

Hartwick College 2019 Sexual Assault Campus Climate Survey Report

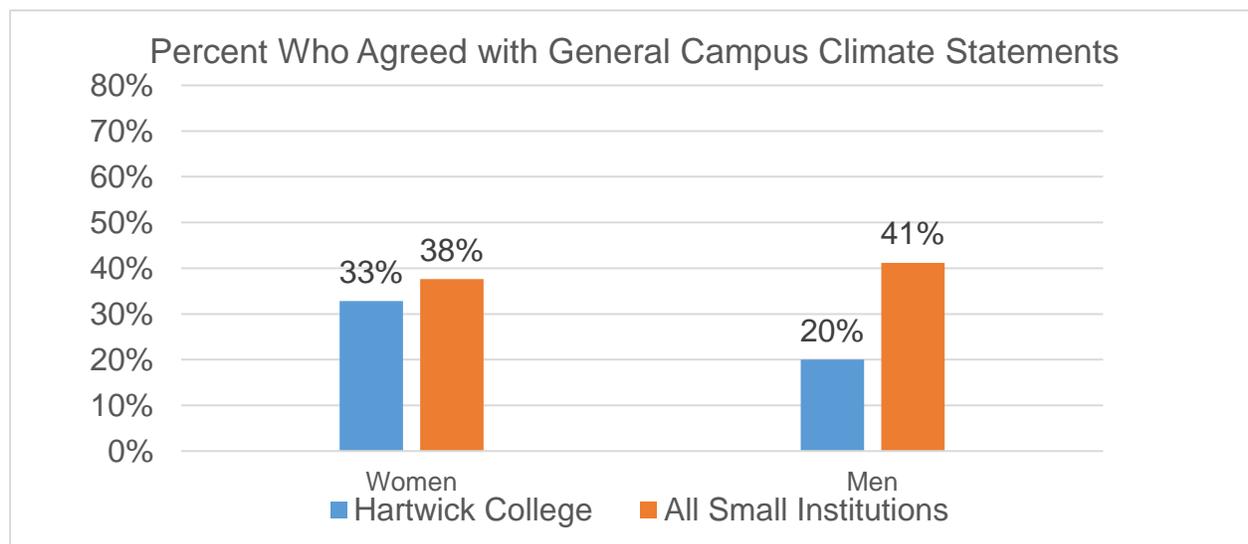
Hartwick College is deeply committed to equal opportunity and a tolerant, supportive learning environment. The College prohibits sex and gender discrimination, harassment, and violence and strives to educate all students and employees about and prevent acts that violate the College's [Sex Discrimination, Harassment and Misconduct Policy](#).

Hartwick College surveyed the student body (1,065 students) during the spring of 2019 utilizing the HEDS Sexual Assault Campus Climate Survey instrument. This survey was administered by 104 small institutions (enrollment under 4,000) and 10 large institutions (enrollment over 4,000) in the 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, and/or 2018-19 academic years. Hartwick's results are compared to the other institutions in many of the graphs and results shared below.

- Of the Hartwick students who responded to the survey 80% identified as female, and 20% identified as male.
- Students responding from all small institutions included 68% female, 31% male, and 2% non-binary.
- Students responding from all large institutions included 70% female, 29% male, and 1% non-binary.

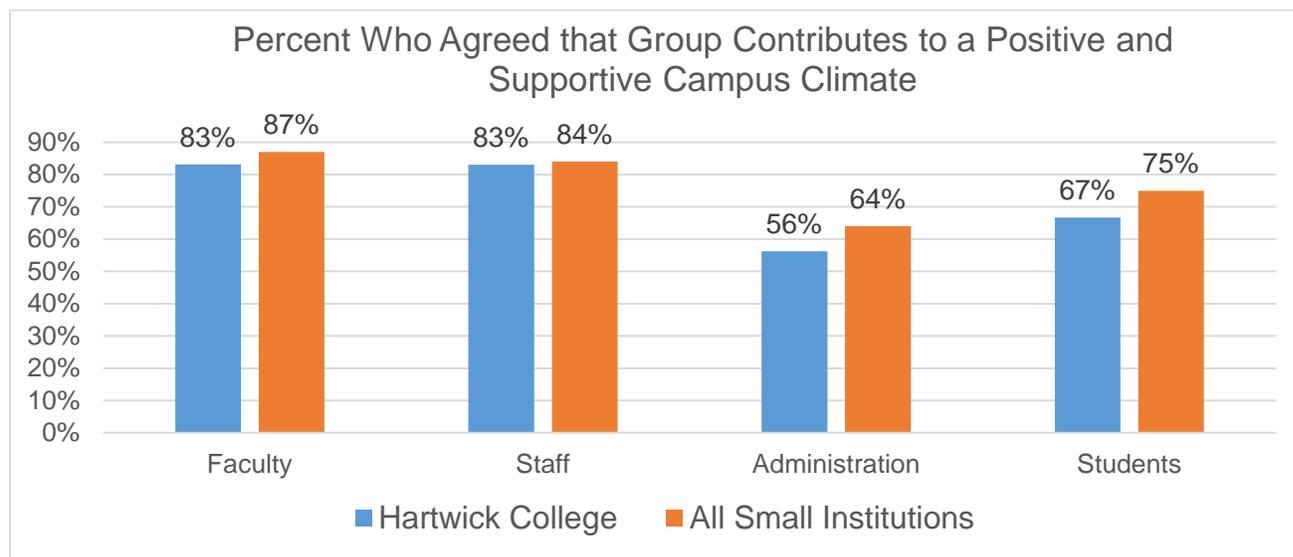
General Campus Climate

The survey asked undergraduates the extent to which they agreed with eight statements about the climate at their institution. Students indicated the extent to which (a) faculty, staff, and administrators respect what students think, are concerned about their welfare, and treat them fairly, (b) students are concerned about the welfare of other students and treat them fairly, and (c) they feel close to people, safe on campus, and like a part of the institution's community. The graph below shows the percentage of students who selected "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" for **all** eight statements, comparing the responses of women and men at your institution with those of women and men at all small institutions.



