Assault occurred in their fourth year	17	2%	15	2%

Number of Incidents

⁴ The number of participants who reported being sexually assaulted is lower here than in the tables above. A very small number of participants were not able to recall the timeframe when the assault occurred and so are excluded from this set of tables.

The majority of 2024 undergraduate participants, both men and women, indicated that they had experienced only one incident of sexual assault; this represents a larger proportion of undergraduate participants compared to 2021.

This trend was reversed for graduate students. A larger proportion of both men and women experienced more than one incident compared to 2021.

	2021		2024	
Undergraduate Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
One Incident	242	39%	491	50%
Two Incidents	181	29%	292	30%
Three Incidents	98	16%	106	11%
Four or more Incidents	102	16%	94	10%
Undergraduate Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
One Incident	37	48%	124	64%
Two Incidents	20	26%	45	23%
Three Incidents	10	13%	10	5%
Four or more Incidents	10	13%	15	8%
Graduate Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
One Incident	15	71%	48	64%
Two Incidents	4	19%	18	24%
Three Incidents	1	5%	4	5%
Four or more Incidents	1	5%	5	7%
Graduate Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
One Incident	4	50%	8	42%
Two Incidents	2	25%	7	37%
Three Incidents	1	12%	0	0%
Four or more Incidents	1	12%	4	21%

Incident Location

The locations where sexual assaults occurred are shown below. The most common locations for undergraduate students were a Greek chapter house or annex, the student's on campus residence, or someone else's off campus residence. For graduate students, the most common locations were a Boulder bar, club, or restaurant, and elsewhere in Colorado.

	2021 (N = 612)		2024 (N = 898)	
UG Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
My campus housing	113	18%	151	17%
Other's campus housing	39	6%	44	5%
CU academic building	5	1%	4	<1%
CU lab	0	0%	0	0%
CU campus office	0	0%	1	<1%
CU non-academic building	8	1%	9	1%
Outdoors on campus	11	2%	22	2%
Other CU location	3	<1%	4	<1%
Off campus CU-related location for work, academics, training, or research	0	0%	3	<1%
My off-campus residence	48	8%	74	8%
Other's off-campus residence	135	22%	149	17%
Greek chapter house or annex	182	30%	161	18%
Boulder bar, club, restaurant	4	1%	39	4%
Boulder outdoors	15	2%	29	3%
Other Boulder location	11	2%	10	1%
Elsewhere in Colorado	22	4%	74	8%
In the US outside of Colorado	6	1%	48	5%
Another country	3	<1%	17	2%
Not sure	7	1%	3	<1%
Prefer not to answer	--	--	56	6%

	2021 (N = 75)		2024 (N = 167)	
UG Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
My campus housing	19	25%	20	12%
Other's campus housing	5	7%	14	8%
CU academic building	0	0%	2	1%
CU lab	0	0%	0	0%
CU campus office	0	0%	0	0%
CU non-academic building	1	1%	3	1%
Outdoors on campus	2	3%	7	4%
Other CU location	2	3%	1	1%
Off campus CU-related location for work, academics, training, or research	0	0%	0	0%
My off-campus residence	5	7%	18	11%
Other's off-campus residence	16	21%	34	20%
Greek chapter house	11	15%	18	11%
Boulder bar, club, restaurant	3	4%	10	6%
Boulder outdoors	2	3%	2	1%
Other Boulder location	0	0%	1	1%
Elsewhere in Colorado	3	4%	18	11%
In the US outside of Colorado	2	3%	7	4%
Another country	0	0%	2	1%
Not sure	4	5%	3	1%
Prefer not to answer	--	--	7	4%

	2021 (N = 20)		2024 (N = 73)	
Grad Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
My campus housing	1	5%	2	3%
Other's campus housing	0	0%	1	1%
CU academic building	1	5%	0	0%
CU lab	0	0%	0	0%
CU campus office	0	0%	0	0%
CU non-academic building	0	0%	0	0%
Outdoors on campus	0	0%	0	0%
Other CU location	0	0%	0	0%
Off campus CU-related location for work, academics, training, or research	0	0%	3	4%
My off-campus residence	4	20%	11	15%
Other's off-campus residence	4	20%	7	10%
Greek chapter house	0	0%	1	1%
Boulder bar, club, restaurant	4	20%	13	18%
Boulder outdoors	1	5%	3	4%
Other Boulder location	0	0%	3	4%
Elsewhere in Colorado	3	15%	14	19%
In the US outside of Colorado	1	5%	11	15%
Another country	1	5%	2	3%
Not sure	0	0%	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	--	--	2	3%

	2021 (N = 9)		2024 (N = 15)	
Grad Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
My campus housing	0	0%	0	0%
Other's campus housing	0	0%	0	0%
CU academic building	2	22%	0	0%
CU lab	0	0%	0	0%
CU campus office	0	0%	0	0%
CU non-academic building	0	0%	0	0%
Outdoors on campus	0	0%	0	0%
Other CU location	0	0%	0	0%
Off campus CU-related location for work, academics, training, or research	0	0%	0	0%
My off-campus residence	1	11%	0	0%
Other's off-campus residence	1	11%	3	20%
Greek chapter house	0	0%	0	0%
Boulder bar, club, restaurant	0	0%	3	20%
Boulder outdoors	0	0%	0	0%
Other Boulder location	0	0%	0	0%
Elsewhere in Colorado	1	11%	5	33%
In the US outside of Colorado	4	44%	1	7%
Another country	0	0%	0	0%
Not sure	0	0%	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	--	--	3	20%

Locations of Assaults Where Offender Was a Stranger

The predominant location of assaults where the offender was a stranger is a Greek chapter house or annex.

First/Only Offender is a Stranger	2021 (N = 129)		2024 (N = 180)	
UG Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
My campus housing	7	5%	14	8%
Other's campus housing	3	2%	1	1%
CU academic building	3	2%	0	0%
CU lab	0	0%	0	0%
CU campus office	0	0%	0	0%
CU non-academic building	7	5%	5	3%
Outdoors on campus	7	5%	10	6%
Other CU location	2	2%	2	1%
Off campus CU-related work location	0	0%	0	0%
My off-campus residence	2	2%	1	1%
Other's off-campus residence	14	11%	17	9%
Greek chapter house	73	57%	72	40%
Boulder bar, club, restaurant	1	1%	20	11%
Boulder outdoors	5	4%	7	4%
Other Boulder location	2	2%	5	3%
Elsewhere in Colorado	3	2%	10	6%
In the US outside of Colorado	0	0%	4	2%
Another country	0	0%	7	4%
Not sure	0	0%	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	--	--	5	3%

First/Only Offender is a Stranger	2021 (N = 15)		2024 (N = 35)	
UG Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
My campus housing	2	13%	0	0%
Other's campus housing	0	0%	1	3%
CU academic building	0	0%	1	3%
CU lab	0	0%	0	0%
CU campus office	0	0%	0	0%
CU non-academic building	1	7%	2	6%
Outdoors on campus	1	7%	4	11%
Other CU location	1	7%	0	0%
Off campus CU-related work location	0	0%	0	0%
My off-campus residence	1	7%	0	0%
Other's off-campus residence	2	13%	4	11%
Greek chapter house	5	33%	10	29%
Boulder bar, club, restaurant	1	7%	6	17%
Boulder outdoors	1	7%	1	3%
Other Boulder location	0	0%	0	0%
Elsewhere in Colorado	0	0%	4	11%
In the US outside of Colorado	0	0%	1	3%
Another country	0	0%	1	3%
Not sure	0	0%	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	--	--	0	0%

Offender Gender

For heterosexual and LGBTQ+ students⁵, the gender of the sexual assault offender was:

- Heterosexual undergraduates
 - Women: Most reported male offenders in both 2021 (98%) and 2024 (98%)
 - Men: Most reported female offenders in both 2021 (78%) and 2024 (80%)
- LGBTQ+ undergraduates
 - Women: Most reported male offenders in both 2021 (95%) and 2024 (89%)
 - Men: Most reported male offenders in both 2021 (48%) and 2024 (68%)

Heterosexual UG Women				
	2021 (N = 332)		2024 (N = 473)	
Gender of First/Only Offender	Freq	%	Freq	%
Man	325	98%	462	98%
Woman	7	1%	5	1%
Other gender	0	0%	3	1%
Did not specify	10	1%	3	1%

Heterosexual UG Men				
	2021 (N = 40)		2024 (N = 85)	
Gender of First/Only Offender	Freq	%	Freq	%
Man	6	15%	8	9%
Woman	31	78%	68	80%
Other gender	1	3%	3	4%
Did not specify	2	5%	6	7%

⁵ Participants could self-identify their gender and sexual orientation using a wide range of identities, including (but not limited to) Agender, Aromantic, Asexual, Bisexual, Gay, Gender fluid, Gender non-conforming, Intersex, Lesbian, Man, Non-binary, Pansexual, Queer, Questioning, Straight, Trans, Two-Spirit, and Woman. They could also opt not to respond or indicate that their identity was not listed. While this summary presents findings by broader groups (Heterosexual and LGBTQ+), future analyses will disaggregate the data to better reflect the diversity of students' identities and experiences.

LGBTQ+ UG Women				
	2021 (N = 257)		2024 (N = 339)	
Gender of First/Only Offender	Freq	%	Freq	%
Man	244	95%	302	89%
Woman	5	2%	21	6%
Other gender	0	0%	8	2%
Did not specify	8	3%	8	2%

LGBTQ+ UG Men				
	2021 (N = 27)		2024 (N = 68)	
Gender of First/Only Offender	Freq	%	Freq	%
Man	13	48%	46	68%
Woman	9	33%	19	28%
Other gender	3	11%	2	3%
Did not specify	2	7%	1	1%

Offender's Connection to Participant

As in 2021, the majority of participants knew the offender:

- Undergraduate women: 54% in 2021; 56% in 2024
- Undergraduate men: 51% in 2021; 56% in 2024
- Graduate women: 71% in 2021; 78% in 2024

In 2024, undergraduate participants most often identified a friend as the offender. Compared to 2021, more assaults involved a casual dating partner or hookup, among both undergraduate men and women.

Among graduate women, a friend was also the most commonly identified offender, although another graduate student was frequently reported as well. Given the small, interconnected nature of many

graduate programs, an assault by another graduate student may increase the likelihood of ongoing contact and result in heightened emotional, academic, and career-related consequences.

Roughly one-third of undergraduates in both 2021 and 2024 identified the offender as either a stranger (someone they had never seen or met before) or someone they had just met at an event, activity, or party.

	2021 (N = 601)		2024 (N = 893)	
UG Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
Friend	119	20%	173	19%
Casual dating partner or hookup	75	12%	154	17%
Current or former committed relationship partner	49	8%	77	9%
Current or former spouse	0	0%	1	<1%
Co-worker	6	1%	12	1%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	2	<1%	1	<1%
Family member or relative	1	<1%	5	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	109	18%	167	18%
Acquaintance	64	11%	66	7%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	129	21%	180	20%
CU Boulder RA ⁶	1	<1%	--	--
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	--	--	1	<1%
CU Boulder professional employee	1	<1%	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%	0	0%
Other	6	1%	18	2%
Don't know/Not sure	14	2%	13	1%
Prefer not to answer	25	4%	25	3%

⁶ In 2024, the Residence Hall RA category was expanded to include undergraduate students acting in any staff role.

	2021 (N = 72)		2024 (N = 168)	
UG Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
Friend	16	22%	27	16%
Casual dating partner or hookup	8	11%	35	21%
Current or former committed relationship partner	2	3%	7	4%
Current or former spouse	1	1%	0	0%
Co-worker	2	3%	6	4%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%	0	0%
Family member or relative	0	0%	1	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	9	13%	19	11%
Acquaintance	8	11%	16	10%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	15	21%	35	21%
CU Boulder RA	0	0%	--	--
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	--	--	1	1%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%	1	1%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%	0	0%
Other	3	4%	4	2%
Don't know/Not sure	3	4%	6	4%
Prefer not to answer	5	7%	10	6%

	2021 (N = 18)		2024 (N = 73)	
Grad Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
Friend	1	6%	13	18%
Other graduate student	6	33%	10	14%
Casual dating partner or hookup	1	6%	10	14%
Current or former committed relationship partner	4	22%	10	14%
Current or former spouse	0	0%	0	0%
Co-worker	1	6%	2	3%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%	1	1%
Family member or relative	0	0%	2	3%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	0	0%	4	5%
Acquaintance	0	0%	5	7%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	3	17%	8	11%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%	2	3%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%	1	1%
CU Boulder undergraduate student	--	--	0	0%
Other	1	6%	3	3%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	1	6%	2	3%

	2021 (N = 8)		2024 (N = 15)	
Grad Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
Friend	0	0%	2	13%
Other graduate student	1	13%	0	0%
Casual dating partner or hookup	1	13%	3	20%
Current or former committed relationship partner	3	38%	0	0%
Current or former spouse	0	0%	0	0%
Co-worker	0	0%	0	0%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	1	13%	0	0%
Family member or relative	0	0%	0	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	0	0%	1	7%
Acquaintance	0	0%	1	7%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	0	0%	2	13%
CU Boulder professional employee	1	13%	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%	0	0%
CU Boulder undergraduate student	--	--	0	0%
Other	0	0%	2	13%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%	1	7%
Prefer not to answer	1	13%	3	20%

Offender's Connection by Sexual Assault Behavior

For undergraduate students, the most common offender connection by behavior type was as follows:

- Intentional touching only: **stranger** (36% for undergraduate women; 37% for undergraduate men)
- Attempted oral sex: **casual dating partner or hookup** (22% for undergraduate women; 24% for undergraduate men)
- Attempted penetration: **casual dating partner or hookup** (24% for undergraduate women; 30% for undergraduate men)
- Made you perform acts: **casual dating partner or hookup** for undergraduate women (22%); **friend** for undergraduate men (24%)
- Penetrated you: **casual dating partner or hookup** (22% for undergraduate women; 32% for undergraduate men)

Intentionally touched you ONLY	2024 (N = 327)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	71	22%
Casual dating partner or hookup	24	7%
Current or former committed relationship partner	9	3%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	6	2%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	0	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	56	17%
Acquaintance	21	6%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	119	36%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	6	2%
Don't know/Not sure	8	2%
Prefer not to answer	7	2%

Intentionally touched you Only		2024 (N = 67)	
UG Men		Freq	%
Friend		6	9%
Casual dating partner or hookup		8	12%
Current or former committed relationship partner		0	0%
Current or former spouse		0	0%
Co-worker		3	4%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work		0	0%
Family member or relative		1	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before		7	10%
Acquaintance		10	15%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)		25	37%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)		0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee		0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant		0	0%
Other		0	0%
Don't know/Not sure		4	6%
Prefer not to answer		3	4%

Attempted to perform oral sex or attempted to make you perform oral sex	2024 (N = 244)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	44	18%
Casual dating partner or hookup	53	22%
Current or former committed relationship partner	38	16%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	4	2%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	3	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	49	20%
Acquaintance	19	8%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	20	8%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	1	<1%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	6	2%
Don't know/Not sure	1	<1%
Prefer not to answer	6	2%

Attempted to perform oral sex or attempted to make you perform oral sex	2024 (N = 59)	
UG Men	Freq	%
Friend	7	12%
Casual dating partner or hookup	14	24%
Current or former committed relationship partner	6	10%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	2	3%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	0	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	8	14%
Acquaintance	5	8%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	7	12%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	1	2%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	1	2%
Don't know/Not sure	2	3%
Prefer not to answer	6	10%

Attempted penetration	2024 (N = 406)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	73	18%
Casual dating partner or hookup	96	24%
Current or former committed relationship partner	51	13%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	5	1%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	3	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	74	18%
Acquaintance	33	8%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	44	11%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	8	2%
Don't know/Not sure	5	1%
Prefer not to answer	14	3%

Attempted penetration	2024 (N = 33)	
UG Men	Freq	%
Friend	7	21%
Casual dating partner or hookup	10	30%
Current or former committed relationship partner	3	9%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	2	6%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	0	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	2	6%
Acquaintance	1	3%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	3	9%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	1	3%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	1	3%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	3	9%

Made you perform sexual acts	2024 (N = 343)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	69	20%
Casual dating partner or hookup	75	22%
Current or former committed relationship partner	39	11%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	0	0%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	4	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	67	20%
Acquaintance	31	9%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	34	10%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	1	<1%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	6	2%
Don't know/Not sure	2	1%
Prefer not to answer	10	3%

Made you perform sexual acts	2024 (N = 68)	
UG Men	Freq	%
Friend	16	24%
Casual dating partner or hookup	13	19%
Current or former committed relationship partner	7	10%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	1	1%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	0	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	8	12%
Acquaintance	6	9%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	8	12%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	1	1%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	2	3%
Don't know/Not sure	2	3%
Prefer not to answer	4	6%

Penetrated you	2024 (N = 328)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	52	16%
Casual dating partner or hookup	75	23%
Current or former committed relationship partner	53	16%
Current or former spouse	1	<1%
Co-worker	3	1%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	1	<1%
Family member or relative	3	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	63	19%
Acquaintance	27	8%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	31	9%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	1	<1%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	6	2%
Don't know/Not sure	2	1%
Prefer not to answer	10	3%

Penetrated you	2024 (N = 24)	
UG Men	Freq	%
Friend	4	17%
Casual dating partner or hookup	8	33%
Current or former committed relationship partner	4	17%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	1	4%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	0	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	2	8%
Acquaintance	1	4%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	1	4%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	1	4%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	2	8%

Offender's Connection by Sexual Assault Tactic

The most common offender type for each sexual assault tactic was as follows:

- Caught you off guard: **stranger** (23% for undergraduate women; 24% for undergraduate men)
- Ignoring: **friend** for undergraduate women (21%); **casual dating partner or hookup** for undergraduate men (27%)
- Did something beyond what you agreed to: **casual dating partner or hookup** (23% for undergraduate women; 30% for undergraduate men)
- Incapacitation: **Someone I just met** for undergraduate women (25%); **casual dating partner or hookup** for undergraduate men (22%)
- Threats or intimidation: **friend** for undergraduate women (27%); **casual dating partner or hookup** for undergraduate men (24%)
- Force: **friend** for undergraduate women (21%); **casual dating partner or hookup** for undergraduate men (38%)

Caught you off guard or without your permission	2024 (N = 741)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	153	21%
Casual dating partner or hookup	117	16%
Current or former committed relationship partner	55	7%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	12	2%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	5	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	132	18%
Acquaintance	52	7%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	173	23%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	1	<1%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	14	2%
Don't know/Not sure	10	1%
Prefer not to answer	19	3%

Caught you off guard or without your permission	2024 (N = 134)	
UG Men	Freq	%
Friend	25	19%
Casual dating partner or hookup	24	18%
Current or former committed relationship partner	6	4%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	5	4%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	1	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	14	4%
Acquaintance	13	10%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	32	24%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	2	1%
Don't know/Not sure	5	4%
Prefer not to answer	7	5%

Ignored efforts to get them to stop	2024 (N = 631)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	134	21%
Casual dating partner or hookup	109	17%
Current or former committed relationship partner	62	10%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	8	1%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	1	<1%
Family member or relative	5	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	118	19%
Acquaintance	45	7%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	110	17%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	1	<1%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	13	2%
Don't know/Not sure	8	1%
Prefer not to answer	17	3%

Ignored efforts to get them to stop	2024 (N = 86)	
UG Men	Freq	%
Friend	20	23%
Casual dating partner or hookup	23	27%
Current or former committed relationship partner	4	5%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	2	2%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	1	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	8	9%
Acquaintance	6	7%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	16	19%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	1	1%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	3	3%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	2	2%

Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what <i>you</i> agreed to	2024 (N = 443)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	84	19%
Casual dating partner or hookup	104	23%
Current or former committed relationship partner	52	12%
Current or former spouse	1	<1%
Co-worker	4	1%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	3	1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	91	21%
Acquaintance	30	7%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	49	11%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	1	<1%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	6	1%
Don't know/Not sure	5	1%
Prefer not to answer	13	3%

Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what <i>you</i> agreed to	2024 (N = 63)	
UG Men	Freq	%
Friend	13	21%
Casual dating partner or hookup	19	30%
Current or former committed relationship partner	5	8%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	1	2%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	0	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	5	8%
Acquaintance	6	10%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	7	11%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	2	3%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	5	8%

Used your incapacitation	2024 (N = 404)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	83	21%
Casual dating partner or hookup	61	15%
Current or former committed relationship partner	31	8%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	3	1%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	1	<1%
Family member or relative	2	<1%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	99	25%
Acquaintance	33	8%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	67	17%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	7	2%
Don't know/Not sure	4	13%
Prefer not to answer	13	3%

Used your incapacitation	2024 (N = 79)	
UG Men	Freq	%
Friend	16	20%
Casual dating partner or hookup	17	22%
Current or former committed relationship partner	4	5%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	2	3%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	0	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	12	15%
Acquaintance	3	4%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	11	14%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	1	1%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	3	4%
Don't know/Not sure	3	4%
Prefer not to answer	7	9%

Used physical threats or intimidation	2024 (N = 153)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	41	27%
Casual dating partner or hookup	20	13%
Current or former committed relationship partner	24	16%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	2	1%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	3	2%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	21	14%
Acquaintance	9	6%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	21	14%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	7	5%
Don't know/Not sure	1	1%
Prefer not to answer	4	3%

Used physical threats or intimidation	2024 (N = 25)	
UG Men	Freq	%
Friend	5	20%
Casual dating partner or hookup	6	24%
Current or former committed relationship partner	5	20%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	2	8%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	0	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	1	4%
Acquaintance	0	0%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	3	12%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	1	4%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	1	4%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	1	4%

Used force	2024 (N = 252)	
UG Women	Freq	%
Friend	54	21%
Casual dating partner or hookup	43	17%
Current or former committed relationship partner	21	8%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	3	1%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	4	2%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	48	19%
Acquaintance	22	9%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	35	14%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	1	<1%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	9	4%
Don't know/Not sure	2	1%
Prefer not to answer	10	4%

Used force	2024 (N = 32)	
UG Men	Freq	%
Friend	5	16%
Casual dating partner or hookup	12	38%
Current or former committed relationship partner	2	6%
Current or former spouse	0	0%
Co-worker	1	3%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%
Family member or relative	1	3%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	2	6%
Acquaintance	1	3%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	4	13%
CU undergraduate student staff member (e.g., RA, Learning Assistant, Journey Leader)	0	0%
CU Boulder professional employee	0	0%
CU Boulder Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant	0	0%
Other	2	6%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	2	6%

Offender's Affiliation with CU

The majority of offenders who were friends, casual dating partners, relationship partners, acquaintances, and recently met people were also affiliated with CU.

For undergraduate women, compared to 2021, a smaller percentage of offenders were identified as being affiliated with CU Boulder (56% vs.74%). For undergraduate men, about half of offenders were identified as being affiliated with CU in both 2021 (52%) and 2024 (47%).

For graduate women, in 2024, they also identified a smaller percentage of offenders as being affiliated with CU (61% in 2021, 26% in 2024); however, this average obscures the fact that graduate women identified 9/10 "other graduate student" offenders as being affiliated with CU. There are too few graduate men in the sample to disaggregate their results.

	2021 (N = 601)		2024 (N = 893)	
UG Women	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
Friend	119	80%	173	62%
Casual dating partner or hookup	75	86%	154	57%
Current or former committed relationship partner	49	77%	77	56%
Current or former spouse	0	0%	1	0%
Co-worker	6	60%	12	17%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	2	0%	1	0%
Someone I had just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	109	75%	167	66%
Acquaintance	64	83%	66	71%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	129	62%	180	46%
Other	6	100%	18	38%
Don't know/Not sure	14	78%	13	46%
Prefer not to answer	25	50%	25	13%
<i>Overall % of offenders affiliated with CU Boulder</i>		<i>74%</i>		<i>56%</i>

	2021 (N = 72)		2024 (N = 168)	
UG Men	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
Friend	16	67%	27	46%
Casual dating partner or hookup	8	50%	35	67%
Current or former committed relationship partner	2	50%	7	50%
Current or former spouse	1	0%	0	0%
Co-worker	2	0%	6	40%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%	0	0%
Someone I had just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	9	43%	19	61%
Acquaintance	8	75%	16	38%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	15	31%	35	36%
Other	3	100%	4	67%
Don't know/Not sure	3	50%	6	50%
Prefer not to answer	5	40%	10	11%
<i>Overall % of offenders affiliated with CU Boulder</i>		<i>53%</i>		<i>47%</i>

	2021 (N = 18)		2024 (N = 73)	
Grad Women	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
Friend	1	100%	13	31%
Other graduate student	6	100%	10	90%
Casual dating partner or hookup	1	0%	10	0%
Current or former committed relationship partner	4	25%	10	20%
Current or former spouse	0	0%	0	0%
Co-worker	1	100%	2	0%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%	1	0%
Someone I had just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	0	0%	4	25%
Acquaintance	0	0%	5	40%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	3	0%	8	14%
Other	1	100%	3	0%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	1	100%	2	0%
<i>Overall % of offenders affiliated with CU Boulder</i>		61%		26%

	2021 (N = 8)		2024 (N = 15)	
Grad Men	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
Friend	0	0%	2	0%
Other graduate student	1	100%	0	0%
Casual dating partner or hookup	1	0%	3	0%
Current or former committed relationship partner	3	0%	0	0%
Current or former spouse	0	0%	0	0%
Co-worker	0	0%	0	0%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	1	0%	0	0%
Someone I had just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	0	0%	1	0%
Acquaintance	0	0%	1	100%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	0	0%	2	0%
Other	0	0%	2	0%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%	1	0%
Prefer not to answer	1	0%	3	0%

Offenders Affiliation with CU by Connection to Participant

	2021 (N = 601)		2024 (N = 893)	
UG Women	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
Friend	119	80%	173	62%
Casual dating partner or hookup	75	86%	154	57%
Current or former committed relationship partner	49	77%	77	56%
Current or former spouse	0	0%	1	0%
Co-worker	6	60%	12	17%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	2	0%	1	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	109	75%	167	66%
Acquaintance	64	83%	66	71%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	129	62%	180	46%
Other	6	100%	18	38%
Don't know/Not sure	14	78%	13	46%
Prefer not to answer	25	50%	25	13%

	2021 (N = 72)		2024 (N = 168)	
UG Men	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
Friend	16	67%	27	46%
Casual dating partner or hookup	8	50%	35	67%
Current or former committed relationship partner	2	50%	7	50%
Current or former spouse	1	0%	0	0%
Co-worker	2	0%	6	40%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%	0	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	9	43%	19	61%
Acquaintance	8	75%	16	38%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	15	31%	35	36%
Other	3	100%	4	67%
Don't know/Not sure	3	50%	6	50%
Prefer not to answer	5	40%	10	11%

	2021 (N = 18)		2024 (N = 73)	
Grad Women	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
Friend	1	100%	13	31%
Other graduate student	6	100%	10	90%
Casual dating partner or hookup	1	0%	10	0%
Current or former committed relationship partner	4	25%	10	20%
Current or former spouse	0	0%	0	0%
Co-worker	1	100%	2	0%
Person supervising me or with more authority than me at work	0	0%	1	0%
Someone I just met at an activity, event, or party who I didn't know before	0	0%	4	25%
Acquaintance	0	0%	5	40%
Stranger (who I had never seen or met before)	3	0%	8	14%
Other	1	100%	3	0%
Don't know/Not sure	0	0%	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	1	100%	2	0%

Offender's Affiliation with CU by Incident Location

When the incident took place on campus or at a Greek chapter house, the majority of undergraduates indicated the offenders were affiliated with CU.

	2021 (N = 612)		2024 (N = 898)	
UG Women	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
My campus housing	113	89%	151	73%
Other's campus housing	39	79%	44	84%
CU academic building	5	100%	4	75%
CU lab	0	0%	0	0%
CU campus office	0	0%	1	0%
CU non-academic building	8	63%	9	63%
Outdoors on campus	11	82%	22	82%
Other CU location	3	67%	4	75%
Off campus CU-related work location	0	0%	3	67%
My off-campus residence	48	79%	74	55%
Other's off-campus residence	135	75%	149	69%
Greek chapter house	182	77%	161	66%*
Boulder bar, club, restaurant	4	0%	39	44%
Boulder outdoors	15	47%	29	45%
Other Boulder location	11	73%	10	30%
Elsewhere in Colorado	22	36%	74	26%
In the US outside of Colorado	6	17%	48	10%
Another country	3	0%	17	18%
Not sure	7	14%	3	33%
Prefer not to answer	--	--	56	28%

*In addition, 21% of participants indicated that they didn't know if the offender was affiliated with CU.

	2021 (N = 75)		2024 (N = 167)	
UG Men	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
My campus housing	19	63%	20	55%
Other's campus housing	5	60%	14	69%
CU academic building	0	0%	2	50%
CU lab	0	0%	0	0%
CU campus office	0	0%	0	0%
CU non-academic building	1	100%	3	67%
Outdoors on campus	2	100%	7	86%
Other CU location	2	50%	1	100%
Off campus CU-related work location	0	0%	0	0%
My off-campus residence	5	75%	18	72%
Other's off-campus residence	16	56%	34	47%
Greek chapter house	11	27%	18	65%*
Boulder bar, club, restaurant	3	100%	10	30%
Boulder outdoors	2	50%	2	0%
Other Boulder location	0	0%	1	0%
Elsewhere in Colorado	3	0%	18	11%
In the US outside of Colorado	2	0%	7	0%
Another country	0	0%	2	50%
Not sure	4	50%	3	0%
Prefer not to answer	--	--	7	17%

*In addition, 17% of participants indicated that they didn't know if the offender was affiliated with CU.

	2021 (N = 20)		2024 (N = 73)	
Grad Women	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
My campus housing	1	100%	2	0%
Other's campus housing	0	0%	1	0%
CU academic building	1	100%	0	0%
CU lab	0	0%	0	0%
CU campus office	0	0%	0	0%
CU non-academic building	0	0%	0	0%
Outdoors on campus	0	0%	0	0%
Other CU location	0	0%	0	0%
Off campus CU-related location for work, academics, training, or research	0	0%	3	67%
My off-campus residence	4	75%	11	36%
Other's off-campus residence	4	75%	7	57%
Greek chapter house	0	0%	1	100%
Boulder bar, club, restaurant	4	67%	13	54%
Boulder outdoors	1	0%	3	0%
Other Boulder location	0	0%	3	0%
Elsewhere in Colorado	3	67%	14	14%
In the US outside of Colorado	1	0%	11	0%
Another country	1	0%	2	0%
Not sure	0	0%	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	--	--	2	0%

	2021 (N = 9)		2024 (N = 15)	
Grad Men	Freq	% Affiliated with CU	Freq	% Affiliated with CU
My campus housing	0	0%	0	0%
Other's campus housing	0	0%	0	0%
CU academic building	2	100%	0	0%
CU lab	0	0%	0	0%
CU campus office	0	0%	0	0%
CU non-academic building	0	0%	0	0%
Outdoors on campus	0	0%	0	0%
Other CU location	0	0%	0	0%
Off campus CU-related location for work, academics, training, or research	0	0%	0	0%
My off-campus residence	1	100%	0	0%
Other's off-campus residence	1	0%	3	33%
Greek chapter house	0	0%	0	0%
Boulder bar, club, restaurant	0	0%	3	0%
Boulder outdoors	0	0%	0	0%
Other Boulder location	0	0%	0	0%
Elsewhere in Colorado	1	0%	5	0%
In the US outside of Colorado	4	0%	1	0%
Another country	0	0%	0	0%
Not sure	0	0%	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	--	--	3	0%

Disclosing, Reporting, and Support

Data from the 2021 survey showed that disclosing the assault to someone was associated with fewer negative consequences for some students. The substantial increase (20% or more) in disclosure rates from 2015 to 2021 held steady in 2024.

2024 disclosure rates:

- Slight decrease for undergraduate and graduate women (-3%)
- Increase for undergraduate men (4%) and graduate men (13%)

Outside of a confidential resource or officially reporting to OIEC or police, the person most commonly told was a roommate or friend for undergraduate men and women, and graduate women. Graduate men more often disclosed to a spouse or romantic partner.

	2021 (N = 603)		2024 (N = 888)	
UG Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
Roommate or friend	494	82%	707	80%
Partner/spouse/BF/GF	118	20%	174	20%
Parent or guardian	121	20%	209	24%
Other family member	93	15%	143	16%
CU faculty member	28	5%	60	7%
CU Boulder staff/administrator/employee	24	4%	72	8%
Other	30	5%	49	6%
<i>I did not tell any of these people</i>	79	13%	138	16%

	2021 (N = 70)		2024 (N = 168)	
UG Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
Roommate or friend	47	67%	117	70%
Partner/spouse/BF/GF	9	13%	27	16%
Parent or guardian	6	9%	21	13%
Other family member	8	11%	13	8%
CU faculty member	2	3%	7	4%
CU Boulder staff/administrator/employee	2	3%	5	3%
Other	7	10%	14	8%
<i>I did not tell any of these people</i>	15	21%	37	22%

	2021 (N = 19)		2024 (N = 73)	
Graduate Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
Roommate or friend	13	68%	47	64%
Partner/spouse/BF/GF	3	16%	15	21%
Parent or guardian	3	16%	15	21%
Other family member	2	11%	10	14%
CU faculty member	4	21%	7	10%
CU Boulder staff/administrator/employee	0	0%	5	7%
Other	2	11%	5	7%
<i>I did not tell any of these people</i>	4	21%	17	23%

	2021 (N = 9)		2024 (N = 15)	
Graduate Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
Roommate or friend	4	44%	5	33%
Partner/spouse/BF/GF	3	33%	7	47%
Parent or guardian	1	11%	2	13%
Other family member	1	11%	2	13%
CU faculty member	0	0%	2	13%
CU Boulder staff/administrator/employee	0	0%	1	7%
Other	2	22%	1	7%
<i>I did not tell any of these people</i>	3	33%	5	33%

When asked whether the person (or people) they had told responded in a supportive way, the majority participants (>70%) agreed or strongly agreed that they had been supportive:

				2024		
Person they told was supportive	n	Mean	SD	Agree/ Strongly agree %	Somewhat agree %	Disagree %
Undergraduate Women	750	5.08	1.05	78%	15%	7%
Undergraduate Men	131	5.11	1.02	81%	15%	5%
Graduate Women	56	4.7	1.49	70%	14%	16%
Graduate Men	10	5.1	0.88	70%	30%	0%

Looking at confidential resources (OVA, CAPS, Wardenburg, PHP, or an off-campus confidential resource), the resources used by students were primarily off-campus resources.

As in 2021, the majority of survey participants did not tell a confidential resource:

	2021 (N = 603)		2024 (N = 888)	
UG Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
OVA	87	14%	129	15%
CAPS	62	10%	81	9%
Wardenburg	21	3%	40	5%
PHP	--	--	10	1%
Off-campus resource	114	19%	227	26%
<i>Did not tell a confidential resource</i>	425	70%	597	67%

	2021 (N = 70)		2024 (N = 168)	
UG Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
OVA	6	9%	7	4%
CAPS	7	10%	11	7%
Wardenburg	3	4%	7	4%
PHP	--	--	3	2%
Off-campus resource	10	14%	19	11%
<i>Did not tell a confidential resource</i>	52	74%	136	81%

	2021 (N = 19)		2024 (N = 73)	
Graduate Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
OVA	3	16%	11	15%
CAPS	1	5%	14	19%
Wardenburg	0	0%	3	4%
PHP	--	--	1	1%
Off-campus resource	6	32%	17	23%
<i>Did not tell a confidential resource</i>	9	47%	42	58%

	2021 (N = 9)		2024 (N = 15)	
Graduate Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
OVA	1	11%	2	13%
CAPS	1	11%	3	20%
Wardenburg	1	11%	1	7%
PHP	--	--	0	0%
Off-campus resource	3	33%	3	20%
<i>Did not tell a confidential resource</i>	5	56%	10	67%

Except for undergraduate men, the percentage of participants who reported working with OVA stayed roughly the same from 2021 to 2024:

- Undergraduate women: 14% in 2021; 15% in 2024
- Undergraduate men: 9% in 2021; 4% in 2024
- Graduate women: 16% in 2021; 15% in 2024
- Graduate men: 11% in 2021, 13% in 2024

Reporting to OIEC stayed the same for undergraduate women (8% in both years), the most meaningfully-sized group.

	2021		2024	
Reported to OIEC	Freq	%	Freq	%
Undergraduate Women	47	8%	75	8%
Undergraduate Men	3	4%	2	1%
Graduate Women	6	32%	7	10%
Graduate Men	0	0%	2	14%

Reporting to the police was rare in both survey administrations:

	2021 (N = 603)		2024 (N = 888)	
UG Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
CU POLICE	26	4%	45	5%
Boulder Police	20	3%	40	5%
Other Police	6	1%	18	2%
	2021 (N = 70)		2024 (N = 178)	
UG Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
CU POLICE	3	4%	2	1%
Boulder Police	1	1%	3	2%
Other Police	1	1%	3	2%
	2021 (N = 19)		2024 (N = 73)	
Graduate Women	Freq	%	Freq	%
CU POLICE	0	0%	2	3%
Boulder Police	1	5%	1	1%
Other Police	2	11%	5	7%

	2021 (N = 9)		2024 (N = 15)	
Graduate Men	Freq	%	Freq	%
CU POLICE	0	0%	0	0%
Boulder Police	0	0%	0	0%
Other Police	1	11%	1	7%

Consequences of Experiencing Sexual Assault

Among undergraduate women who had been sexually assaulted during their time at CU, the most common consequence reported was that the assault affected their mental health.

UG Women	Undergraduate Women			
Health and Social Consequences	2021 (N = 599)		2024 (N = 886)	
Has the experience of sexual assault:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Affected your physical health?	229	38%	267	30%
Affected your mental health?	489	82%	674	76%
Affected your social relationships?	372	62%	449	51%
Affected your intimate relationships?	434	72%	588	66%
Affected how you feel about your body?	--	--	587	66%
Eroded your confidence in your abilities?	314	52%	462	52%
Created expenses or financial burdens for you?	--	--	120	14%
UG Women	Undergraduate Women			
College and Career Consequences	2021 (N = 600)		2024 (N = 886)	
Has the sexual assault caused you to consider:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Not recommending CU?	171	28%	106	12%
Changing majors?	54	9%	47	5%
Leaving CU?	162	27%	156	18%
UG Women	Undergraduate Women			
Academic Consequences	2021 (N = 599)		2024 (N = 888)	
Has the sexual assault caused you to be:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Absent from classes?	249	42%	319	36%
Absent from other campus commitments?	197	33%	272	31%
Less productive in your academic work?	328	55%	407	46%

Among undergraduate men who had been sexually assaulted during their time at CU, the most common consequence reported was that the assault affected their mental health.

UG Men	Undergraduate Men			
Health and Social Consequences	2021 (N = 70)		2024 (N =163)	
Has the experience of sexual assault:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Affected your physical health?	22	31%	28	18%
Affected your mental health?	40	57%	96	59%
Affected your social relationships?	33	47%	59	36%
Affected your intimate relationships?	34	49%	80	49%
Affected how you feel about your body?	--	--	69	42%
Eroded your confidence in your abilities?	29	41%	54	33%
Created expenses or financial burdens for you?	--	--	16	10%
UG Men	Undergraduate Men			
College and Career Consequences	2021 (N = 69)		2024 (N =165)	
Has the sexual assault caused you to consider:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Not recommending CU?	15	22%	21	13%
Changing majors?	7	10%	9	5%
Leaving CU?	15	22%	22	13%
UG Men	Undergraduate Men			
Academic Consequences	2021 (N = 69)		2024 (N = 165)	
Has the sexual assault caused you to be:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Absent from classes?	23	33%	38	23%
Absent from other campus commitments?	21	30%	34	21%
Less productive in your academic work?	30	43%	57	35%

Among graduate women who had been sexually assaulted during their time at CU, the most common consequence reported was that the assault affected their mental health.

Graduate Women	Graduate Women			
Health and Social Consequences	2021 (N =19)		2024 (N =72)	
Has the experience of sexual assault:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Affected your physical health?	8	42%	35	49%
Affected your mental health?	15	79%	64	89%
Affected your social relationships?	12	63%	46	64%
Affected your intimate relationships?	12	63%	55	76%
Affected how you feel about your body?	--	--	54	75%
Eroded your confidence in your abilities?	7	37%	42	58%
Created expenses or financial burdens for you?	--	--	18	25%
Graduate Women	Graduate Women			
College and Career Consequences	2021 (N = 19)		2024 (N =72)	
Has the sexual assault caused you to consider:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Not recommending CU?	7	37%	13	18%
Switching departments?	3	16%	7	10%
Leaving CU?	6	32%	12	17%
Graduate Women	Graduate Women			
Academic Consequences	2021 (N = 19)		2024 (N = 72)	
Has the sexual assault caused you to be:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Absent from classes?	7	37%	14	19%
Absent from other campus commitments?	9	47%	20	28%
Less productive in your academic work?	13	68%	36	50%

Among graduate men who had been sexually assaulted during their time at CU, the most common consequence reported was that the assault affected their mental health.

Graduate Men	Graduate Men			
Health and Social Consequences	2021 (N =8)		2024 (N =14)	
Has the experience of sexual assault:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Affected your physical health?	1	12%	3	21%
Affected your mental health?	5	62%	8	57%
Affected your social relationships?	4	50%	6	43%
Affected your intimate relationships?	6	75%	5	36%
Affected how you feel about your body?	--	--	5	36%
Eroded your confidence in your abilities?	1	12%	4	29%
Created expenses or financial burdens for you?	--	--	1	7%
Graduate Men	Graduate Men			
College and Career Consequences	2021 (N = 8)		2024 (N = 14)	
Has the sexual assault caused you to consider:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Not recommending CU?	2	25%	0	0%
Switching departments?	1	12%	1	7%
Leaving CU?	1	12%	2	14%
Graduate Men	Graduate Men			
Academic Consequences	2021 (N = 8)		2024 (N = 14)	
Has the sexual assault caused you to be:	Freq	% Yes	Freq	% Yes
Absent from classes?	2	25%	5	36%
Absent from other campus commitments?	2	25%	4	29%
Less productive in your academic work?	2	25%	5	36%

Social Factors and Sexual Assault

Sense of Belonging

Across undergraduate and graduate men and women, students who experienced assault also reported a diminished sense of belonging at CU, both looking at all items individually and the average.

The 2024 survey included a new sense of belonging item: “At CU, students look out for each other.”

	2021 Experienced Assault (n=627)		2021 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=3613)		2024 Experienced Assault (n=912)		2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=4187)	
UG Women	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
At CU, I’m treated like I belong.	4.3	1.18	4.52	1.08	4.48	1.06	4.76	0.91
I feel valued at CU.	3.96	1.23	4.3	1.12	4.23	1.13	4.6	0.97
Faculty at CU are invested in my success.	4.25	1.11	4.6	1.02	4.49	1.03	4.76	0.93
I feel left out at CU.	3.13	1.28	2.93	1.27	2.94	1.23	2.72	1.21
I feel supported at CU.	4.1	1.14	4.46	1.08	4.36	1.07	4.74	0.9
I have a sense of community at CU.	4.12	1.3	4.35	1.22	4.49	1.18	4.71	1.05
At CU, students look out for each other.	--	--	--	--	4.0	1.11	4.38	1.02
Belonging Composite	4.3	0.85	4.53	0.81	4.3	0.84	4.6	0.75

	2021 Experienced Assault (n=77)		2021 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=3326)		2024 Experienced Assault (n=179)		2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=3839)	
UG Men	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
At CU, I'm treated like I belong.	4.0	1.33	4.48	1.15	4.42	1.18	4.75	1.03
I feel valued at CU.	3.71	1.48	4.21	1.21	4.19	1.22	4.56	1.11
Faculty at CU are invested in my success.	4.23	1.23	4.48	1.16	4.33	1.22	4.72	1.06
I feel left out at CU.	3.19	1.45	2.91	1.32	2.87	1.23	2.66	1.27
I feel supported at CU.	3.97	1.4	4.36	1.17	4.31	1.19	4.69	1.05
I have a sense of community at CU.	3.86	1.8	4.23	1.32	4.4	1.29	4.7	1.15
At CU, students look out for each other.	--	--	--	--	4.03	1.32	4.41	1.12
Belonging Composite	4.11	1.02	4.43	0.89	4.26	0.93	4.59	0.84

Mattering

Undergraduate and graduate women who experienced assault reported lower feelings of mattering for the statements that address feeling valued and cared for. There were no differences between the two groups of women in terms of feeling needed (“At CU, there are people who depend on me.”)

At CU, there are people who:	2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Sexual Assault (n=4187)		2024 Experienced Sexual Assault (n=912)	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Depend on me.	4.34	1.2	4.35	1.26
Are genuinely interested in me as a person.	4.85	0.98	4.74	1.13
Care about me as a person.	4.95	0.92	4.83	1.08
Care about my future.	4.87	0.91	4.69	1.03

At CU, there are people who:	2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Sexual Assault (n=3839)		2024 Experienced Sexual Assault (n=179)	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Depend on me.	4.13	1.31	4.3	1.31
Are genuinely interested in me as a person.	4.71	1.1	4.73	1.15
Care about me as a person.	4.8	1.05	4.73	1.16
Care about my future.	4.73	1.06	4.79	1.07

At CU, there are people who:	2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Sexual Assault (n=1007)		2024 Experienced Sexual Assault (n=66)	
Grad Women	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Depend on me.	4.15	1.34	4.05	1.42
Are genuinely interested in me as a person.	4.85	1.04	4.32	1.41
Care about me as a person.	5.0	0.95	4.48	1.5
Care about my future.	4.97	0.96	4.61	1.42

At CU, there are people who:	2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Sexual Assault (n=1291)		2024 Experienced Sexual Assault (n=17)	
Grad Men	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Depend on me.	4.03	1.36	4.12	1.36
Are genuinely interested in me as a person.	4.69	1.15	4.24	1.6
Care about me as a person.	4.86	1.09	4.71	1.45
Care about my future.	4.82	1.1	4.76	1.35

Close Friends

For undergraduate women, undergraduate men, and graduate men, students who experienced assault also were more likely to say that they had made a new close friend at CU.

Graduate students were not asked about close friends in 2021.

	2021 Experienced Assault (n=627)	2021 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=3613)	2024 Experienced Assault (n=912)	2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=4187)
UG Women	%	%	%	%
Have a new close friend	77%	67%	80%	71%
Have a close friend from home	12%	18%	14%	22%
Do not have a close friend	11%	15%	6%	7%

	2021 Experienced Assault (n=77)	2021 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=3326)	2024 Experienced Assault (n=179)	2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=3839)
UG Men	%	%	%	%
Have a new close friend	68%	57%	69%	59%
Have a close friend from home	13%	23%	20%	31%
Do not have a close friend	19%	20%	11%	10%

	2021 Experienced Assault (n=21)	2021 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=1490)	2024 Experienced Assault (n=66)	2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=1007)
Grad Women	%	%	%	%
Have a new close friend	--	--	58%	76%
Have a close friend from home	--	--	12%	9%
Do not have a close friend	--	--	30%	15%

	2021 Experienced Assault (n=9)	2021 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=1528)	2024 Experienced Assault (n=17)	2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=1291)
Grad Men	%	%	%	%
Have a new close friend	--	--	71%	67%
Have a close friend from home	--	--	18%	12%
Do not have a close friend	--	--	12%	21%

Sexual Assault and Commitment to CU

In light of their overall experiences at CU, participants were asked whether they had ever seriously considered leaving the university, and, if given the chance to make the decision again, would they still choose to attend CU.

Across undergraduate and graduate women and men, students who experienced assault reported that they had more seriously considered leaving CU Boulder and that they were less likely to choose CU again if given the chance.

	2021 Experienced Assault (n=327)		2021 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=3608)		2024 Experienced Assault (n=912)		2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=4187)	
UG Women	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
I have seriously considered leaving CU Boulder.	3.27	1.77	2.49	1.59	3.04	1.73	2.43	1.51
If I had it to do over again, I would choose to attend CU Boulder.	4.14	1.42	4.52	1.32	4.53	1.37	4.78	1.18

	2021 Experienced Assault (n=78)		2021 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=3328)		2024 Experienced Assault (n=179)		2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=3839)	
UG Men	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
I have seriously considered leaving CU Boulder.	3.46	1.74	2.58	1.56	3.06	1.85	2.44	1.5
If I had it to do over again, I would choose to attend CU Boulder.	3.87	1.62	4.4	1.33	4.48	1.47	4.72	1.21

	2021 Experienced Assault (n=21)		2021 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=1483)		2024 Experienced Assault (n=66)		2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=1008)	
Grad Women	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
I have seriously considered leaving CU Boulder.	3.9	1.67	2.41	1.67	3.32	1.97	2.35	1.53
If I had it to do over again, I would choose to attend CU Boulder.	3.62	1.53	4.59	1.37	4.2	1.56	4.77	1.2

	2021 Experienced Assault (n=9)		2021 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=1527)		2024 Experienced Assault (n=17)		2024 <i>Did not</i> Experience Assault (n=1291)	
Grad Men	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
I have seriously considered leaving CU Boulder.	4.11	2.15	2.24	1.57	3.65	2.0	2.2	1.46
If I had it to do over again, I would choose to attend CU Boulder.	3.0	2.12	4.7	1.28	4.24	1.68	4.8	1.21