



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
**SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE OFFICE**



**FACT SHEET: ANNUAL REPORT ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND
VIOLENCE AT THE MILITARY ACADEMIES, ACADEMIC PROGRAM YEAR
2021-2022**
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Background:

Congress requires the Department to submit an annual report for each Academic Program Year (APY) on the effectiveness of the policies, training, and procedures of the Military Service Academies (MSAs) regarding sexual harassment and sexual violence involving academy personnel at the United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, and United States Air Force Academy.

Top Line Results:

This report provides an update on the MSA efforts to prevent and respond to sexual violence and other harmful behaviors during APY 2020-2021. This year's report conveys the results of the first prevalence survey at the MSAs since 2018; the 2020 survey was canceled due to COVID response closures.

- In the survey conducted for APY 2021-2022, an estimated 21.4 percent of academy women and an estimated 4.4 percent of academy men indicated experiencing unwanted sexual contact in the year prior to being surveyed (i.e., since June 2021). These rates represent an increase from survey rates last measured in 2018.
- The Academies received a total of 206 reports of sexual assault, which is an increase of 45 reports over the 161 received in APY 2020-2021.
- Of the total 206 reports, 170 were from actively enrolled cadets and midshipmen who made an Unrestricted or Restricted Report of sexual assault.
 - **155 sexual assault reports were from cadets or midshipmen for incidents that occurred during military service.**
 - 16 reports were from cadets or midshipmen for incidents that occurred **prior** to military service.
 - 35 reports were from active-duty Service members, civilians, or prep school students
- Survey and reporting data indicate that about **14 percent** of cadets and midshipmen who indicated experiencing unwanted sexual contact in the past academic program year reported their incident to DoD authority. In other words, the **155 cadets and midshipmen who reported an incident** that occurred during military service represent about 14 percent of the **1,136 cadets and midshipmen estimated to have experienced unwanted sexual contact** in APY 2020-2021.

- MSA sexual assault reports from cadets/midshipmen that were **actively enrolled at the time of the incident: included**: 50 reports at USMA (no change from previous APY); 63 reports at USNA (an 85% increase); and 57 reports at USAFA (a 4% increase).
- MSA sexual harassment reports from cadets/midshipmen that were actively enrolled at the time of the incident included: Cadets and midshipmen made 40 complaints (15 formal complaints, 20 informal complaints, and 5 anonymous complaints) of sexual harassment, an increase of 10 complaints from the previous APY.
 - USMA had 20 complaints (7 formal, 10 informal, and 3 anonymous), an increase of 5 from the previous APY
 - USNA had 9 complaints (8 formal, 1 informal, and 0 anonymous), an increase of 6 from the previous APY
 - USAFA had 11 complaints (0 formal, 9 informal, and 2 anonymous), a decrease of 1 from the previous APY.

Way Forward

We are taking immediate measures to address sexual assault and sexual harassment at our MSAs.

- The Department is sending teams to assist the Academies' prevention efforts.
 - Within 90 days, On-Site Installation Evaluations (OSIE) will be conducted at all three Academies.
 - OSIE results will provide immediate insights to identify specific climate challenges and inform targeted prevention activities – not just for sexual assault, but the full spectrum of harmful behaviors.
- Leaders at all levels are championing healthy climates.
 - DoD has improved its climate assessment process to better detect risk and protective factors known to be associated with the prevention of readiness impacting behaviors like sexual assault.
 - The command climate assessment process provides timely data to empower leadership in addressing the safety and welfare of all unit members.
 - Academies will integrate this climate assessment process into their operations as a means to identify cadet and midshipman units with promising climates, as well as those at risk for problems.
 - Academy leadership will also educate cadets and midshipmen about significant changes in the military justice process set to take place in December 2023: Independent, expert military attorneys will make prosecution decisions for sexual assault cases and other named offenses instead of military commanders. Cadets and midshipmen must know of these changes designed to restore faith in the fairness of military justice.

The complete report and Actions to Address memo are available online at <https://www.sapr.mil/reports>