

# Sex Ed and Safety Survey Report

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## Overview

This survey ran September 3-10, 2024, on the UASU Perks platform. It reached 1,669 respondents. Its purpose was to repeat and expand on research run in 2021, and to inform students of risks and resources. Due to the very personal subject matter, this survey had no demographic questions, to help respondents feel more comfortable.

## Findings

- 28% of respondents did not know where to find good resources for sexual and gender-based violence prevention and response.
  - Within the limits of our sample, Business students, KSR students, and CSJ students were especially unlikely to feel they knew where to find resources (~40%). Of the few Native Studies students polled, almost none felt they knew where to find resources.
- 23% of respondents felt like they did not know enough about sexual health, and 25% definitely felt like they knew enough, modest improvements since 2021.
  - Business, CSJ, Open Studies, and Native Studies students were especially unlikely to feel they knew enough (~30%, up to 50% for NS).
- 7% of respondents felt like they did not know enough about consent and sexual boundaries, and only 68% definitely felt like they knew enough.
  - Within the limits of our sample, the faculties most likely to feel they did not know enough were Open Studies and Native Studies (~25%). CSJ, KSR, Law, and Medicine and Dentistry were all around 10-13%.
- 16% of respondents felt like they did not know enough about safe relationships and intimate partner violence, and only 48% definitely felt like they knew enough.
  - Medicine and Dentistry students, Open Studies students, and Native Studies students were especially likely to feel like they do not know enough (~30-50%). KSR, Law, and Nursing were all around 20%.
- 32% of respondents did not feel like the sexual health and safety education they'd had so far had met their needs, and only 28% definitely felt like they knew enough.
  - Around 35-40% of ALES, Business, CSJ, Education, and Open Studies students, and 44% of Law students, felt it had not met their needs.

## Informational Material

The survey ran with the following front matter:

*Over the past couple of years, based on student advocacy, the government ran huge student surveys on sexual and gender-based violence. (Findings included: 45% had experienced sexual harassment, 17% had experienced stalking, 11% had experienced sexual assault, and 4% had experienced non-consensual production or distribution of sexual images, all since becoming a post-secondary student.) This anonymous survey will not ask about your experiences with sexual and gender-based violence, but it's important for students to know about.*

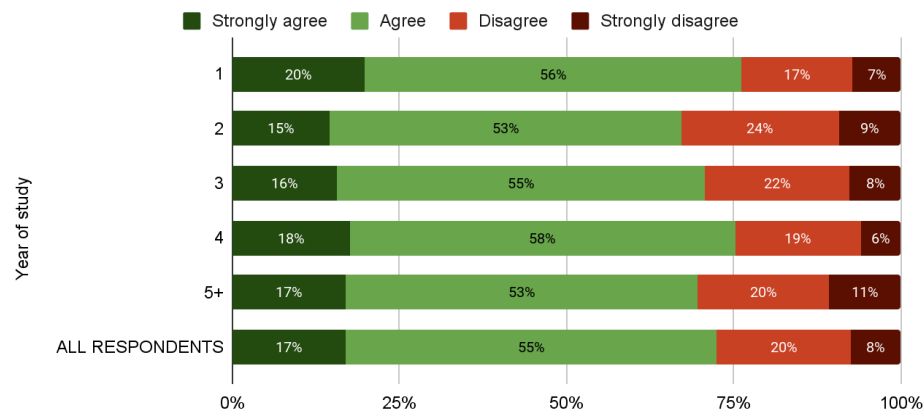
The survey concluded with links to the University's resource page and The Landing:

*The University has a new [Sexual Violence Information and Resources page](#) with a quick-exit button (it sends you straight to the weather) and a lot of resources. It has material to help survivors, for learning how to offer support, for strengthening your understanding of consent and safe boundaries, and other important topics.*

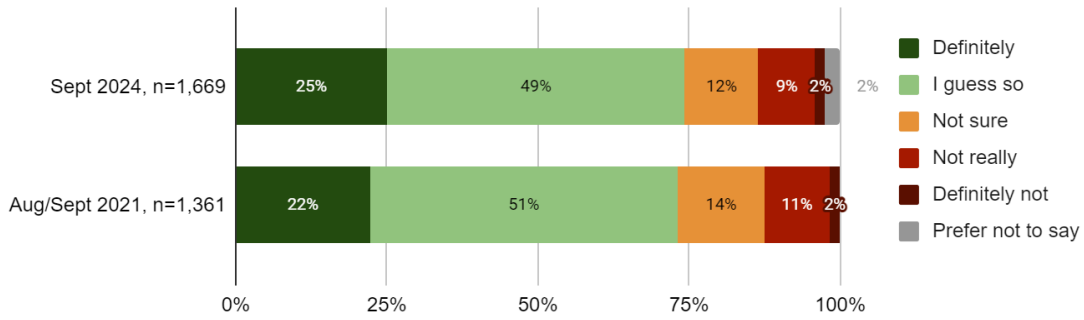
*[The Landing](#) is a support service at the University of Alberta main campus that offers support for 2SLGBTQ+ students. We strive to promote gender equity on a broad scale and advocate for the safety and acceptance of individuals of all genders and sexualities in campus life. As part of this mandate, we support 2SLGBTQ+ communities and individuals as well as their supporters, friends, family and loved ones.*