Overall, students who experienced higher levels of unwanted sexual contact, who experienced an attempted sexual assault, and who have been sexually assaulted were less likely to agree with the general campus climate questions.

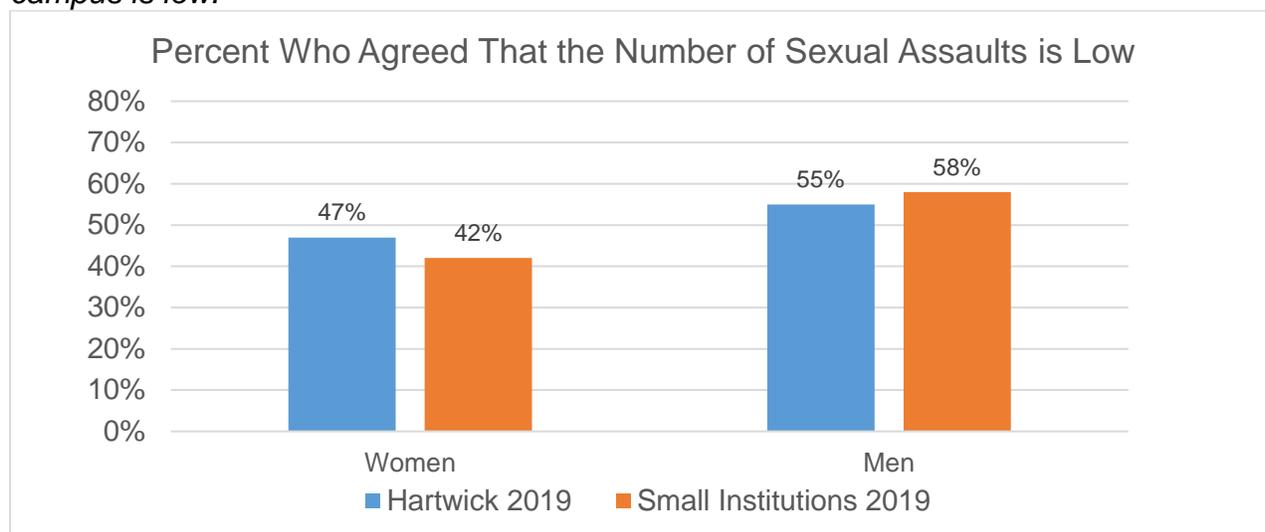
The survey also asked students the extent to which different groups of people contribute to a positive and supportive campus climate at their institution. As before, we show the percentage of students who selected "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" for each group on campus, comparing responses of women and men at your institution with those of women and men at all small institutions.



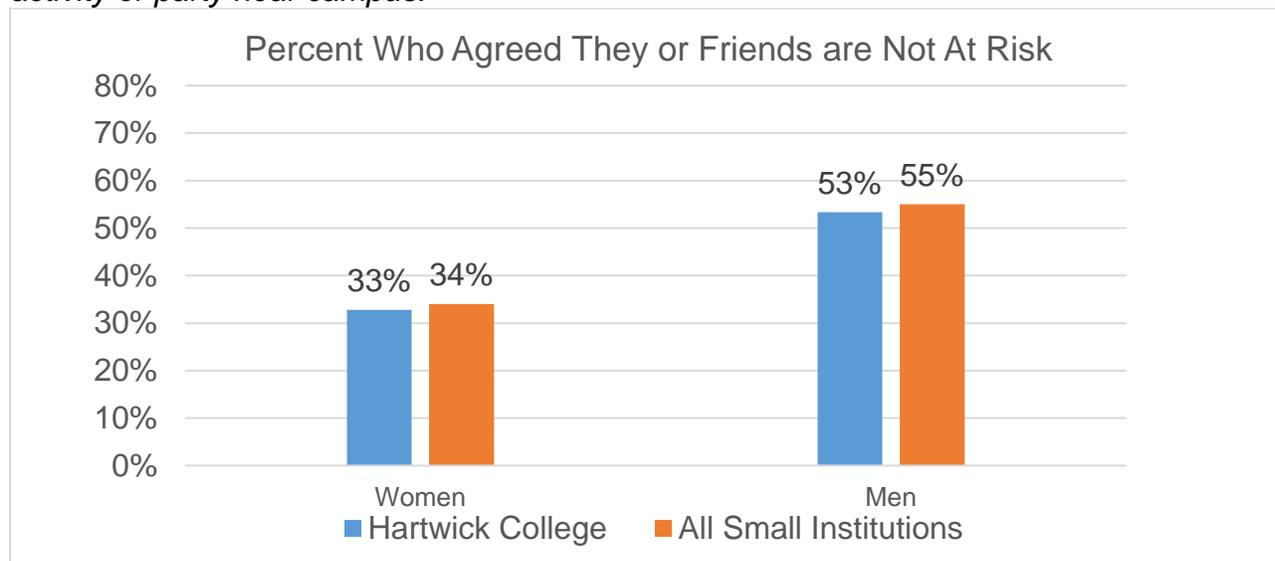
Perceived Risk of Sexual Assault

The HEDS survey asked students the extent to which they agreed with statements about their perceived risk of sexual assault. The results show the percentage of students who "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" with the statements below:

