

St. Olaf College 2020 Sexual Assault Data Reported to the Federal Government For Calendar Years 2019, 2018, and 2017

The information in this report consists of statistics provided by St. Olaf to the U.S. Department of Education concerning reports of incidents of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking occurring on or near St. Olaf's campus during the previous three calendar years. These statistics are included in the college's annual [Campus Safety and Security Report](#), generally known as the Clery Report because it is prepared in compliance with the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act* of 1998. Congress named the Clery Act in memory of a student who was assaulted and slain in her university residence hall in 1986; its purpose is both to inform the public and to improve campus safety. The Act requires reporting of other types of crime as well, such as burglary, arson, aggravated assault, and hate crimes; however, this report focuses on crimes related to Title IX.

The types of incidents that must be reported to the federal government are defined in the original Clery Act and in the subsequent Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, which expanded the Clery reporting requirements. It is important to emphasize that *the data the college reports in compliance with the Clery Act represents only a portion of likely incidents of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence actually experienced by members of the St. Olaf community during those same reporting years.* This is true for several reasons:

- Under the terms of the Clery Act, reported incidents of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking are only included in the statistics we provide to the U.S. Department of Education if they occurred on property owned or controlled by St. Olaf or immediately adjacent to campus, in areas specifically designated as St. Olaf's "Clery geography." While incidents that occur off-campus may also be subject to St. Olaf's [policy](#) on sex discrimination, sexual misconduct, and sexual harassment, and the college treats those incidents the same way it treats a Clery-reported incident, those incidents are not included in the statistics we provide to the federal government.
- Research suggests that sexual assaults, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking are under-reported, not only in general but also on college campuses. Consequently, it is likely that in any given year, the number of incidents that occurred on St. Olaf property is larger than the number of reports received by the college.
- It is not unusual for the college to receive reports of sexual misconduct that occurred during a previous academic or calendar year. It can take months or years for a person to be ready to report their experience to the college. The number of reports in a given year won't reflect those incidents that also occurred in that year but will not be reported until one, two, or even three years later.

Here is additional information about the content of this report:

- **Types of incidents reported:** These statistics include reports about seven types of incidents, defined as follows in federal regulations (note that the federal language includes terms that the college otherwise avoids, such as “victim” and “he/she”):
 - *Rape* – “The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus, with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. This offense includes the rape of both males and females.”
 - *Fondling* – “The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.” By definition, acts of rape, incest, and statutory rape also include acts of fondling; however, for reporting purposes, the instances reported as “fondling” are limited to those where fondling was the only form of assault.
 - *Incest* – “Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.”
 - *Statutory rape* – “Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.”
 - *Dating violence* – “Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.”
 - *Domestic violence* – “Violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim or by a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner.”
 - *Stalking* – “Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person’s safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.”
- **Locations of reported incidents:** The Clery Act also requires the college to indicate where reported incidents occurred in relation to the college’s “Clery geography.” The location categories as defined in the law and applicable to St. Olaf include the following:
 - *On-campus student housing* – College-owned on-campus residential facilities, which includes all residence halls, honor houses, and language houses. It does not include non-St. Olaf off-campus apartments or other buildings in which students reside.

- *Other on-campus college property* – All other buildings and land that are owned by St. Olaf, that are reasonably contiguous to one another, and that directly support the educational purposes of the college.
- *Adjacent public property* - All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. For St. Olaf, this category includes St. Olaf Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to the St. Olaf Avenue entrance to campus, and other streets bordering property owned by the College, such as Lincoln Avenue, 1st and 2nd Street West from Lincoln Avenue, Greenvale Avenue, and Highway 19 from Armstrong Road West to the edge of campus.

As always, the college strongly encourages anyone who has experienced sexual assault or other forms of sexual or interpersonal violence to [report](#) to the [Title IX Coordinator](#) or any member of the [Title IX Team](#). Individuals can also report by using the [online reporting form](#), which may be completed anonymously.

Reports of On- or Near-Campus Sexual Assault and Other Prohibited Conduct Reported to the U.S. Department of Education in Compliance with the Clery Act

Calendar Year 2019

Location of Reported Offense

<i>Reported Offense</i>	Reports from on-campus student housing	Reports from other on-campus property	Reports from adjacent public property	Total Reported Offenses
Rape	3	0	0	3
Fondling	9	0	0	9
Incest	0	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0	0
Dating violence	0	0	0	0
Domestic violence	5	1	0	6
Stalking	1	1	0	2
TOTAL	18	2	0	20

Calendar Year 2018

Location of Reported Offense

<i>Reported Offense</i>	Reports from on-campus student housing	Reports from other on-campus property	Reports from adjacent public property	Total Reported Offenses
Rape	9	2	0	11
Fondling	9	2	0	11
Incest	0	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0	0
Dating violence	0	0	0	0
Domestic violence	0	0	0	0
Stalking	3	3	0	6
TOTAL	21	7	0	28

Calendar Year 2017

Location of Reported Offense

<i>Reported Offense</i>	Reports from on-campus student housing	Reports from other on-campus property	Reports from adjacent public property	Total Reported Offenses
Rape	13	0	0	13
Fondling	14	3	0	17
Incest	0	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0	0
Dating violence	1	0	0	1
Domestic violence	0	0	0	0
Stalking	1	6	0	7
TOTAL	29	9	0	38

Please contact [Kari Hohn](#), Title IX Coordinator, or [Fred Behr](#), Director of Public Safety, with any questions about the information in this report.