

UWW DASH (Dating, Aggression, Stalking and Harassment) Survey: Preliminary Results



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Introduction

DASH (Dating, Aggression, Stalking and Harassment) Survey's purpose was for University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS) to collect data on the perceived norms, behaviors and experiences of UW-W students.

Dr. Kate Ksobiech from the Communication Department assisted UHCS in the survey design and implementation.

Data will be used to tailor health promotion and educational efforts.

Method

- All UW-W students over the age of 18 received an invitation to complete the online survey.
- Students chose to participate in the online survey.
- Answers were submitted anonymously.
- Students had the option to enter a random drawing for a chance to win one of several prizes.
- One follow-up email was sent to students.
- 426 completed surveys were used in this analysis.

Survey Research Areas

- Bystander Intervention Scenarios
- Online, social media, and cell phone use
- Meeting online individuals in person
- Stalking and Harassment Experiences
- Dating and Threatening Behaviors
- Perceptions of UW-W's Response to DASH Issues

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If you were going to meet someone in person who you first met online, how likely are you to do each of the following?

	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Take separate cars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet at a public place	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make sure someone knows where you are	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Take someone with you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet with a group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid MALE	137	32.2	32.2	32.2
Valid FEMALE	289	67.8	67.8	100.0
Total	426	100.0	100.0	

What best describes your living situation?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid On-campus residence hall	158	37.1	37.2	37.2
Valid Off-campus (in Whitewater)	169	39.7	39.8	76.9
Valid Off-campus (commuter)	98	23.0	23.1	100.0
Total	425	99.8	100.0	
Missing System	1	.2		
Total	426	100.0		

What is your year in school?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Freshman	79	18.5	18.6	18.6
Valid Sophomore	71	16.7	16.7	35.3
Valid Junior	109	25.6	25.6	60.9
Valid Senior	131	30.8	30.8	91.8
Valid Graduate	35	8.2	8.2	100.0
Total	425	99.8	100.0	
Missing System	1	.2		
Total	426	100.0		

In which college are you?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Education & Professional Studies	75	17.6	17.6	17.6
Valid Letters & Sciences	148	34.7	34.8	52.5
Valid Business & Economics	119	27.9	28.0	80.5
Valid Arts & Communication	58	13.6	13.6	94.1
Valid Graduate Studies	11	2.6	2.6	96.7
Valid Undeclared/Undecided	14	3.3	3.3	100.0
Total	425	99.8	100.0	
Missing System	1	.2		
Total	426	100.0		

DASH Survey

The following questions focus on purposeful behaviors of anyone you have been on a date within the past year:

Never Once Twice Three or more times

They damaged something that belonged to me

They said things to hurt my feelings on purpose

They would not let me do things with other people

They told me I could not talk to someone else

They did something just to make me jealous

They threatened to hurt me

They made me feel when I was or who I was with

They scolded or slapped me

They examined me or had me against the wall

They tried to choke me

They pushed, grabbed, or shoved me

They threw something at me

They hit me with a fist

They threatened me with a weapon

They hurt me with a weapon

Other (please specify)

Reviewing the above behaviors, in the past year, have you done any of those things to someone else?

Yes No Maybe/Not Sure

Please think about the past year and let us know if someone did any of the following to you:

Never Once Twice Three or more times

They demanded sex whether I wanted it or not

They made me have oral sex against my will

They made me have sexual intercourse against my will

They physically forced me to have sex

They made me have anal sex against my will

They used an object on me in a sexual way

Other (please specify)

Reviewing the above behaviors, in the past year, have you done any of those things to someone else?

Yes No Maybe/Not Sure

We are trying to learn more about online, social media, and cell phone use. Please think about the past year and let us know if someone did any of the following to you:

Yes, before I came to UWW Yes, while I was a UWW student Yes, both before and during my time at UWW No

Has anyone posted, or sent to other people, sexual content (pictures, videos, etc.) of you when you don't want them to?

Have you posted, or sent to other people, sexual content (pictures, videos, etc.) of someone when they don't want you to?

Have you sent anyone something (pictures, videos, messages, etc.) that you wouldn't want others to see?

Has anyone sent you content (pictures, videos, messages, etc.) of a sexual nature when you don't want to receive it?

Has anyone pressured you to send sexual content (pictures, videos, messages, etc.) when you don't want them to?

Have you pressured someone to send sexual content (pictures, videos, messages, etc.) of themselves?

We are trying to learn more about stalking and harassment. Please think about the past year and let us know if someone did any of the following to you:

Never Once Twice Three or more times

They violated a restraining order?

They threatened to cause you harm

They vandalized your property

They attempted to harm you

They physically harmed you

They physically harmed themselves in an effort to get a reaction from you

They called, texted or emailed you when you don't want them to

They followed or watched you when you don't want them to

They visited you when you don't want them to

They sent photos when you don't want them to

They made threats to your new partner

They named your new partner

Other (please specify)

Reviewing the above behaviors, in the past year, have you done any of those things to someone else?

Yes No Maybe/Not Sure

Results

Percentage Students reported experiencing these behaviors over the past year

	Women	Men	All
threatened online at least once			15
physically harmed	10	6	
sent unwanted photos	13	8	
made to tell a dating partner where they were or who they were with			24
Demanded by someone to have sex whether they wanted to or not	12	8	
forced into sexual intercourse	5	3	
unsure if some of their own behaviors in the past year would be considered stalking and/or harassment	6	4	

Percentage Responses of Women vs Men reporting the following behaviors over the past year

	Women	Men
Being followed or watched	#	##*
Being visited when they didn't wish to be	#	##*
Receiving unwanted texts, calls or emails	#	##*
prevented from seeing other people by their dating partner	23	13
told they could not talk to someone else by their dating partner	26	16
When meeting someone in person they first met online, they are "very likely" to: drive separately, tell others where they are going, take someone with them, and meet up with the person as part of a group	#	#

*Significantly different

Conclusions

- Many students learned about SASA through survey
- Students may lack clarity on whether their own behaviors are stalking or aggression
- Cyber stalking reported as experienced by students as both receiver and sender
- Educational programs needed at UWW
- Additional data needed via qualitative research with students