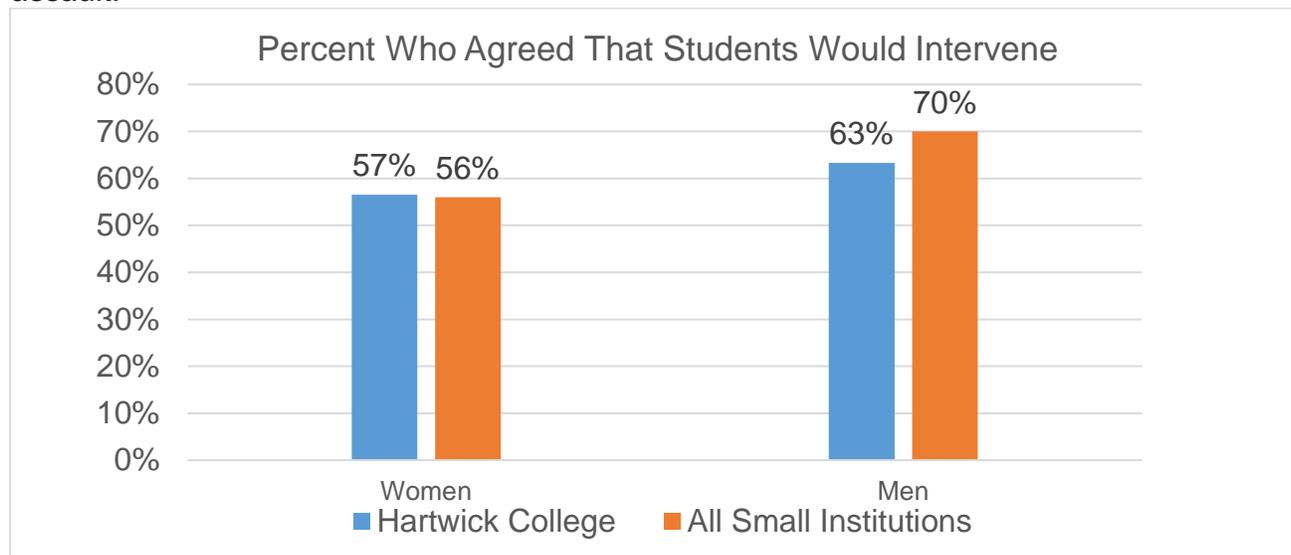
I believe that the number of sexual assaults that occur on campus, off campus at an event or program connected with Hartwick College, or at a social activity or party near campus is low.



I do not believe that I or one of my friends is at risk for being sexually assaulted on campus, off campus at an event or program connected with this institution, or at a social activity or party near campus.



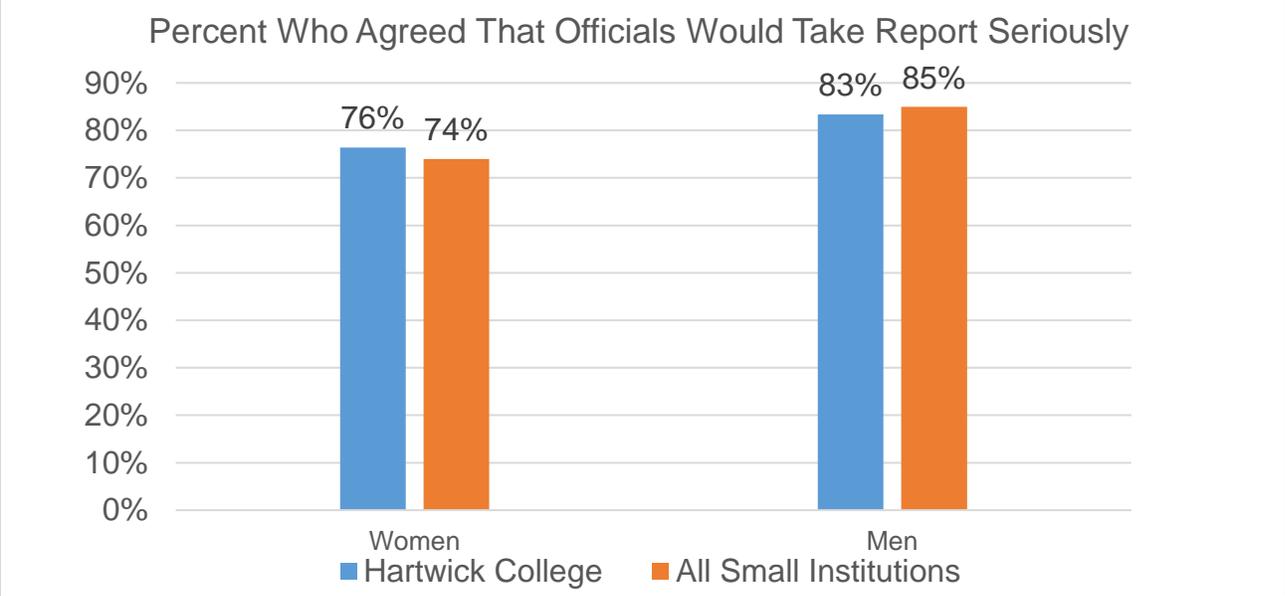
I believe that students at this institution would intervene if they witnessed a sexual assault.



