

SPRING 2023 CAMPUS CLIMATE SURVEY REPORT



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I. Introduction

Willamette University partnered with <u>The Higher Education</u> <u>Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS)</u> to conduct its first campus climate survey in Fall semester, 2019, in order to better understand the experiences of students, faculty, staff, and administrators relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion. In February, 2023, the university conducted a new climate survey, again using the HEDS Diversity and Equity Campus Climate Survey.

The survey was open from February 5th to March 5th and the University Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee supported the advertising and communicating of details. Each member of our community received an email from Emilio Solano, Assistant Provost for Institutional Equity & Community Engagement, with a link to participate. The survey asked students, faculty, staff, and administrators about their:

- 1. Perceptions of Willamette's climate,
- 2. Perceptions of how Willamette supports diversity and equity, and
- 3. Experiences with discrimination and harassment at Willamette.

A total of 3128 members of the Willamette community - 2229 students and 899 faculty, staff, and administrators - were in the population sent a survey invitation. Calculation of a single, formal response rate is confounded by skipped questions and incomplete surveys. Approximately 760 persons responded in a meaningful way to the survey, which translates to a response rate of approximately 24%.

Solano and Kelley Strawn (Associate Provost for Institutional Research) constructed this report with support and feedback from the University DEI Committee. A list of committee members are <u>listed here</u>. As a reminder, when there are campus climate concerns, representatives of this committee should be seen as people that community members can connect with to express those concerns.

Surveys are just one instrument of an ongoing process to better understand and improve our campus climate. A core objective of this report is to prompt community discussions about campus climate. In order to encourage community members to think through the results on their own, we have deliberately inserted only limited and general interpretations about the statistics and graphics that follow. If community members have questions that could be answered by further disaggregating data than what is offered in this report, they may make that request to the Office of Institutional Research for consideration. During the spring 2024 semester, there will be opportunities for the campus community to engage in forums, workshops, and focus groups to discuss survey results and their implications for our community in an effort towards continuous cultivation of our campus climate for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

II. Data Interpretation

This report shares tables and graphics that summarize key aspects of the survey results. Everyone should use informed caution in their interpretation of the statistical results. One cannot use the statistical results reported here to draw strict or narrow conclusions about any of the characteristics of our population - that is, we cannot generalize the results to the entire campus community. The method of administering the survey does not allow for any assumption of random selection of actual participants, thus it does not allow for an assumption of representativeness of all responses actually received. In our analysis and discussion, we can control for several important characteristics of participants, but this does not ensure that statistics have been derived from representative data-collection procedures.

Nonetheless, the statistics that we derive from the survey data are useful, if utilized appropriately. For instance, one can examine raw counts for a particular variable and conclude that this count represents the absolute minimum number of community members who might respond in the manner being counted. Also, there is utility in interpreting statistics through the frame of reference of, "Among the nearly 25% of our community who responded, ___ indicated that ..." If these and other cautions are deployed, then the results of the survey become useful in a variety of ways that are meaningful to our community, but which stop short of drawing strict inferences about any "true" statistical characteristics of our populations.

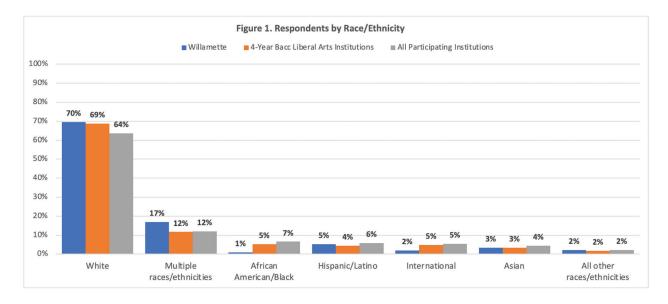
Maintaining the anonymity of individual responses is a paramount priority. In any study, anonymity can be threatened when small-cell counts for certain subgroups of respondents are reported; this risk is increased as response rates decrease. With this risk in mind, not every potentially interesting breakdown of the response data could be included in the reporting below.

III. Who Responded

The following graphs summarize different demographic characteristics of who completed the survey at Willamette, and compare our rates of response (a) to other 4-year liberal arts institutions and (b) to all institutions that completed the HEDS Diversity and Equity Campus Climate Survey during the same academic year.

RACE/ETHNICITY

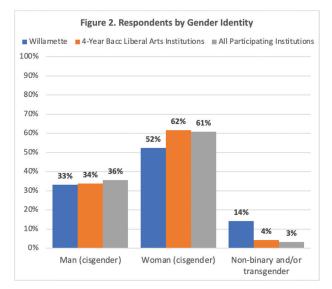
The composition of the Willamette survey sample with respect to race/ethnic identification is about 70% white, 17% multiple identities, and 13% other non-multiple, non-white identities (see Figure 1). This is loosely consistent with the race/ethnic composition of the Willamette community over the last 4-5 years.

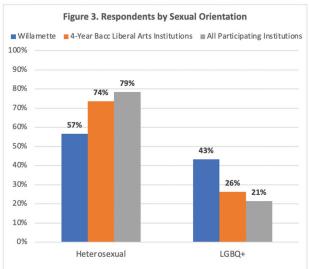


GENDER¹ & SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Just over half (52%) of the Willamette survey respondents identified themselves as woman/female (Figure 2) or as heterosexual (57%; Figure 3). On both the gender and orientation characteristics, Willamette's respondents are notably different from other 4-year liberal arts colleges and all HEDS-participating schools. Specifically, the fraction of respondents identifying themselves as being gender non-binary or transgender was 14%, or between 3- and 4-times higher than their proportion in the comparison groups; and, 43% identified themselves as LGBQ+ in the Willamette sample, which is notably higher than the proportion in the other two groups.

While the gender breakout of respondents is roughly in line with what we know about the overall community, we do not have formal records regarding the breakout of our campus population by sexual orientation.





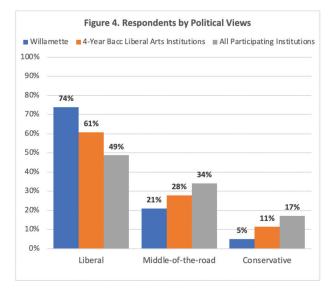
¹ Students are asked to identify their gender and if they are transgender via specific, separate questions on the survey. However, it is HEDS policy to use these only to create an aggregated variable to report back to participating campuses as a means to protect participant identity. As a result, we are unable to disaggregate questions of interest beyond the three categories of Male (cisgender), Female (cisgender), and Non-binary and/or Transgender that are presented.

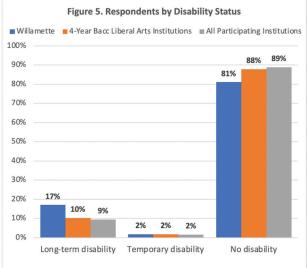
POLITICAL ORIENTATION & ABILITY STATUS

The proportion of Willamette respondents identifying themselves as politically liberal accounts for almost 3 of 4 respondents (74%; see Figure 4), a fraction notably higher than the proportion for the comparison groups. Only 21% identified as "middle-of-the-road," and only a very small proportion identified as conservative; both of these fractions are notably lower than those for the comparison groups.

