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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](https://www.cu.edu/ope/aps/5014#tabs-2). 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 assault. 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 questions 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:

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|  | **2015** | | | **2021** | | | **2024**[[1]](#footnote-1) | | | |
|  | **# Invited** | **# Respnded** | **Response Rate %** | **# Invited** | **# Respnded** | **Response Rate %** | | **# Invited** | **# Respnded** | **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 | 1,074 | 32% | |
| Graduate Men | 3,075 | 1,428 | 46% | 3,948 | 1,539 | 39% | | 4923 | 1,309 | 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 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[[2]](#footnote-2) 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.

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| 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%** |

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| 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%** |

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| 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[[3]](#footnote-3) | 2,596 | 30 | **1%** | 3,055 | 8 | **<1%** | 2,364 | 28 | **1%** |

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| 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%** |

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| 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 great 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.

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

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|  | **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.

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|  | **2024** | | |
| **CU would take concerns seriously** | **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.

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| Year in School | **2021** | | | **2024** | | |
| **UG Women** | **N** | **SA Freq** | **SA %** | **N** | **SA Freq** | **SA %** |
| First Year | 1,496 | 108 | 7% | 1,734 | 196 | 11% |
| Second Year | 912 | 125 | 14% | 1,256 | 206 | 16% |
| Third Year | 960 | 181 | 19% | 1,011 | 227 | 22% |
| Fourth Year | 725 | 167 | 23% | 894 | 231 | 26% |
| Fifth Year + | 128 | 44 | 34% | 204 | 52 | 25% |

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| Year in School | **2021** | | | **2024** | | |
| **UG Men** | **N** | **SA Freq** | **SA %** | **N** | **SA Freq** | **SA %** |
| First Year | 1,207 | 17 | 1% | 1,331 | 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 is not unexpected and is reflective of White students’ representation in the campus population. This was true in both 2021 and 2024.

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

### Sexually Assault by Sexual Orientation

#### Distribution Across Sample

About half of undergraduate men and women, as well as graduate women, who experienced sexual assault identified as heterosexual. There were too few graduate women to disaggregate their results beyond having identified as being LGBTQ+, but too few graduate men to disaggregate any findings by sexual orientation.

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| Sexual Orientation | **2021**  **(N = 594)** | | **2024**  **(N = 829)** | |
| **Among undergraduate women who were sexually assaulted** | **N** | **% in Sample** | **N** | **% in Sample** |
| Asexual/Aromantic | 4 | 1% | 9 | 1% |
| Bisexual | 155 | 26% | 163 | 20% |
| Gay | 1 | <1% | 2 | <1% |
| Heterosexual | 334 | 56% | 467 | 56% |
| Lesbian | 15 | 3% | 23 | 3% |
| Pansexual | 29 | 5% | 57 | 7% |
| Queer | 21 | 4% | 18 | 2% |
| Questioning | 20 | 3% | 33 | 4% |
| Two-Spirit | NA | NA | 0 | 0% |
| Not Included in this List | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Prefer Not to Answer | 15 | 3% | 57 | 7% |

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| Sexual Orientation | **2021**  **(N = 68)** | | **2024**  **(N = 161)** | |
| **Among undergraduate men who were sexually assaulted** | **N** | **% in Sample** | **N** | **% in Sample** |
| Asexual/Aromantic | 0 | 0% | 3 | 2% |
| Bisexual | 11 | 16% | 22 | 14% |
| Gay | 10 | 15% | 14 | 9% |
| Heterosexual | 40 | 59% | 86 | 53% |
| Lesbian | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Pansexual | 1 | 1% | 9 | 6% |
| Queer | 1 | 1% | 3 | 2% |
| Questioning | 3 | 4% | 4 | 2% |
| Two-Spirit | NA | NA | 0 | 0% |
| Not Included in this List | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% |
| Prefer Not to Answer | 2 | 3% | 19 | 12% |

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| Sexual Orientation | **2021**  **(N = 21)** | | **2024**  **(N = 66)** | |
| **Among graduate women who were sexually assaulted** | **N** | **% in Sample** | **N** | **% in Sample** |
| 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

Among undergraduate women, pansexual, questioning, and bisexual students were most likely to indicate they had been sexually assaulted since becoming a student at CU. The 2024 rates show an increase in assault rates for pansexual students, and to a greater degree, for students who identified as questioning their sexual orientation.

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| Sexual Orientation | **2021**  **(N = 4189)** | | | **2024**  **(N = 4936)** | | |
| **UG Women** | **N** | **Sexual assault frequency** | **% who experienced sexual assault** | **N** | **Sexual assault frequency** | **% who experienced sexual assault** |
| Asexual/Aromantic | 82 | 4 | 5% | 69 | 9 | 13% |
| Bisexual | 738 | 155 | 21% | 741 | 163 | 22% |
| Gay | 14 | 1 | 7% | 18 | 2 | 11% |
| Heterosexual | 2612 | 334 | 13% | 3128 | 467 | 15% |
| Lesbian | 146 | 15 | 10% | 183 | 23 | 13% |
| Pansexual | 138 | 29 | 21% | 204 | 57 | 28% |
| Queer | 130 | 21 | 16% | 106 | 18 | 17% |
| Questioning | 135 | 20 | 15% | 140 | 33 | 24% |
| Two-Spirit | NA | NA | NA | 1 | 0 | 0% |
| Not Included in this List | 13 | 0 | 0% | 3 | 0 | 0% |
| Prefer Not to Answer | 181 | 15 | 8% | 344 | 57 | 17% |

Among undergraduate men, there was in increase in sexual assault for most sexual orientation categories compared to 2021.

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| Sexual Orientation | **2021**  **(N = 3358)** | | | **2024**  **(N = 3936)** | | |
| **UG Men** | **N** | **Sexual assault frequency** | **% who experienced sexual assault** | **N** | **Sexual assault frequency** | **% who experienced sexual assault** |
| Asexual/Aromantic | 21 | 0 | 0% | 22 | 3 | 14% |
| Bisexual | 185 | 11 | 6% | 173 | 22 | 13% |
| Gay | 132 | 10 | 8% | 132 | 14 | 11% |
| Heterosexual | 2668 | 40 | 1% | 3190 | 86 | 3% |
| Lesbian | 13 | 0 | 0% | 13 | 0 | 0% |
| Pansexual | 46 | 1 | 2% | 53 | 9 | 17% |
| Queer | 19 | 1 | 5% | 20 | 3 | 15% |
| Questioning/Still Exploring | 52 | 3 | 6% | 56 | 4 | 7% |
| Two-Spirit | NA | NA | NA | 2 | 0 | 0% |
| Not Included in this List | 19 | 0 | 0% | 6 | 1 | % |
| Prefer Not to Answer | 203 | 2 | 1% | 269 | 19 | 7% |

### Sexual Assault Rates by Gender Identity

#### Distribution Across Sample

Women comprised the great majority of those reporting sexual assault, followed by men.

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| Gender Identity | **2021**  **(N = 662)** | | **2024**  **(N = 988)** | |
| **Among undergraduates who were sexually assaulted** | **N** | **%** | **N** | **%** |
| Agender | 1 | <1% | 2 | <1% |
| Gender fluid | 6 | 1% | 4 | <1% |
| Genderqueer | 4 | <1% | NA | NA |
| Gender non-conforming | NA | NA | 4 | <1% |
| Man | 62 | 9% | 125 | 13% |
| Non-binary | 13 | 2% | 28 | 3% |
| Queer | 2 | <1% | NA | NA |
| Questioning/Still Exploring | 9 | 1% | 24 | 2% |
| Trans man | 1 | <1% | 10 | 1% |
| Trans woman | 0 | 0% | 7 | 1% |
| Transgender | NA | NA | 0 | 0% |
| Woman | 556 | 84% | 712 | 72% |
| Not Included in this List | 2 | <1% | 3 | <1% |
| Prefer Not to Answer | 6 | 1% | 69 | 7% |

#### Sexual Assault Rates

The very small size of some gender identity groups makes it difficult to draw conclusions about the rates for most of the gender categories.

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| Gender Identity | **2021**  **(N = 7051)** | | | **2024**  **(N = 8878)** | | |
|  | **N** | **Sexual assault frequency** | **% who experienced sexual assault** | **N** | **Sexual assault frequency** | **% who experienced sexual assault** |
| Agender | 16 | 1 | 6% | 12 | 2 | 17% |
| Gender fluid | 36 | 6 | 17% | 25 | 4 | 16% |
| Genderqueer | 30 | 4 | 13% | NA | NA | NA |
| Gender non-conforming | NA | NA | NA | 22 | 4 | 18% |
| Man | 3109 | 62 | 2% | 3512 | 125 | 4% |
| Non-binary | 131 | 13 | 10% | 151 | 28 | 19% |
| Queer | 25 | 2 | 8% | NA | NA | NA |
| Questioning/Still Exploring | 59 | 9 | 15% | 123 | 24 | 20% |
| Trans man | 32 | 1 | 3% | 84 | 10 | 12% |
| Trans woman | 31 | 0 | 0% | 69 | 7 | 10% |
| Transgender | NA | NA | NA | 2 | 0 | 0% |
| Woman | 3384 | 556 | 14% | 4253 | 712 | 17% |
| Not Included in this List | 17 | 2 | 12% | 21 | 3 | 14% |
| Prefer Not to Answer | 181 | 6 | 3% | 604 | 69 | 11% |

### 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.

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| 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% |

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| 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.

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| 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% |

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| 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

Almost two-thirds 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.

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| 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

Undergraduates and graduate women who indicated that they “sometimes,” "often," or "always" have difficulty paying for basic necessities were overrepresented among those who experienced sexual assault compared to the sample as a whole in both 2021 and 2024.

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

### 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.

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| 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 attempted on the participant or an attempt to make the participant perform it)
* Attempted penetration (oral, anal, or vaginal), making the participant perform sexual acts
* 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 experiencing **penetration** during the assault.
* Undergraduate men were *more likely* 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 intentionally touched *only* on a private body part. This change likely reflects the addition of two new categories of assaultive behaviors in the 2024 survey:

* Attempted oral sex (either attempted on the participant or an attempt to make the participant perform it).
* Attempted penetration

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.

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| Sexual Assault Behaviors | **2021**  **(N = 621)** | | **2024**  **(N = 912)** | |
| **UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| 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% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sexual Assault Behaviors | **2021**  **(N = 77)** | | **2024**  **(N = 179)** | |
| **UG Men** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| 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% |

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| Sexual Assault Behaviors | **2021**  **(N = 20)** | | **2024**  **(N = 66)** | |
| **Graduate Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| 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% |

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| Sexual Assault Behaviors | **2021**  **(N = 9)** | | **2024**  **(N = 17)** | |
| **Graduate Men** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| 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 or without your permission” 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 one or more 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".
* Use of force was identified as a common tactic used against both undergraduate and graduate students in both survey administrations.

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| Sexual Assault Tactics | **2021**  **(N = 619)** | | **2024**  **(N = 912)** | |
| **UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| 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 *you* 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% |

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| 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 *you* 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% |

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| 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 *you* 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% |

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| Sexual Assault Tactics | **2021**  **(N = 9)** | | **2024**  **(N = 17)** | |
| **Graduate Men** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| 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 *you* 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.

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **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% |

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|  | **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

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.

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| Number of Incidents | **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 women were a Greek chapter house or annex, the student’s on campus residence, or someone else’s off campus residence. The proportion of undergraduate women who identify a Greek chapter house as the location has meaningfully decreased since 2021.

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| Incident Location | **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% |

In 2021, 25% of undergraduate men indicated that the assault had occurred in their on-campus residence; this rate dropped to 12% in 2024. The proportion of assaults that took place in someone else’s off-campus residence remained high (21% in 2021; 20% in 2024).

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| Incident Location | **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% |

For graduate students, the most common locations were a Boulder bar, club, or restaurant, and elsewhere in Colorado.

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| Incident Location | **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% |

### Locations of Assaults Where Offender Was a Stranger

Among undergraduate students, the predominant location of assaults where the offender was a stranger was a Greek chapter house or annex.

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| 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% |

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| 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+ students[[5]](#footnote-5), 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%)

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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.

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.

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| Offender’s Connection to Participant | **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]](#footnote-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% |

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| Offender’s Connection to Participant | **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% |

Among graduate women, a friend was also the most commonly identified offender (18%). Another graduate student was frequently reported as well (14%); 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.

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| Offender’s Connection to Participant | **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% |

#### Offender’s Connection to Participant by Sexual Assault Behavior

Below are the most common offender type for each category of assaultive behavior among undergraduate women and men. In most instances, a casual dating partner or hook-up was the offender.

* 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** (22% for undergraduate women)
  + **Friend** (24% for undergraduate men)
* Penetrated you:
  + **Casual dating partner or hookup** (22% for undergraduate women; 32% for undergraduate men)

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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 | <% |
| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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 to Participant by Sexual Assault Tactic

The most common offender type for each sexual assault tactic among undergraduate women and men were:

* Caught you off guard:
  + **Stranger** (23% for undergraduate women; 24% for undergraduate men)
* Ignoring:
  + **Friend** (21% undergraduate women)
  + **Casual dating partner or hookup** (27% for undergraduate men)
* 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** (25% for undergraduate women)
  + **Casual dating partner or hookup** (22% for undergraduate men)
* Threats or intimidation:
  + **Friend** (27% for undergraduate women)
  + **Casual dating partner or hookup** (24% for undergraduate men)
* Force:
  + **Friend** (21% for undergraduate women)
  + **Casual dating partner or hookup** (38% for undergraduate men)

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what *you* 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% |

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| Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what *you* 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| 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 (74% in 2021 vs. 56% in 2024). 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 statistic 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 findings.

#### Offender’s Affiliation with CU by Connection to Participant

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| Offender’s 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 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% |
| *Overall % of offenders affiliated with CU Boulder* | *451* | *75%* | *502* | *56%* |

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| Offender’s Affiliation with CU by Connection to Participant | **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% |
| *Overall % of offenders affiliated with CU Boulder* | *39* | *54%* | *78* | *46%* |

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| Offender’s Affiliation with CU by Connection to Participant | **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 | 25% |
| Other | 1 | 100% | 3 | 0% |
| Don’t know/Not sure | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Prefer not to answer | 1 | 100% | 2 | 0% |
| *Overall % of offenders affiliated with CU Boulder* | *12* | *67%* | *23* | *32%* |

#### 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.

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| Offender’s Affiliation with CU by Incident Location | **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.

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| Offender’s Affiliation with CU by Incident Location | **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.

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| Offender’s Affiliation with CU by Incident Location | **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% |

#### Offender’s Affiliation with CU by Sexual Assault Behaviors

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| Sexual Assault Behaviors | **2021**  **(N = 621)** | | **2024**  **(N = 912)** | |
| **UG Women** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** |
| Intentionally touched you ONLY | 266 | 73% | 337 | 53%**\*** |
| Attempted to perform oral sex or make you perform oral sex | --- | --- | 256 | 56% |
| Attempted penetration | --- | --- | 424 | 60% |
| Penetrated you | 277 | 76% | 341 | 59% |
| Made you perform sexual acts | 226 | 77% | 357 | 59% |

\* In addition, 22% of participants indicated that they didn’t know if the offender was affiliated with CU.

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| Sexual Assault Behaviors | **2021**  **(N = 77)** | | **2024**  **(N = 179)** | |
| **UG Men** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** |
| Intentionally touched you ONLY | 44 | 56% | 69 | 43% |
| Attempted to perform oral sex or make you perform oral sex, | --- | --- | 61 | 53% |
| Attempted penetration | --- | --- | 35 | 42% |
| Penetrated you | 19 | 53% | 73 | 54% |
| Made you perform acts | 26 | 54% | 26 | 54% |

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| Sexual Assault Behaviors | **2021**  **(N = 20)** | | **2024**  **(N = 66)** | |
| **Graduate Women** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** |
| Intentionally touched you ONLY | 9 | 75% | 25 | 44% |
| Attempted to perform oral sex or make you perform oral sex, | --- | --- | 22 | 23% |
| Attempted penetration | --- | --- | 33 | 32% |
| Penetrated you | 10 | 50% | 27 | 26% |
| Made you perform acts | 3 | 67% | 27 | 33% |

#### Offender’s Affiliation with CU by Sexual Assault Tactics

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| Sexual Assault Tactics | **2021**  **(N = 619)** | | **2024**  **(N = 912)** | |
| **UG Women** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** |
| Knowingly touched or groped | 545 | 75% | -- | -- |
| Caught you off guard or without your permission | -- | -- | 760 | 55% |
| Ignored efforts to get them to stop | 459 | 77% | 645 | 56% |
| Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon | 426 | 76% | -- | -- |
| Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what *you* agreed to | -- | -- | 458 | 59% |
| Used your incapacitation | 355 | 74% | 417 | 61% |
| Used physical threats or intimidation | 86 | 80% | 159 | 56% |
| Used force | 173 | 76% | 261 | 56% |

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| Sexual Assault Tactics | **2021**  **(N = 77)** | | **2024**  **(N = 179)** | |
| **UG Men** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** |
| Knowingly touched or groped | 65 | 60% | -- | -- |
| Caught you off guard | -- | -- | 138 | 46% |
| Ignored efforts to get them to stop | 48 | 58% | 90 | 51% |
| Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon | 40 | 57% | -- | -- |
| Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what *you* agreed to | -- | -- | 67 | 56% |
| Used your incapacitation | 29 | 48% | 82 | 54% |
| Used physical threats or intimidation | 11 | 44% | 27 | 52% |
| Used force | 18 | 56% | 35 | 47% |
| Sexual Assault Tactics | **2021**  **(N = 20)** | | **2024**  **(N = 66)** | |
| **Graduate Women** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** | **Freq** | **% of Offenders Affiliated with CU** |
| Knowingly touched or groped | 16 | 75% | -- | -- |
| Caught you off guard | -- | -- | 55 | 33% |
| Ignored efforts to get them to stop | 13 | 58% | 52 | 35% |
| Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon | 16 | 73% | -- | -- |
| Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what *you* agreed to | -- | -- | 41 | 23% |
| Used your incapacitation | 9 | 62% | 40 | 38% |
| Used physical threats or intimidation | 3 | 33% | 20 | 40% |
| Used force | 6 | 50% | 26 | 28% |

## 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.

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| Disclosed to… | **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 did not tell any of these people* | 79 | 13% | 138 | 16% |

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| Disclosed to… | **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 did not tell any of these people* | 15 | 21% | 37 | 22% |

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| Disclosed to… | **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 did not tell any of these people* | 4 | 21% | 17 | 23% |

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| Disclosed to… | **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 did not tell any of these people* | 3 | 33% | 5 | 33% |

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

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|  |  |  |  | **2024** | | |
| **The 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:

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| Told 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% |
| *Did not tell a confidential resource* | 425 | 70% | 597 | 67% |

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| Told a Confidential Resource | **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% |
| *Did not tell a confidential resource* | 52 | 74% | 136 | 81% |

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| Told a Confidential Resource | **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% |
| *Did not tell a confidential resource* | 9 | 47% | 42 | 58% |

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| Told a Confidential Resource | **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% |
| *Did not tell a confidential resource* | 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 about the same for undergraduate women, the most meaningfully-sized group, from 2021 to 2024. The percentage indicating that they or someone else reported the assault they experienced to OIEC was 8% for undergraduate women.

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|  | **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:

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|  | **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% |

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## 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.

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|  | **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% | | | |
|  | **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% | | | |
|  | **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.

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|  | **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% |
|  | **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% | |
|  | **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.

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|  | **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** | | | | | | | |
| 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** | | | | | | | | | |
| 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.

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|  | | **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** | | | | | | | | |
| 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** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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

In goth 2021 and 2024, undergraduate and graduate participants (both women and men) who experienced assault also reported a diminished sense of belonging, both looking at all items individually and the average.

#### Undergraduate Sense of Belonging at CU

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

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| Sense of CU Belonging | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=627)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=3613)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=912)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **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 |

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| Sense of CU Belonging | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=77)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=3326)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=179)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **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 |

#### Graduate Student Sense of Program Belonging

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| Sense of Program Belonging | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=21)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1490)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=66)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1008)** | |
| **Grad Women** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** |
| In my graduate program, I'm treated like I belong. | 3.62 | 1.72 | 4.72 | 1.16 | 4.15 | 1.54 | 4.81 | 1.09 |
| I have a sense of community in my graduate program. | 3.76 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 1.31 | 4.23 | 1.58 | 4.62 | 1.2 |
| I feel valued in my graduate program. | 3.71 | 1.59 | 4.53 | 1.26 | 4.05 | 1.59 | 4.7 | 1.16 |
| I am proud to be a student in my graduate program. | 4.19 | 1.72 | 4.94 | 1.12 | 4.59 | 1.32 | 5.04 | 1.02 |
| I feel like a respected member of my graduate program. | 3.62 | 1.63 | 4.71 | 1.16 | 4.02 | 1.62 | 4.8 | 1.11 |
| Faculty in my graduate program are invested in my success. | 4.05 | 1.63 | 4.84 | 1.13 | 4.65 | 1.35 | 4.96 | 1.1 |
| I feel supported in my graduate program. | 3.67 | 1.59 | 4.57 | 1.25 | 4.29 | 1.42 | 4.76 | 1.15 |
| Program Belonging Composite | 3.8 | 1.51 | 4.69 | 1.04 | 4.28 | 1.35 | 4.82 | 0.97 |

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| Sense of Program Belonging | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=9)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1528)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=17)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1292)** | |
| **Grad Men** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** |
| In my graduate program, I'm treated like I belong. | 3.56 | 1.81 | 4.87 | 1.1 | 4.88 | 1.11 | 4.95 | 1.02 |
| I have a sense of community in my graduate program. | 3.78 | 1.48 | 4.56 | 1.27 | 4.41 | 1.42 | 4.74 | 1.19 |
| I feel valued in my graduate program. | 3.22 | 1.72 | 4.68 | 1.21 | 4.0 | 1.66 | 4.85 | 1.09 |
| I am proud to be a student in my graduate program. | 3.33 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 1.11 | 4.53 | 1.62 | 5.11 | 1.03 |
| I feel like a respected member of my graduate program. | 3.33 | 1.58 | 4.8 | 1.14 | 4.59 | 1.58 | 4.94 | 1.01 |
| Faculty in my graduate program are invested in my success. | 3.67 | 1.41 | 4.92 | 1.11 | 4.41 | 1.37 | 5.02 | 1.0 |
| I feel supported in my graduate program. | 2.89 | 1.9 | 4.74 | 1.18 | 4.47 | 1.74 | 4.92 | 1.06 |
| Program Belonging Composite | 3.4 | 1.55 | 4.8 | 1.01 | 4.47 | 1.25 | 4.93 | 0.91 |

### Mattering

Undergraduate and graduate women and graduate men who experienced assault reported lower feelings of mattering for the statements that address feeling valued and cared for.

Mattering was not measured in the 2021 survey.

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| At CU, there are people who: | **2024**  ***Did not* Experience Sexual Assault**  **(n=4187)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Sexual Assault**  **(n=912)** | |
| **UG Women** | **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 |

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| At CU, there are people who: | **2024**  ***Did not* Experience Sexual Assault**  **(n=3839)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Sexual Assault**  **(n=179)** | |
| **UG Men** | **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 |

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| At CU, there are people who: | **2024**  ***Did not* 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 |

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| At CU, there are people who: | **2024**  ***Did not* 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 and 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.

