

Sexual assault figures released

*The study surveyed
150,072 students at 27
colleges, including the
University of Oregon*

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Results from a massive survey on campus rape and sexual misconduct undertaken at the University of Oregon and 26 other universities last spring confirmed that at least 1 in 5 women reported being assaulted during their university years.

That's consistent with a series of previous surveys conducted by researchers who specialize in the study of sexual assault, such as those conducted this year and last by UO professor Jennifer Freyd.

Robin Holmes, UO vice president for student life, said, "The data itself is not surprising; but it's still sobering.

"Turning the tide on this is critical," Holmes said. "Students must be aware of the services available to them, have confidence they'll be supported, and be assured that incidents will be investigated swiftly and fairly."

The 288-page survey organized by the elite Association of American Universities includes data from such private schools as Harvard and Yale, as well as public schools such as the University of Arizona and the UO.

Surveyors drew 150,072 online participants from the 27 student bodies nationally,

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