While most of Willamette's respondents identified themselves as having no disability (81%; Figure 5), it is notable that the fraction that did identify having a long-term disability (17%) is distinctly higher than the two comparison groups (10% and 9%.)

No formal records are made or kept regarding either of these characteristics of the overall Willamette population; thus, we can offer no speculation on whether the survey response sample is at all reflective of the overall population.

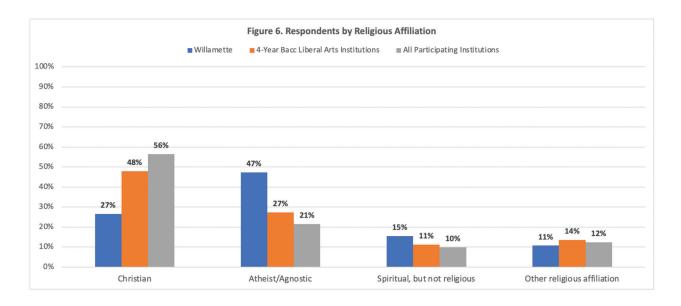




RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Well over half of Willamette respondents identified themselves as having no religious affiliation (47% atheist/agnostic and 15% spiritual but not religious; Figure 6). Our sample, then, is notably less Christian than the comparison groups (27%, compared to 48% and 56%), as well as notably less religious, overall.

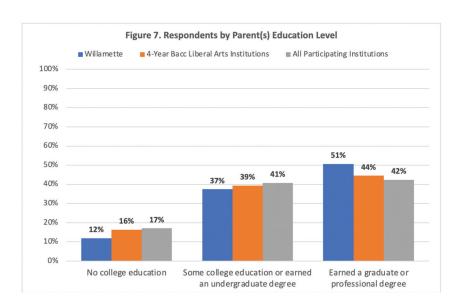
Again, no formal records are made or kept about religious affiliation in our overall population.



PARENT EDUCATION

Just over half (51%) of all Willamette respondents reported having a primary caregiver who had a graduate degree or professional degree (see Figure 7); while not dramatically different, this fraction is visibly higher than either of the two comparison groups. An additional 37% reported a primary caregiver who had some college experience or the equivalent of a bachelor's degree. And, 12% of Willamette respondents reported that their primary caregivers had no college education.

While records are made and kept on the first-in-family status of new students, we do not have such records for faculty, staff, or administration. Thus, comparisons of survey respondents to the overall population cannot be made.



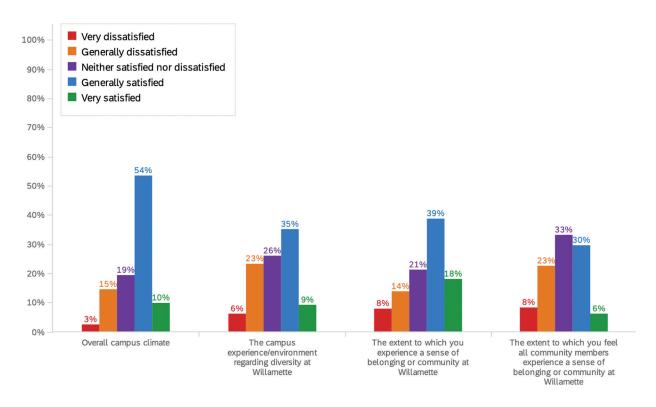
IV. General Outcomes

The following graphics and tables report on a range of attitudes regarding campus climate and institutional support for diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

CAMPUS CLIMATE FOR DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Survey Question:

"Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following at this institution."

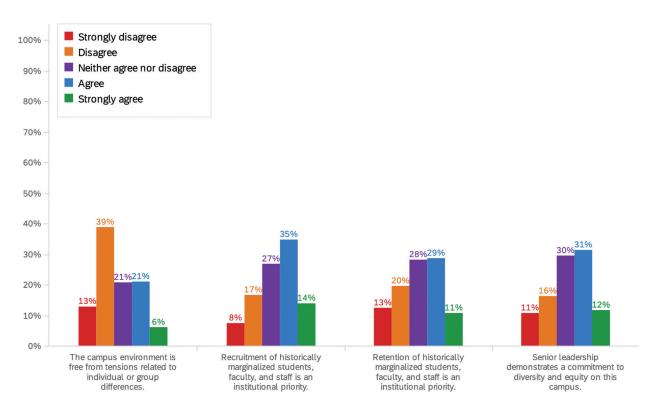


Discussion

Nearly two-thirds of respondents (64%) suggest some degree of satisfaction with the campus climate. A plurality (45%) indicated some degree of satisfaction specifically with the campus environment regarding diversity (and 29% indicating some degree of dissatisfaction.) And, a clear majority (57%) indicate satisfaction with their sense of belonging in the community. Interestingly, only 36% perceive that others are satisfied with their sense of belonging in the community.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Survey Question: "Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements about this institution."

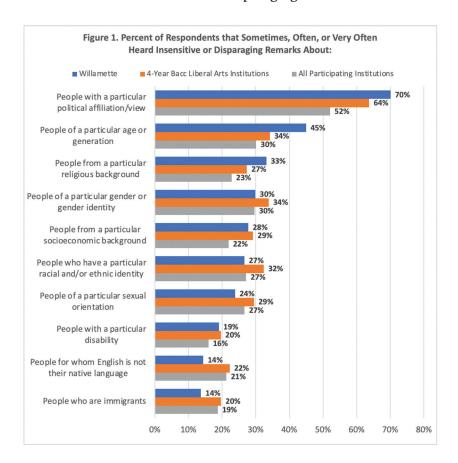


Discussion

A small majority - 52% - of respondents indicate some degree of disagreement with the statement that our campus is free from tensions. 21% indicated neither agreement or disagreement, and 27% indicated some degree of agreement. Pluralities agree in some degree with the statements that Willamette prioritizes diversity recruitment (49%), that Willamette prioritizes diversity retention (40%), and that leadership demonstrates a commitment to diversity (43%).

INSENSITIVE/DISPARAGING REMARKS

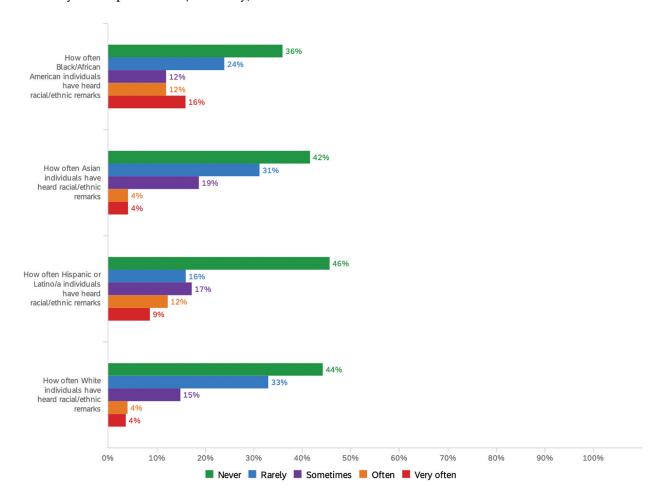
Survey Question: During your time at Willamette University, about how often have you heard someone make an insensitive or disparaging remark about:



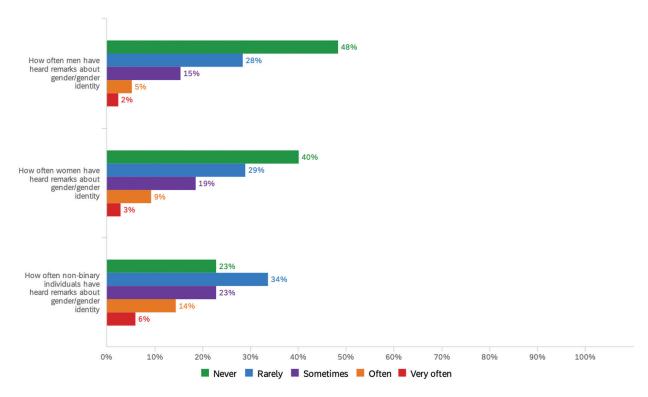
Discussion

Over two-thirds of respondents (70%) reported that they sometimes, often, or very often hear insensitive or disparaging remarks about people with a particular political affiliation/view. This was the highest reported subgroup followed by hearing insensitive or disparaging remarks about people of a particular age or generation (45%) and religious background (33%). The survey does not determine which specific political affiliation, age group, or religious beliefs that these remarks may be directed towards nor does it make this determination for any of the remaining subgroups listed above. When comparing the data to our liberal arts peer institutions, the first three listed subgroups reported at higher levels than our peers while the remaining seven reported at lower levels than our peers.

Survey Question: During your time at Willamette University, about how often have you heard someone make an insensitive or disparaging remark about: "Frequency of hearing insensitive/ disparaging remarks about people who have a particular racial/ethnic identity (responses broken down by self-reported race/ethnicity)."



Survey Question: During your time at Willamette University, about how often have you heard someone make an insensitive or disparaging remark about: "Frequency of hearing insensitive/ disparaging remarks about people of a particular gender or gender identity (responses broken down by self-reported gender)."



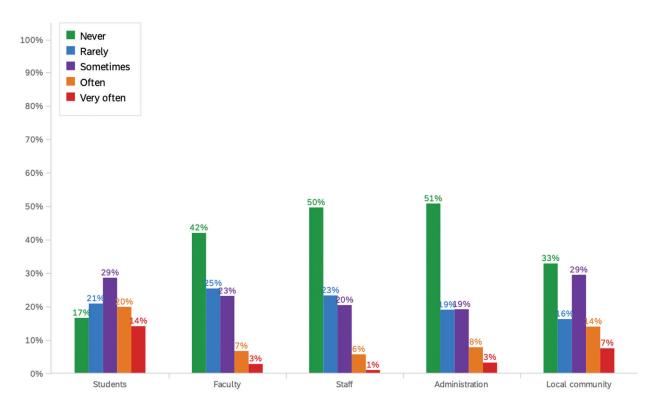
Discussion

While the modal (most common) response in each racial group was that they "never" hear disparaging remarks about race, this is not a majority for any race category. Black-identifying respondents are most likely to indicate that these are heard "often" or "very often" (28%), followed by Hispanic-identifying respondents (21%).

Respondents identifying their gender as non-binary report hearing disparaging remarks about gender at a far higher rate that male- and female-identifying respondents. Only 23% of non-binary respondents report "never" hearing disparaging remarks (compared to 48% of male respondents and 40% of female); 20% report that this happens "often" or "very often" (compared to 7% and 12%, respectively.)

SOURCE OF INSENSITIVE/DISPARAGING REMARKS

Survey Question: If you heard someone make an insensitive or disparaging remark, about how often was the source of that remark a member of the following groups?

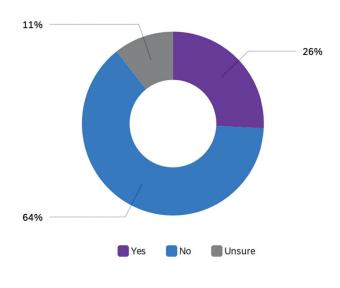


Discussion

Among those who reported hearing disparaging remarks, respondents most often said these came from students (just 17% "never") and the local community (33% "never.") Though respondents were less likely to indicate that such remarks came from faculty, staff, or administration, it is notable (a) that such remarks do come from all three groups, and (b) that the distribution of remarks frequency is similar across all three groups.

EXPERIENCES WITH DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT²

Survey Question: Have you ever been discriminated against or harassed on campus, at an off-campus residence, or at an off-campus program/event affiliated with this institution?

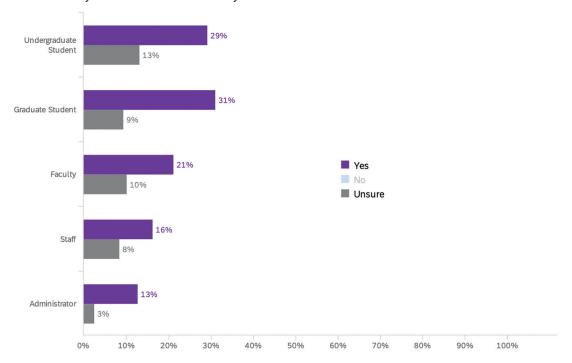


²The questions in this section ask about incidents that may have happened beyond campus and into off-campus residences and off-campus events affiliated with the institution. This extends the possibility of discrimination/ harassment incidents by the local community, but does not draw a clear distinction between on-campus or off-campus incidences.

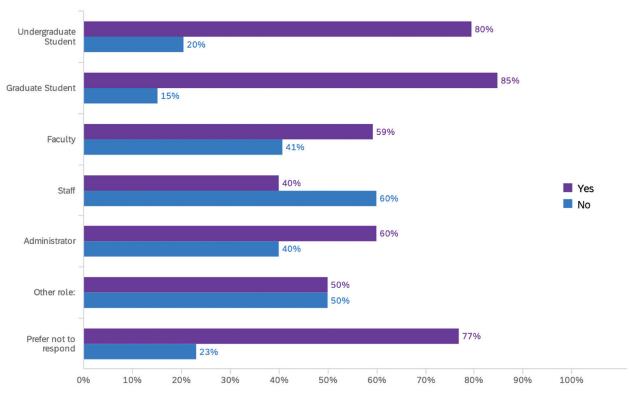
While survey respondents likely use their own interpretation of what discrimination/harassment mean, for this survey, HEDS defines discrimination and harassment as follows:

- Discrimination: the unfavorable treatment of a person based on that person's race, ethnicity, national origin, socioeconomic status, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, creed, religion, or political beliefs.
- Harassment: a form of discrimination consisting of physical or verbal conduct that denigrates or shows
 hostility toward an individual because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, socioeconomic status, age,
 perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity,
 marital status, creed, religion, or political beliefs. Harassment occurs when the conduct is sufficiently
 severe and/or pervasive that it alters the terms or conditions of employment or substantially limits the
 ability of a student to participate in or benefit from the college's educational and/or social programs.

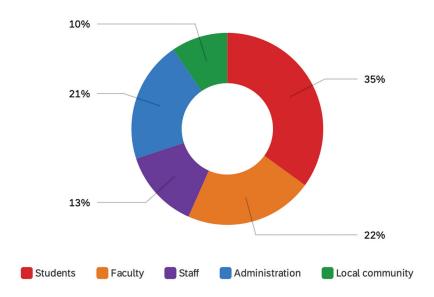
Survey Question: Have you ever been discriminated against or harassed on campus, at an off-campus residence, or at an off-campus program/event affiliated with this institution? Responses broken out by "role in the community."



Survey Question: You indicated that you have experienced discrimination or harassment during your time at this institution. Did any of these incidents of discrimination or harassment at this institution occur in the last year?



Survey Question: Was the source of the discrimination/harassment a member of the following groups?



Discussion

Almost two-thirds of respondents (64%) indicated that they have not experienced discrimination or harassment on campus or in the surrounding community, while a bit more than one-quarter (26%) indicate that they have and about II% indicate they are unsure.

Student respondents reported the highest rates of discrimination (29% of undergraduate respondents and 31% of graduate respondents), followed by faculty (21%), staff (16%), and administration (13%).

For every group except Staff, more than half of those reporting an incident said it had occurred within the previous year, with undergraduate and graduate students reporting the highest rate (80% and 85%, respectively.)

The most common source of the reported discriminating or harassing remarks were other students (35%), followed by faculty and administration (22% and 21%, respectively), then staff (13%), and others in the community (10%).

V. Further Breakdown of Outcomes

After reviewing the data and getting feedback from the University DEI Committee, we did further breakouts of the data in certain areas - gender, race, school, role, and disability status - in order to further explore the general outcomes.

³ Like the previous question, this one was put only to those who said they had experienced discrimination or harassment. Respondents were allowed to check more than one box.

CLIMATE AND SUPPORT

Two of the central indicators on the HEDS survey are a "campus climate index" and a "support for DEI index." Each of these is a single index score produced by averaging the responses to four independent questions. Within each of these indices, however, there was a single component that gave us concern. As a result, we recalculated each index based on three questions each. We then examined each index by breaking it out across the response categories of five different demographic variables: Gender, race, school of affiliation, role, and disability status. The table on the left below reports the recalculated "climate" index; the table on the right reports the recalculated "support" index.

Note: In order to assist with visual interpretation, each demographic category has been sorted from high-to-low based on the mean of the index (blue columns).

Ca	mpus Climate	Index		Support Index						
Average index	x of three questions	: "Please i	ndicate	Average inde	x of three questions	: "Please ii	ndicate			
your level of	satisfaction with the	e following	gat	your agreement with the following statements about						
Willamette U	niversity:"			Willamette University:"						
> Overall ca	impus climate			> Rec of his	st marginalized is i	nstn'l prio	rity			
> Campus e	xper/enviro, r.e., div	versity		> Ret of his	t marginalized is ir	nstn'l prior	ity			
> Extent you	u exper. belonging o	r commur	ity	> Sr Idrshp	demons commit to d	div & equit	у			
	Climate	N	Mean*		Support	N	Mean*			
All	All	743	3.4	All	All	757	3.2			
	Male	229	3.6		Male	232	3.5			
Candan	Female	359	3.4	Candan	Female	367	3.2			
Gender	NB/Trans	98	3.1	Gender	No Answer	59	2.8			
	No Answer	57	2.9		NB/Trans	99	2.8			
	Intnl	12	3.9		Intnl	13	3.9			
	White	475	3.5		Asian	23	3.3			
	Asian	22	3.4		White	480	3.3			
Dana	Black	7	3.3	Dana	All Other	15	3.1			
Race	Hisp/Lat	34	3.2	Race	No Answer	66	3.0			
	Multiple	114	3.1		Hisp/Lat	36	3.0			
	No Answer	64	3.0		Multiple	117	2.9			
	All Other	15	2.8		Black	7	2.8			
	Central Admin	91	3.7		Central Admin	93	3.5			
	AGSM	56	3.5		AGSM	56	3.4			
	SCIS	7	3.5		Law	72	3.2			
School	CAS	372	3.4	School	SCIS	7	3.2			
	PNCA	107	3.3		CAS	378	3.1			
	Law	70	3.2		PNCA	109	3.1			
	No Answer	40	3.0		No Answer	42	3.0			
	Staff/Adm	206	3.6		Staff/Adm	208	3.3			
D-I-	Fac	141	3.4	D a la	Fac	144	3.3			
Role	U_Grad	288	3.3	Role	Grad	112	3.2			
	Grad	108	3.3		U_Grad	293	3.0			
	No	555	3.5		No	565	3.3			
Disability	Yes	117	3.3	Disa bilit	No Answer	61	3.0			
Disability	No Answer	59	3.1	Disability	Yes	118	3.0			
	Temporary	12	3.0		Temporary	13	2.7			

^{* 5-}point Likert-type scale, where 5 = Very Satisfied

Discussion

Almost every subcategory within the response population that we looked at averaged a score on both the Climate index and the Support Index that was between 3.0 and 4.0, suggesting neutral to positive averages on both.

^{* 5-}point Likert-type scale, where 5 = Very Satisfied

⁴ The element dropped from the Climate Index was the fourth one, which asks about the perception that others experience a sense of community. The element dropped from the Support Index was the first one, which asks whether the campus is free from tensions or not.

The difference between the highest and lowest average within a particular subgroup ranges from .3 to I.I. On both the recalculated Climate Index and Support Index, the greatest range of average scores was in the Race subcategories; the smallest range was across scores in the Role subcategories. While each reader of these tables might find different elements of interest, one item of note to us is the fact that those respondents who chose not to identify their subcategory within any given group often had the lowest or nearly the lowest average scores. For instance, in response to the Climate Index, those who indicated "No Answer" had the lowest average score among the Gender and School groups, and the second lowest average score among the Race and Disability groups.

EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION

We also broke responses out across categories of the different demographic variables for the question, "Have you ever been discriminated against or harassed on the Willamette University campus, at an off-campus residence, or at an off-campus program/event affiliated with Willamette University?" Response options were Yes, Unsure, and No. The table below reports both percentages and raw counts across demographic categories and question-response categories.

As a reminder, it is important to look at the "n" or "Row Total" when reading each percentage. As an example, of the seven Black community members that completed the survey, six reported that they had not experienced discrimination/harassment and one reported being unsure. This results in 0% of Black respondents indicating "Yes" on this question. Given the small number of respondents, though, this should not be generalized to suggest that Black community members at Willamette do not experience discrimination/harassment.

Note: To assist in interpretation, each demographic group is sorted high-to-low on the response category of "Yes" (blue column).

ampus resid	lence, or at an off-c	<u> </u>	Percentages			Counts	5.12 / 1	Row
		Yes	Unsure	No	Yes	Unsure	No	Total
All	All	25.8	10.6	63.6	194	80	478	752
	NB/Trans	42.4	14.1	43.4	42	14	43	99
Candan	No Answer	41.8	18.2	40.0	23	10	22	55
Gender	Female	22.7	10.4	66.8	83	38	244	365
	Male	19.7	7.7	72.5	46	18	169	233
	No Answer	40.0	16.7	43.3	24	10	26	60
	Multiple	39.3	12.8	47.9	46	15	56	117
	All Other	33.3	20.0	46.7	5	3	7	15
Race	Intnl	23.1	7.7	69.2	3	1	9	13
Race	White	21.8	9.3	68.9	105	45	332	482
	Hisp/Lat	19.4	8.3	72.2	7	3	26	36
	Asian	18.2	9.1	72.7	4	2	16	22
	Black	0.0	14.3	85.7	0	1	6	7
	No Answer	47.2	0.0	52.8	17	0	19	36
	Law	35.2	9.9	54.9	25	7	39	71
	CAS	27.2	11.3	61.5	103	43	233	379
School	PNCA	24.8	11.9	63.3	27	13	69	109
	AGSM	15.8	8.8	75.4	9	5	43	57
	SCIS	14.3	28.6	57.1	1	2	4	7
	Central Admin	12.9	10.8	76.3	12	10	71	93
	Grad	31.3	11.6	57.1	35	13	64	112
Role	U_Grad	30.3	13.1	56.6	88	38	164	290
Role	Fac	25.2	9.8	65.0	36	14	93	143
	Staff/Adm	16.9	7.2	75.8	35	15	157	207
	Temporary	53.8	7.7	38.5	7	1	5	13
Disability	Yes	38.7	17.6	43.7	46	21	52	119
Disability	No Answer	34.5	17.2	48.3	20	10	28	58
	No	21.5	8.5	69.9	121	48	393	562

Of the community members that completed the survey, non-binary/trans, multiracial, and community members with a disability reported notably higher percentages compared to subgroup peers. Community members that provided "No Answer" to demographic questions also reported some of the highest percentages of discrimination/harassment in each of the disaggregated categories.

The previous responses were further examined with respect to whether the discrimination had occurred in the past year or not. The table below reports percentages and counts of how often those who reported "yes" on the discrimination question had experienced this discrimination within the last year or not.

Note: Each demographic category is sorted high-to-low based on the raw count (blue column).

You indicated that you have experienced discrimination or harassment during your										
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harassment a	t Willamette Unive	rsity occur	in the last	year?						
		Percer	ntages	Cou	ınts	Row				
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Total				
All	All	70.5	29.5	136	57	193				
	Female	62.7	37.3	52	31	83				
6	Male	77.8	22.2	35	10	45				
Gender	NB/Trans	73.8	26.2	31	11	42				
	No Answer	78.3	21.7	18	5	23				
	White	66.7	33.3	70	35	105				
	Multiple	80.4	19.6	37	9	46				
	No Answer	66.7	33.3	16	8	24				
Dana	Hisp/Lat	50.0	50.0	3	3	6				
Race	All Other	100.0	0.0	5	0	5				
	Asian	75.0	25.0	3	1	4				
	Intnl	66.7	33.3	2	1	3				
	Black	0.0	0.0	0	0	0				
	CAS	68.0	32.0	70	33	103				
	PNCA	85.2	14.8	23	4	27				
	Law	84.0	16.0	21	4	25				
School	No Answer	56.3	43.8	9	7	16				
	Central Admin	50.0	50.0	6	6	12				
	AGSM	66.7	33.3	6	3	9				
	SCIS	100.0	0.0	1	0	1				
	U_Grad	78.2	21.8	68	19	87				
Role	Fac	61.1	38.9	22	14	36				
Kole	Staff/Adm	48.6	51.4	17	18	35				
	Grad	82.9	17.1	29	6	35				
	No	68.3	31.7	82	38	120				
Disability	Yes	80.4	19.6	37	9	46				
טוזמטווונץ	No Answer	65.0	35.0	13	7	20				
	Temporary	57.1	42.9	4	3	7				

Percentages in the table indicate the recency of a respondent's discriminating or harassing experience. For instance, of the 46 multiracial students that reported experiencing discrimination/harassment, 37 (80%) reported experiencing this within the last year.

We must keep in mind that community members may be reporting discrimination/ harassment throughout their time at Willamette, which could mean, among other possibilities, (a) that it had happened once or a few times somewhere in the past, or (b) that it has occurred more recently and could be on-going. The nature of the question does not isolate the various possibilities, and indicates only if a respondent has ever experienced it or not.

For all but a few subcategories of the groups, at least 50% of respondents indicate that their experience with discrimination or harassment occurred within the last year. Several of the row counts, though, are relatively small, and the meaning of potential differences across groups must be considered very cautiously.

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OUTCOMES

A small working group was established, within the confines of the HEDS data sharing agreement, to analyze qualitative data. Qualitative answers focused on descriptions of sense of community and how to enhance the sense of community at Willamette as well as reporting of discrimination and harassment. The qualitative data is not generalizable and sharing of direct quotes from this data both risks defying the anonymity of the

survey and goes against the agreed upon datasharing policy with HEDS. However, the small group has coded feedback in both of these areas and will use this data for internal processes that will help inform decisions related to building a stronger sense of community and processes for discrimination/harassment. The larger themes of what that analysis provided are listed below:

Staff/Faculty

- A want for more events related to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Events that encourage community connection
- Recruitment/Retention of staff and faculty 3.
- Feelings of performative engagement with diversity, equity, and inclusion 4.

Students

- Greater dialogue in relation to political, religious, and social bias ı.
- Concerns related to classroom environment (closely related to the above theme)
- Support for disabled and neurodivergent students 3.
- Recruitment/Retention of staff and faculty 4.
- Feelings of performative engagement with diversity, equity, and inclusion 5.

NEXT STEPS AND RESPONSES

Our collective responsibility for the cultivation of Willamette's climate for diversity, equity, and inclusion does not end with the release of this report. The University DEI Committee will be tasked with identifying key areas to continue the conversation with our community throughout the spring 2024 semester. These opportunities could look like forums, workshops, or focus groups and will be held to further dig into climate trends, learning more from community members on how to take care of our climate for diversity, equity, and inclusion. When these

opportunities present themselves, we hope that our community will show up and come together to engage. Outside of these formal opportunities we also understand that much of this survey is measuring individual interactions, community member to community member. We hope that reading this report will also allow for individual reflection on how we can enter into conversations and spaces in ways that center including others so that they may feel a stronger sense of belonging and community at Willamette.

APPENDIX



2022–2023 HEDS Diversity and Equity Campus Climate Survey

This is a PDF representation of the online version of the survey. It includes all questions and response options, as well as notes (in italics) about how questions will display to survey takers.

In this survey, we will ask you about your perceptions of [Institution Name]'s climate, your perceptions of how [Institution Name] supports diversity and equity, and your experiences with discrimination and harassment at [Institution Name].

We are administering this survey to students, faculty, staff, and administrators at [Institution Name] to develop a better understanding of the extent to which our campus climate supports diversity and equity. The survey usually takes less than 15 minutes to complete.

Your participation is **voluntary**. We are grateful for your cooperation and willingness to provide information that will help us better understand [Institution Name]'s climate. We are committed to ensuring that our campus has an inclusive, engaging, and supportive environment, and your participation in this survey will help us work toward this goal.