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| Close Friends | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=627)** | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=3613)** | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=912)** | **2024**  ***Did not***  **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% |

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| Close Friends | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=77)** | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=3326)** | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=179)** | **2024**  ***Did not***  **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% |

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| Close Friends | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=21)** | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1490)** | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=66)** | **2024**  ***Did not***  **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% |

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| Close Friends | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=9)** | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1528)** | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=17)** | **2024**  ***Did not***  **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% |

## Commitment to CU and Sexual Assault

In light of their overall experiences at CU, participants were asked whether they had seriously considered leaving the university, and, if given the opportunity 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.

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| Commitment to CU | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=327)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=3608)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=912)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **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 |

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| Commitment to CU | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=78)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=3328)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=179)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **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 |

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| Commitment to CU | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=21)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1483)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=66)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **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 |

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| Commitment to CU | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=9)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1527)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=17)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **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 |

## Sexual Assault Among Incoming First-Year Undergraduate Women

### Sexual Assault Behaviors

Assaultive behaviors were grouped into five categories:

* Intentional touching ONLY
* Attempted oral sex (either attempted on the participant or an attempt to make the participant perform it)
* Attempted penetration (oral, anal, or vaginal), making the participant perform sexual acts
* Penetration (oral, anal, or vaginal).

Participants were able to indicate that the incident involved one or more of these behaviors.

In 2024, there was an increase in the percentage of first-year undergraduate women who were made to perform sexual acts compared to 2021 (32% vs. 21%)

Also in 2024, participants were less likely to indicate that the assault involved being intentionally touched *only* on a private body part. This change likely reflects the addition of two new categories of assaultive behaviors in the 2024 survey:

* Attempted oral sex (either attempted on the participant or an attempt to make the participant perform it).
* Attempted penetration

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.

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| Assaultive Behaviors | **2021**  **(N = 113)** | | **2024**  **(N = 154)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| Intentionally touched you ONLY | 71 | 63% | 69 | 45% |
| Attempted to perform oral sex or make you perform oral sex | -- | -- | 32 | 21% |
| Attempted penetration | -- | -- | 53 | 34% |
| Made you perform sexual acts | 24 | 21% | 49 | 32% |
| Penetrated you | 29 | 26% | 39 | 25% |

### 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 or without your permission” 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 one or more of these tactics had been used to facilitate the sexual assault incident.

The most common tactic used to facilitate sexual assault among first-year undergraduate women was being caught off guard. Additionally, less than half of first-year women who reported being assaulted indicated that incapacitation was used as a tactic (36%); this represents a substantial decrease from 2021 when the rate was 51%.

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| Assaultive Tactics | **2021**  **(N = 113)** | | **2024**  **(N = 154)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| Knowingly touched or groped | 102 | 90% | -- | -- |
| Caught you off guard or without your permission | -- | -- | 120 | 78% |
| Ignored efforts to get them to stop | 63 | 56% | 93 | 60% |
| Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon | 61 | 54% | -- | -- |
| Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what *you* agreed to | -- | -- | 51 | 33% |
| Used your incapacitation | 58 | 51% | 55 | 36% |
| Used physical threats or intimidation | 11 | 10% | 19 | 12% |
| Used force | 21 | 19% | 35 | 23% |

### Sexual Assault Behaviors x Tactics

Among women who were intentionally touched *only*, the most common sexual assault tactic reported in 2024 was being caught off guard or acting without the participant’s permission.

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| Behavior:  Intentionally Touched ONLY | **First-Year UG Women** | | | |
| **2021**  **(N = 71)** | | **2024**  **(N = 69)** | |
| **Sexual Assault Tactics** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| Knowingly touched or groped | 70 | 99% | -- | -- |
| Caught you off guard or without your permission | -- | -- | 63 | 91% |
| Ignored efforts to get them to stop | 38 | 54% | 39 | 57% |
| Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon | 31 | 44% | -- | -- |
| Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what *you* agreed to | -- | -- | 11 | 16% |
| Used your incapacitation | 24 | 34% | 20 | 29% |
| Used physical threats or intimidation | 2 | 3% | 5 | 7% |
| Used force | 8 | 11% | 4 | 6% |

Among women who were made to perform a sexual act, the most common assault tactic was being caught off guard; however, usage of ignoring and physical threats were also high (>70%).

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| Behavior:  Made to Perform a Sexual Act | **First-Year UG Women** | | | |
| **2021**  **(N = 24)** | | **2024**  **(N = 49)** | |
| **Sexual Assault Tactics** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| Knowingly touched or groped | 22 | 92% | -- | -- |
| Caught you off guard or without your permission | -- | -- | 40 | 82% |
| Ignored efforts to get them to stop | 17 | 71% | 37 | 76% |
| Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon | 20 | 83% | -- | -- |
| Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what *you* agreed to | -- | -- | 26 | 53% |
| Used your incapacitation | 21 | 88% | 21 | 43% |
| Used physical threats or intimidation | 7 | 29% | 36 | 73% |
| Used force | 10 | 42% | 23 | 47% |

Among women who experienced penetration, the most common assaultive tactic was again being caught off guard, closely followed by going beyond what the participant had agreed to do.

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| Behavior:  Penetration | **First-Year UG Women** | | | |
| **2021**  **(N = 29)** | | **2024**  **(N = 39)** | |
| **Sexual Assault Tactics** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| Knowingly touched or groped | 19 | 66% | -- | -- |
| Caught you off guard or without your permission | -- | -- | 27 | 69% |
| Ignored efforts to get them to stop | 18 | 62% | 22 | 56% |
| Went beyond what was mutually agreed upon | 18 | 62% | -- | -- |
| Did something to you beyond (or contrary to) what *you* agreed to | -- | -- | 25 | 64% |
| Used your incapacitation | 18 | 62% | 20 | 51% |
| Used physical threats or intimidation | 7 | 24% | 6 | 15% |
| Used force | 10 | 34% | 15 | 38% |

### Incident Timing

The majority of first-year women indicated that they had been assaulted since classes began (August 23 in 2021 and August 26, 2024). More specifically, most assaults occurred in September in both years.

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| Incident Timing | **2021**  **(N = 118)** | | **2024**  **(N = 136)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| Since classes began in August | 91 | 77% | 104 | 76% |
| During move-in/Welcome Week | 15 | 13% | 19 | 14% |
| During the summer (at home, summer school, campus visit) | 3 | 3% | 2 | 1% |
| In the spring after being admitted to CU | 2 | 2% | 3 | 1% |
| I'm not sure | 5 | 4% | 8 | 6% |

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|  | **2021**  **(N = 101)** | | **2024**  **(N = 118)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| January | 2 | 2% | 1 | 1% |
| February | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% |
| March | 1 | 1% | 2 | 2% |
| April | 0 | 0% | 2 | 2% |
| May | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| June | 0 | 0% | 2 | 2% |
| July | 1 | 1% | 1 | 1% |
| August | 21 | 21% | 17 | 14% |
| September | 39 | 39% | 49 | 42% |
| October | 28 | 28% | 32 | 27% |
| November | 2 | 2% | 10 | 8% |
| December | 0 | 0% | 2 | 2% |
| Unsure | 6 | 6% | 0 | 0% |

### Incident Location

A Greek chapter house was the most common location of sexual assault (21%) in 2024, followed by the participant’s own campus housing (20%). The proportion of assaults taking place in a Greek chapter house has declined substantially since 2021 (37%).

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| Incident Location | **2021**  **(N = 110)** | | **2024**  **(N=140)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| My campus housing | 21 | 19% | 28 | 20% |
| Other's campus housing | 9 | 8% | 12 | 9% |
| CU academic building | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% |
| CU lab | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| CU campus office | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| CU non-academic building | 6 | 5% | 4 | 3% |
| Outdoors on campus | 4 | 4% | 10 | 7% |
| Other CU location | 1 | 1% | 1 | 1% |
| Off campus CU-related work location | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% |
| My off-campus residence | 1 | 1% | 3 | 2% |
| Other's off-campus residence | 15 | 14% | 13 | 9% |
| Greek chapter house or annex house | 41 | 37% | 30 | 21% |
| Boulder bar, club, restaurant | 1 | 1% | 11 | 8% |
| Boulder outdoors | 3 | 3% | 4 | 3% |
| Other Boulder location | 2 | 2% | 1 | 1% |
| Elsewhere in Colorado | 0 | 0% | 7 | 5% |
| In the US outside of Colorado | 1 | 1% | 5 | 4% |
| Another country | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Not sure | 4 | 4% | 0 | 0% |
| Prefer not to answer | -- | -- | 10 | 7% |

### Locations of Assaults Where Offender Was a Stranger

Among undergraduate students, the predominant location of assaults where the offender was a stranger was a Greek chapter house or annex.

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| First/Only Offender is a Stranger | **2021**  **(N =40)** | | **2024**  **(N =42)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| My campus housing | 2 | 5% | 2 | 5% |
| Other's campus housing | 1 | 3% | 0 | 0% |
| CU academic building | 1 | 3% | 0 | 0% |
| CU lab | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| CU campus office | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| CU non-academic building | 5 | 13% | 3 | 7% |
| Outdoors on campus | 1 | 3% | 5 | 12% |
| Other CU location | 1 | 3% | 1 | 2% |
| Off campus CU-related work location | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| My off-campus residence | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Other's off-campus residence | 3 | 8% | 5 | 12% |
| Greek chapter house | 24 | 60% | 13 | 31% |
| Boulder bar, club, restaurant | 0 | 0% | 7 | 17% |
| Boulder outdoors | 2 | 5% | 3 | 7% |
| Other Boulder location | 0 | 0% | 1 | 2% |
| Elsewhere in Colorado | 0 | 0% | 1 | 2% |
| In the US outside of Colorado | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Another country | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Not sure | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Prefer not to answer | 0 | 0% | 1 | 2% |

### Offender Gender

The great majority of first-year women (89%) were assaulted by a man.

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| Offender Gender\* | **2021**  **(N = 110)** | | **2024**  **(N=142)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| Man | 105 | 95% | 127 | 89% |
| Woman | 1 | 1% | 6 | 4% |
| Transgender man | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% |
| Transgender woman | 0 | 0% | 2 | 1% |
| Nonbinary/Genderqueer | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% |
| Don’t know/Not sure | 2 | 2% | 3 | 2% |
| Prefer not to answer | 2 | 2% | 2 | 1% |

\*Note: Participants could indicate the gender of up to four offenders; results presented here are for the first or only offender.

### Residence Hall and RAP/LLC

The individual residence hall with the highest rate of assault among its first-year female undergraduate residents was Libby Hall (13%). Arnett, Bear Creek, Sewall, and Stearns West also had relatively high rates of assault (12%).

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| Hall Name | **2021**  **(N = 1527)** | | | **2024**  **(N=1823)** | | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Assaulted** | **# FY Women Residents** | **% Assaulted** | **Assaulted** | **# FY**  **Women Residents** | **% Assaulted** |
| Aden | 0 | 13 | 0% | 1 | 12 | 8% |
| Andrews | 1 | 25 | 4% | 2 | 43 | 5% |
| Arnett | 3 | 36 | 8% | 6 | 49 | 12% |
| Baker | 12 | 73 | 16% | 9 | 89 | 10% |
| Bear Creek | 1 | 21 | 5% | 4 | 34 | 12% |
| Brackett | 0 | 20 | 0% | 1 | 12 | 8% |
| Buckingham | 2 | 42 | 5% | 5 | 75 | 7% |
| Cheyenne-Arapaho | 4 | 70 | 6% | 4 | 111 | 4% |
| Cockerell | 2 | 10 | 20% | 1 | 22 | 5% |
| Crosman | 0 | 17 | 0% | 0 | 15 | 0% |
| Darley North | 6 | 75 | 8% | 8 | 87 | 9% |
| Darley South | -- | -- | -- | 6 | 58 | 10% |
| Farrand | 4 | 54 | 7% | 9 | 89 | 10% |
| Hallett | 4 | 59 | 7% | 10 | 114 | 9% |
| Kittredge Central | 2 | 41 | 5% | 2 | 82 | 2% |
| Kittredge West | 6 | 57 | 11% | 2 | 73 | 3% |
| Libby | 5 | 68 | 7% | 11 | 86 | 13% |
| Reed | 1 | 9 | 11% | 0 | 9 | 0% |
| Sewall | 2 | 51 | 4% | 10 | 81 | 12% |
| Smith | 9 | 79 | 11% | 8 | 162 | 5% |
| Stearns East | 5 | 31 | 16% | 7 | 64 | 11% |
| Stearns West | 12 | 116 | 10% | 13 | 106 | 12% |
| Willard | 6 | 64 | 9% | 7 | 103 | 7% |
| Williams Village East | 9 | 147 | 6% | 12 | 156 | 8% |
| Williams Village North | 4 | 74 | 5% | 9 | 125 | 7% |

First-year undergraduate women living in a RAP or LLC had a rate of sexual assault of 7%, as compared to 8% among first-year undergraduate women not living in a RAP or LLC.

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| Living in a RAP/LLC | **2021**  **(N = 559)** | | **2024**  **(N=1141)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| Experienced sexual assault | 49 | 9% | 78 | 7% |
| Did not experience sexual assault | 510 | 91% | 1063 | 93% |

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| Not Living in a RAP/LLC | **2021**  **(N = 982)** | | **2024**  **(N=983)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| Experienced sexual assault | 63 | 6% | 76 | 8% |
| Did not experience sexual assault | 919 | 94% | 907 | 92% |

### Consequences of Experiencing Sexual Assault

The most common consequences of experiencing assault among first-year women were:

* Affected your mental health (69%)
* Affected your intimate relationships (47%)
* Affected how you feel about your body (56%)
* Eroded confidence in your abilities (44%)

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|  | **First-Year**  **Undergraduate Women** | | | |
| Health and Social Consequences | **2021**  **(N = 109)** | | **2024**  **(N = 137)** | |
| **Has the experience of sexual assault:** | **Freq** | **% Yes** | **Freq** | **% Yes** |
| Affected your physical health? | 28 | 26% | 38 | 28% |
| Affected your mental health? | 76 | 70% | 94 | 69% |
| Affected your social relationships? | 46 | 42% | 53 | 39% |
| Affected your intimate relationships? | 56 | 51% | 64 | 47% |
| Affected how you feel about your body? | -- | -- | 77 | 56% |
| Eroded your confidence in your abilities? | 45 | 41% | 60 | 44% |
| Created expenses or financial burdens for you? | -- | -- | 14 | 10% |

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|  | **First-Year**  **Undergraduate Women** | | | |
| College and Career Consequences | **2021**  **(N = 109)** | | **2024**  **(N = 138)** | |
| **Has the sexual assault caused you to consider:** | **Freq** | **% Yes** | **Freq** | **% Yes** |
| Not recommending CU? | 17 | 16% | 13 | 9% |
| Changing majors? | 4 | 3% | 9 | 7% |
| Leaving CU? | 20 | 18% | 22 | 14% |

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|  | **First-Year**  **Undergraduate Women** | | | |
| Academic Consequences | **2021**  **(N = 109)** | | **2024**  **(N = 138)** | |
| **Has the sexual assault caused you to be:** | **Freq** | **% Yes** | **Freq** | **% Yes** |
| Absent from classes? | 37 | 34% | 47 | 34% |
| Absent from other campus commitments? | 21 | 19% | 38 | 28% |
| Less productive in your academic work? | 48 | 44% | 55 | 40% |

### Sexual Assault Consequence Buffers

The most substantial buffer against health and social consequences of experiencing assault was not having to see or interact with the offender. Having a close friend also substantially mitigated many consequences such as affecting mental health and eroding confidence in abilities. Ease of finding study peers also appears to protect some participants from erosion of confidence in abilities.

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|  | **First-Year**  **Undergraduate Women** | | | | | | |
| Health and Social Consequences | **Potential Buffers** | | | | | | |
| **Friends** | | | **Study Peers** | | **Didn’t have to See/Interact with Offender** | |
| **Has the experience of sexual assault:** | **CU-made Close Friend**  **%** | **Close Friend From Home**  **%** | **No close Friend**  **%** | **Easy/Very Easy Finding Students to Study With**  **%** | **Difficult Finding Students to Study With**  **%** | **Interact with Offender After the Assault**  **%** | **Didn’t Interact with Offender After the Assault**  **%** |
| Affected your physical health? | 28% | 30% | 17% | 30% | 32% | 38% | 21% |
| Affected your mental health? | 67% | 63% | 92% | 74% | 64% | 85% | 59% |
| Affected your social relationships? | 33% | 47% | 67% | 39% | 40% | 64% | 24% |
| Affected your intimate relationships? | 46% | 50% | 42% | 50% | 44% | 57% | 36% |
| Affected how you feel about your body? | 53% | 60% | 75% | 65% | 64% | 62% | 54% |
| Eroded your confidence in your abilities? | 37% | 50% | 83% | 43% | 52% | 53% | 37% |
| Created expenses or financial burdens for you? | 8% | 7% | 33% | 13% | 16% | 13% | 8% |

First-year undergraduate women with a close friend were less likely than those *without* a close friend to say that they would consider *not* recommending CU.

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|  | **First-Year**  **Undergraduate Women** | | | | | | |
| College and Career Consequences | **Potential Buffers** | | | | | | |
| **Friends** | | | **Study Peers** | | **Didn’t have to See/Interact with Offender** | |
| **Has the sexual assault caused you to consider:** | **CU-made Close Friend**  **%** | **Close Friend From Home**  **%** | **No close Friend**  **%** | **Easy/Very Easy Finding Students to Study With**  **%** | **Difficult Finding Students to Study With**  **%** | **Interact with Offender After the Assault**  **%** | **Didn’t Interact with Offender After the Assault**  **%** |
| Not recommending CU? | 8% | 10% | 17% | 13% | 12% | 17% | 6% |
| Changing majors? | 5% | 13% | 0% | 7% | 4% | 8% | 5% |
| Leaving CU? | 15% | 20% | 17% | 17% | 16% | 25% | 10% |

Students with a close friend were also much less likely to report academic consequences of assault such as being less productive in their schoolwork or being absent from classes.

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|  | **First-Year**  **Undergraduate Women** | | | | | | |
| Academic Consequences | **Potential Buffers** | | | | | | |
| **Friends** | | | **Study Peers** | | **Didn’t have to See/Interact with Offender** | |
| **Has the sexual assault caused you to be:** | **CU-made Close Friend**  **%** | **Close Friend From Home**  **%** | **No close Friend**  **%** | **Easy/Very Easy Finding Students to Study With**  **%** | **Difficult Finding Students to Study With**  **%** | **Interact with Offender After the Assault**  **%** | **Didn’t Interact with Offender After the Assault**  **%** |
| Absent from classes? | 31% | 37% | 50% | 48% | 32% | 50% | 23% |
| Absent from other campus commitments? | 28% | 20% | 42% | 28% | 32% | 42% | 18% |
| Less productive in your academic work? | 35% | 47% | 58% | 43% | 44% | 54% | 32% |

### Disclosing, Reporting, and Support

The majority of first-year women who experienced assault did tell *someone* (a confidant, confidential resource, or reporting entity) about what happened (85%).

Excluding confidential resources and official reporting, participants were most likely to have told a roommate or friend (80%).

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| Disclosed to… | **2021**  **(N = 109)** | | **2024**  **(N = 138)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| Roommate or friend | 86 | 79% | 110 | 80% |
| Partner/spouse/BF/GF | 21 | 19% | 27 | 20% |
| Parent or guardian | 21 | 19% | 24 | 17% |
| Other family member | 12 | 11% | 16 | 12% |
| CU faculty member | 6 | 6% | 6 | 4% |
| CU Boulder staff/administrator/employee | 2 | 2% | 4 | 3% |
| Other | 5 | 5% | 7 | 5% |
| *I did not tell any of these people* | 20 | 18% | 24 | 17% |

When asked whether the person (or people) they had told responded in a supportive way, most first-year undergraduate women agreed or strongly agreed that they had been supportive:

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|  |  |  |  | **2024** | | |
| **The person they told was supportive** | **n** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Agree/ Strongly agree %** | **Somewhat agree %** | **Disagree %** |
| **First-Year UG Women** | 114 | 5.27 | 0.87 | 83% | 11% | 5% |

The confidential resources used most often by first-year undergraduate women were off-campus confidential resources and OVA. However, the great majority of participants did not connect with a confidential resource (80%).

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| Told a Confidential Resource | **2021**  **(N = 109)** | | **2024**  **(N = 137)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| OVA | 10 | 9% | 9 | 7% |
| CAPS | 3 | 3% | 6 | 4% |
| Wardenburg | 1 | 1% | 5 | 4% |
| PHP | -- | -- | 2 | 1% |
| Off-campus resource | 13 | 12% | 21 | 15% |
| *Did not tell a confidential resource* | 83 | 76% | 110 | 80% |

Reporting among first-year women to OIEC decreased from 2021 to 2024. The percentage indicating that they or someone else reported the assault they experienced to OIEC was only 3% in 2024.

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| Reported to OIEC | **2021**  **(N = 109)** | | **2024**  **(N = 137)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| No | 89 | 82% | 125 | 91% |
| Yes | 10 | 9% | 4 | 3% |
| Not sure | 10 | 9% | 8 | 6% |

Reporting to the police was rare in both survey administrations.

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| Reported to Police | **2021**  **(N = 109)** | | **2024**  **(N = 136)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| CU police department (CUPD) | 6 | 6% | 5 | 4% |
| Boulder police department | 2 | 2% | 3 | 2% |
| Other police department | 0 | 0% | 2 | 1% |

### Social Factors and Sexual Assault

#### Sense of Belonging

Across every individual belonging item as well as the composite, first-year undergraduate women who experienced assault also experienced a lower sense of belonging at CU.

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| CU Sense of Belonging | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=108)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1356)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=154)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1970)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** |
| At CU, I’m treated like I belong. | 4.7 | 1.01 | 4.68 | 1.01 | 4.6 | 1.01 | 4.83 | 0.88 |
| I feel valued at CU. | 4.36 | 1.16 | 4.47 | 1.04 | 4.44 | 1.05 | 4.7 | 0.93 |
| Faculty at CU are invested in my success. | 4.46 | 1.14 | 4.65 | 0.99 | 4.6 | 1.01 | 4.82 | 0.89 |
| I feel left out at CU. | 2.93 | 1.34 | 2.85 | 1.27 | 2.94 | 1.29 | 2.66 | 1.19 |
| I feel supported at CU. | 4.49 | 0.97 | 4.59 | 1.02 | 4.51 | 1.0 | 4.85 | 0.85 |
| I have a sense of community at CU. | 4.5 | 1.12 | 4.49 | 1.18 | 4.53 | 1.22 | 4.75 | 1.02 |
| At CU, students look out for each other. | -- | -- | -- | -- | 4.27 | 1.04 | 4.52 | 0.97 |
| Belonging Composite | 4.6 | 0.78 | 4.64 | 0.77 | 4.43 | 0.81 | 4.68 | 0.73 |

#### Residence Hall Belonging

This pattern of reduced belonging was also present in the context of their residence hall.

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| Residence Hall Belonging | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=98)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1140)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=140)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1685)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** |
| The social environment helps me feel like I belong at CU. | 4.38 | 1.2 | 4.36 | 1.24 | 4.24 | 1.3 | 4.45 | 1.19 |
| I feel able to trust most of the people who live there. | 4.23 | 1.23 | 4.3 | 1.21 | 4.26 | 1.17 | 4.48 | 1.14 |
| I feel included. | 4.42 | 1.15 | 4.41 | 1.18 | 4.34 | 1.2 | 4.46 | 1.17 |
| People who live there look out for each other. | -- | -- | -- | -- | 4.31 | 1.2 | 4.47 | 1.1 |

#### Mattering

First-year undergraduate women who experienced assault also reported less agreement that people at CU care about them as a person and care about their future.

