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In Fall 2020, the Title IX Coordinator in collaboration with the Offices of the Dean of Students, Health Promotions, and Sponsored Research administered the Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct Survey for Skidmore College.

This survey covered several topic areas including: demographics, personal views related to Skidmore's sexual and gender-based misconduct (SGBM) policies, and personal experiences with SGBM specific to Skidmore students. The results are intended to assess student understanding of and knowledge about the policies and the prevalence of sexual misconduct experiences among our students as well as inform policy adjustments for the future.

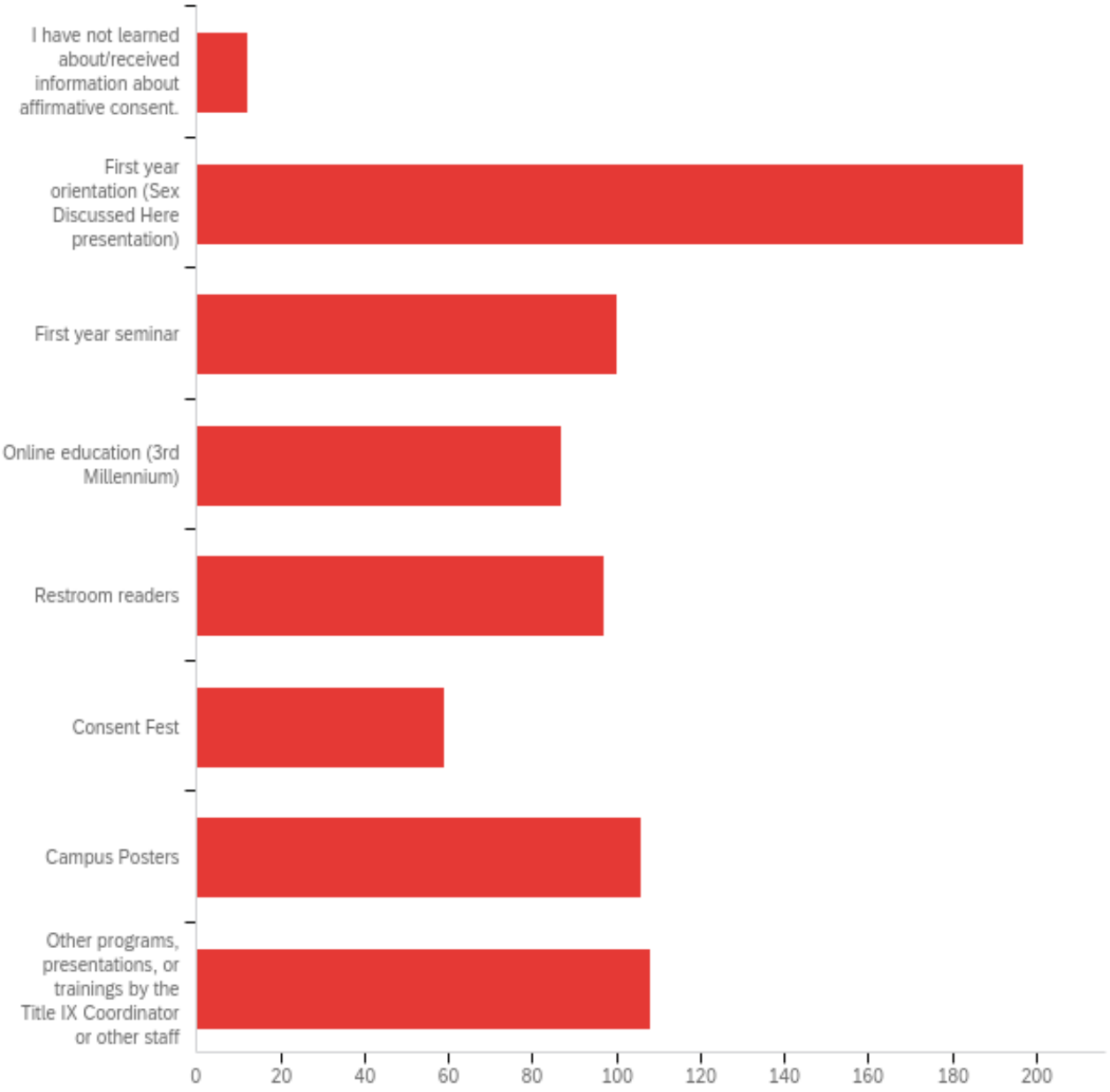
For this survey, 336 students out of an approximate student body of 2,582 agreed to participate in this study, representing an approximate 13% response rate, though participants were not required to answer every question and were able to stop their participation in the survey at any time. The following information is from those participants who chose to answer and/or self-identify:

Beliefs

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Sexual and gender-based misconduct is a pervasive problem at Skidmore.	3.02%	18.11%	26.79%	41.13%	10.94%
I am likely to experience sexual or gender-based misconduct during my time as a Skidmore student.	10.90%	28.57%	23.31%	28.20%	9.02%
Skidmore takes reports of sexual and gender-based misconduct seriously.	4.92%	16.67%	33.71%	34.85%	9.85%
Skidmore takes prevention of sexual and gender-based misconduct seriously.	5.26%	16.54%	31.20%	37.97%	9.02%
I am familiar with the Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct Policy.	1.50%	20.30%	14.29%	46.24%	17.67%
Other students are familiar with the Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct Policy.	6.02%	26.32%	35.34%	27.82%	4.51%
I feel safe on Skidmore's campus.	1.13%	5.26%	21.80%	53.76%	18.05%
I feel safe off campus in Saratoga Springs	4.51%	21.80%	25.94%	39.47%	8.27%
I worry that I may violate the Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct Policy	69.17%	25.56%	4.14%	1.13%	0.00%

Affirmative Consent

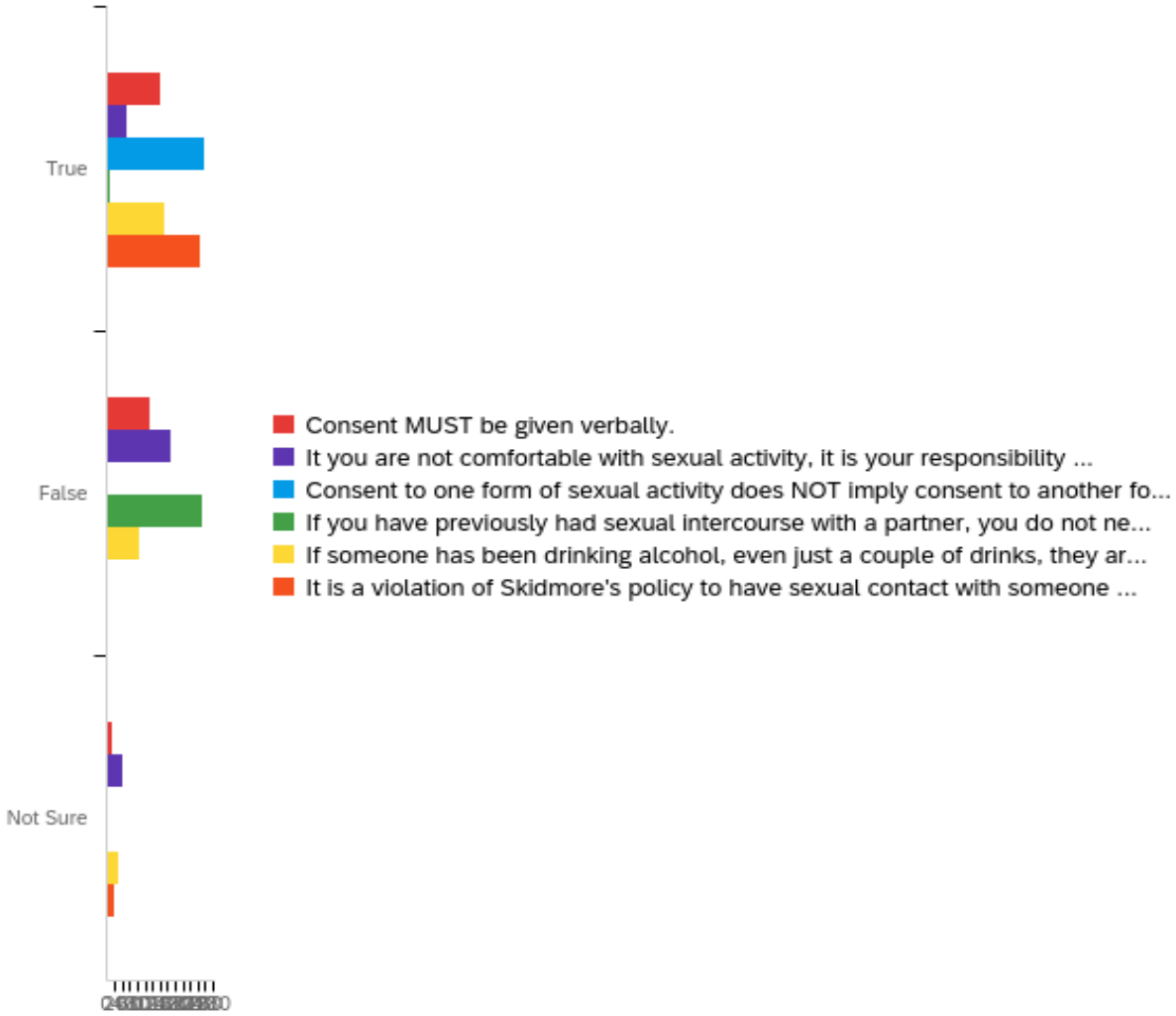
Where do you remember learning about/received information about affirmative consent? (Please check all that apply)



