



Sexual Assault Data Report, 2020

May 17, 2021

Authors

Jia Mikuls

Research Analyst
Tel: 651-259-3929
Jia.Mikuls@state.mn.us

Meredith Fergus

Director of Research and SLEDs
Tel: 651-259-3963
Meredith.Fergus@state.mn.us

About the Minnesota Office of Higher Education

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education is a cabinet-level state agency providing students with financial aid programs and information to help them gain access to postsecondary education. The agency also serves as the state's clearinghouse for data, research and analysis on postsecondary enrollment, financial aid, finance and trends.

The Minnesota State Grant Program is the largest financial aid program administered by the Office of Higher Education, awarding up to \$207 million in need-based grants to Minnesota residents attending eligible colleges, universities and career schools in Minnesota. The agency oversees other state scholarship programs, tuition reciprocity programs, a student loan program, Minnesota's 529 College Savings Plan, licensing and early college awareness programs for youth.

About This Report

This is a legislative-mandated report. As requested by Minnesota Statutes, section 3.197, this report cost approximately \$3,611.50 to prepare, including staff time for survey design, data collection, and data analysis.

Minnesota Office of Higher Education

1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55108-5227
Tel: 651.642.0567 or 800.657.3866
TTY Relay: 800.627.3529
Fax: 651.642.0675
Email: info.ohe@state.mn.us

Table of Contents

Executive Summary	1
Key Takeaways	1
Data Privacy	2
Sexual Assault Data	3

Executive Summary

The Office of Higher Education is required by the Minnesota Legislature to publish the Sexual Assault Data Report, which includes information regarding the outcomes of sexual assault incidents reported to postsecondary institutions. The Minnesota Legislature ([Minn. Stat. 135A.15](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/135A.15))¹ mandated this report beginning in Fiscal Year 2016 (data for calendar year 2015) which requires eligible postsecondary institutions to report sexual assault incidents and the outcomes of institutional investigations, if applicable.

Key Takeaways

- Since calendar year 2015, postsecondary institutions have received a cumulative 2,041 reports of sexual assault incidents. The number of reports of sexual assault incidents have steadily increased in the past four years, with the exception of 2020 (2019 calendar year).
- About 2 in 5 incidents of sexual assault reported to the postsecondary institution were investigated (42.28%).
- About 1 in 6 (17.69%) incidents of sexual assault reported to the postsecondary institution were also reported to law enforcement, to the institutions' knowledge.
- The number one reason cited by institutions for an institutional investigation not being opened is that the complainant chose not to participate in the disciplinary process, as was the case for 728 out of 1,747 incidents from 2017-2020, or 41.67% of incidents. Complainants sometimes elect this route to receive supportive measures without undergoing a Title IX investigation. Note that the outcome *Victim Did Not Participate Pre-Disciplinary Process* was added to the report in 2017, and therefore 2016 data is unavailable for this calculation.
- The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and the federal changes made to Title IX law in May 2020 remain to be seen; calendar year 2020 data will be collected in fall 2021 for the 2021 Sexual Assault Data Report.

¹ <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/135A.15>

Data Privacy

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) adheres to current federal and state data privacy laws and best practices to protect the privacy of individual students. [Minn. Stat. § 135A.15, Subd. 6](#)² requires that reports and data are prepared and published as summary data, as defined in [Minn. Stat. § 13.02, Subd. 19](#)³ and are consistent with federal and state laws governing access to educational data and student privacy.

OHE's policy for complying with federal and state data privacy laws is to suppress student data in cells containing fewer than 10 students. In this report, cells with counts under 10 are suppressed, including zero values that follow an initial nonzero outcome from which information could be inferred.