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| At CU, there are people who: | **2024**  ***Did not* Experience Sexual Assault**  **(n=154)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Sexual Assault**  **(n=1968)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** |
| Depend on me. | 4.25 | 1.22 | 4.37 | 1.22 |
| Are genuinely interested in me as a person. | 4.82 | 0.96 | 4.76 | 1.08 |
| Care about me as a person. | 4.93 | 0.88 | 4.74 | 1.12 |
| Care about my future. | 4.86 | 0.86 | 4.63 | 0.94 |

#### Study Peers

First-year undergraduate women who did not experience assault found it somewhat easier to find other students to study with or borrow notes from.

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| How Easy Has It Been? | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=108)** | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1354)** | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=154)** | **2024**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1970)** |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **% Easy/Very Easy** | **% Easy/Very Easy** | **% Easy/Very Easy** | **% Easy/Very Easy** |
| Finding other students to study with | 22% | 31% | 33% | 35% |
| Finding someone in class to borrow notes from | 22% | 32% | 27% | 37% |
| Getting to know other students in your classes | 18% | 22% | 31% | 30% |

#### Close Friends

As in 2021, students who experienced assault also were slightly more likely to indicate that they had made a new close friend at CU.

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| Close Friends | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=108)** | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1356)** | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=154)** | **2024**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1969)** |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **%** | **%** | **%** | **%** |
| Have a new close friend | 71% | 64% | 68% | 64% |
| Have a close friend from home | 19% | 22% | 24% | 27% |
| Do not have a close friend | 10% | 14% | 8% | 9% |

#### Anticipated and Actual Sense of CU Belonging

First-year undergraduate women who experienced assault reported the same level of *anticipated* belonging upon arrival at CU in August, as those who did not experience assault.

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| Sense of Anticipated CU Belonging | **2024** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Mean**  (6 point scale) | **SD** |
| Experienced assault | 4.8 | 0.71 |
| Did not experience assault | 4.8 | 0.68 |

However, by late fall, *actual* sense of belonging declined more sharply for those who experienced assault.

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| Difference Between Anticipated and Actual Sense of CU Belonging | **2024** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Mean** | **SD** |
| Experienced assault | -0.37 | 0.75 |
| Did not experience assault | -0.05 | 0.67 |

### Commitment to CU and Sexual Assault

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.

First-year undergraduate women who experienced assault had more seriously considered leaving CU Boulder and were less likely to choose CU again.

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| Commitment to CU | **2021**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=108)** | | **2021**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1355)** | | **2024**  **Experienced Assault**  **(n=154)** | | **2024**  ***Did not***  **Experience Assault**  **(n=1970)** | |
| **First-Year UG Women** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** |
| I have seriously considered leaving CU Boulder. | 2.69 | 1.74 | 2.25 | 1.49 | 2.62 | 1.58 | 2.29 | 1.44 |
| If I had it to do over again, I would choose to attend CU Boulder. | 4.62 | 1.3 | 4.68 | 1.25 | 4.75 | 1.17 | 4.85 | 1.1 |

# Sexual Harassment

## Sexual Harassment: Rates by Gender and Career

Overall, the prevalence of sexual harassment increased across groups from 2021 to 2024. While this is in part attributable to the addition of several new behaviors (see below), even when comparing strictly to only the behaviors included in 2021, there is still a substantial increase for all groups.

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| **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%** |

## Sexual Harassment: Behaviors

Below are the prevalence rates for the most common sexual harassment behaviors reported by students who experienced sexual harassment. Because substantial changes were made to the descriptions of many of the sexual harassment behaviors, only the 2024 results are presented in the tables below.

In 2024, the most common sexual harassment behaviors were:

* Undergraduate women:
  + On campus (or on your way to/from campus) someone made or yelled a suggestive or sexual comment to you or “cat-called” you (52%)
* Undergraduate men:
  + Made unwelcome, sexualized remarks to you (or about you to others) regarding your appearance, body, or sexual activities in person or by text, email, or social media (29%)
* Graduate women:
  + On campus (or on your way to/from campus) someone made or yelled a suggestive or sexual comment to you or “cat-called” you (43%)
* Graduate men:
  + Made unwelcome, sexualized remarks to you (or about you to others) regarding your appearance, body, or sexual activities in person or by text, email, or social media (30%)

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| Undergraduate Women | 2024  (n = 2229) |
| On campus (or on your way to/from campus) someone made or yelled a suggestive or sexual comment to you or “cat-called” you | 52% |
| Made unwelcome, sexualized remarks to you (or about you to others) regarding your appearance, body, or sexual activities in person or by text, email, or social media | 50% |
| Leered at you or stared at you in an unwelcome, sexual way | 42% |
| Invaded your personal space in an unwelcome, sexual way | 33% |
| Made unnecessary physical contact with you in a way that was unwelcome and sexual | 27% |
| Continued to ask you out for dates, drinks, dinner, etc., even after repeatedly turning them down | 22% |
| Insisted on hugging you or getting hugs from you | 21% |
| Made sexualized gestures or used sexualized body language that was unwelcome | 19% |
| Repeatedly told sexual stories or jokes that were offensive to you | 18% |
| Treated you badly for refusing to engage in a romantic/dating relationship or in sexual activity | 17% |
| Exoticized or fetishized you (or a part of your body) based on an aspect of your identity in addition to your sex or gender | 15% |
| Made ethnically or racially offensive, stereotyped, or caricatured comments about your body or sexual activities | 14% |
| Spread sexual rumors about you by any means, including in person or by text, email, or social media | 10% |
| Showed, posted, or sent you unwelcome sexual content, jokes, images, or pornography by any means, including in person, by text, email, or social media, Airdrop, or Zoom chat or course discussion thread | 10% |
| Implied you would get an academic or employment advantage if you were to agree to a romantic relationship or sexual activity | 2% |
| Retaliated against you for not being sexually cooperative (gave you a lower grade, refused to give you a recommendation, cut your on-campus work hours, etc.) | 2% |
| Implied there would be a negative academic or employment consequence if you refused to engage in a romantic relationship or sexual activity | 1% |

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| Undergraduate Men | 2024  (n = 563) |
| Made unwelcome, sexualized remarks to you (or about you to others) regarding your appearance, body, or sexual activities in person or by text, email, or social media | 29% |
| Invaded your personal space in an unwelcome, sexual way | 26% |
| Made unnecessary physical contact with you in a way that was unwelcome and sexual | 23% |
| Insisted on hugging you or getting hugs from you | 21% |
| Made ethnically or racially offensive, stereotyped, or caricatured comments about your body or sexual activities | 20% |
| Repeatedly told sexual stories or jokes that were offensive to you | 18% |
| Spread sexual rumors about you by any means, including in person or by text, email, or social media | 18% |
| Leered at you or stared at you in an unwelcome, sexual way | 18% |
| On campus (or on your way to/from campus) someone made or yelled a suggestive or sexual comment to you or “cat-called” you | 15% |
| Made sexualized gestures or used sexualized body language that was unwelcome | 14% |
| Treated you badly for refusing to engage in a romantic/dating relationship or in sexual activity | 14% |
| Exoticized or fetishized you (or a part of your body) based on an aspect of your identity in addition to your sex or gender | 13% |
| Continued to ask you out for dates, drinks, dinner, etc., even after repeatedly turning them down | 11% |
| Showed, posted, or sent you unwelcome sexual content, jokes, images, or pornography by any means, including in person, by text, email, or social media, Airdrop, or Zoom chat or course discussion thread | 10% |
| Retaliated against you for not being sexually cooperative (gave you a lower grade, refused to give you a recommendation, cut your on-campus work hours, etc.) | 3% |
| Implied there would be a negative academic or employment consequence if you refused to engage in a romantic relationship or sexual activity | 3% |
| Implied you would get an academic or employment advantage if you were to agree to a romantic relationship or sexual activity | 2% |

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| Graduate Women | 2024  (n = 268) |
| On campus (or on your way to/from campus) someone made or yelled a suggestive or sexual comment to you or “cat-called” you | 43% |
| Made unwelcome, sexualized remarks to you (or about you to others) regarding your appearance, body, or sexual activities in person or by text, email, or social media | 37% |
| Leered at you or stared at you in an unwelcome, sexual way | 34% |
| Repeatedly told sexual stories or jokes that were offensive to you | 18% |
| Insisted on hugging you or getting hugs from you | 18% |
| Invaded your personal space in an unwelcome, sexual way | 18% |
| Made ethnically or racially offensive, stereotyped, or caricatured comments about your body or sexual activities | 18% |
| Continued to ask you out for dates, drinks, dinner, etc., even after repeatedly turning them down | 16% |
| Made unnecessary physical contact with you in a way that was unwelcome and sexual | 15% |
| Exoticized or fetishized you (or a part of your body) based on an aspect of your identity in addition to your sex or gender | 15% |
| Treated you badly for refusing to engage in a romantic/dating relationship or in sexual activity | 12% |
| Made sexualized gestures or used sexualized body language that was unwelcome | 11% |
| Showed, posted, or sent you unwelcome sexual content, jokes, images, or pornography by any means, including in person, by text, email, or social media, Airdrop, or Zoom chat or course discussion thread | 8% |
| Spread sexual rumors about you by any means, including in person or by text, email, or social media | 7% |
| Implied you would get an academic or employment advantage if you were to agree to a romantic relationship or sexual activity | 1% |
| Retaliated against you for not being sexually cooperative (gave you a lower grade, refused to give you a recommendation, cut your on-campus work hours, etc.) | 1% |
| Implied there would be a negative academic or employment consequence if you refused to engage in a romantic relationship or sexual activity | 1% |

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| Graduate Men | 2024  (n = 83) |
| Made unwelcome, sexualized remarks to you (or about you to others) regarding your appearance, body, or sexual activities in person or by text, email, or social media | 30% |
| Made ethnically or racially offensive, stereotyped, or caricatured comments about your body or sexual activities | 29% |
| Repeatedly told sexual stories or jokes that were offensive to you | 23% |
| Exoticized or fetishized you (or a part of your body) based on an aspect of your identity in addition to your sex or gender | 13% |
| Spread sexual rumors about you by any means, including in person or by text, email, or social media | 12% |
| Showed, posted, or sent you unwelcome sexual content, jokes, images, or pornography by any means, including in person, by text, email, or social media, Airdrop, or Zoom chat or course discussion thread | 12% |
| Invaded your personal space in an unwelcome, sexual way | 12% |
| Leered at you or stared at you in an unwelcome, sexual way | 12% |
| Made unnecessary physical contact with you in a way that was unwelcome and sexual | 11% |
| Treated you badly for refusing to engage in a romantic/dating relationship or in sexual activity | 11% |
| On campus (or on your way to/from campus) someone made or yelled a suggestive or sexual comment to you or “cat-called” you | 11% |
| Insisted on hugging you or getting hugs from you | 10% |
| Continued to ask you out for dates, drinks, dinner, etc., even after repeatedly turning them down | 5% |
| Made sexualized gestures or used sexualized body language that was unwelcome | 4% |
| Implied there would be a negative academic or employment consequence if you refused to engage in a romantic relationship or sexual activity | 2% |
| Implied you would get an academic or employment advantage if you were to agree to a romantic relationship or sexual activity | 1% |
| Retaliated against you for not being sexually cooperative (gave you a lower grade, refused to give you a recommendation, cut your on-campus work hours, etc.) | 1% |

## Sexual Harassment: Offender Roles

In both 2021 and 2024, the most common type of offender for undergraduate women and men was another undergraduate student:

* Women:
  + 81% in 2021
  + 75% in 2024
* Men:
  + 65% in 2021
  + 73% in 2024

Similarly, in both 2021 and 2024, the most common type of offender for graduate men and women was another graduate student:

* Women:
  + 57% in 2021
  + 37% in 2024
* Men:
  + 71% in 2021
  + 39% in 2024

For graduate women, the next most common offenders were people *not* affiliated with CU. For graduate men, the next most common offenders were undergraduate students.