Agree/Disagree:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I have a good understanding of affirmative consent.	1.50%	1.88%	27.44%	69.17%
Obtaining affirmative consent is a priority for me in my encounters.	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
Affirmative consent is consistent with my value system.	0.00%	0.38%	16.98%	82.64%
I believe that my peers prioritize affirmative consent in their encounters.	3.41%	14.77%	59.47%	22.35%
I would like more education about affirmative consent.	4.91%	27.17%	48.68%	19.25%

Skidmore Policy



Question	TRUE	FALSE	Not Sure
Consent MUST be given verbally.	52.45%	42.26%	5.28%
It you are not comfortable with sexual activity, it is your responsibility to say "no."	20.68%	63.16%	16.17%
Consent to one form of sexual activity does NOT imply consent to another form of sexual activity.	98.49%	0.38%	1.13%
If you have previously had sexual intercourse with a partner, you do not need to obtain affirmative consent if you have sexual intercourse again in the future.	3.01%	95.11%	1.88%
If someone has been drinking alcohol, even just a couple of drinks, they are not capable of giving affirmative consent.	57.14%	31.95%	10.90%
It is a violation of Skidmore's policy to have sexual contact with someone who is incapacitated by alcohol, drugs, sleep, or illness.	92.48%	1.13%	6.39%

Prevalence of Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct[1]

Sexual Touching, Disrobing, and/or Exposure*:*

- Out of 78 responses to this section, 26.97% of participants reported having experienced some form of unwanted sexual touching, disrobing, and/or exposure
- 10.26% told a confidential resource, 10.26% filed a report with the College, and no one filed with law enforcement. 74.36% did not report.
- Approximately half of these described that they encountered another instances of unwanted sexual touching, disrobing, and/or exposure with the majority not reporting the second instance.

Sexual Harassment:

- Out of 264 responses to this section, 17.42% of participants reported having experienced sexual harassment.
- 10.87% told a confidential resource, 8.70% filed a report with the College, and approximately 2 percent filed with law enforcement. 78.26% did not report.
- 23.91% experienced a second instance of sexual harassment with the majority not reporting.

Sexual Exploitation:

- Out of 263 responses to this section, 4.94% of participants reported having experienced sexual exploitation
- 7.69% told a confidential resource, 15.38% filed a report with the College, and no one filed with law enforcement. 76.92% did not report to anyone.
- 15.38% experienced a second instance of sexual exploitation with none reporting.

Sexual Penetration:

- Out of 262 responses to this section, 9.54% of participants reported having experienced sexual penetration without consent.
- 11.54% told a confidential resource, 15.38% filed a report with the College, and no one filed with law enforcement. 65.38% did not report to anyone.
- 21.92% experienced a second instance of sexual penetration without consent with none reporting.

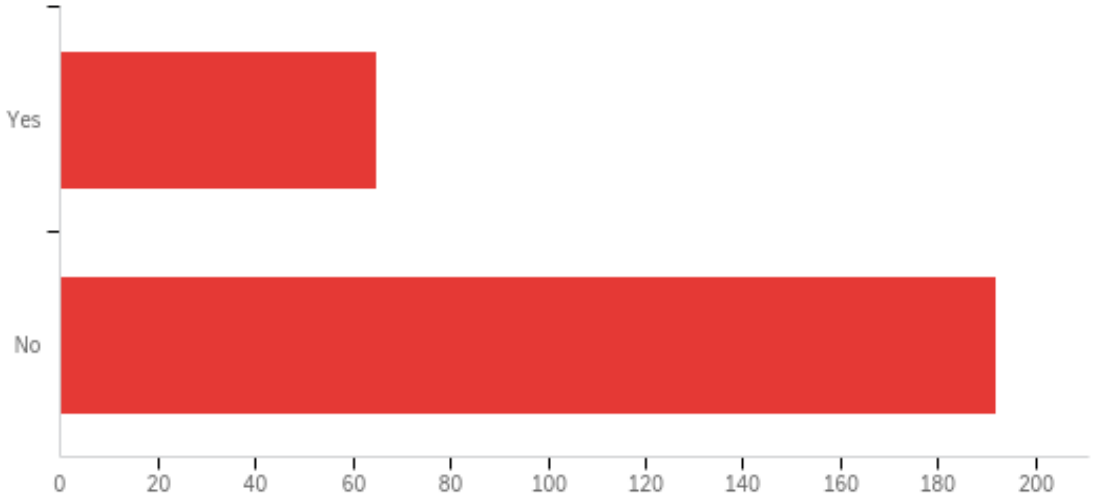
Dating and Domestic Violence:

- Out of 262 responses to this section, 10.34% of participants reported having experienced dating or domestic violence.
- 3.57% told a confidential resource, 15.38% filed a report with the College, and 3.57% filed with law enforcement. 75% did not report to anyone.
- 21.43% experienced a second instance of dating or domestic violence with the majority not reporting.

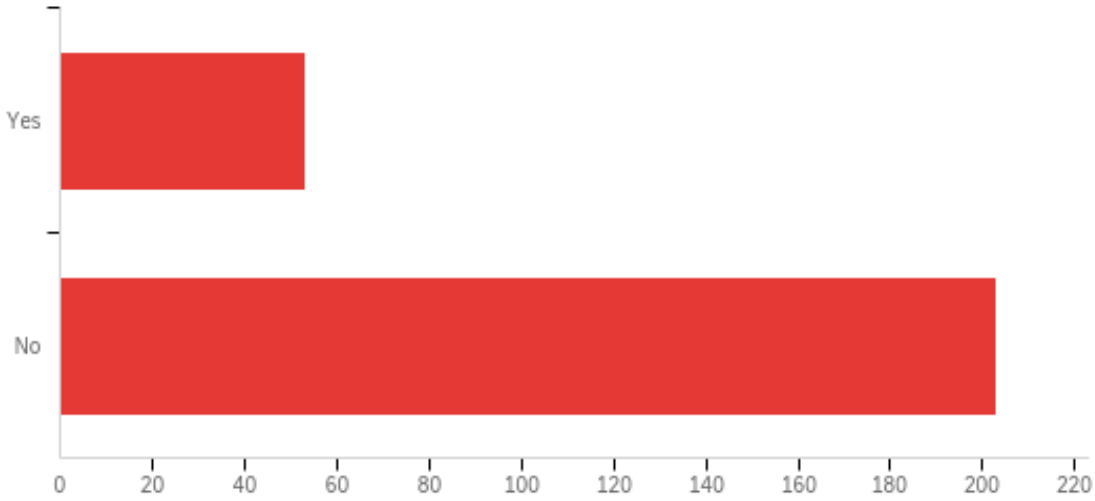
[1] Please visit the SGBM website for definitions.

General Questions

During your time at Skidmore, have you felt pressured into having sex (oral, anal, or vaginal)?



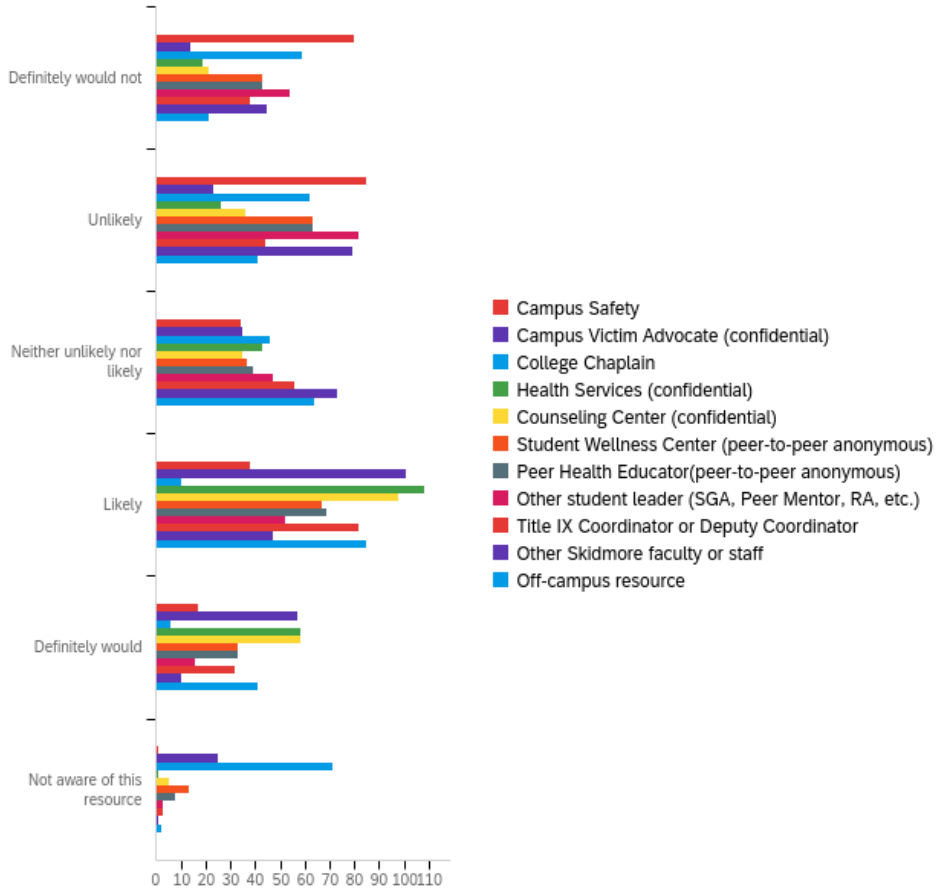
During your time at Skidmore, have you had sex when you didn't want to (oral, anal, or vaginal)?



On average, how often during a Skidmore semester do you witness the following:

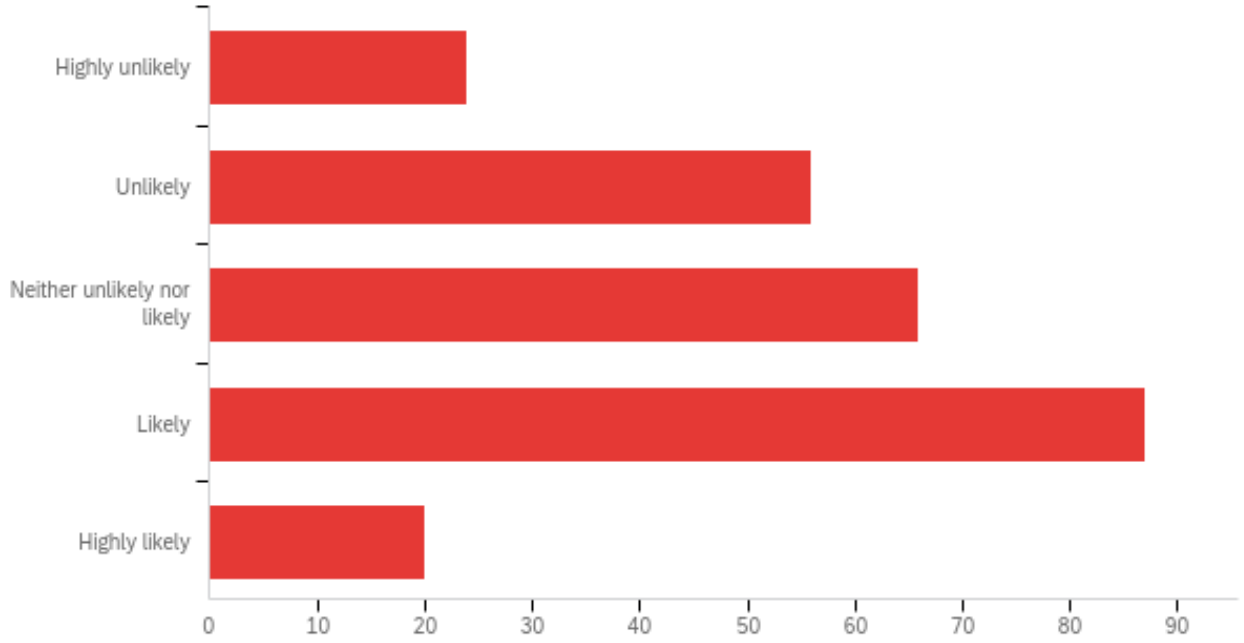
Question	Never	Once or twice a semester	Approximately once per month	Multiple times per month
Someone being pressured to consume alcohol	42.41%	33.07%	14.79%	9.73%
Someone being pressured to use drugs (including marijuana)	58.37%	26.07%	8.95%	6.61%
Someone taking advantage of someone sexually/attempting to take advantage of someone sexually	66.01%	28.06%	4.35%	1.58%

If you experienced sexual misconduct, how likely would you be to seek assistance from:



Question	Definitely would not	Unlikely	Neither unlikely nor likely	Likely	Definitely would	Not aware of this resource
Campus Safety	31.37%	33.33%	13.33%	14.90%	6.67%	0.39%
Campus Victim Advocate (confidential)	5.49%	9.02%	13.73%	39.61%	22.35%	9.80%
College Chaplain	23.23%	24.41%	18.11%	3.94%	2.36%	27.95%
Health Services (confidential)	7.45%	10.20%	16.86%	42.35%	22.75%	0.39%
Counseling Center (confidential)	8.30%	14.23%	13.83%	38.74%	22.92%	1.98%
Student Wellness Center (peer-to-peer anonymous)	16.80%	24.61%	14.45%	26.17%	12.89%	5.08%
Peer Health Educator(peer-to-peer anonymous)	16.86%	24.71%	15.29%	27.06%	12.94%	3.14%
Other student leader (SGA, Peer Mentor, RA, etc.)	21.26%	32.28%	18.50%	20.47%	6.30%	1.18%
Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator	14.90%	17.25%	21.96%	32.16%	12.55%	1.18%
Other Skidmore faculty or staff	17.65%	30.98%	28.63%	18.43%	3.92%	0.39%
Off-campus resource	8.27%	16.14%	25.20%	33.46%	16.14%	0.79%

If you experienced sexual misconduct, how likely do you think you would be to file a formal complaint with Skidmore?



Demographics

Gender Identity:

Male	23.35%
Female	70.82%
Transgender	1.17%
Gender Nonconforming	1.56%
Self-Identify:	1.56%
I elect not to answer.	1.56%

Sexual Orientation:

Heterosexual	55.86%
Gay	1.95%
Lesbian	2.34%
Bisexual	26.95%
Self-Identify:	8.98%
I elect not to answer.	3.91%

Race:

White	76.92%
Hispanic or Latino	4.76%
Black or African American	4.03%
Native American or American Indian	0.00%
Asian/Pacific Islander	11.36%
Self-Identify	2.20%
I elect not to answer.	0.73%

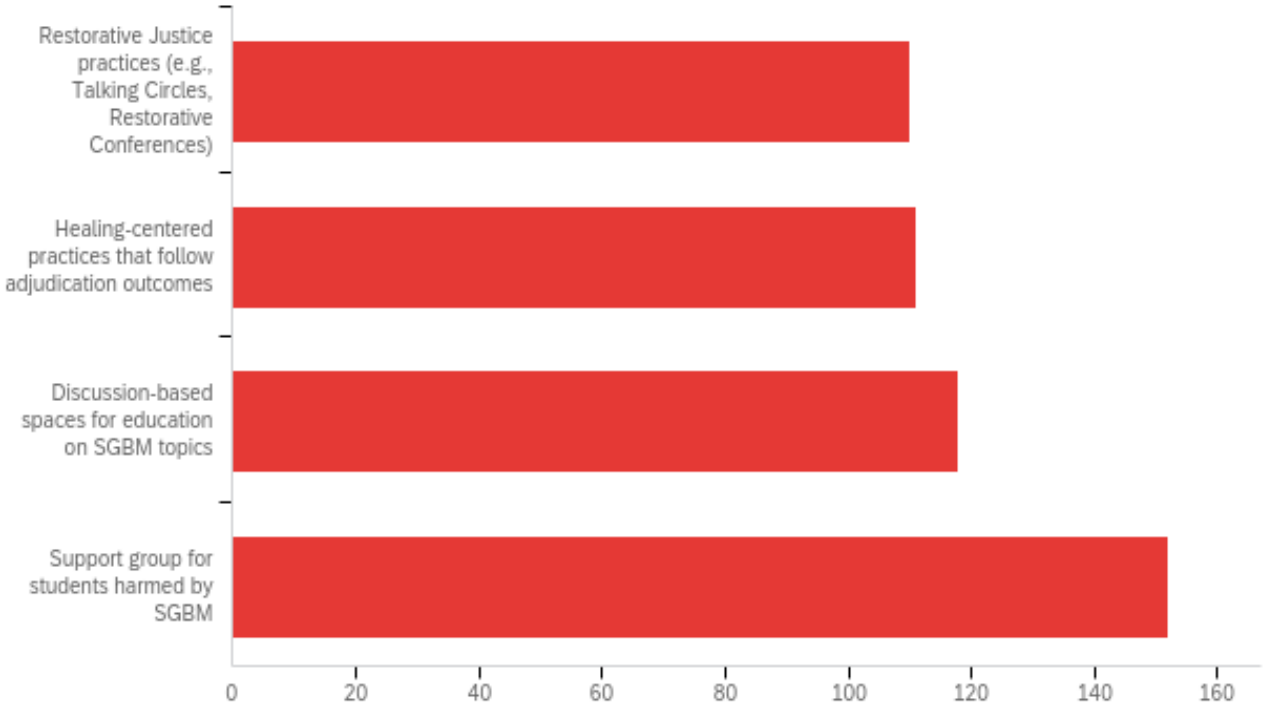
For participants who provided an additional category to self-identify, those were as follows:

- Gender Identity: Nonbinary, NB, and Gender-fluid
- Sexual Orientation: Demisexual, Queer, Pansexual, Questioning, Heteroromantic, and Asexual
- Race: Mixed or Mixed Race

There were a few additional self-identifying demographic categories provided that could not be included due to privacy. Additionally, 5.84% of participants identified as international students, and participants by class year were comparable across all years.

Additional Services and Resources

What, if any, additional options or resources would you like to see added that would address students' needs in relation to understanding, healing, and/or justice? If there is an option not listed below that you would like to see, there will be opportunities in the spring for additional discussion and feedback.



Resource	%
Restorative Justice practices (e.g., Talking Circles, Restorative Conferences)	22.40%
Healing-centered practices that follow adjudication outcomes	22.61%
Discussion-based spaces for education on SGBM topics	24.03%
Support group for students harmed by SGBM	30.96%