² <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/135A.15#stat.135A.15.6>

³ <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/13.02#stat.13.02.19>

Sexual Assault Data

Table 1: Statewide Summary of Report Outcomes, 2020

Category	Category Definition	State Total
Incidents Reported to Institution	The number of incidents of sexual assault reported to the institution during the prior calendar year within the scope defined above (total incidents)	440
Investigated	Of incidents reported to the institution, the number that were investigated by the institution to determine whether the institution's policy was violated	197
Referred for Disciplinary Process	Of incidents that were investigated, the number that were referred for a disciplinary process at the institution	127
Reported to Law Enforcement	The number of total incidents reported to the institution in which the alleged victim chose to report to local or state law enforcement, to the extent that the institution is aware	82
Disciplinary Process Pending	The number for which a campus disciplinary process is pending, but has not reached a final resolution at the beginning of the data collection period (fall following the calendar year)	<10
Respondent Found Responsible	The number in which the respondent(s) was/were found responsible for sexual assault by the disciplinary process at the institution	84
Action Greater than a Warning	The number that resulted in any action by the institution greater than a warning issued to the respondent	86
Closed Without Resolution	The number that resulted in a disciplinary process at the institution that closed without resolution	<10
Closed Without Resolution - Respondent Withdrew	Of those that closed without resolution, the number that resulted in a disciplinary process at the institution that closed without resolution because the respondent withdrew from the institution	<10
Closed Without Resolution - Victim Did Not Participate	Of those that closed without resolution, the number that resulted in a disciplinary process at the institution that closed without resolution because the alleged victim chose not to participate in the process	<10
Victim Did Not Participate Pre-Disciplinary Process	The number in which the alleged victim chose not to participate in the institution's process prior to a disciplinary process beginning	202
Reports via Online Reporting System	The number of reports made through the online reporting system established in Minn. Stat. § 135A.15, subd. 5, excluding reports submitted anonymously	110

Table 2: Total Incidents and Investigation Initiations of Sexual Assault by Report Year

Report Year	Incidents Reported to Institution	Reports via Online Reporting System	Investigated	Victim Did Not Participate Pre-Disciplinary Process*	Referred for Disciplinary Process	Reported to Law Enforcement
2016	294	28	156	Not Available	109	54
2017	400	42	172	141	131	82
2018	416	86	168	155	130	66
2019	491	81	170	230	94	77
2020	440	110	197	202	127	82
Total	2,041	347	863	728	591	361

Please note that the Report Year includes data from the previous calendar year. For instance, the 2020 report includes incidents reported to the institution between January 1 and December 31, 2019 and the associated outcomes. These data do not denote when the incident itself occurred.

*The outcome *Victim did not Participate Pre-Disciplinary Process* was added to the report in 2017, and is unavailable for report year 2016.

Source: Sexual Assault Data Report survey years 2016-2020

Table 3: Total Incidents and Investigation Outcomes of Sexual Assault by Report Year

Report Year	Incidents Reported to Institution	Respondent Found Responsible	Action Greater than a Warning	Closed Without Resolution (CWR)	CWR – Respondent Withdrew	CWR – Victim Did Not Participate	Disciplinary Process Pending
2016	294	68	79	14	<10	28	<10
2017	400	89	101	<10	<10	<10	<10
2018	416	74	82	20	<10	12	<10
2019	491	53	61	15	<10	<10	<10
2020	440	84	86	<10	<10	<10	<10
Total	2,041	368	409	61	16	49	11

Please note that the Report Year includes data from the previous calendar year. For instance, the 2020 report includes incidents reported to the institution between January 1 and December 31, 2019 and the associated outcomes. These data do not denote when the incident itself occurred.

Source: Sexual Assault Data Report survey years 2016-2020

Table 4: Total Incidents and Investigation Initiations of Sexual Assault by Institution

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Reports via Online Reporting System	Investigated	Victim Did Not Participate Pre-Disciplinary Process	Referred for Disciplinary Process	Reported to Law Enforcement
Adler Graduate School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexandria Technical and Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anoka Technical College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Anoka-Ramsey Community College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Augsburg University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Aveda Institute Minneapolis	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Bemidji State University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Bethany Lutheran College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Bethel University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Carleton College	23	15	20	<10	<10	<10
Central Lakes College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Century College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
College of Saint Benedict/St. John's University	15	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
College of St. Scholastica	10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Reports via Online Reporting System	Investigated	Victim Did Not Participate Pre-Disciplinary Process	Referred for Disciplinary Process	Reported to Law Enforcement
Concordia College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Concordia University St. Paul	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Crown College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dakota County Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dunwoody College of Technology	0	0	0	0	0	0
Empire Beauty School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Gustavus Adolphus College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Hamline University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Hennepin Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herzing University	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hibbing Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Institute of Production and Recording	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inver Hills Community College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Reports via Online Reporting System	Investigated	Victim Did Not Participate Pre-Disciplinary Process	Referred for Disciplinary Process	Reported to Law Enforcement
Itasca Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Superior College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Leech Lake Tribal College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macalester College	12	31	12	<10	11	<10
Martin Luther College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Mesabi Range College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Metropolitan State University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Minneapolis College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis College of Art & Design	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Minnesota School of Cosmetology	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota State College Southeast	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota State Community and Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota State University, Mankato	26	<10	26	12	11	<10
Minnesota State University Moorhead	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Reports via Online Reporting System	Investigated	Victim Did Not Participate Pre-Disciplinary Process	Referred for Disciplinary Process	Reported to Law Enforcement
Minnesota West Community and Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitchell Hamline School of Law	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Model College of Hair Design	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normandale Community College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
North Central University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
North Hennepin Community College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Northland Community and Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwestern Health Sciences University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
PCI Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Technical and Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainy River Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rasmussen College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Reports via Online Reporting System	Investigated	Victim Did Not Participate Pre-Disciplinary Process	Referred for Disciplinary Process	Reported to Law Enforcement
Red Lake Nation College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgewater College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Riverland Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rochester Community and Technical College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Saint Paul College	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Central College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Minnesota State University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
St. Catherine University	16	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
St. Cloud State University	18	<10	12	<10	<10	<10
St. Cloud Technical and Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Olaf College	28	10	<10	23	<10	<10
Summit Academy Opportunities Industrialization Center	0	0	0	0	0	0

