

# **Sexual Misconduct Data Report**

## **September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017**

### **Introduction**

Northwestern University is committed to fostering an environment in which all members of our community are safe, secure, and free from sexual misconduct of any form. Northwestern's [Policy on Sexual Misconduct](#) prohibits all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, dating and domestic violence, and sexual harassment.

When an incident of alleged sexual misconduct is reported to the University, whether it is reported in person, by email, electronically, anonymously, or through another person, the Office

## Data

### 1. Distribution of All Reports by Type of Allegation

The following chart illustrates the distribution by type of sexual misconduct allegation of the 254 reports received by the University in the 2016-2017 academic year. Additional categories were added to reflect combined reports of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. When a report involved allegations of other combinations of sexual misconduct offenses (e.g. sexual assault and sexual harassment), it was categorized on the basis of the primary allegation.

### 2. Distribution of All Reports by Respondent Affiliation

This chart illustrates the distribution by respondent affiliation of the 254 sexual misconduct reports received by the University in the 2016-2017 academic year. The **respondent** is the person who is alleged to have engaged in sexual misconduct. It is important to note that 84 (43%) of the reports received were against people not affiliated with Northwestern or people whose identity was unknown. For example, this includes reports about behavior by unaffiliated dating/domestic partners as well as incidents occurring off campus by non-Northwestern community members.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> When Northwestern receives reports alleging sexual misconduct by people not affiliated with the University (and not otherwise connected to a University program or activity), support and resources are offered to the impacted individual(s) and other measures that may be needed to secure the safety of the community are taken; however, the

### **3. Reports Against Students**

#### **A. Distribution of Sexual Misconduct Reports Involving Student Respondents by Category of Violation Alleged**

Between September 1, 2016, and August 31, 2017, Northwestern received 94 reports alleging that Northwestern students engaged in sexual misconduct. The following chart illustrates the types of violations that were reported. For the



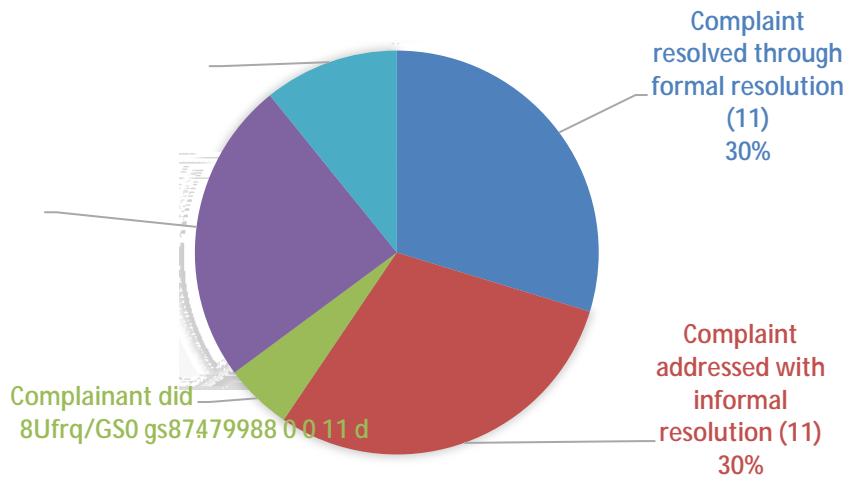
### **C. Outcomes in Adjudicated Student Cases**

In student matters, cases



### **E. How Complainants Elected to Proceed**

When a report is received from any source, including directly from impacted individuals and indirectly through others



### F. Outcomes in Adjudicated Faculty/Staff Cases

The following chart illustrates the outcomes of the 8 cases against faculty and staff that were formally resolved through investigation that concluded by August 31, 2017. Note that 3 cases reported in the 2016-2017 academic year were not resolved until the 2017-2018 academic year.



## **Conclusion**