## Supplementary Charts

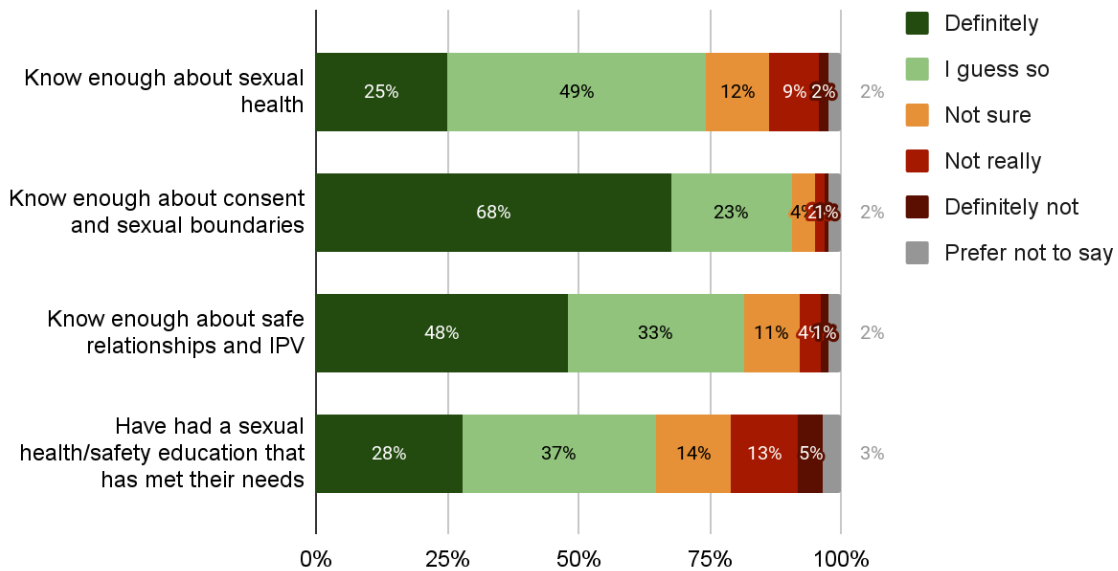
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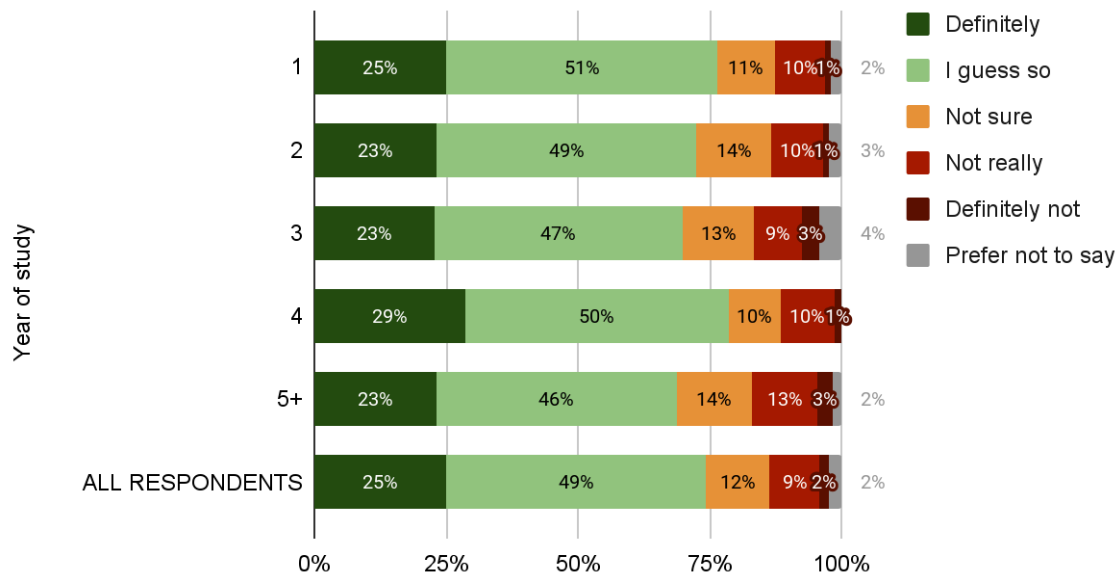
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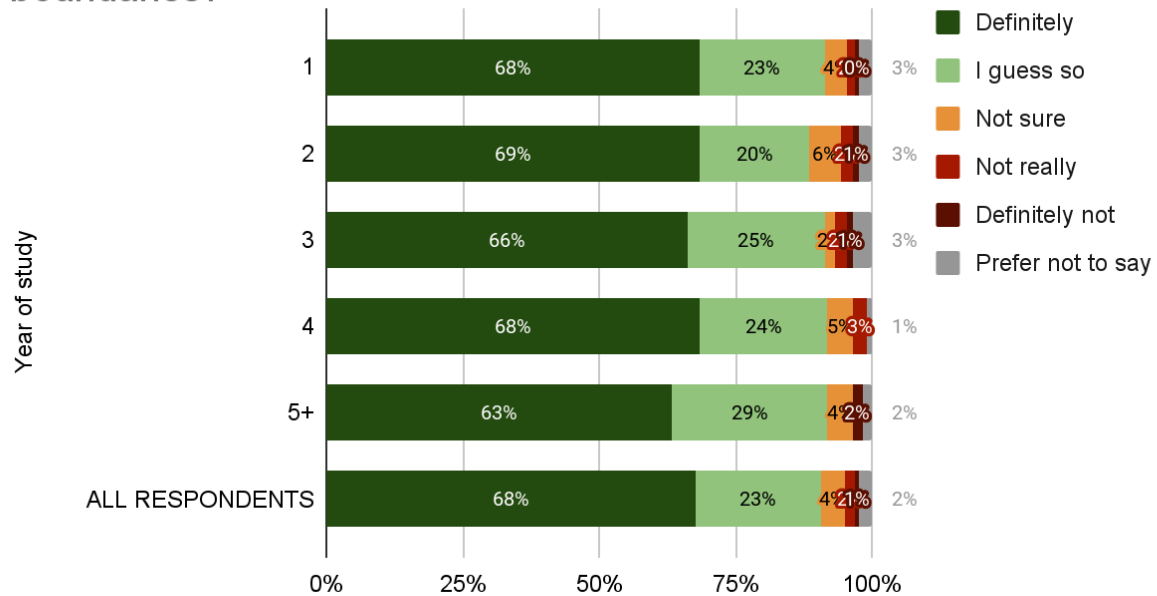
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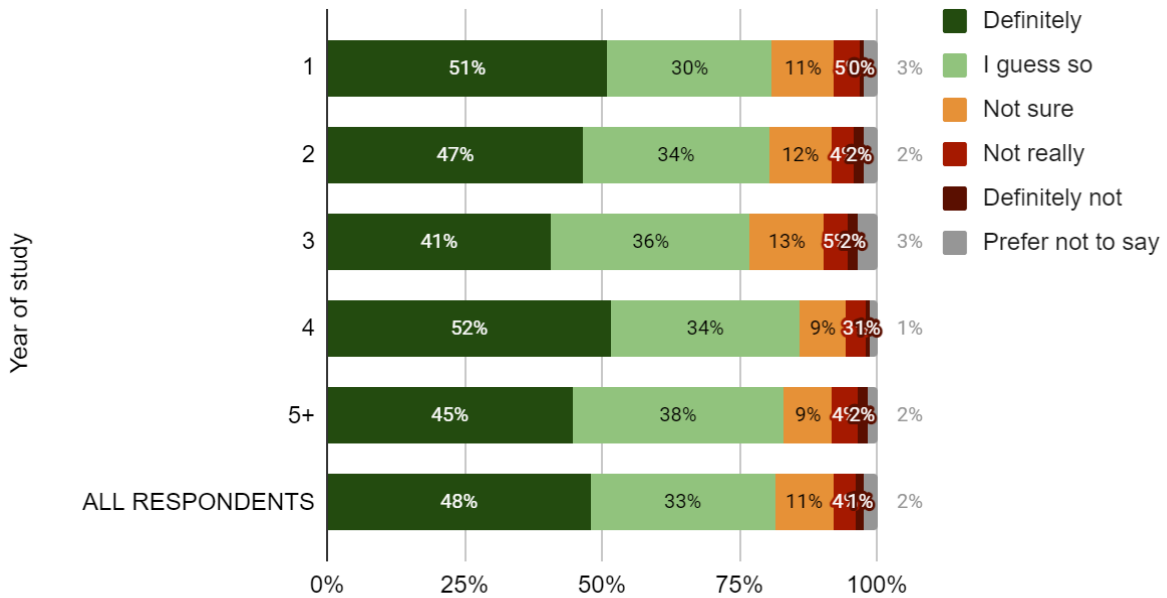
## Do you feel like you know enough about sexual health?



## Do you feel like you know enough about consent and sexual boundaries?



## Do you feel like you know enough about safe relationships and intimate partner violence?



## Do you feel like the sex health and safety education you've had so far has met your needs?