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Reports via Online Reporting System	Investigated	Victim Did Not Participate Pre-Disciplinary Process	Referred for Disciplinary Process	Reported to Law Enforcement
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of Minnesota Crookston	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of Minnesota Duluth	12	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
University of Minnesota Morris	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
University of Minnesota Rochester	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	124	<10	23	101	23	19
University of Northwestern St. Paul	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
University of St. Thomas	16	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Vermilion Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Earth Tribal and Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winona State University	19	<10	<10	10	<10	<10
State Total	440	110	197	202	127	82

Table 5: Total Incidents and Investigation Outcomes of Sexual Assault by Institution

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Respondent Found Responsible	Action Greater than a Warning	Closed Without Resolution (CWR)	CWR – Respondent Withdrew	CWR – Victim Did Not Participate	Disciplinary Process Pending
Adler Graduate School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexandria Technical and Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anoka Technical College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Anoka-Ramsey Community College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Augsburg University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Aveda Institute Minneapolis	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Bemidji State University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Bethany Lutheran College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Bethel University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Carleton College	23	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Central Lakes College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Century College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
College of Saint Benedict/St. John's University	15	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
College of St. Scholastica	10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Respondent Found Responsible	Action Greater than a Warning	Closed Without Resolution (CWR)	CWR – Respondent Withdrew	CWR – Victim Did Not Participate	Disciplinary Process Pending
Concordia College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Concordia University St. Paul	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Crown College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dakota County Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dunwoody College of Technology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Empire Beauty School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Gustavus Adolphus College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Hamline University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Hennepin Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herzing University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hibbing Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Institute of Production and Recording	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inver Hills Community College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Itasca Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Respondent Found Responsible	Action Greater than a Warning	Closed Without Resolution (CWR)	CWR – Respondent Withdrew	CWR – Victim Did Not Participate	Disciplinary Process Pending
Lake Superior College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Leech Lake Tribal College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macalester College	12	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Martin Luther College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Mesabi Range College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Metropolitan State University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Minneapolis College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis College of Art & Design	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Minnesota School of Cosmetology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota State College Southeast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota State Community and Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota State University, Mankato	26	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Minnesota State University Moorhead	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Minnesota West Community and Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Respondent Found Responsible	Action Greater than a Warning	Closed Without Resolution (CWR)	CWR – Respondent Withdrew	CWR – Victim Did Not Participate	Disciplinary Process Pending
Mitchell Hamline School of Law	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Model College of Hair Design	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normandale Community College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
North Central University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
North Hennepin Community College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Northland Community and Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Technical College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwestern Health Sciences University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
PCI Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Technical and Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainy River Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rasmussen College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Red Lake Nation College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgewater College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Respondent Found Responsible	Action Greater than a Warning	Closed Without Resolution (CWR)	CWR – Respondent Withdrew	CWR – Victim Did Not Participate	Disciplinary Process Pending
Riverland Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rochester Community and Technical College	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Saint Paul College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Central College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Minnesota State University	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
St. Catherine University	16	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
St. Cloud State University	18	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
St. Cloud Technical and Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Olaf College	28	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Summit Academy Opportunities Industrialization Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Institution Name	Incidents Reported to Institution	Respondent Found Responsible	Action Greater than a Warning	Closed Without Resolution (CWR)	CWR – Respondent Withdrew	CWR – Victim Did Not Participate	Disciplinary Process Pending
University of Minnesota Crookston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of Minnesota Duluth	12	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
University of Minnesota Morris	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
University of Minnesota Rochester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	124	16	15	<10	<10	<10	<10
University of Northwestern St. Paul	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
University of St. Thomas	16	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Vermilion Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Earth Tribal and Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winona State University	19	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
State Total	440	84	86	<10	<10	<10	<10



2021