We will ask you many questions about your identity in this survey to develop a better sense of the diversity on our campus. However, your responses are anonymous. The survey is being administered by an independent organization, the <u>Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS)</u>. They will exclude any personal information, such as your name, email address, student or employee identification number, and your IP address, from the data they send to our institution. We have also agreed to the organization's requirements for maintaining the security and confidentiality of the data they send us.

You may stop taking the survey at any time or choose not to answer particular questions. You may also go back and change your responses. If you wish to stop taking the survey, simply leave the survey without hitting the "Submit" button at the end. We will not record your responses until you hit the "Submit" button.

The information you provide will be used to inform and improve support, policies, and practices at [Institution Name] and will not be used to investigate specific individuals. Disclosing an incident here does not constitute reporting the incident to your campus and will not result in any action, disciplinary or otherwise. Please do not include your name or accuse anyone of discrimination or harassment by name in your survey responses. If you include your name or accuse anyone by name, these names will be removed before we receive the data.

The [Institution Name] leader(s) of this survey effort [is/are] [name(s)], and [he/she/they] can be reached at [email address(es) and/or phone number(s)].

By clicking on the "Continue" button below, you indicate that you are at least 18 years old, have read and considered the above information about the survey, and agree to participate in the survey.

[Respondents see a "Continue" button.]





Campus Climate

For this survey, we define *diversity* and *equity* as follows:

- Diversity: differences among people in their race and ethnicity, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, culture, national origin, religious beliefs and identity, age, disability status, and political perspective.
- *Equity:* a commitment to working to challenge and respond to bias, harassment, and discrimination against people from diverse identities and backgrounds.

1. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with	th the follow	ing at [Inst	itution Name].		
	Very satisfied	Generally satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Generally dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Overall campus climate					
The campus experience/environment regarding diversity at [Institution Name]					
The extent to which you experience a sense of belonging or community at [Institution Name]					
The extent to which you feel all community members experience a sense of belonging or community at [Institution Name]					
2. Please indicate your level of agreement with	h each of the Strongly agree	e following	statements about Neither agree nor disagree	[Institution N	Iame]. Strongly disagree
The campus environment is free from tensions	ug.cc	T.g. CC	The tribugree		

, g	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The campus environment is free from tensions related to individual or group differences.					
Recruitment of historically marginalized students, faculty, and staff is an institutional priority.					
Retention of historically marginalized students, faculty, and staff is an institutional priority.					
Senior leadership demonstrates a commitment to diversity and equity on this campus.					

We will randomize the items listed in Question 3 in the electronic survey.

3. In the last year, about how often have you interacted with the following people while at [Institution Name]?

Not at all/not that I'n

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	A few times	not that I'm aware of
People who have a racial and/or ethnic identity other than your own					
People from a socioeconomic background other than your own					
People who have a sexual orientation other than your own					
People whose gender differs from yours					
People for whom English is not their native language					
People from a religious background other than your own					
People with a disability					
People who are undocumented immigrants					
People from a country other than your own					
People who hold a political affiliation, philosophy, or view that differs from yours					
People who are significantly older or younger than you					



We will randomize the items listed in Question 4 in the electronic survey.

4. How comfortable are you interacting	How comfortable are you interacting with the following people?											
	Very comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable	Somewhat uncomfortable	Very uncomfortable							
People who have a racial and/or ethnic identity other than your own												
People from a socioeconomic background other than your own												
People who have a sexual orientation other than your own												
People whose gender differs from yours												
People for whom English is not their native language												
People from a religious background other than your own												
People with a disability												
People who are undocumented immigrants												
People from a country other than your own			_									
People who hold a political affiliation, philosophy, or view that differs from yours												
People who are significantly older or younger than you			6									
5. To what extent do you agree that div the workplace, and the overall commun ☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree		npus improves	experiences and	interactions wi	thin the classro							
6. Overall, how comfortable would you	be sharing yo	our views on d	iversity and equi	ty at [Institutio	n Name]?							
☐ Very comfortable												
☐ Somewhat comfortable												
□ Neither comfortable nor uncomf	ortable											
☐ Somewhat uncomfortable												
☐ Very uncomfortable												
R												
() y												



We will randomize the items listed in Question 7 in the electronic survey.

7. How have the following activities influen	Greatly Greatly increased my support	Somewhat increased my support	Somewhat decreased my support	Greatly decreased my support	Have not engaged in this activity
Performed community service					
Engaged in discussions or activities concerning political issues					
Attended presentations, performances, or art exhibits related to diversity					
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on racial/ethnic issues					
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on gender issues and/or gender identity issues				D	
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on sexual orientation issues					
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on socioeconomic status issues			19	, ,	
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on religious diversity issues					
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on disability issues		0	170		
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on immigration issues					
8. What one word or sentence would you u	se to describe th	e sense of comm	nunity you feel	at [Institution]	Name]?
9. What one change would you make in ord	der to enhance th	ne sense of com	munity at [Inst	itution Name]?	
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Experiences with Discrimination and Harassment

We will randomize the items listed in Question 10 in the electronic survey.

10. During your time at [Institution Name], about how often have you heard someone make an insensitive or disparaging remark about:

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often
People who have a particular racial and/or ethnic identity					
People of a particular sexual orientation					
People of a particular gender or gender identity					
People from a particular socioeconomic background					
People from a particular religious background					
People with a particular disability					
People who are immigrants					
People with a particular political affiliation/view					
People of a particular age or generation					
People for whom English is not their native language					

11. If you heard someone make an insensitive or disparaging remark, about how often was the source of that remark a member of the following groups?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often
Students					
Faculty					
Staff					
Administration					
Local community					

For this survey, we define *discrimination* and *harassment* as follows:

- *Discrimination:* the unfavorable treatment of a person based on that person's race, ethnicity, national origin, socioeconomic status, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, creed, religion, or political beliefs.
- *Harassment:* a form of discrimination consisting of physical or verbal conduct that denigrates or shows hostility toward an individual because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, socioeconomic status, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, creed, religion, or political beliefs. Harassment occurs when the conduct is sufficiently severe and/or pervasive that it alters the terms or conditions of employment or substantially limits the ability of a student to participate in or benefit from the college's educational and/or social programs.

12. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following items.

	Strongly		Neither agree		Strongly
	agree	Agree	nor disagree	Disagree	disagree
If I experienced or observed an act of discrimination or					_
harassment while at [Institution Name], I know whom to					
contact to report the incident.					
The process for reporting acts of discrimination or harassment					
at [Institution Name] is clear to me.					
The process for investigating acts of discrimination or harassment at [Institution Name] is clear to me.					

13.	Have you	ı ever 🛚	been	discrimiı	nated a	gainst o	r harasse	d on the	e [Institutior	ı Name]	campus,	at an	off-campu
resi	dence, or	at an	off-c	ampus pi	rogram	/event a	affiliated	with [In	stitution Na	me]?			