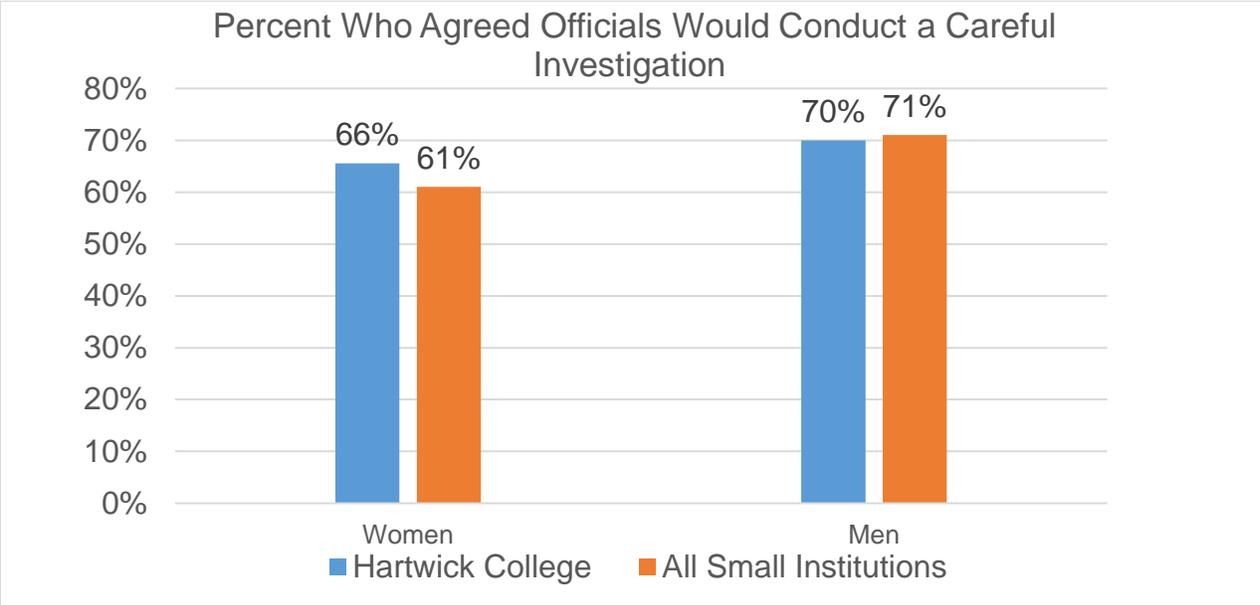
Perceptions of Institutional Response to Sexual Assault

The survey also asked students the extent to which they agreed with statements about what the institutional response might be if someone reported a sexual assault. We show the percentage of students who selected "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" on three of these statements below, comparing responses of women and men at Hartwick with the responses of women and men at all small institutions.

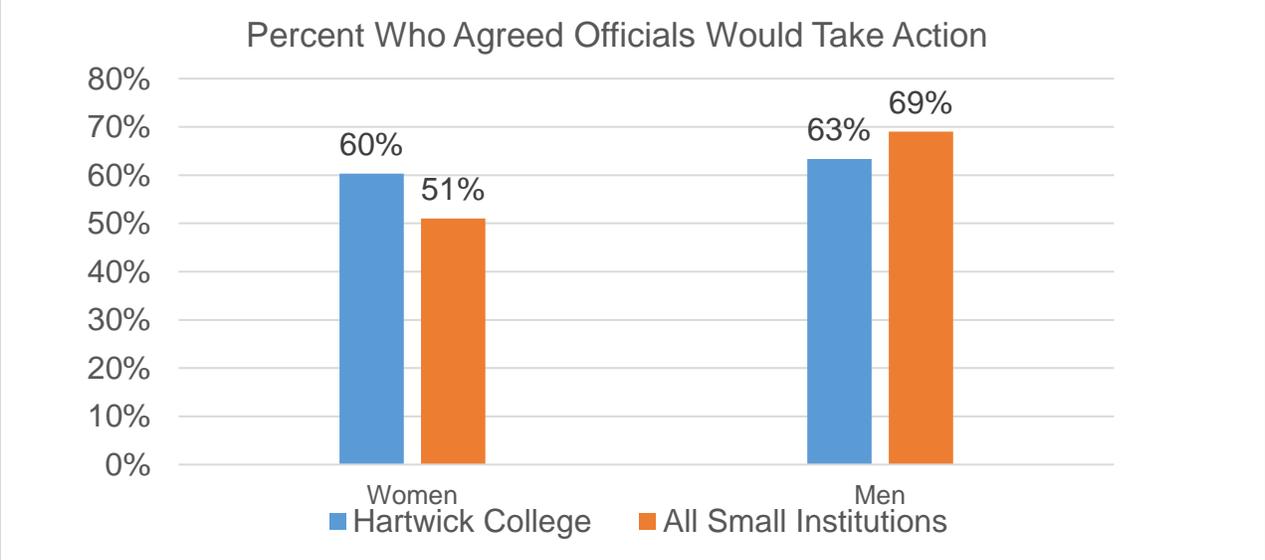
Campus officials would take the report seriously.



Campus officials would conduct a careful investigation in order to determine what happened.



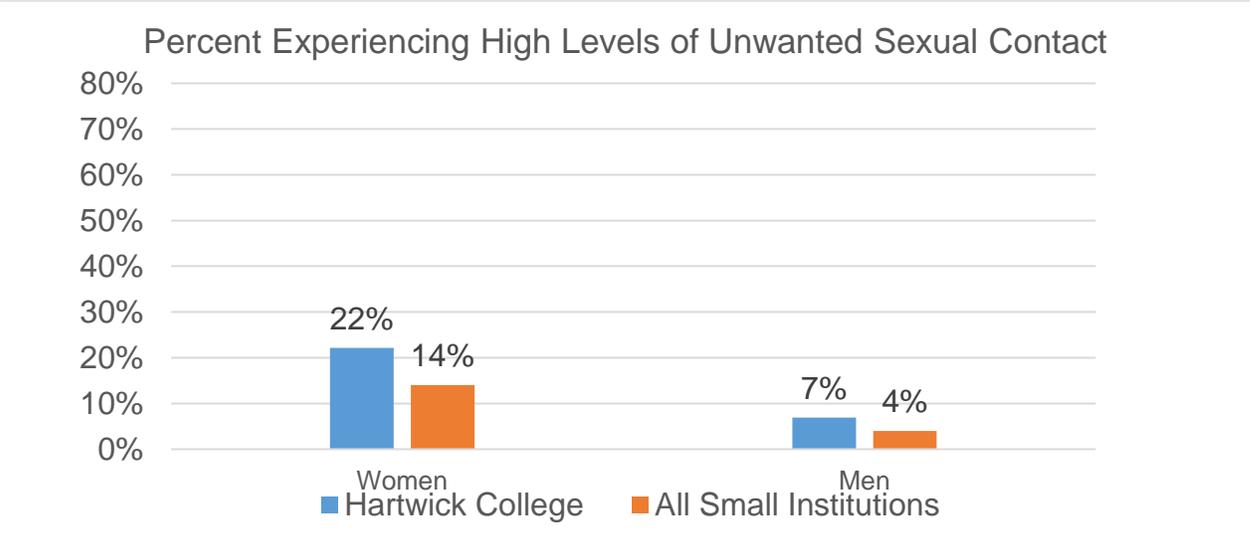
Campus officials would take action against the offender(s).



Unwanted Sexual Contact

The graph below depicts the percentage of women and men at Hartwick who experienced high levels of unwanted sexual contact compared to women and men at all small institutions. Students were designated as experiencing high levels of unwanted sexual contact when they reported that they experienced one or more of the following kinds of unwanted sexual contact "Often" or "Very often":

- Unwanted verbal behaviors – e.g., someone making sexual comments about your body or making unwelcome sexual advances
- Unwanted nonverbal behaviors – e.g., someone sending you sexual emails/texts, leering at you, or making lewd gestures
- Unwanted brief physical contact – e.g., someone engaging in any brief inappropriate or unwelcome touching of your body



Sexual Assault

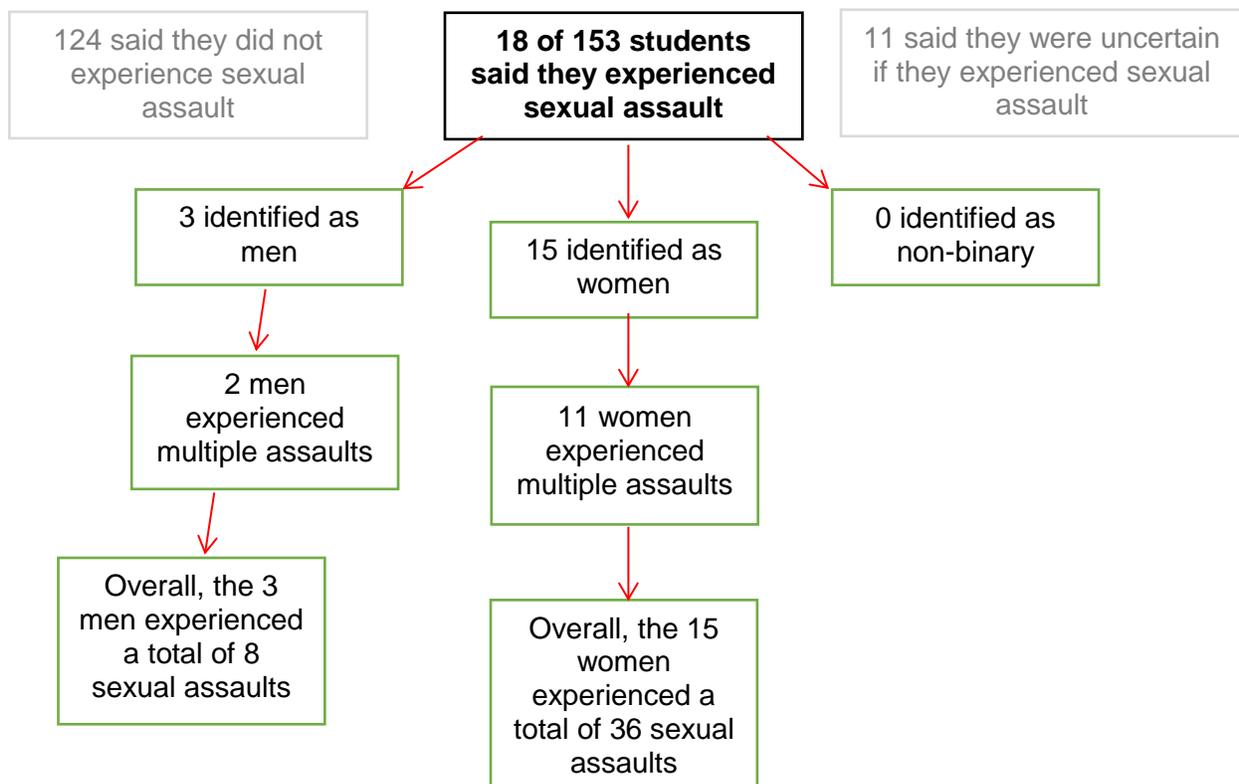
Prior to asking undergraduates about their experience with sexual assault, we provided them with the following descriptions of five kinds of sexual assault:

"When we ask about sexual assault, we are referring to five specific types of sexual contact, which you did not want or for which you did not give consent:

- Touching of a sexual nature (kissing you, touching of private parts, grabbing, fondling, rubbing up against you in a sexual way, even if it was over your clothes)
- Oral sex (someone's mouth or tongue making contact with your genitals, or your mouth or tongue making contact with someone else's genitals)
- Vaginal sex (someone's penis being put in your vagina, or your penis being put into someone else's vagina)
- Anal sex (someone's penis being put in your anus, or your penis being put into someone else's anus)
- Anal or vaginal penetration with a body part other than a penis or tongue, or by an object, like a bottle or candle"

The graphic below depicts the responses provided by the 153 Hartwick students who responded to this question:

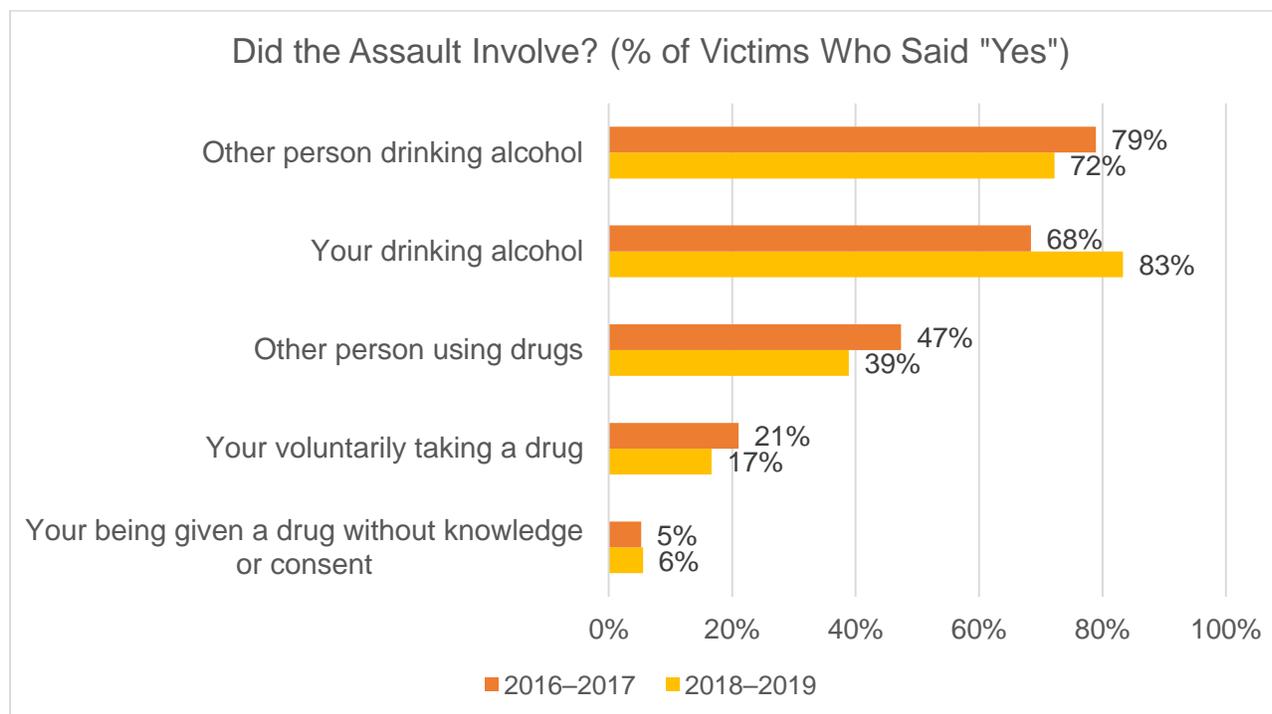
"Since starting at your institution, have you been sexually assaulted while you were (a) on campus; (b) off campus at an event or program connected with your institution, including study abroad and internships; or (c) at a social activity or party near campus such as at an apartment, restaurant, or bar?"



Of the 18 sexual assaults detailed in the survey:

- Alcohol played a role in 17 of the 18 sexual assaults.
- 15 of the sexual assaults were committed by male perpetrators.
- 10 of the sexual assaults occurred in on-campus housing.
- 8 of the sexual assaults occurred during a student’s first year.
- 4 of those experiencing sexual assault made a formal report to the College.

Alcohol was involved in the majority of sexual assaults across almost all schools. The graph below compares the extent to which alcohol, as well as other drugs, were involved in sexual assaults during the 2016-17 and 2018-19 academic years.



Comparison of Hartwick responses to the responses of over 58,000 students at small institutions who have taken the survey in the last four years is reflected below:

Sexual Assault

Hartwick College	Small Institutions
10% - 1 in 10 male students experienced sexual assault	3.5% - 1 in 29 male students experienced sexual assault
12.5% - 1 in 8 female students experienced sexual assault	12.5% - 1 in 8 female students experienced sexual assault
No (0) non-binary students responded	16.6% - 1 in 6 non-binary students experienced sexual assault
11% - 1 in 9 female seniors experienced sexual assault	20% - 1 in 5 female seniors experienced sexual assault

Bystander Intervention

Hartwick College

Bystanders were present for 47% of incidents – 8 of 18

Bystanders intervened in 25% of the incidents for which they were present – 2 of 8

Small Institutions

Bystanders were present for 35% of incidents

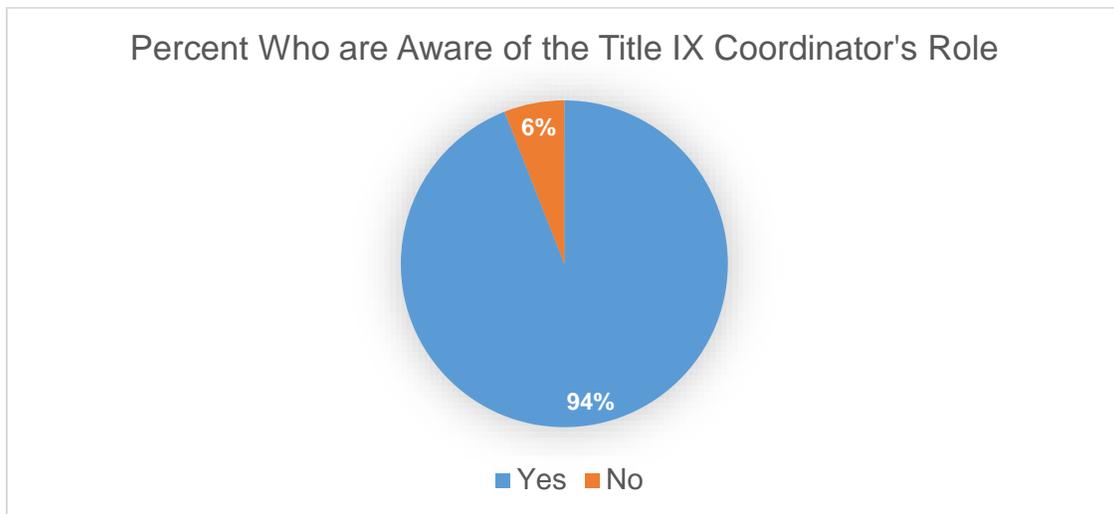
Bystanders intervened in 24% of the incidents for which they were present

National statistics of the prevalence of sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence as referenced in the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, United States, 2011, and reported by the CDC indicate:

- 19.3% of women and 1.7% of men have been raped in their lifetimes
- 43.9% of women and 23.4% of men experienced other forms of sexual violence during their lifetimes
- 15.2% of women and 5.7% of men have experienced stalking in their lifetimes
- Overall approximately **27.3%** (one in four) women and **10.8%** of men have experienced unwanted sexual contact during their lifetimes.

Title IX Coordinator

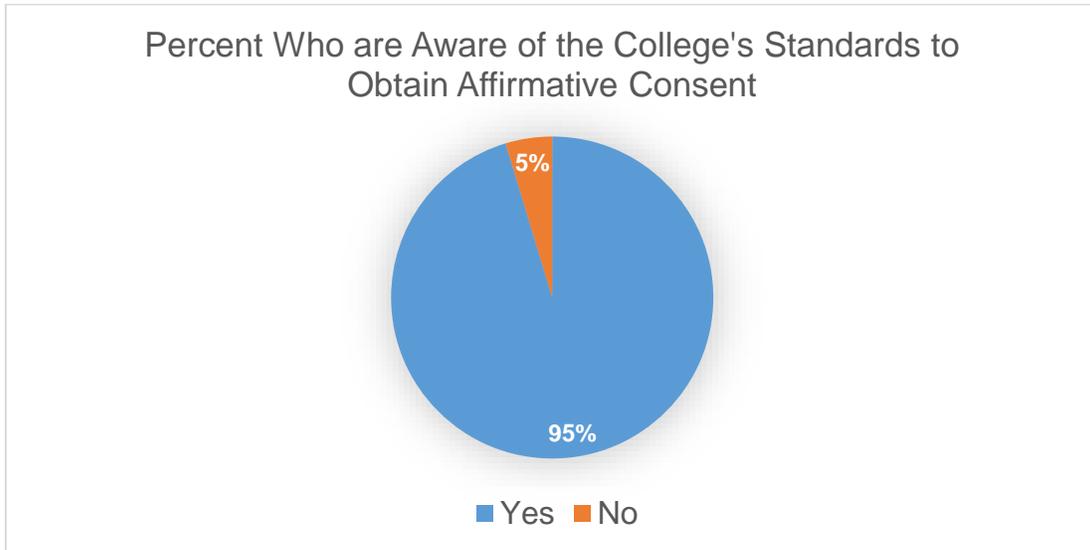
The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the College's response to reports of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and other forms of gender-based misconduct. The graph below compares the percent of men and women at Hartwick College.



Affirmative Consent

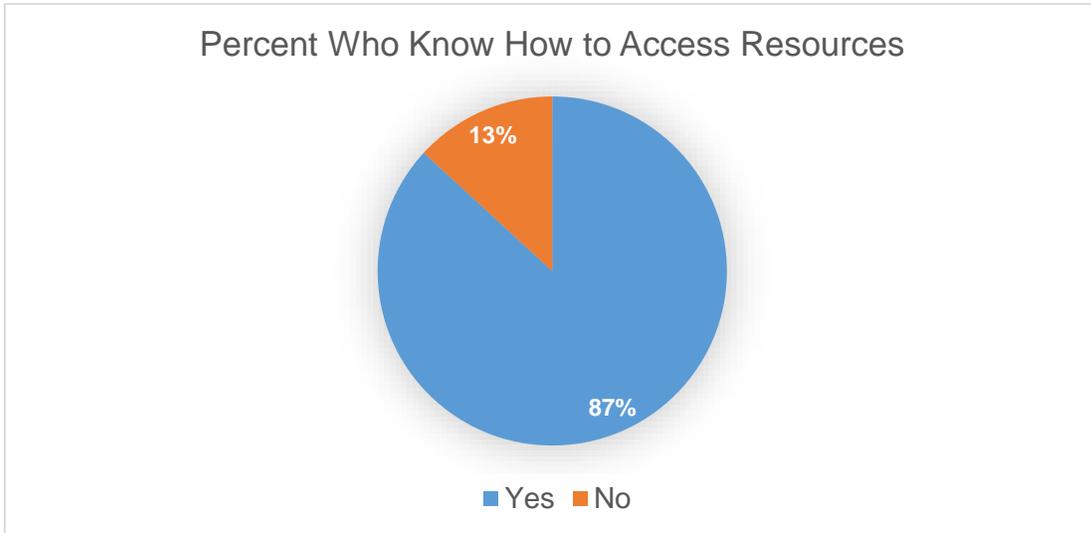
Affirmative consent is a knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in the sexual activity. Silence or lack of resistance, in and of itself, does not demonstrate consent. The definition of consent does not vary based upon a participant's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

The graph below represents awareness of the College's standards to obtain "affirmative consent" prior to engaging in sexual activity.



Resources

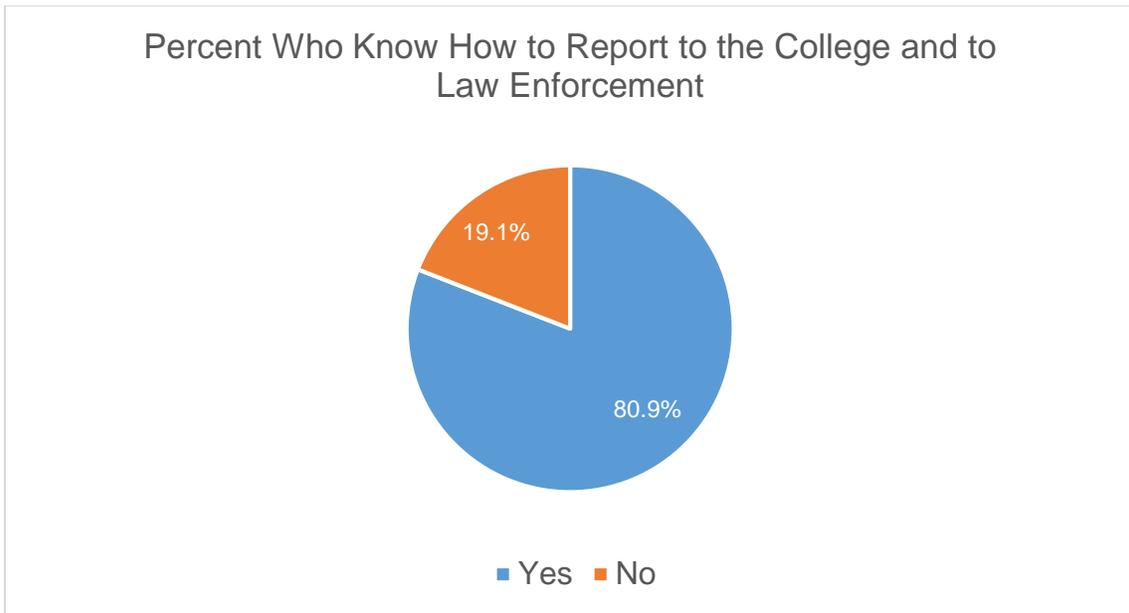
Resources on and off campus are accessible to support individuals experiencing unwanted sexual behaviors. Examples of resources available are counseling, health care, and academic assistance. The graph below compares the percent of men and women at Hartwick College.



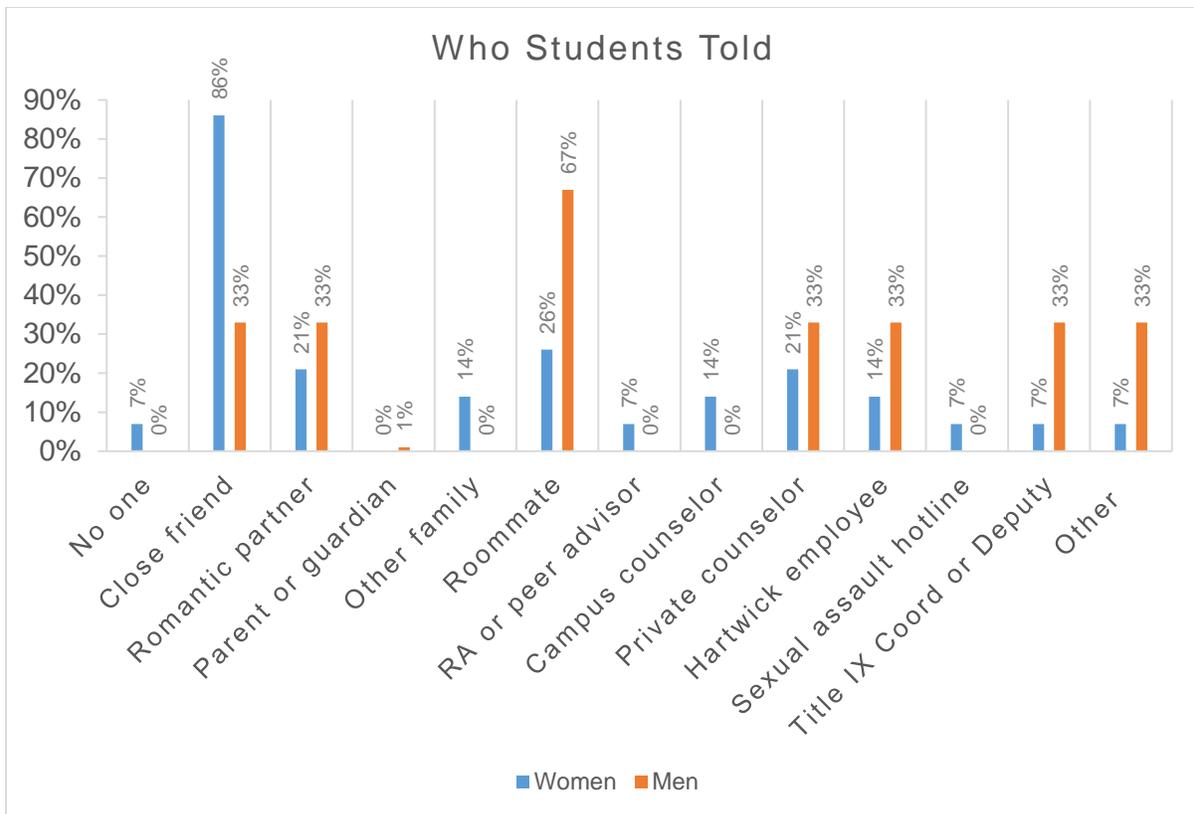
Reporting

All students "have the right to make a report to Campus Safety, local law enforcement, and/or the New York State Police, or choose not to report; to report the incident to the College; to be protected by the College from retaliation for reporting an incident; and to receive assistance and resources from the College." The campus community is provided contact information for reporting incidents to the official of their choice.

Percent Who Know How to Report to the College and to Law Enforcement



Of the 18 students indicated experiencing sexual assault, they told (only four students indicated reporting through formal processes to the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Coordinator):



The College will conduct a sexual assault climate survey at least every two years in accordance with the requirements of New York Article 129-B, Enough is Enough. This data is used to shape future education and campus processes. Hartwick College is committed to a supportive, non-discriminatory learning environment.