## Sexual Harassment: Disclosing and Reporting

With respect to disclosing to a confidential resources, disclosure of sexual harassment was rare among undergraduates and slightly more prevalent among graduates. *Many participants received support from more than one resource*:

* 7% of undergraduate women disclosed their harassment to any confidential resource.
  + The most common resource disclosed to was OVA (6%).
* 8% of undergraduate men disclosed their harassment to any confidential resource.
  + The most common resource disclosed to was CAPS (6%).
* 16% of graduate women disclosed their harassment to any confidential resource.
  + The most common resource disclosed to was CAPS (11%).
* 14% of graduate men disclosed their harassment to any confidential resource.
  + The most common resources disclosed to were CAPS and OVA (6% each).

With respect to reporting to the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC):

* 4% of undergraduate women said that the harassment they experienced was reported to OIEC; 6% were unsure.
* 4% of graduate men said that the harassment they experienced was reported to OIEC; 9% were unsure.
* 9% of graduate women said that the harassment they experienced was reported to OIEC; 7% were unsure.
* 4% of graduate men said that the harassment they experienced was reported to OIEC; 15% were unsure.

# Sexual Exploitation

## Sexual Exploitation Rates by Gender and Career

Sexual exploitation is when someone takes sexual advantage of another person without their consent*.* It often involves covert or deceptive behavior. The prevalence of sexual exploitation remained about the same across groups from 2021 to 2024. Due to small numbers of responses and to protect confidentiality, results for sexual exploitation for graduate students are not broken out by gender.

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| **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 | 2,596 | 30 | **1%** | 3,055 | 8 | **<1%** | 2,364 | 28 | **1%** | |

## Sexual Exploitation Behaviors

For undergraduate men and women in both administrations of the survey, the most common sexual exploitation behavior reported was: “Exposed their genitals or masturbated in front of you.”

For graduate students (combined across genders due to small numbers of responses) the most common behavior in 2021 was, “Taken photographs or videos of your intimate parts and/or genitals,” whereas the most common behavior reported in 2024 was, "Exposed their genitals or masturbated in front of you."

The prevalence of each sexual exploitation behavior for undergraduate women and men is presented below (note that some behaviors were only asked in the 2024 survey.) The number of graduate student participants who reported any specific sexual exploitation behavior is less than 10 and so their results are not displayed.

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| Undergraduate Women | 2021  (n=219) | 2024  (n=255) |
| Exposed their genitals or masturbated in front of you | 50% | 53% |
| Taken photographs or videos of your intimate parts and/or genitals, etc. | 30% | 31% |
| Viewed your sexual activity, etc., in a place where you had a reasonable expectation of privacy | 25% | 22% |
| Distributed photographs or videos of your intimate parts and/or genitals, etc. | 18% | 15% |
| Distributed audio recordings of you engaging in sexual behavior | -- | 5% |
| Taken possession of your intimate personal property | 18% | 16% |
| Made you expose your genitals or masturbate in front of them | 13% | 16% |
| Made you engage in sexual activity with others for their own benefit, such as to acquire money, status, or other advantage | 8% | 8% |
| Made audio recordings of you engaging in sexual behavior | 5% | 10% |

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| Undergraduate Men | 2021  (n=40) | 2024  (n=77) |
| Exposed their genitals or masturbated in front of you | 45% | 40% |
| Taken possession of your intimate personal property | 25% | 13% |
| Viewed your sexual activity, etc., in a place where you had a reasonable expectation of privacy | 22% | 36% |
| Taken photographs or videos of your intimate parts and/or genitals, etc. | 22% | 19% |

## Sexual Exploitation: Offender Affiliation

Participants who reported experiencing sexual exploitation were asked about the offender(s)’ affiliation with CU (not about the offender’s specific CU role).

For undergraduate women, in both survey administrations, the offender(s) were primarily affiliated with the university (48% in 2021, 66% in 2024). The same was true for undergraduate men (42% in 2021, 45% in 2024).

However, for graduate students, the offender was far less likely to be affiliated with CU:

* In 2021, 38% who experienced sexual exploitation indicated that the offender(s) were affiliated with the university (50% indicating “No”; 12% indicating “Not sure”).
* In 2024, 25% indicated that the offender(s) were affiliated with CU (39% indicating "No", 21% indicating "Not sure").

## Sexual Exploitation: Disclosing and Reporting

With respect to disclosing to a confidential resources, about one-quarter of undergraduate and graduate students disclosed to a confidential resource. *Many participants received support from more than one resource*:

* 26% of undergraduate women disclosed the exploitation to any confidential resources.
  + The most common resource disclosed to was an off-campus resource (19%).
* 28% of undergraduate women disclosed the exploitation to any confidential resources.
  + The most common resource disclosed to was an off-campus resource (21%).
* 23% of graduate students disclosed the exploitation to any confidential resources.
  + The most common resource disclosed to was an off-campus resource (15%).

With respect to reporting to the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC):

* 7% of undergraduate women said that their exploitation was reported to OIEC; 9% were unsure.
* 6% of graduate men said that their exploitation was reported to OIEC; 13% were unsure.
* 14% of graduate students said that their exploitation was reported to OIEC; 11% were unsure.

With respect to reporting to law enforcement:

* 12% of undergraduate women said that their exploitation was reported to the police (most commonly CUPD, 9%).
* 17% of undergraduate men said that their exploitation was reported to the police (most commonly Boulder Police Department, 13%).
* 0% of graduate students said that their exploitation was reported to the police.

# Intimate Partner Abuse

## Intimate Partner Abuse Rates

Although we can compare overall 2021 and 2024 rates of intimate partner abuse, only the 2024 individual behaviors are presented in the tables that follow due to the substantial changes made to the descriptions and types of behaviors.

The prevalence of intimate partner abuse increased from 2021 to 2024. However, this increase is almost entirely accounted for by the additional behaviors presented in the 2024 survey; when comparing strictly to just the items that appeared in both the 2021 and 2024 surveys, the rate remained about the same.

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| **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%** |

## Intimate Partner Abuse Behaviors

The prevalence rates for the most common intimate partner abuse behaviors are presented below. Results are only displayed if there are at least 10 participants who reported a behavior.

There were similarities in the most common behaviors among women and men, and undergraduate and graduate students:

Undergraduate women:

* Manipulated you into doubting your own memory, perception, judgment, or reality (sometimes referred to as "gaslighting"), 42%
* Acted constantly jealous or possessive, 40%
* Consistently invalidated your opinions, wishes, wants, feelings, or needs, 39%
* Didn't establish consent or didn't respect when you said no to sexual activity (including touching), 35%

Undergraduate men:

* Acted constantly jealous or possessive, 36%
* Manipulated you into doubting your own memory, perception, judgment, or reality (sometimes referred to as "gaslighting"), 31%
* Consistently invalidated your opinions, wishes, wants, feelings, or needs, 27%
* Monopolized your time at the expense of school, other relationships, work, sleep, etc., 22%

Graduate women:

* Manipulated you into doubting your own memory, perception, judgment, or reality (sometimes referred to as "gaslighting"), 56%
* Consistently invalidated your opinions, wishes, wants, feelings, or needs, 46%
* Denied that the behaviors were abusive or said the abuse didn’t happen, 31%
* Monopolized your time at the expense of school, other relationships, work, sleep, etc., 28%

Graduate men:

* Consistently invalidated your opinions, wishes, wants, feelings, or needs, 42%
* Manipulated you into doubting your own memory, perception, judgment, or reality (sometimes referred to as "gaslighting"), 36%
* Acted constantly jealous or possessive, 22%
* Monopolized your time at the expense of school, other relationships, work, sleep, etc., 22%

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| Undergraduate Women | 2024  (n = 833) |
| Academic Abuse |  |
| Made you feel like you aren't smart enough to be in college or a certain major | 27% |
| Sabotaged your relationships with professors, TAs, or administrators | 3% |
| Reported (or threatened to report) you to the police or the university as a way of silencing or harming you | 3% |
| Forced or coerced you into committing academic misconduct | 2% |
| Threat-Based Abuse |  |
| Threatened to hurt themselves or commit suicide | 22% |
| Threatened to hurt you or kill you | 4% |
| Threatened to out you about your sexual orientation, gender identity, etc. | 3% |
| Financial Control |  |
| Stole or monopolized your money, controlled your spending (for basic needs like food and rent, personal items, dining hall swipes, food stamps, etc.), or interfered with your ability to pay for college | 4% |
| Prevented you from working or sabotaged your employment or internships | 4% |
| Psychological and Emotional Abuse |  |
| Manipulated you into doubting your own memory, perception, judgment, or reality (sometimes referred to as "gaslighting") | 42% |
| Consistently invalidated your opinions, wishes, wants, feelings, or needs | 39% |
| Humiliated or degraded you through put downs or name calling | 25% |
| Constantly criticized the way you look, what you wear, or what you eat, etc. | 19% |
| Made decisions for you, such as where you go, what you do, or what you wear or eat | 19% |
| Insulted, slandered, or made you seem unstable to other individuals (i.e., friends, family, peers) | 18% |
| Told you no one else would want you or love you | 15% |
| Left you stranded somewhere | 12% |

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| Intimidation and Destruction |  |
| Scared you without laying a hand on you | 33% |
| Threatened to harm your technological devices or other property, sentimental objects, people close to you, or pets | 3% |
| Stole or harmed your technological devices or other property, sentimental objects, people close to you, or pets | 3% |
| Used a weapon as a threat | 1% |
| Minimization and Blame |  |
| Denied that the behaviors were abusive or said the abuse didn’t happen | 25% |
| Made light of abusive behavior or promised it was a one-time thing / out of character | 23% |
| Said the abuse wasn’t their fault / blamed the abuse on you | 22% |
| Said that “love” made them act in an abusive way | 15% |
| Physical Abuse and Restriction of Freedom |  |
| Restricted your movement, held you down, blocked the door, took your keys or cell phone, or wouldn't allow you leave or make a call when you wanted to | 16% |
| Engaged in physically harmful behaviors against you (e.g., throwing objects, biting, pinching, hitting, slapping, scratching, punching, kicking, burning) | 13% |
| Restricted your breathing | 10% |
| Sexual Coercion and Assault |  |
| Didn't establish consent or didn't respect when you said no to sexual activity (including touching) | 35% |
| Used verbal harassment of a sexual nature (e.g., rape jokes, objectification, exoticization) | 16% |
| Refused to use contraception or misled you that they were using contraception, including intentionally damaging a condom | 16% |
| Lied about putting a condom on or removed the condom without your permission / awareness (i.e., stealthing) | 14% |
| Initiated or insisted on having sex after abusing or hurting you | 10% |
| Isolation and Possessiveness |  |
| Acted constantly jealous or possessive | 40% |
| Monopolized your time at the expense of school, other relationships, work, sleep, etc. | 25% |
| Controlled who you were allowed to see, spend time with, talk to, phone call / message, or be friends with | 24% |

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| Surveillance and Online Control |  |
| Used location features on apps or social media to monitor where you were or control what you were doing | 17% |
| Monitored your accounts / texts / emails, managed your friends on social media, or which accounts you were allowed to have | 11% |
| Forced you to share your account passwords | 4% |
| Catfished or friended you through fake accounts (including to harass or trick you) | 3% |
| Blasted you on social media (disparaged you or broadcasted your private information on social media) | 3% |
| Posted private pictures or videos or threatened to do so | 2% |

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| Undergraduate Men | 2024  (n = 313) |
| Academic Abuse |  |
| Made you feel like you aren't smart enough to be in college or a certain major | 15% |
| Reported (or threatened to report) you to the police or the university as a way of silencing or harming you | 4% |
| Sabotaged your relationships with professors, TAs, or administrators | 3% |
| Forced or coerced you into committing academic misconduct | 1% |
| Threat-Based Abuse |  |
| Threatened to hurt themselves or commit suicide | 18% |
| Threatened to hurt you or kill you | 5% |
| Threatened to out you about your sexual orientation, gender identity, etc. | 4% |
| Financial Control |  |
| Prevented you from working or sabotaged your employment or internships | 6% |
| Stole or monopolized your money, controlled your spending (for basic needs like food and rent, personal items, dining hall swipes, food stamps, etc.), or interfered with your ability to pay for college | 4% |

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| Psychological and Emotional Abuse |  |
| Manipulated you into doubting your own memory, perception, judgment, or reality (sometimes referred to as "gaslighting") | 31% |
| Consistently invalidated your opinions, wishes, wants, feelings, or needs | 27% |
| Humiliated or degraded you through put downs or name calling | 19% |
| Insulted, slandered, or made you seem unstable to other individuals (i.e., friends, family, peers) | 14% |
| Constantly criticized the way you look, what you wear, or what you eat, etc. | 11% |
| Made decisions for you, such as where you go, what you do, or what you wear or eat | 10% |
| Left you stranded somewhere | 10% |
| Told you no one else would want you or love you | 7% |
| Intimidation and Destruction |  |
| Scared you without laying a hand on you | 14% |
| Threatened to harm your technological devices or other property, sentimental objects, people close to you, or pets | 4% |
| Stole or harmed your technological devices or other property, sentimental objects, people close to you, or pets | 4% |
| Used a weapon as a threat | 3% |
| Minimization and Blame |  |
| Denied that the behaviors were abusive or said the abuse didn’t happen | 18% |
| Said the abuse wasn’t their fault / blamed the abuse on you | 16% |
| Made light of abusive behavior or promised it was a one-time thing / out of character | 13% |
| Said that “love” made them act in an abusive way | 7% |
| Physical Abuse and Restriction of Freedom |  |
| Engaged in physically harmful behaviors against you (e.g., throwing objects, biting, pinching, hitting, slapping, scratching, punching, kicking, burning) | 14% |
| Restricted your movement, held you down, blocked the door, took your keys or cell phone, or wouldn't allow you leave or make a call when you wanted to | 7% |
| Restricted your breathing | 3% |

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| Sexual Coercion and Assault |  |
| Didn't establish consent or didn't respect when you said no to sexual activity (including touching) | 12% |
| Used verbal harassment of a sexual nature (e.g., rape jokes, objectification, exoticization) | 6% |
| Refused to use contraception or misled you that they were using contraception, including intentionally damaging a condom | 4% |
| Lied about putting a condom on or removed the condom without your permission / awareness (i.e., stealthing) | 3% |
| Initiated or insisted on having sex after abusing or hurting you | 3% |
| Isolation and Possessiveness |  |
| Acted constantly jealous or possessive | 36% |
| Monopolized your time at the expense of school, other relationships, work, sleep, etc. | 22% |
| Controlled who you were allowed to see, spend time with, talk to, phone call / message, or be friends with | 17% |
| Surveillance and Online Control |  |
| Used location features on apps or social media to monitor where you were or control what you were doing | 16% |
| Monitored your accounts / texts / emails, managed your friends on social media, or which accounts you were allowed to have | 10% |
| Blasted you on social media (disparaged you or broadcasted your private information on social media) | 6% |
| Forced you to share your account passwords | 4% |
| Catfished or friended you through fake accounts (including to harass or trick you) | 3% |
| Posted private pictures or videos or threatened to do so | 2% |

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| Graduate Women | 2024  (n = 123) |
| Academic Abuse |  |
| Made you feel like you aren't smart enough to be in college or a certain major | 26% |
| Sabotaged your relationships with professors, TAs, or administrators | 5% |
| Reported (or threatened to report) you to the police or the university as a way of silencing or harming you | 3% |
| Forced or coerced you into committing academic misconduct | 0% |
| Threat-Based Abuse |  |
| Threatened to hurt themselves or commit suicide | 21% |
| Threatened to hurt you or kill you | 4% |
| Threatened to out you about your sexual orientation, gender identity, etc. | 1% |
| Financial Control |  |
| Prevented you from working or sabotaged your employment or internships | 9% |
| Stole or monopolized your money, controlled your spending (for basic needs like food and rent, personal items, dining hall swipes, food stamps, etc.), or interfered with your ability to pay for college | 2% |
| Psychological and Emotional Abuse |  |
| Manipulated you into doubting your own memory, perception, judgment, or reality (sometimes referred to as "gaslighting") | 56% |
| Consistently invalidated your opinions, wishes, wants, feelings, or needs | 46% |
| Humiliated or degraded you through put downs or name calling | 26% |
| Insulted, slandered, or made you seem unstable to other individuals (i.e., friends, family, peers) | 22% |
| Constantly criticized the way you look, what you wear, or what you eat, etc. | 18% |
| Told you no one else would want you or love you | 13% |
| Made decisions for you, such as where you go, what you do, or what you wear or eat | 12% |
| Left you stranded somewhere | 6% |

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| Intimidation and Destruction |  |
| Scared you without laying a hand on you | 24% |
| Threatened to harm your technological devices or other property, sentimental objects, people close to you, or pets | 7% |
| Stole or harmed your technological devices or other property, sentimental objects, people close to you, or pets | 3% |
| Used a weapon as a threat | 2% |
| Minimization and Blame |  |
| Denied that the behaviors were abusive or said the abuse didn’t happen | 31% |
| Said the abuse wasn’t their fault / blamed the abuse on you | 27% |
| Made light of abusive behavior or promised it was a one-time thing / out of character | 20% |
| Said that “love” made them act in an abusive way | 13% |
| Physical Abuse and Restriction of Freedom |  |
| Restricted your movement, held you down, blocked the door, took your keys or cell phone, or wouldn't allow you leave or make a call when you wanted to | 10% |
| Engaged in physically harmful behaviors against you (e.g., throwing objects, biting, pinching, hitting, slapping, scratching, punching, kicking, burning) | 8% |
| Restricted your breathing | 5% |
| Sexual Coercion and Assault |  |
| Didn't establish consent or didn't respect when you said no to sexual activity (including touching) | 20% |
| Used verbal harassment of a sexual nature (e.g., rape jokes, objectification, exoticization) | 12% |
| Refused to use contraception or misled you that they were using contraception, including intentionally damaging a condom | 7% |
| Lied about putting a condom on or removed the condom without your permission / awareness (i.e., stealthing) | 4% |
| Initiated or insisted on having sex after abusing or hurting you | 4% |
| Isolation and Possessiveness |  |
| Monopolized your time at the expense of school, other relationships, work, sleep, etc. | 28% |
| Acted constantly jealous or possessive | 26% |
| Controlled who you were allowed to see, spend time with, talk to, phone call / message, or be friends with | 13% |

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| Surveillance and Online Control |  |
| Monitored your accounts / texts / emails, managed your friends on social media, or which accounts you were allowed to have | 8% |
| Used location features on apps or social media to monitor where you were or control what you were doing | 7% |
| Posted private pictures or videos or threatened to do so | 5% |
| Catfished or friended you through fake accounts (including to harass or trick you) | 2% |
| Blasted you on social media (disparaged you or broadcasted your private information on social media) | 2% |
| Forced you to share your account passwords | 1% |

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| Graduate Men | 2024  (n = 69) |
| Academic Abuse |  |
| Made you feel like you aren't smart enough to be in college or a certain major | 14% |
| Sabotaged your relationships with professors, TAs, or administrators | 6% |
| Forced or coerced you into committing academic misconduct | 4% |
| Reported (or threatened to report) you to the police or the university as a way of silencing or harming you | 3% |
| Threat-Based Abuse |  |
| Threatened to hurt themselves or commit suicide | 14% |
| Threatened to hurt you or kill you | 7% |
| Threatened to out you about your sexual orientation, gender identity, etc. | 1% |
| Financial Control |  |
| Prevented you from working or sabotaged your employment or internships | 7% |
| Stole or monopolized your money, controlled your spending (for basic needs like food and rent, personal items, dining hall swipes, food stamps, etc.), or interfered with your ability to pay for college | 6% |

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| Psychological and Emotional Abuse |  |
| Consistently invalidated your opinions, wishes, wants, feelings, or needs | 42% |
| Manipulated you into doubting your own memory, perception, judgment, or reality (sometimes referred to as "gaslighting") | 36% |
| Humiliated or degraded you through put downs or name calling | 19% |
| Told you no one else would want you or love you | 13% |
| Insulted, slandered, or made you seem unstable to other individuals (i.e., friends, family, peers) | 12% |
| Constantly criticized the way you look, what you wear, or what you eat, etc. | 9% |
| Made decisions for you, such as where you go, what you do, or what you wear or eat | 9% |
| Left you stranded somewhere | 7% |
| Intimidation and Destruction |  |
| Scared you without laying a hand on you | 10% |
| Threatened to harm your technological devices or other property, sentimental objects, people close to you, or pets | 4% |
| Stole or harmed your technological devices or other property, sentimental objects, people close to you, or pets | 3% |
| Used a weapon as a threat | 1% |
| Minimization and Blame |  |
| Made light of abusive behavior or promised it was a one-time thing / out of character | 19% |
| Said the abuse wasn’t their fault / blamed the abuse on you | 14% |
| Denied that the behaviors were abusive or said the abuse didn’t happen | 12% |
| Said that “love” made them act in an abusive way | 7% |
| Physical Abuse and Restriction of Freedom |  |
| Engaged in physically harmful behaviors against you (e.g., throwing objects, biting, pinching, hitting, slapping, scratching, punching, kicking, burning) | 9% |
| Restricted your movement, held you down, blocked the door, took your keys or cell phone, or wouldn't allow you leave or make a call when you wanted to | 4% |
| Restricted your breathing | 3% |

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| Sexual Coercion and Assault |  |
| Refused to use contraception or misled you that they were using contraception, including intentionally damaging a condom | 4% |
| Didn't establish consent or didn't respect when you said no to sexual activity (including touching) | 3% |
| Initiated or insisted on having sex after abusing or hurting you | 3% |
| Used verbal harassment of a sexual nature (e.g., rape jokes, objectification, exoticization) | 3% |
| Lied about putting a condom on or removed the condom without your permission / awareness (i.e., stealthing) | 0% |
| Isolation and Possessiveness |  |
| Acted constantly jealous or possessive | 22% |
| Monopolized your time at the expense of school, other relationships, work, sleep, etc. | 22% |
| Controlled who you were allowed to see, spend time with, talk to, phone call / message, or be friends with | 12% |
| Surveillance and Online Control |  |
| Monitored your accounts / texts / emails, managed your friends on social media, or which accounts you were allowed to have | 12% |
| Blasted you on social media (disparaged you or broadcasted your private information on social media) | 7% |
| Catfished or friended you through fake accounts (including to harass or trick you) | 7% |
| Used location features on apps or social media to monitor where you were or control what you were doing | 6% |
| Forced you to share your account passwords | 4% |
| Posted private pictures or videos or threatened to do so | 3% |

## Intimate Partner Abuse: Offender Affiliation

In both survey administrations, more than half of undergraduate women indicated that the offender was affiliated with CU (52% in 2021 and 57% in 2024); this proportion was smaller but still a plurality for undergraduate men (49% in both administrations).

Among graduate women, in 2024 slightly more than half said the offender was affiliated with CU (54%), in contrast to 2021 when only 17% indicated the offender was affiliated with the university.

A similar shift was seen among graduate men: in 2024, a plurality indicated the offender was affiliated with CU (46%), which is a higher percentage than in 2021 (29%).

## Intimate Partner Abuse: Disclosing and Reporting

With respect to disclosing to a confidential resource, undergraduate women were more likely to access support than undergraduate men; there was a similar pattern among graduate students. *Many participants received support from more than one resource*:

* 27% of undergraduate women who experienced abuse disclosed to a confidential resource.
  + The most common resource was an off-campus resource (21%).
* 18% of undergraduate men who experienced abuse disclosed to a confidential resource.
  + The most common resource was an off-campus resource (11%).
* 41% of graduate women who experienced abuse disclosed to a confidential resource.
  + The most common resource was an off-campus resource (28%).
* 26% of graduate men who experienced abuse disclosed to a confidential resource.
  + The most common resource was an off-campus resource (21%).

With respect to reporting to the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC):

* 4% of undergraduate women who experienced abuse reported to OIEC; 5% were unsure.
* 4 of undergraduate men who experienced abuse reported to OIEC; 9% were unsure.
* 5% of graduate women who experienced abuse reported to OIEC; 4% were unsure.
* 4% of graduate men who experienced abuse reported to OIEC; 10% were unsure.

With respect to reporting to law enforcement:

* 6% of undergraduate women who experienced abuse reported to the police, most commonly Boulder Police Department (4%).
* 7% of undergraduate men who experienced abuse reported to the police, most commonly other police (not CUPD or BPD) (5%).
* 10% of graduate women who experienced abuse reported to the police, most commonly other police (not CUPD or BPD) (6%).
* 7% of graduate men who experienced abuse reported to the police, most commonly other police (not CUPD or BPD) (6%).

# Stalking

## Stalking Rates

Although we can compare overall 2021 and 2024 stalking rates, only the 2024 individual behaviors are presented in the tables that follow due to the changes made to the descriptions and types of behaviors.

The prevalence of stalking decreased slightly across groups from 2021 to 2024.

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| **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%** |

## Stalking Behaviors

The prevalence of behaviors for all groups is presented below.

Although the order varied somewhat across gender and career level, the same three stalking behaviors were most commonly reported by undergraduate and graduate students, both women and men:

* Continually sent unwanted communications (emails, texts, phone calls, handwritten notes)
* Contacted or used other people to get information about you or to find you
* Waited for you or showed up at places (such as your home, workplace, or outside of classrooms) where they knew you would be

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| Undergraduate Women | 2024  (n = 259) |
| Continually sent unwanted communications (emails, texts, phone calls, handwritten notes) | 52% |
| Waited for you or showed up at places (such as your home, workplace, or outside of classrooms) where they knew you would be | 41% |
| Contacted or used other people to get information about you or to find you | 40% |
| Watched or followed you from a distance, or spied on you with a listening device, camera, tracking device, or GPS | 28% |
| Repeatedly left you unwanted gifts, notes, or other objects at their residence, work, car, or other location | 16% |
| Entered your home, lab/office, or car and did things to let you know they had been there | 7% |
| Left you strange or potentially threatening items | 4% |

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| Undergraduate Men | 2024  (n = 82) |
| Contacted or used other people to get information about you or to find you | 49% |
| Continually sent unwanted communications (emails, texts, phone calls, handwritten notes) | 39% |
| Waited for you or showed up at places (such as your home, workplace, or outside of classrooms) where they knew you would be | 34% |
| Watched or followed you from a distance, or spied on you with a listening device, camera, tracking device, or GPS | 24% |
| Repeatedly left you unwanted gifts, notes, or other objects at their residence, work, car, or other location | 13% |
| Left you strange or potentially threatening items | 9% |
| Entered your home, lab/office, or car and did things to let you know they had been there | 7% |

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| Graduate Women | 2024  (n = 47) |
| Continually sent unwanted communications (emails, texts, phone calls, handwritten notes) | 51% |
| Contacted or used other people to get information about you or to find you | 40% |
| Waited for you or showed up at places (such as your home, workplace, or outside of classrooms) where they knew you would be | 34% |
| Watched or followed you from a distance, or spied on you with a listening device, camera, tracking device, or GPS | 23% |
| Repeatedly left you unwanted gifts, notes, or other objects at their residence, work, car, or other location | 21% |
| Entered your home, lab/office, or car and did things to let you know they had been there | 9% |
| Left you strange or potentially threatening items | 4% |

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| Graduate Men | 2024  (n = 15) |
| Contacted or used other people to get information about you or to find you | 60% |
| Waited for you or showed up at places (such as your home, workplace, or outside of classrooms) where they knew you would be | 47% |
| Continually sent unwanted communications (emails, texts, phone calls, handwritten notes) | 40% |
| Watched or followed you from a distance, or spied on you with a listening device, camera, tracking device, or GPS | 13% |
| Entered your home, lab/office, or car and did things to let you know they had been there | 13% |
| Repeatedly left you unwanted gifts, notes, or other objects at their residence, work, car, or other location | 7% |
| Left you strange or potentially threatening items | 7% |

## Stalking: Offender Affiliation

For undergraduate women, in both survey administrations, the offender(s) were primarily affiliated with the university (64% in 2021, 60% in 2024). The same was true for undergraduate men (52% in 2021, 62% in 2024).

For graduate women, in 2024 equal proportions (45%) indicated that the offender was and was not affiliated with CU; this is nearly identical to the 2021 findings (46% indicated the offender was and was not affiliated.)

In 2024, CU-affiliated offenders were more common among graduate men (67%), as compared to 2021 (45%).

## Stalking: Disclosing and Reporting

With respect to accessing support, more than one-third of undergraduate women and more than one-quarter of undergraduate men disclosed to a confidential resource; graduate students were even more likely to connect with a confidential resource. *Many participants received support from more than one resource*:

* 34% of undergraduate women who experienced stalking disclosed to a confidential resource.
  + The most common resource was an off-campus resource (26%).
* 28% of undergraduate men who experienced stalking disclosed to a confidential resource.
  + The most common resource was an off-campus resource (17%).
* 53% of graduate women who experienced stalking disclosed to a confidential resource.
  + The most common resource was an off-campus resource (30%).
* 40% of graduate men who experienced stalking disclosed to a confidential resource.
  + OVA, CAPS, and an off-campus resource were equally disclosed to (27% each).

With respect to reporting to the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC):

* 3% of undergraduate women who experienced stalking reported to OIEC, 7% were unsure.
* 6% of undergraduate men who experienced stalking reported to OIEC, 13% were unsure.
* 6% of graduate women who experienced stalking reported to OIEC, 4% were unsure.
* 13% of graduate men who experienced stalking reported to OIEC, 7% were unsure.

With respect to reporting to law enforcement:

* 10% of undergraduate women who experienced stalking reported to police, most commonly Boulder Police Department (6%).
* 10% of undergraduate men who experienced stalking reported to police, most commonly other police (not CUPD or BPD) (7%).
* 19% of graduate women who experienced stalking reported to police, most commonly other police (not CUPD or BPD) (13%).
* 27% of graduate men who experienced stalking reported to police; reporting to CUPD and Boulder Police Department was equally prevalent (20% each).

**Appendix A. Demographics**

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|  | **Population**  **(N = 32,851)** | | **Respondents**  **(N = 9,127)** | |
| **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| **UG Class Level** | | | | |
| Freshman | 8441 | 26% | 3067 | 34% |
| Sophomore | 8056 | 25% | 2210 | 24% |
| Junior | 7443 | 23% | 1867 | 20% |
| Senior | 7229 | 22% | 1588 | 17% |
| SR5 | 1682 | 5% | 394 | 4% |
| **Gender** | | | | |
| Female | 15536 | 47% | 5099 | 56% |
| Male | 17301 | 53% | 4020 | 44% |
| X | 14 | <1% | 7 | <1% |
| **Race/Ethnicity** | | | | |
| African American | 1011 | 3% | 277 | 3% |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 519 | 2% | 137 | 2% |
| Asian | 3390 | 10% | 1195 | 13% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 4492 | 14% | 1357 | 15% |
| International | 837 | 3% | 289 | 3% |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 205 | 1% | 48 | 1% |
| Unknown | 309 | 1% | 71 | 1% |
| White | 22088 | 67% | 5752 | 63% |
| **School/College** | | | | |
| College of Arts & Sciences | 14661 | 45% | 4126 | 45% |
| *Arts & Humanities* | 1798 | 5% | 472 | 5% |
| *Natural Sciences* | 9546 | 29% | 2802 | 31% |
| *Social Sciences* | 2976 | 9% | 726 | 8% |
| College of Engr & Applied Sci | 6650 | 20% | 2091 | 23% |
| College of Media, Comm & Info | 2616 | 8% | 492 | 5% |
| College of Music | 248 | 1% | 95 | 1% |
| Cross-College Programs | 3089 | 9% | 886 | 10% |
| Leeds School of Business | 4600 | 14% | 1183 | 13% |
| Program in Environmental Design | 689 | 2% | 166 | 2% |
| School of Education | 298 | 1% | 87 | 1% |

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|  | **Population**  **(N = 8,430)** | | **Respondents**  **(N = 2,426)** | |
| **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| **Grad Class Level** | | | | |
| Certificate | 163 | 2% | 13 | 1% |
| Doctoral | 3055 | 36% | 1077 | 44% |
| Doctoral (Professional) | 522 | 6% | 127 | 5% |
| Masters | 1789 | 21% | 411 | 17% |
| Masters (Professional) | 2901 | 34% | 796 | 33% |
| **Gender** | | | | |
| Female | 3393 | 40% | 1074 | 44% |
| Male | 4923 | 58% | 1309 | 54% |
| X | 114 | 1% | 41 | 2% |
| **Race/Ethnicity** | | | | |
| African American | 230 | 3% | 42 | 2% |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 85 | 1% | 21 | 1% |
| Asian | 708 | 8% | 171 | 7% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 821 | 10% | 183 | 8% |
| International | 2049 | 24% | 962 | 40% |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 30 | <1% | 6 | <1% |
| Unknown | 192 | 2% | 38 | 2% |
| White | 4315 | 51% | 1001 | 41% |
| **School/College** | | | | |
| College of Arts & Sciences | 2252 | 27% | 713 | 29% |
| *Arts & Humanities* | 289 | 3% | 92 | 4% |
| *Natural Sciences* | 1641 | 19% | 516 | 21% |
| *Social Sciences* | 385 | 5% | 111 | 5% |
| College of Engr & Applied Sci | 3195 | 38% | 997 | 41% |
| College of Media, Comm & Info | 201 | 2% | 60 | 2% |
| College of Music | 184 | 2% | 55 | 2% |
| Cross-College Programs | 1182 | 13% | 225 | 9% |
| Leeds School of Business | 675 | 8% | 183 | 8% |
| School of Education | 243 | 3% | 51 | 2% |
| School of Law | 552 | 7% | 140 | 6% |

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|  | **Male Population**  **(N = 17301)** | | **Male**  **Respondents**  **(N = 4020)** | | **Female Population**  **(N = 15536)** | | **Female**  **Respondents**  **(N = 5099)** | |
| **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| **UG Class Level** | | | | | | | | |
| Freshman | 4192 | 24% | 1331 | 33% | 4246 | 27% | 1734 | 34% |
| Sophomore | 4186 | 24% | 950 | 24% | 3866 | 24% | 1256 | 25% |
| Junior | 3988 | 23% | 855 | 21% | 3452 | 22% | 1011 | 20% |
| Senior | 3940 | 23% | 692 | 17% | 3287 | 21% | 894 | 18% |
| SR5 | 995 | 6% | 190 | 5% | 685 | 4% | 204 | 4% |

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|  | **Male Population**  **(N = 4923)** | | **Male**  **Respondents**  **(N = 1309)** | | **Female Population**  **(N = 3393)** | | **Female**  **Respondents**  **(N = 1074)** | |
| **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** | **Freq** | **%** |
| **Grad Class Level** | | | | | | | | |
| Certificate | 80 | 2% | 2 | <1% | 83 | 2% | 11 | 1% |
| Doctoral | 1659 | 34% | 571 | 44% | 1343 | 40% | 489 | 46% |
| Doctoral (Professional) | 215 | 4% | 38 | 3% | 300 | 9% | 85 | 8% |
| Masters | 1038 | 21% | 192 | 15% | 714 | 21% | 205 | 19% |
| Masters (Professional) | 1931 | 39% | 506 | 39% | 953 | 28% | 284 | 26% |

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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Due to the small number of survey participants (n < 50) who have self-identified in the CU records system as Gender Diverse, 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Due to small numbers of participants, results for Sexual Exploitation for graduate students are not broken out by gender. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The number of participants who reported being sexually assaulted is lower here than in the previous tables. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. In 2024, the Residence Hall RA category was expanded to include undergraduate students acting in any staff role. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)