	1 03
	No
П	Unsure



Respondents who selected "No" for Question 13 wi (Question 21). Respondents who selected "Unsure" 13A, they will skip to Question 21. 13A. In responding to the previous question, you discrimination or harassment at [Institution Nan	for the previous	us question wi	ll see Question I	3A. After the	y see Question we experienced		
Respondents who selected "Yes" for the question all Questions 14 and 15. The items listed in Question 14 are randomized in the selection of the property of t	he electronic su	urvey.					
	14. How often have you been discriminated against or harassed on the [Institution Name] campus, at an off-campus residence, or at an off-campus program/event affiliated with [Institution Name] for the following reasons?						
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often		
Because of my racial and/or ethnic identity							
Because of my sexual orientation							
Because of my gender or gender identity							
Because of my socioeconomic background							
Because of my religious background							
Because of my disability							
Because I am an immigrant							
Because of my political affiliation/views							
Because of my age or generation							
Because of my physical appearance							
Because of some other aspect of my identity:							
15. You indicated that you have experienced disc Did any of these incidents of discrimination or ha ☐ Yes ☐ No				_	ion Name].		



Respondents who selected "Yes" for Question 15 will see Questions 16-19 which ask them to provide details about their recent experiences with discrimination or harassment. Respondents who selected "No" will skip to Question 20.

For the next several questions, please consider all instances in the past year in which you were discriminated against or harassed on the [Institution Name] campus, at an off-campus residence, or at an off-campus program/event affiliated with [Institution Name].

		se indicate which of the following forms of discrimination or harassment you have experienced in the past Check all that apply)
year		Stared at
		Deliberately ignored, isolated, left out, or excluded
		Singled out as the "resident authority"
		Racial/ethnic profiling Graffiti or other forms of vandalism on campus
		Derogatory written comments
		Derogatory remarks
		Derogatory posts on social media
		Derogatory phone calls
		Derogatory/unsolicited e-mails
		Received a poor grade because of a hostile classroom environment
		Received a low performance evaluation
		Denied service or access to resources
		Intimidated/bullied
		Threatened with physical violence
		Feared for your physical safety
		Feared for your family's safety
		Physical violence
		Sexual assault/harassment
		Other form of discrimination or harassment:
17.		any of these incidents of discrimination or harassment occur in the following locations? (Check all that apply)
		In a classroom
		In a departmental office or conference room
		In an individual faculty or staff member's office
		In on-campus housing/residences
		At a house or residence off-campus
		At a program/event affiliated with or sponsored by [Institution Name]
		At a dining hall, recreational space, or athletic facility
		Via the internet or social media
		During a virtual meeting or class via Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, etc.
		Other location:
18 '	Was	the source of the discrimination/harassment a member of the following groups? (Check all that apply)
10.		Students
		Faculty
		Staff
		Administration
		Local community

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19. Did you report any incident(s) to campus officials? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Respondents who selected "No" for the previous question will see Question 19A. 19A. You indicated that you did not report incident(s) of discrimination/harassment that you experienced at [Institution Name] to campus officials. We would appreciate it if you would explain why you chose not to report the incident(s).
All respondents who selected "Yes" for the question about experiencing discrimination or harassment (Question 13), regardless of whether it occurred in the last year, will see Question 20, which is the last question in this section of the survey 20. If there is any other information that you would like to provide about your experiences with discrimination or harassment at [Institution Name], please use the box below.
Demographic Information In the next section, we ask questions about your identity, background, and affiliation with [Institution Name]. You may choose not to respond to any of these questions. We use responses to these questions to develop a picture of how different people experience our campus. We will not use this information to identify individuals. In addition, the organization that is administering this survey will combine the responses to many of these questions before we receive them to obscure potentially identifiable information.
21. What is your gender? Man Woman
□ Non-binary, please self describe: □ Prefer not to respond
22. Are you transgender? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐ Prefer not to respond
23. What is your current age? ☐ Younger than 18 ☐ 18–24 ☐ 25–34 ☐ 35–44
 □ 45–54 □ 55–64 □ 65 or older □ Prefer not to respond



24. Wn	ich term dest describes your sexual orientation? (Select one)	
	Asexual		
	Bisexual		
	Gay		
	Lesbian		
	Pansexual		
	Queer		
	Questioning		
	Straight (Heterosexual)		
	Prefer to self describe:		
	Prefer not to respond		
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	at is your religious affiliation? (Select one)		^X)'
	Agnostic		Lutheran
	Atheist		Methodist
	Baptist		Muslim
	Buddhist		Nondenominational Christian
	Catholic		Orthodox Christian
	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints		Other Christian
	Episcopalian		
	Hindu		Spiritual, but not religious
	Jehovah's Witness		Other religion:
	Jewish		Prefer not to respond
26 Hox	w would you characterize your political views?		
20.110	Far left		
	Liberal		
	Middle-of-the-road		
	Conservative		
	Far right		
	Prefer not to respond		
_	Treter not to respond		
27. Are	you now or have you ever served with the U.S. Armed Fore	ces?	
	Yes		
	No		
	Prefer not to respond		
	you currently have a physical or mental impairment that su		
	seeing, hearing, learning, interacting with others, walking,	etc.	?
	Yes		
	Temporary disability		
	No		
Þ	Prefer not to respond		



	at is your citizenship status?		
	U.S. citizen		
	U.S. permanent resident but not a U.S. citizen		
	Not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident		
	Prefer not to respond		
30. Wh	ich of the following racial or ethnic categories applies to you	ır id	entity? (Check all that apply)
	African		Middle Eastern
	African American/Black		Native American/American Indian
	Alaska Native		Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
	Asian		South Asian
	Asian American		Southeast Asian
	Caribbean/West Indian		White
	Hispanic or Latino/a		Some other race or ethnicity:
	Latin American		Prefer not to respond
31. Wh	at is the highest level of education completed by either of yo	ur p	parents (or those who raised you)?
	Did not finish high school	г	
	High school diploma or G.E.D.		
	Attended college but did not complete degree	7	
	Associate's degree (A.A., A.S., etc.)		
	Bachelor's degree (B. A., B. S., etc.)		Y
	Master's degree (M.A., M.B.A., M.S., etc.)		
	Doctoral or professional degree (Ph.D., J.D., M.D., etc.)		
	Prefer not to respond		
	Trefer not to respond		
32. Wh	at is your primary role at [Institution Name]?		
	Undergraduate Student		
	Graduate Student		
	Faculty		
	Staff		
	Administrator		
	Other role:		
	Prefer not to respond		
Respond	dents who selected "Undergraduate Student" or "Graduate Stu	ıdeni	t" in Question 32 will see Questions 33 and 34.
33. Hov	v do you attend classes at [Institution Name]?		
	Primarily or entirely on campus		
	Primarily or entirely online		
	Split between on campus and online		
	Prefer not to respond		



34. Whi	ch of the following best describes where you are currently living?
	Dormitory or other campus housing (not a fraternity or sorority house)
	Fraternity or sorority house (including college-owned housing)
	Residence (house, apartment, etc.) within walking distance to the institution
	Residence (house, apartment, etc.) farther than walking distance to the institution
	None of the above
	Prefer not to respond
Dagnona	lents at 4-year institutions who selected "Undergraduate Student" in Question 32 will see Question 35.
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	at is your academic classification for the 2022–2023 academic year? Freshman/First Year
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	Sophomore
	Junior
	Senior
	Other academic classification:
	Prefer not to respond
Respond	lents at 2-year institutions who selected "Undergraduate Student" in Question 32 will see Questions 36 and 37.
36. How	many credits did you enroll in at the beginning of this semester?
	Less than 12
	12 or more
	Prefer not to respond
25. 11	
	w many total academic terms have you been enrolled at [Institution Name]?
	This is my first academic term
	This is my second academic term
	This is my third or fourth academic term
	This is my fifth or sixth academic term
	I have been enrolled more than six academic terms
	Prefer not to respond
Resnone	lents who selected "Undergraduate Student" for Question 32 will see Question 38.
-	v often did you have a drink containing alcohol in the past year?
36. 110 v	Never
	Monthly or less
	2-4 times a month
	2-3 times a week
	4 or more times a week
	Prefer not to respond
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-	lents who selected "Monthly or less", "2-4 times a month", "2-3 times a week", or "4 or more times a week" in
_	n 38 will see Questions 39 and 40.
	pical alcohol drink size is 12 ounces of beer, 8-9 ounces of malt liquor, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of hard
	How many drinks did you have on a typical day when you were drinking in the past year?
	1 or 2 3 or 4
	5 or 6
	7 to 9
	10 or more



40. Hov	w often did you have five or more drinks on one occasion in the past year?
	Never Less than monthly
	Monthly
	Weekly
	Daily or almost daily
_	dents who selected "Faculty," "Staff," or "Administrator" in Question 32 will see Questions 41, 42, and 43.
	w do you work at [Institution Name]?
	Primarily or entirely on campus
	Primarily or entirely remotely
	Split between on campus and remotely
	Prefer not to respond
42. Hov	v long have you worked at [Institution Name]?
	Less than 1 year
	1–4 years
	5–9 years
	10 or more years
	Prefer not to respond
43. Are	you a part-time or full-time employee at [Institution Name]?
	Part-time
	Full-time
	Prefer not to respond
Respon	dents who selected "Faculty" in Question 32 will see Questions 44 and 45.
44. Wh	ich of the following best describes your academic rank?
	Professor
	Associate Professor
	Assistant Professor
	Lecturer/Instructor/Adjunct
	Prefer not to respond
45. Wh	ich of the following best describes your primary area of teaching?
	Biological Sciences
	Business and Management
	Communications
	Education
	Engineering
	Fine and Performing Arts
	Health Sciences
	Humanities
	Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Computer Science
	Social Sciences
	Other academic areas
	Prefer not to respond



Respondents who selected "Staff" or "Administrator" in 46. Which category best describes your primary role	_	32 will see Qu	uestion 46	i.		
□ Prefer not to respond						
[Optional Module for Undergraduate Students]						
Below we ask a few additional questions about specific taking the time to answer them. Thank you.		_	-			
In your day-to-day life as a student at [Institution Na	ime], how (7
		Less than once a	A few times a	A few times a	At least once a	Almost
	Never	year	year	month	week	every day
You are treated with less courtesy than other people are.						
You are treated with less respect than other people are.						
You receive poorer service than other people in campus offices, dining facilities, or the bookstore.						
People act as if they think you are not smart.						
People act as if they are afraid of you.		AB				
People act as if they think you are dishonest.						
People act as if they're better than you are.						
You are called names or insulted.						
You are threatened or harassed.						
Respondents who selected "A few times a year" or more	frequently	to one or mo	re of the s	tatements in	the previou	us question
will see the following question.	X /					
What do you think is the main reason for these exper	riences? (C	Check all that	apply)			
☐ My racial and/or ethnic identity			11 0/			
☐ My sexual orientation	<i>y</i>					
☐ My gender/gender identity						
☐ My gender expression						
☐ My identity as non-binary and/or transgender						
☐ My socioeconomic background						
☐ My religious background						
☐ My disability						
☐ I am an immigrant						
☐ My political affiliation/views						
☐ My age or generation						
☐ My physical appearance						
☐ Some other aspect of my identity:						



Respondents who identify as a racial/ethnic minority in the Demographic Information section of the survey (i.e., respondents who select anything other than "White" only or "Prefer not to respond" in Question 30) will see the following question.

In your day-to-day life as a student at [Institution Name], how often do the following things happen to you in your online interactions?

	Never	Less than once a year	A few times a year	A few times a month	At least once a week	Almost every day
People make you feel intellectually inferior on the Internet because of your race/ethnicity.					_	
You feel excluded by others on the Internet because of your race/ethnicity.						
You feel that your opinions or contributions are minimized or dismissed on the Internet because of your race/ethnicity.						
You are made to feel like the way you communicate on the Internet is inferior because of your race/ethnicity.						
People on the Internet assume that you will behave aggressively because of your race ethnicity.						
You are singled out by moderators or authority figures on the Internet because of your race/ethnicity.						
People on the Internet act as if all of the people in your race/ethnicity are alike.						
People on the Internet deny that people of your race/ethnicity face extra obstacles.						
People on the Internet hold sexual stereotypes about you because of your racial/ethnic background.						

Respondents who identify as a gender/sexual minority in the Demographic Information section of the survey (i.e., respondents who select "Non-binary" in Question 21, "Yes" in Question 22, and/or anything other than "Straight (Heterosexual) in Question 24) will see the following question.

In your day-to-day life as a student at [Institution Name], how often do the following things happen to you?

	Never	Less than once a year	A few times a year	A few times a month	At least once a week	Almost every day
You are treated unfairly by strangers because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are treated unfairly by people in service jobs on campus (e.g., dining facilities, bookstore, registrar, financial services) because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are verbally insulted because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are made fun of, picked on, pushed, shoved, hit, or threatened with harm because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are called heterosexist or transphobic names like dyke, lezzie, faggot, queer, tranny, or other names.						
You are denied a job, an honor, an award, an opportunity to do research with a faculty member, an internship, or other such recognition of good work that you deserve because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are treated unfairly by professors, staff, or administrators because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are treated unfairly by your boss or supervisor because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are rejected by friends because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						



To submit your answers, please click on the "Submit" button below. We will not record your responses until you click this button. Your name will not be connected in any way with your survey responses.

[The following language appears after respondents click the "Submit" button.] Thank you for participating in the Diversity and Equity Campus Climate Survey.

The information you have given us is anonymous. Your name is not connected in any way with your responses to this survey and any identifying information from the computer on which you took the survey was removed before we received the data.

We deeply appreciate your cooperation and willingness to provide information that will help us improve the policies and tools we use to create a diverse, equitable, and supportive environment at [Institution Name].

The [Institution Name] leader(s) of this survey effort [is/are] [name(s)], and [he/she/they] can be reached at [email address(es) and/or phone number(s)]. He/She/They can answer additional questions you may have about the survey.

If you would like to report an incident of discrimination or harassment that you have not previously reported, please go to [URL for website that describes the Institution's reporting procedures] to learn how to make a report. [OPTIONAL:] For additional resources related to diversity and equity, please visit: [Institutions provide list of organizations and/or resources.]

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY.