

# Amherst College Sexual Respect and Sexual Misconduct Survey

## Survey Introduction

### Survey on Sexual Respect and Sexual Misconduct

We estimate that this survey will take 15 minutes to complete. This survey is completely ANONYMOUS and VOLUNTARY.

You do NOT have to participate in this survey, and if you do choose to participate, you may skip any question you are not comfortable answering. You may exit the survey at any time.

Use the box at the bottom of each page to provide additional information you wish to share.

Content Warning: This survey asks about specific experiences with sexual assault and other forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Some of the questions use explicit language and descriptions, and may be upsetting. Resources and support are available both on- and off-campus -- telephone numbers for these resources are listed on every page of the survey should you need them.

**Note: The survey introduction was listed on the first page of the survey**

## Survey Resources

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Confidential Resources: The questions in the survey can be hard to think about. They may have reminded you of experiences that you, or a friend or family member have gone through. If you would like to talk to someone immediately about questions or concerns relating to sexual assault or intimate partner violence, please see below for a list of 24-hour resources:

- Sexual Respect Education 413-542-5671
- Amherst College Counseling Center (available 24/7) 413-542-2354
- Center for Women and Community (24-hour rape-crisis hotline) 413-545-0800
- Safe Passage (24-hour intimate partner violence hotline) 413-586-5066 ..

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## Participation Summary

	No Measure Value	
Invited	1,755	
Started Survey	Number 736	Response Rate 42%
Submitted Survey	Number 606	Response Rate 35%
Data collection period:	February 7 - February 21, 2016	

# Demographics

Which of the following best describes your gender? (Check all that apply)

## Survey Participants

	Number	Percent
Female	449	62%
Male	275	38%
Grand Total	724	100%

## Amherst College

	Number	Percent
Female	868	49%
Male	886	50%
Self-describe	1	0%
Grand Total	1,755	100%

Which of the following best describes your class year? (Check all that apply)

	Female	Male	Grand Total		Female	Male	Grand Total
First Year	29%	21%	26%	First Year	29%	26%	28%
Sophomore	26%	29%	27%	Sophomore	28%	27%	27%
Junior	18%	21%	19%	Junior	18%	22%	20%
Senior	27%	28%	27%	Senior	24%	25%	25%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	Grand Total	100%	100%	100%

What is your race/ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

	Female	Male	Grand Total		Female	Male	Grand Total
American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	0%	0%	American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	0%	0%
Asian	14%	11%	13%	Asian	15%	13%	14%
Black/African American	7%	4%	6%	Black/African American	13%	10%	11%
Hispanic/Latino	6%	4%	6%	Hispanic/Latino	15%	11%	13%
Non-resident alien	3%	8%	5%	Non-resident alien	8%	11%	9%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%		0%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%		0%
Multi-racial	13%	8%	11%	Multi-racial	6%	4%	5%
White	41%	37%	40%	White	38%	47%	43%
Unknown	14%	27%	19%	Unknown	4%	4%	4%
Self-describe	1%		0%	Grand Total	100%	100%	100%
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What is your sexual identity? (Check all that apply)

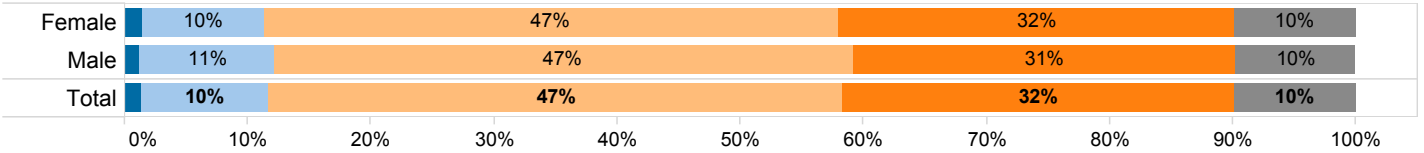
	Female	Male	Grand Total
Asexual	1%	0%	1%
Bisexual	7%	5%	6%
Gay	0%	10%	4%
Lesbian	2%		1%
Pansexual	1%		1%
Queer	1%	0%	1%
Self-describe	1%	3%	2%
Straight	82%	77%	81%
Two or more	4%	4%	4%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%

# Your Views

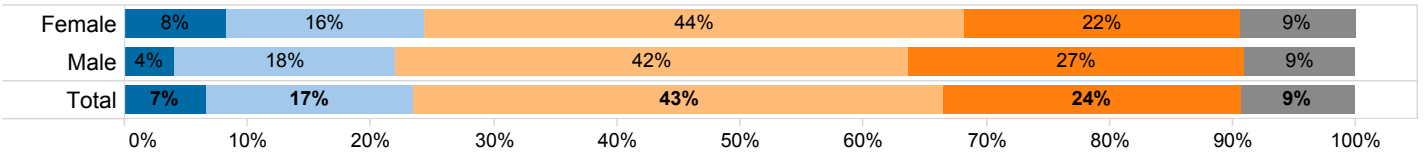
This question is asking what you think about the following statements; there is no correct response.

■ Strongly disagree   
 ■ Disagree   
 ■ Agree   
 ■ Strongly agree   
 ■ I don't know

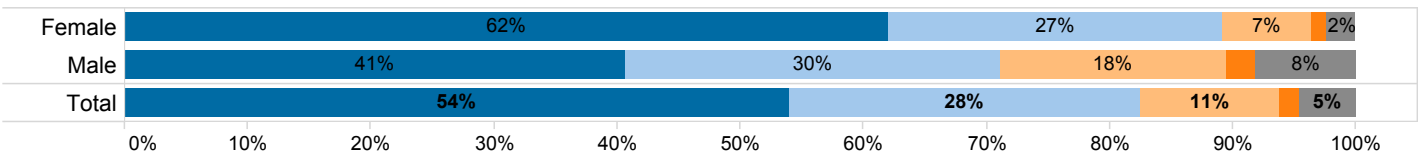
**I feel confident in my ability to judge if someone is too intoxicated to give consent to sexual activity.**



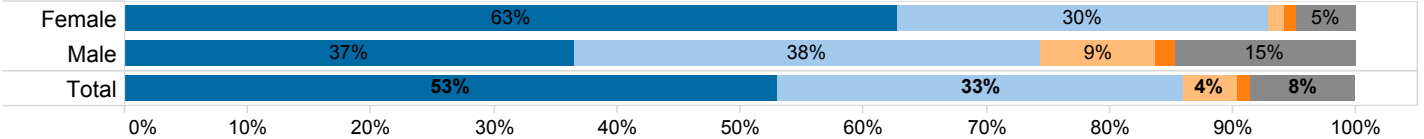
**Sexual assault and rape assault can happen unintentionally, especially if alcohol is involved.**



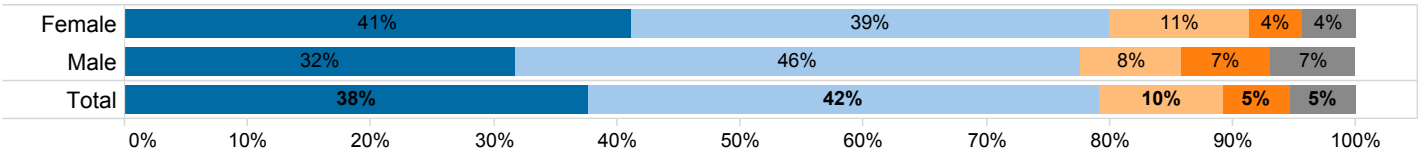
**People who are sexually assaulted or raped while drunk are at least somewhat responsible for what happened to them.**



**Most people who claim they were raped agreed to have sex and then regretted it afterwards.**



**Sexual assault or rape occurs only when a person continues after their partner says "no."**

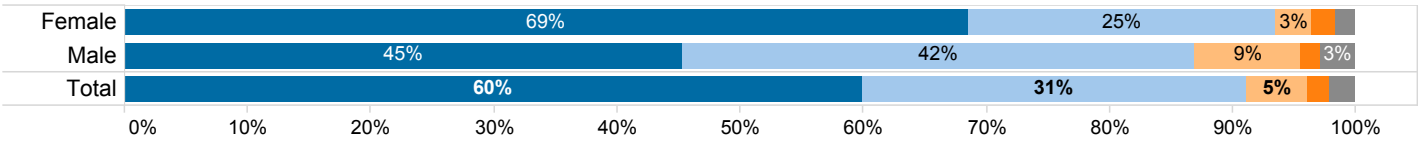


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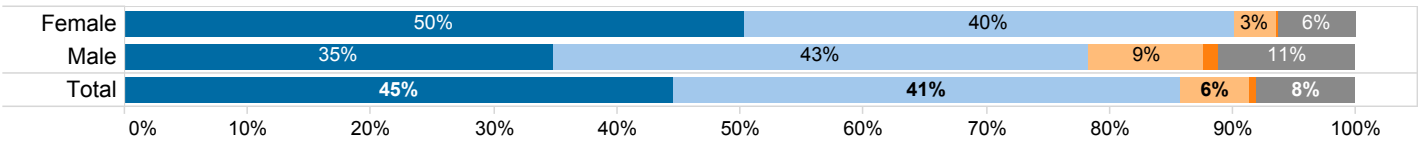
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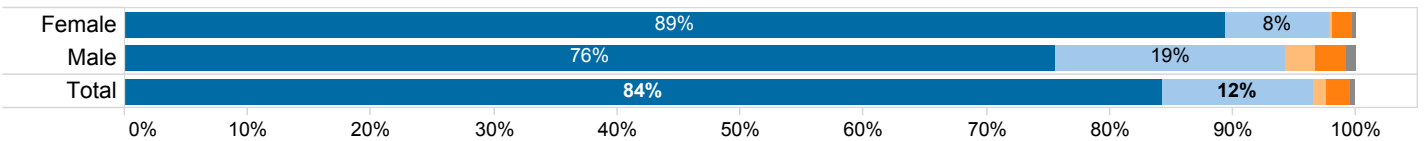
**It is not necessary to get consent before sexual activity if you are in a relationship with that person.**



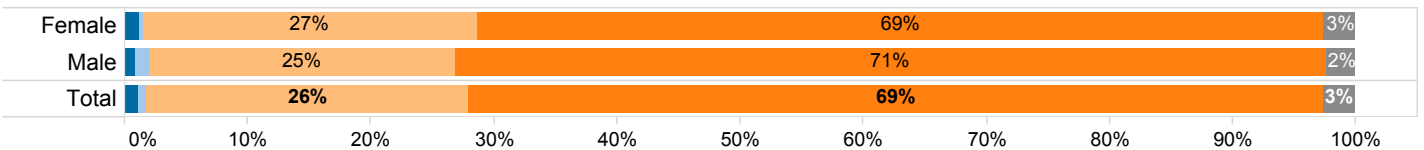
**Commenting on someone's body or appearance on the street is a compliment.**



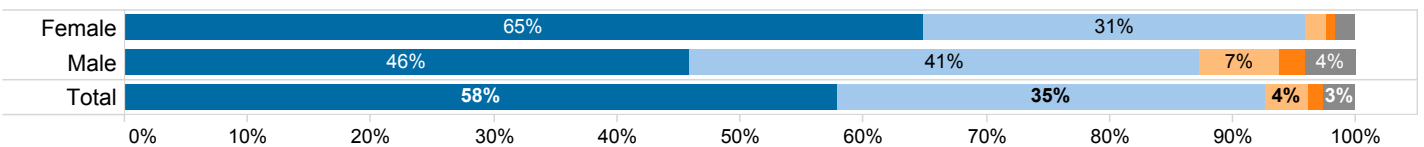
**Taking pictures of people engaged in sexual activity without their knowledge is okay.**



**A woman can rape a man.**



**Sexual arousal is indicative of consent.**















# Experiences

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## This happened to a friend

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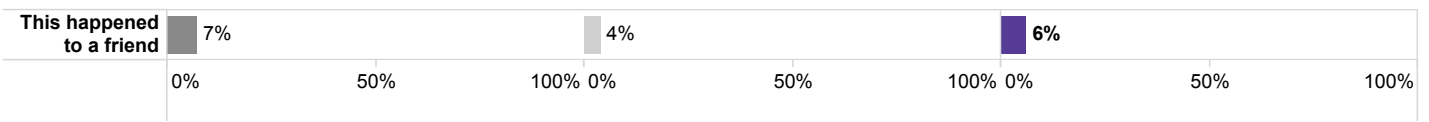
This happened to a friend

■ Female

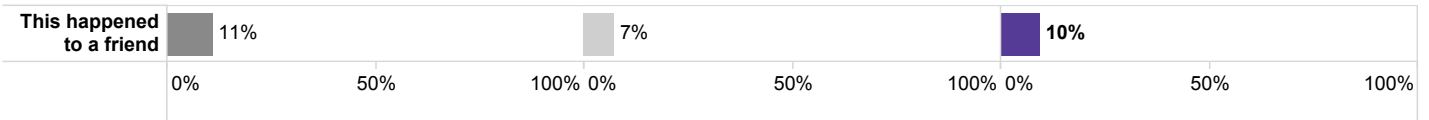
■ Male

■ Total

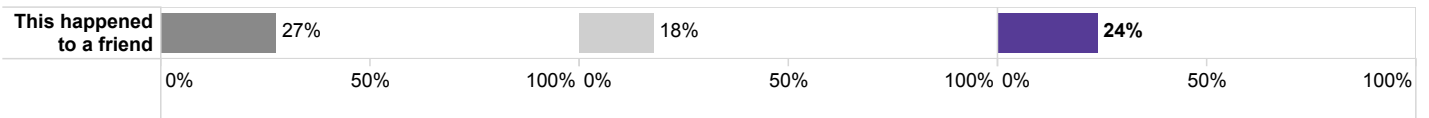
**Had someone take pictures or videos of you engaging in sexual behaviors or of private areas of your body without your consent and/or knowledge**



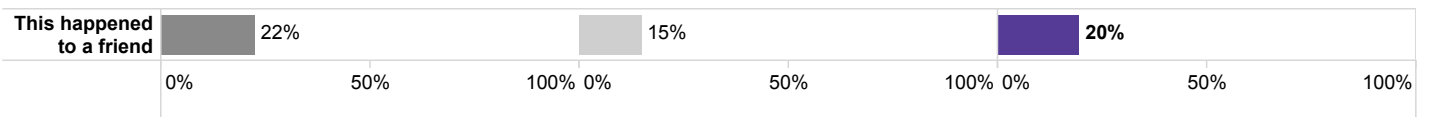
**Had someone penetrate your vagina, anus, or mouth with a body part or object without your consent**



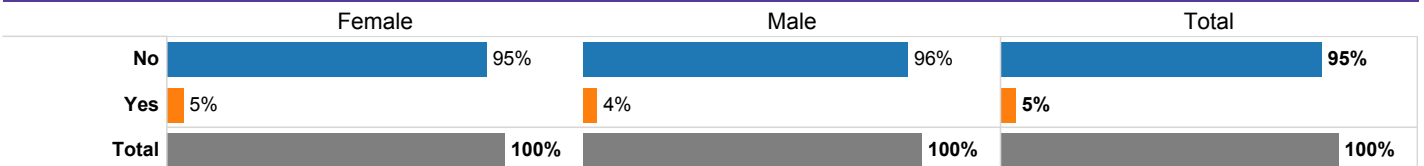
**Had someone comment on your appearance as you were walking on or around campus in a way that felt unwelcome**



**Had someone make suggestive comments or propositions, or used sexual innuendo, in a way that felt unwelcome**



**Do you suspect that, during this school year, someone touched you sexually while you were passed out, drugged, incapacitated, asleep, or otherwise unable to provide consent?**





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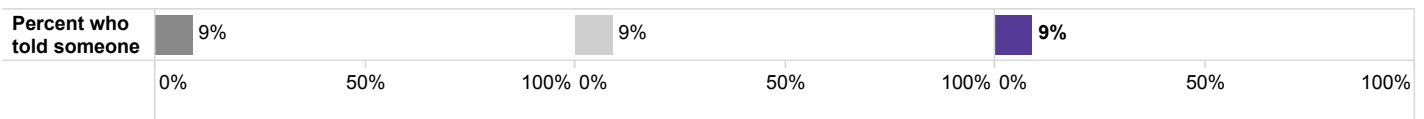
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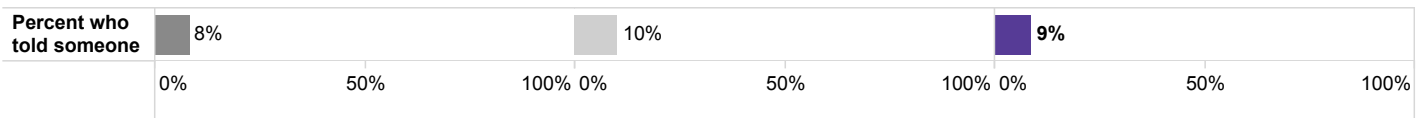
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■ Female      ■ Male      ■ Total

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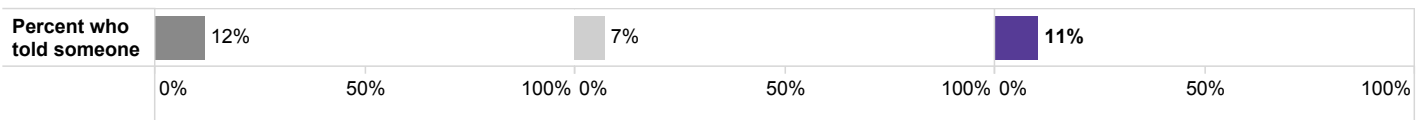
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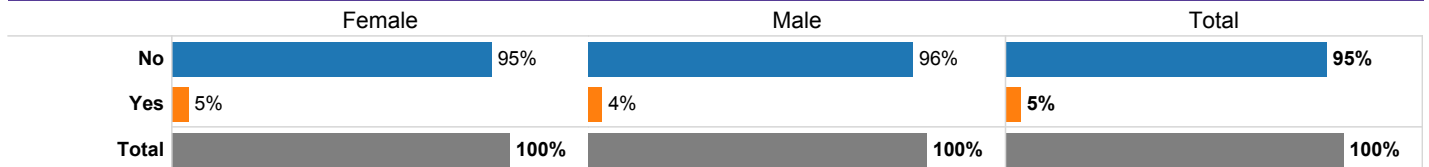
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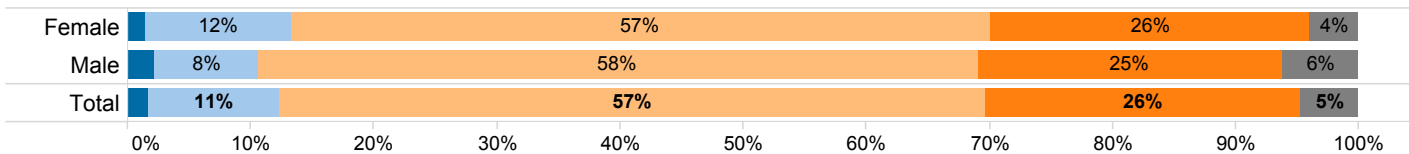


# Reporting

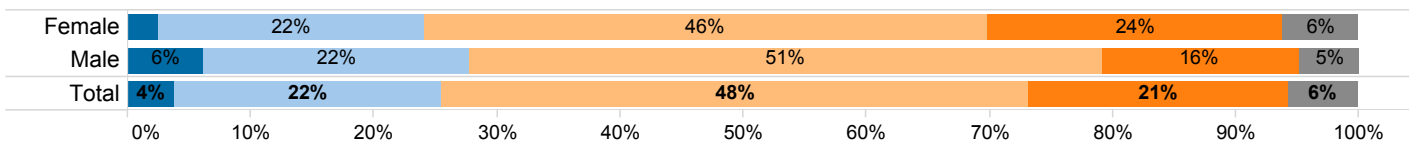
To what extent do you agree with the following:

■ Strongly disagree   
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 ■ Agree   
 ■ Strongly agree   
 ■ I don't know

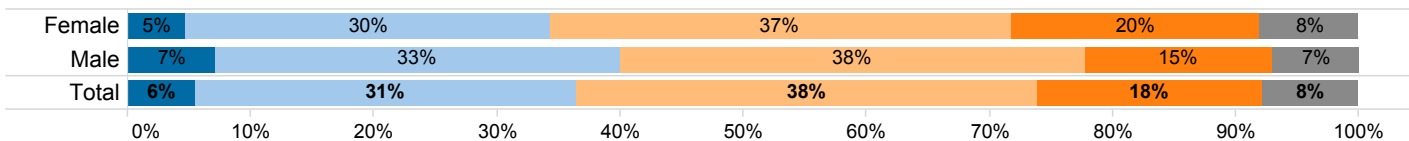
**I know where to go to get help if a friend or I experience sexual misconduct.**



**I know who the on-campus confidential resources are.**



**I feel well informed about who on campus is obligated to share disclosures of sexual misconduct with the Title IX Office.**



# Reporting

Whom would you consider telling if you or a friend were sexually assaulted? Check all that apply.

	Female	Male	Total
Friend (other than someone identified above)	77%	59%	70%
Counseling Center staff	66%	54%	61%
Amherst College police	57%	57%	57%
Title IX Coordinator/Deputy	46%	41%	44%
Health services staff	39%	32%	36%
Peer Advocate/Student Health Educator	36%	25%	32%
Residential life staff	29%	22%	26%
Amherst town police	20%	25%	22%
Off-campus crisis support	22%	18%	20%
Professor/faculty member	17%	17%	17%
Class Dean	13%	19%	15%
Resource Center staff	13%	15%	14%
Athletic staff	10%	9%	10%
Religious life staff	7%	7%	7%
Other staff	2%	3%	2%
I don't know	1%	3%	2%
Custodial staff	0%	3%	1%
No one	0%	0%	0%

Note: The columns are sorted by total. When additional filters are applied the columns cannot be resorted.

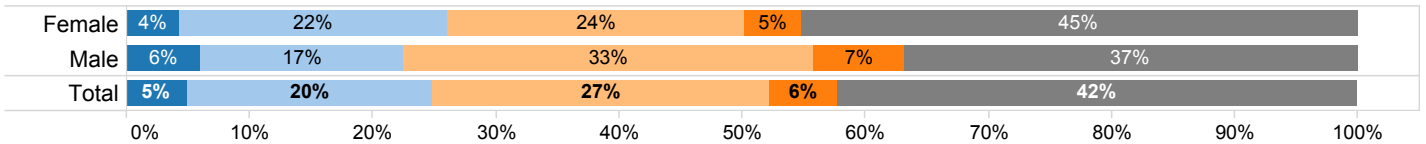
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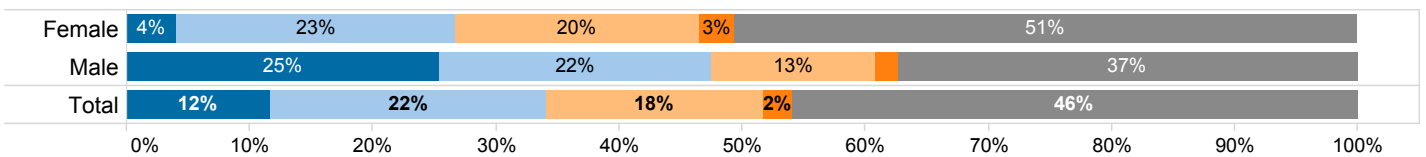
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Based on your own experiences and what you've heard around campus about the process, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

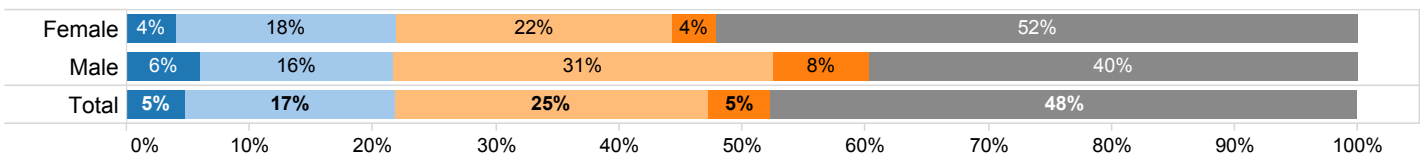
The investigation process is fair to the person who allegedly experienced the sexual misconduct.



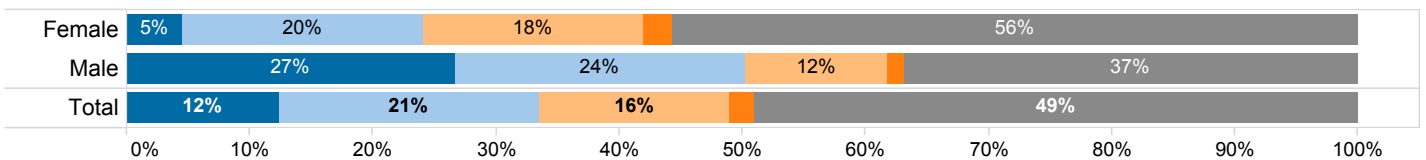
The investigation process is fair to the person who allegedly committed the sexual misconduct.



The hearing process is fair to the person who allegedly experienced the sexual misconduct.



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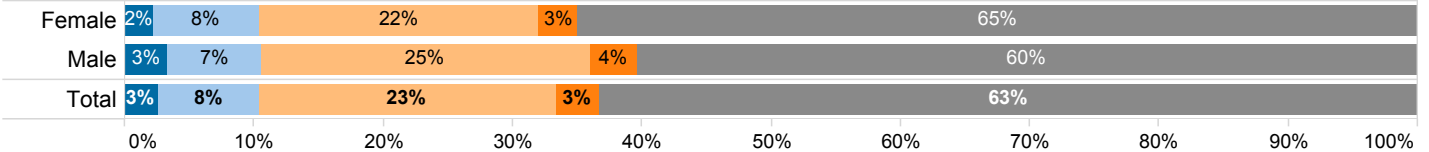
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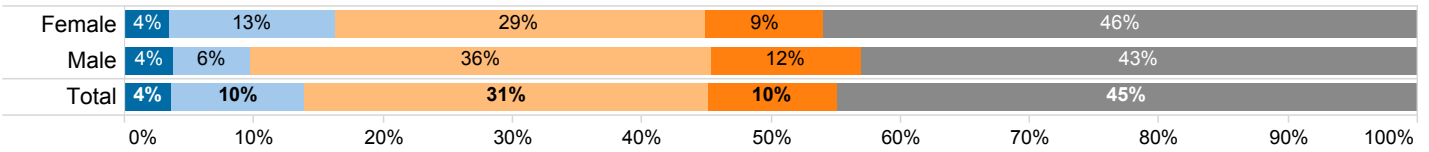
**Amherst College responds to reported information about sexual misconduct by providing:**

Academic and other kinds of support (i.e. housing modifications or other protective measures)

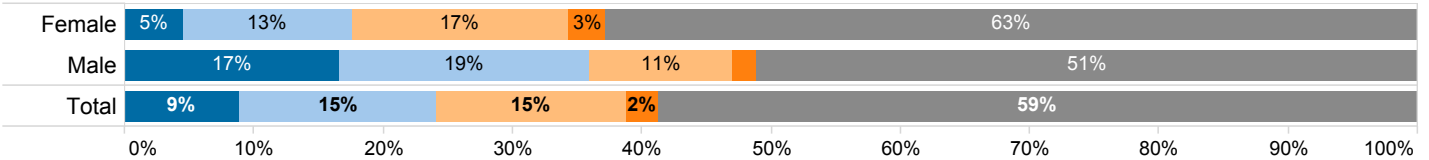
For the person who allegedly experienced the sexual misconduct.



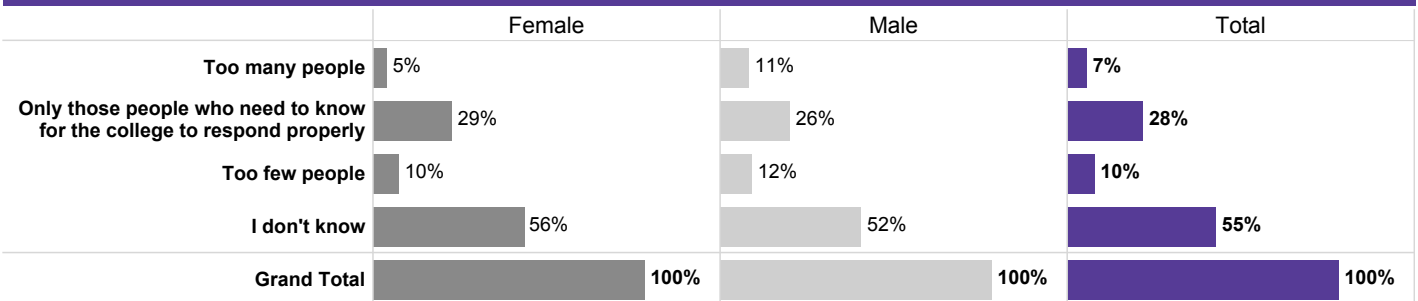
For the person who reported the alleged sexual misconduct (other than the person who experienced the sexual misconduct).



For the person who allegedly committed the sexual misconduct.



**Amherst College shares reported information about sexual misconduct with:**

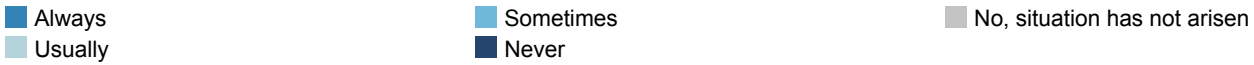




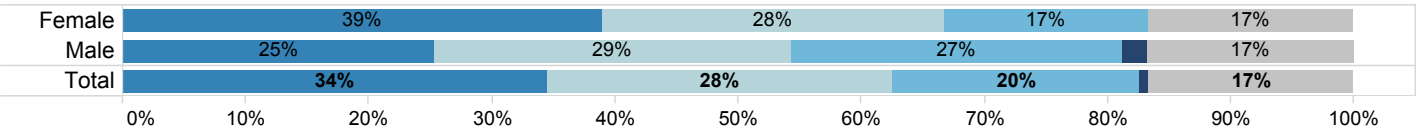
# Community Behaviors

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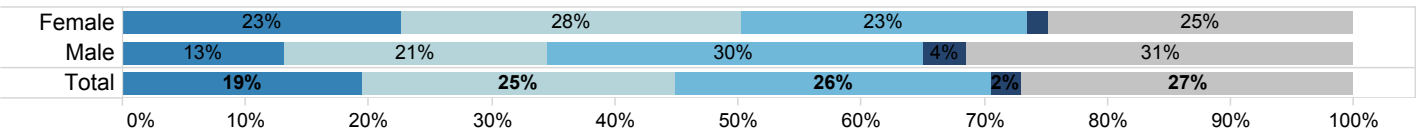
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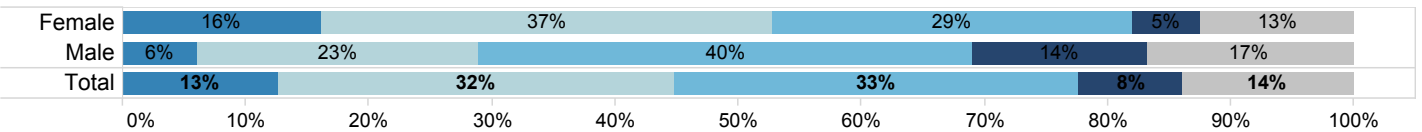
### Walked a friend who has had too much to drink home from a party, bar, or other social event.



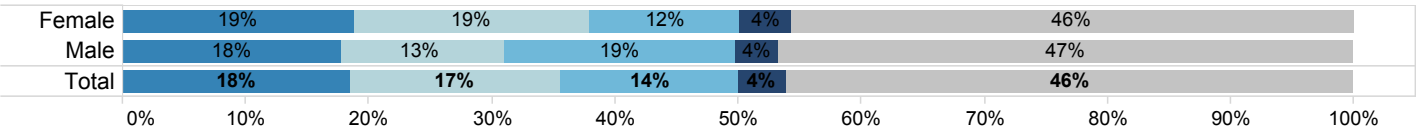
### Mentioned to a person that you were concerned about their friend at a party, bar, or social event.



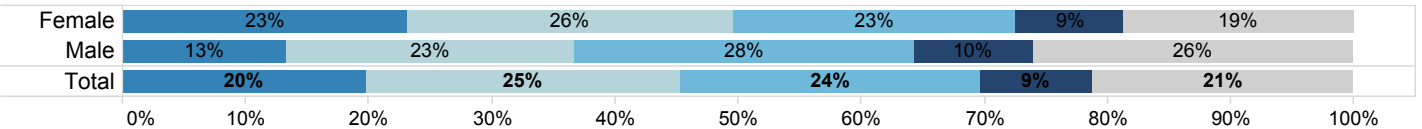
### Spoke-up against sexist jokes or comments.



### Intervened when you saw someone who was trying to take advantage of a drunk person.



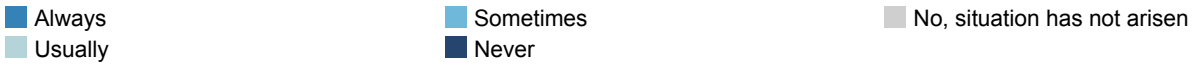
### Checked-in with a person you did not know who had too much to drink to see if they were ok.



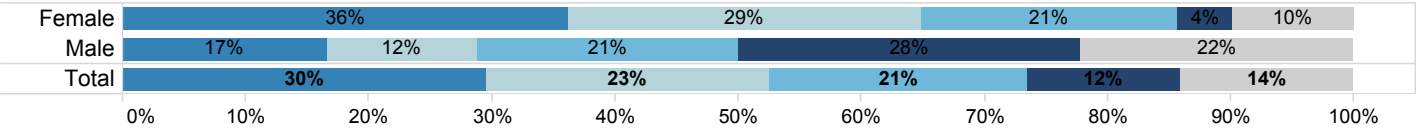
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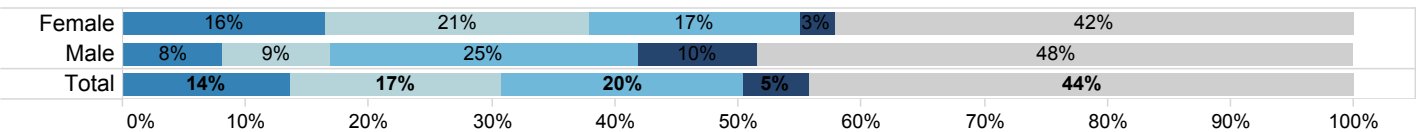
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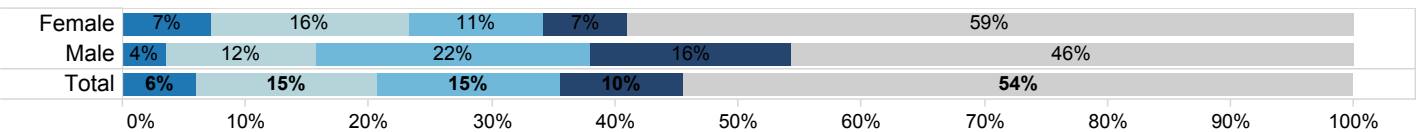
### Thought about how you would stay safe before going out.



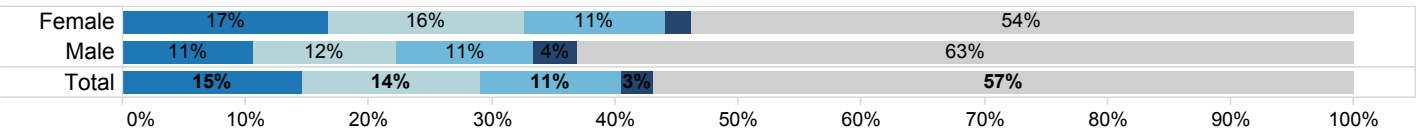
### Spoke-up when a friend shamed someone about a sexual experience.



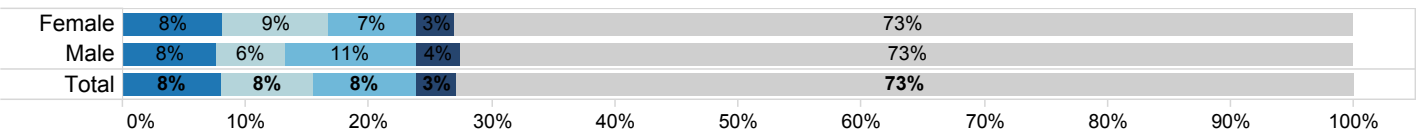
### Spoke-up when a friend bragged about a sexual experience in a way that degraded the partner.



### Checked-in with a person who you are concerned is in a relationship that is physically or emotionally unsafe.



### Checked-in with a person who you are concerned is being physically or emotionally abusive with their partner.



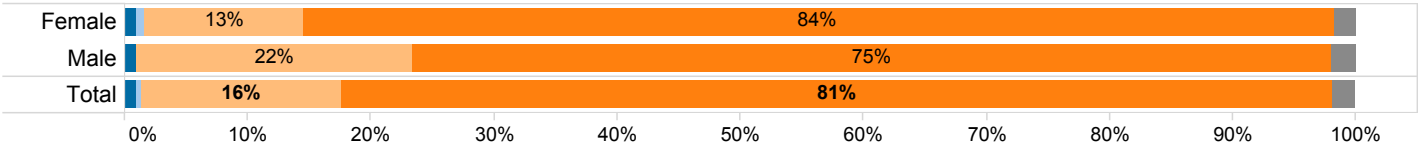
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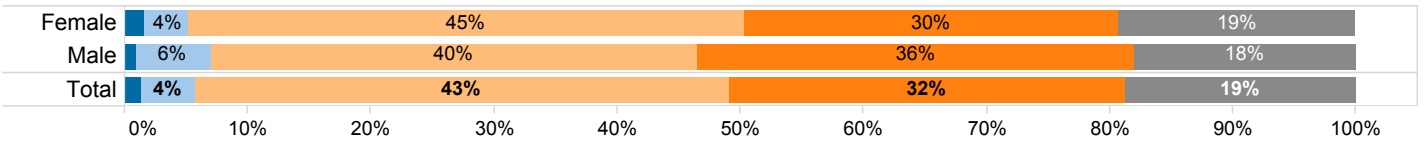
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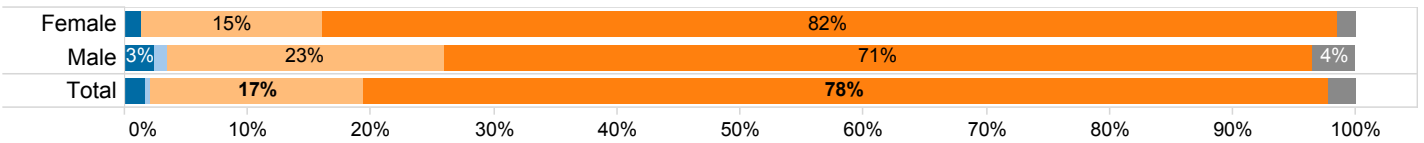
**I would respect someone who did something to prevent a sexual assault.**



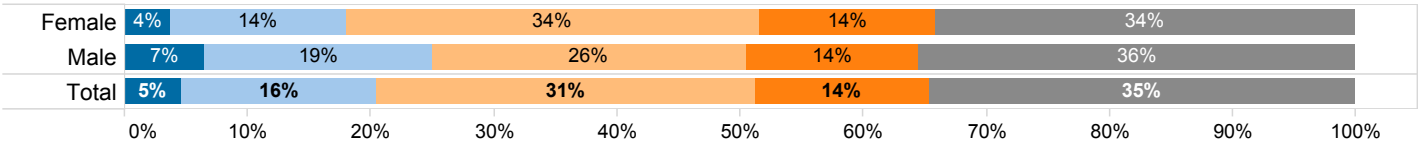
**If I thought, or heard rumors, that one of my friends sexually assaulted or raped someone, I would confront them.**



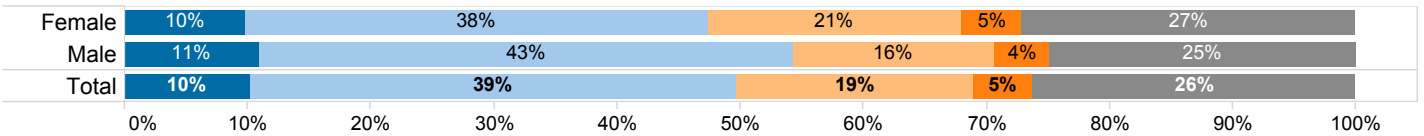
**If one of my friends said that having sex with someone who is passed out or very intoxicated is okay, I would express disagreement.**



**I would tell a faculty or staff member if a friend committed sexual misconduct.**



**A person who reports sexual misconduct will experience social exclusion on campus.**



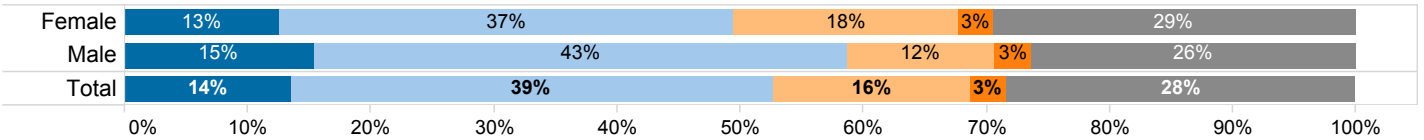
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 ■ I don't know

**A person who reports sexual misconduct will experience retaliation on campus (not including social exclusion).**



**My friends watch out for me if it seems like something bad might happen at a party, bar, or social event.**

