

Interagency Task Force on Sexual Violence in Education Annual Report January 18, 2024

On behalf of the Interagency Task Force on Sexual Violence in Education (Task Force), the U.S. Department of Education (Department) presents this annual report to Congress, pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, Pub. L. 117-103, 136 Stat. 49 (2022) (VAWA 2022 Amendments).

Section 1314(d) of the VAWA 2022 Amendments requires the Task Force to submit to Congress, and make publicly available, an annual report of its activities and any update of the plan required under subsection (c) including—(1) the number of complaints received regarding sexual violence at educational institutions; (2) the number of open investigations of sexual violence at educational institutions; (3) the number of such complaints that continued to resolution; (4) the number of such complaints resolved using informal resolution; (5) the average time to complete such an investigation; (6) the number of such investigations initiated based on complaints; and (7) the number of such investigations initiated by the Department.

Office for Civil Rights

Below is the requested information for fiscal year 2023, covering investigations by the Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) during the period October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. Cases include those originated by complaint, compliance review, or directed investigation.

- OCR received 173 cases involving sexual violence.
- OCR resolved 14 cases, including complaints and compliance reviews, involving sexual violence other than through mediation.
- OCR resolved 9 cases involving sexual violence using mediation.
- OCR opened for investigation 80 cases involving sexual violence.
- OCR did not initiate any compliance reviews or directed investigations involving sexual violence.
- Currently, there are 343 cases in investigation involving sexual violence.
- The average time to complete such investigations is 1,926 days. As of January 20, 2021, OCR had 242 cases in investigation involving sexual harassment that were four or more years old. With that volume of cases, the average age of cases continues to be long, as OCR works to resolve the cases.

Clery Group

Below is the requested information for 2021 (the latest year available), covering data reported under the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Clery Act; 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)).

- 5,846 institutions of higher education spanning 10,686 campuses reported to the Department in the aggregate¹:
 - 6,457 instances of rape

¹ This data is available at [Campus Safety and Security \(ed.gov\)](https://campus.safetyandsecurity.ed.gov).

- 5,065 instances of fondling
- 57 instances of statutory rape
- 3 instances of incest
- 151 instances of hate crimes based on sexual orientation
- 50 instances of hate crimes based on gender
- 35 instances of hate crimes based on gender identity
- 3,546 instances of domestic violence
- 3,136 instances of dating violence
- 6,284 instances of stalking

Please note that historical data suggest that the occurrence of the most serious crimes against persons on campuses was lower than expected in calendar year 2021 likely due to the continued prevalence of remote learning and other exigencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic.