



## Bentley Climate Survey Results

### 2024 Campus Climate Survey



# Bentley Climate Survey 2024

The Bentley University Sexual Assault Survey was hosted by The Office of Equal Opportunity and Institutional Equity. The survey was anonymous, confidential, and built around a model developed by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. Email invitations and four reminders were sent to all students who were actively enrolled in Spring 2024.

The survey was open for **30 days**, from April 1 through April 30, 2024

Total students who participated: **383** (out of approximately 5100 students enrolled Spring 2024)

The student response rate (**7.5%**), *"too low to be confident that the results significantly scale to the entire student population. An ideal response rate for a census survey would be 75-80%."*<sup>1</sup>

The following analysis presents findings from completed surveys only; data from partially completed surveys are not included.

## Invitation email

"Hello Bentley Students,

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, when we acknowledge the impact of sexual and gender-based violence on individuals and communities. This year's theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month is: "Building Connected Communities." As part of our work to ensure a campus community that is welcoming and safe for all students, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Institutional Equity is pleased to announce Bentley's 2024 Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey. This survey will go live on April 1st and will be active until April 30, 2024, coinciding with Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Students, your voices have power – and you can help us to build a safe and respectful environment at Bentley. Engaging with this survey will allow us to better understand the lived experience of our students, and how we can best protect and respond to these concerns. Your response will impact our prevention education and training strategies, student conduct, Title IX processes, and rights and resources for involved students. "

## Confidentiality

*"The survey will be administered via Qualtrics using an anonymous link – no personal information, including Bentley ID, name, Bentley Email Address, etc. will be gathered via embedded data. Additionally, when survey respondents complete the survey, they will be automatically redirected to a separate Qualtrics survey to gather contact information should they opt-in to the incentive lottery. At no point will the respondents' answers from the survey relate to the contact information provided in the second survey.*

*Survey responses will be gathered via Qualtrics, and the survey data will be stored on Bentley's servers. Any data reporting will be done in the aggregate. Only members of the Office of Business Intelligence and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Institutional Equity will have access to the of the individual responses".*

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## **Content Warning and Support**

Dear Students:

Thank you for participating in Bentley University's Campus Sexual Misconduct Survey. In 2021, the Massachusetts legislature enacted a special law known as the 2021 Campus Sexual Assault Law (CSAL), which requires that all private and public higher education institutions in Massachusetts conduct a campus sexual misconduct climate survey no less than every four years and post results on their website within 120 days of completion and analysis.

This survey will attempt to measure the prevalence of sexual assault on campus, assess students' attitudes and awareness about sexual misconduct and how to report it on campus, and help schools identify ways to address the problem.

Please note that this survey is confidential, anonymous, and completely voluntary.

If you would like to opt in to a random drawing for a chance to win a prize, you will have the option to do so at the end of the survey. Your name will not be associated with your answers to the survey, which will be collected separately.

Engaging with this survey will allow us to better understand the lived experiences of our students, and how we can best protect and respond to these concerns. Your responses will impact our prevention education and training strategies, student conduct and Title IX processes, and rights and resources for involved students.

We will share the results of the survey with the campus community in the Fall 2024 semester.

Thank you for your willingness to participate and join in our efforts to create a campus free of sexual misconduct in all its forms.

Important note: Some questions in this survey use explicit language, including anatomical names of body parts and specific behaviors involving sexual situations. This survey also asks about sexual assault and other forms of sexual violence. It is important that we ask the questions in this way so that you are clear what we mean, but this may be upsetting. Your participation in the survey is completely voluntary. You may skip any question you are not comfortable answering and may exit the survey at any time. If you'd like to talk with someone about issues addressed in the survey you may contact any of the following confidential resources:

Bentley's Counseling Center, 781-891-2274  
Bentley's Health Center, 781-891-2222  
Bentley's Community Wellbeing Office, 781-891-2600  
National Resources can be accessed [here](#).



## Demographics

n= 383

Female



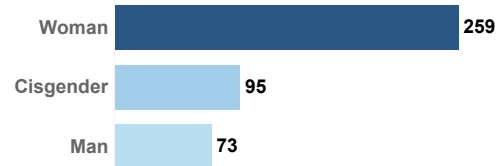
77%  
292

Male

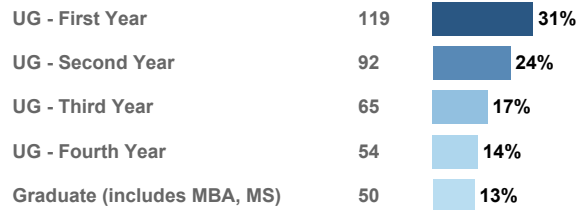


23%  
87

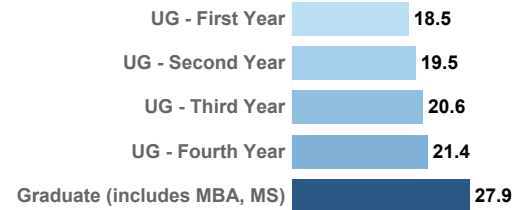
Gender



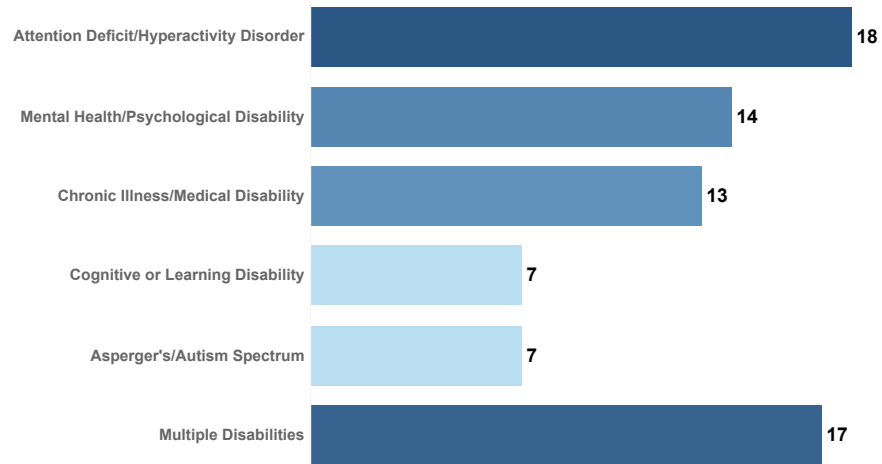
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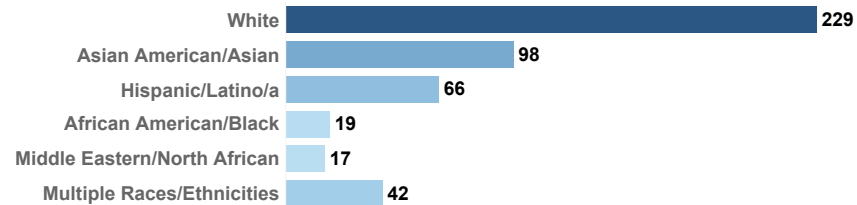
Avg Age



Disability



Race/Ethnicity





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Legal Sex  
All

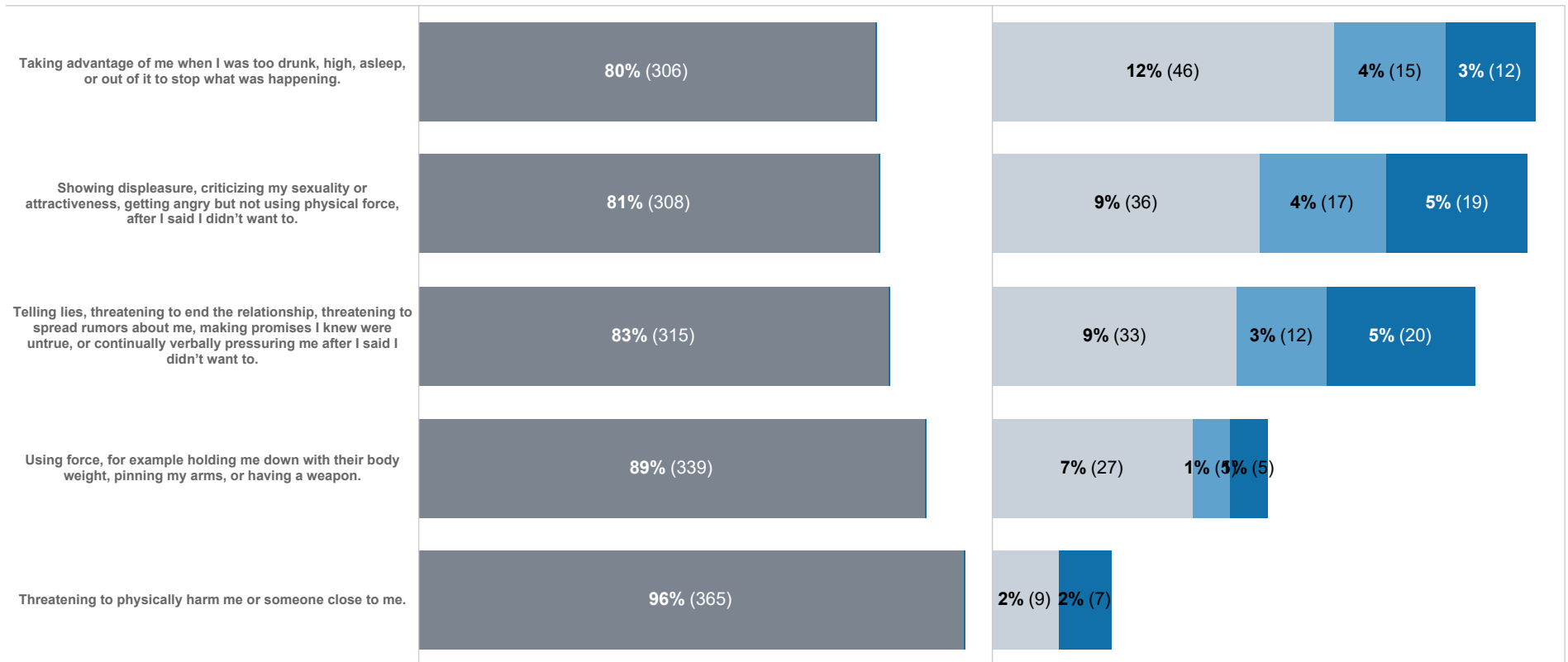
Someone fondled, kissed, or rubbed up against the private areas of my body (lips, breast/chest, crotch, or butt) or removed some of my clothes without my consent (but did not attempt sexual penetration) by:

0 Times

1 Time

2 Times

3+ Times



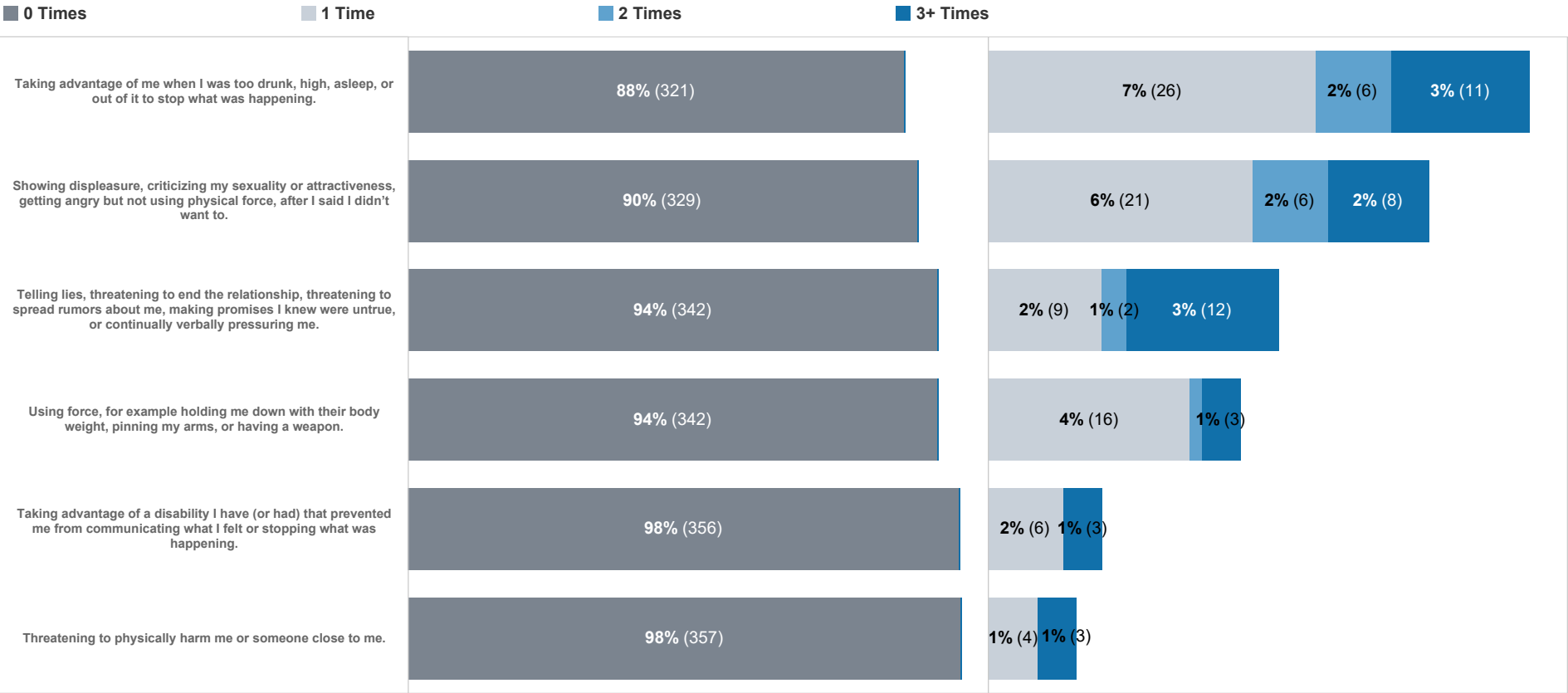


Someone had oral sex with me or made me have oral sex with them without my consent by:





Someone put their penis, fingers, or other objects into my vagina without my consent by:



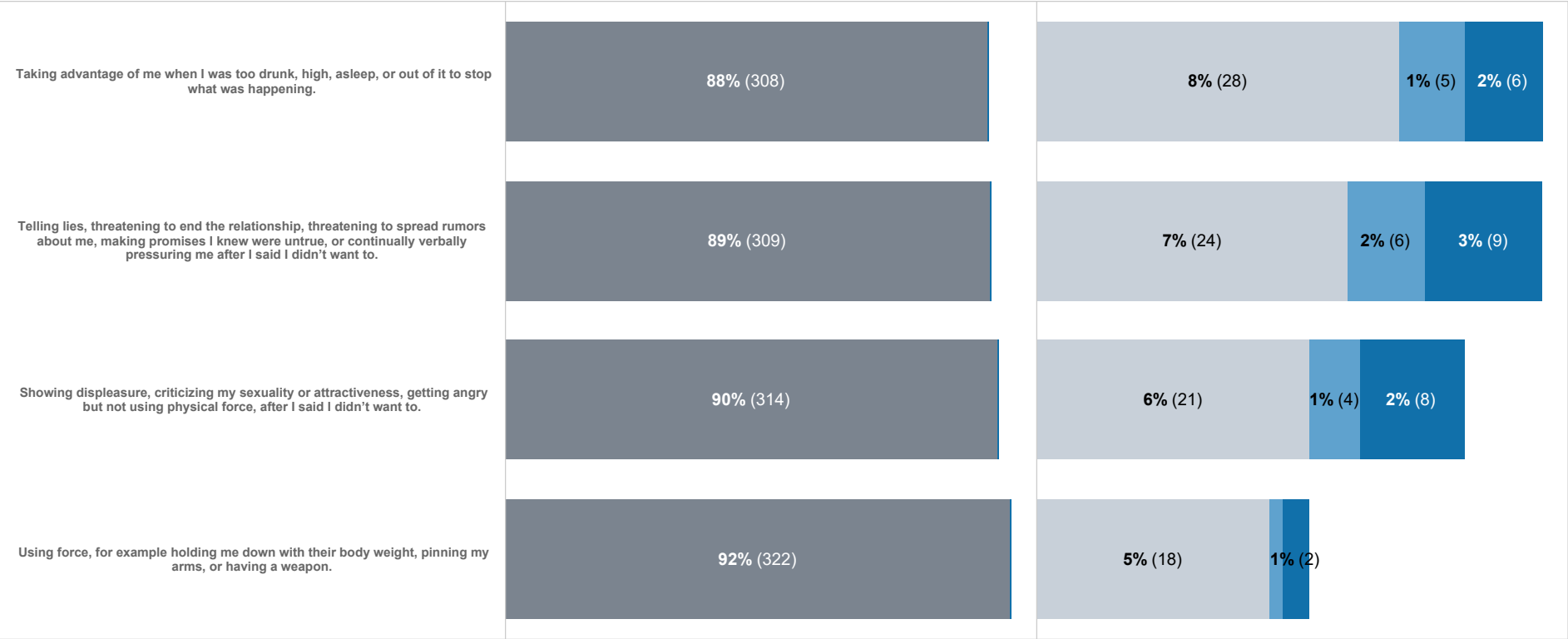


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Legal Sex  
All

■ 0 Times      ■ 1 Time      ■ 2 Times      ■ 3+ Times

Even though it didn't happen, someone TRIED to have oral, anal, or vaginal sex with me without my consent by:



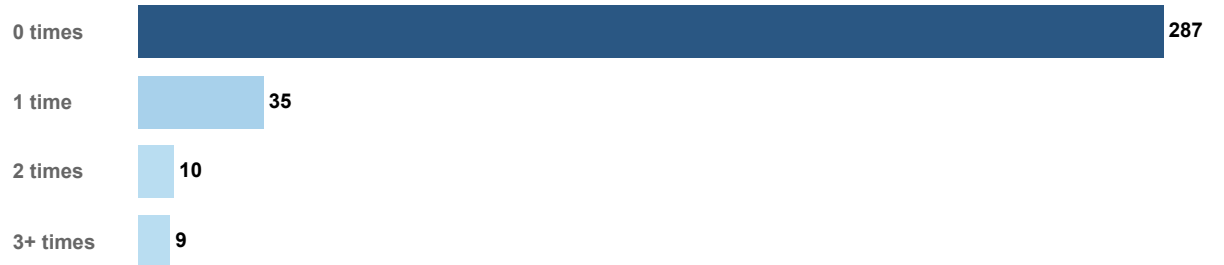




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Since you have been a student at Bentley University, has someone had contact with you involving penetration or oral sex without your active, ongoing voluntary agreement? Examples include someone:

Initiating sexual activity despite your refusal. Ignoring your cues to stop or slow down. Went ahead without checking in or while you were still deciding. Otherwise failed to obtain your consent.



Since you have been a student at Bentley University, has someone kissed or sexually touched you without your active, ongoing voluntary agreement? Examples include someone:

Initiating sexual activity despite your refusal. Ignoring your cues to stop or slow down. Went ahead without checking in or while you were still deciding. Otherwise failed to obtain your consent.





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On the last several pages of the survey, you reported that someone had oral, anal, or vaginal sex with you without your consent, either multiple times or using multiple strategies since you enrolled at Bentley University.

30



All of the incidents were with the same person.

These incidents were with more than one person. (# of people)

7



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On the last several pages of the survey, you reported that since you enrolled at Bentley University someone had oral, anal, or vaginal sex with you without your consent. AND Even though it didn't happen, that someone TRIED to have oral, anal, or vaginal sex with you without your consent.

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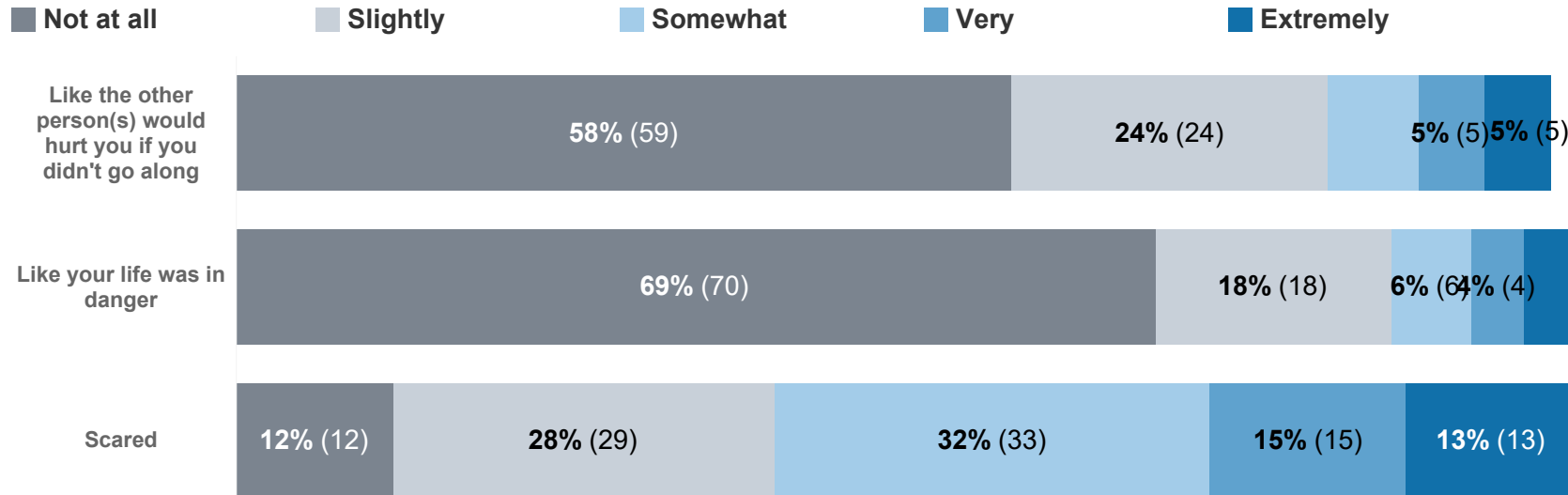
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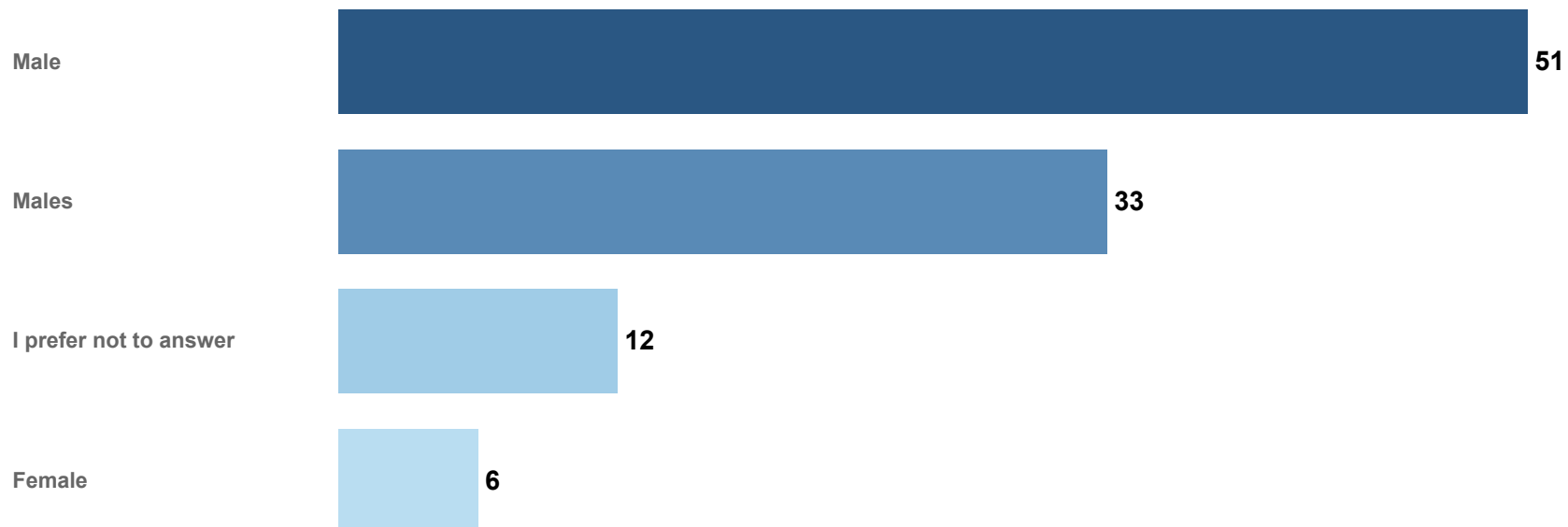


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Legal Sex  
All



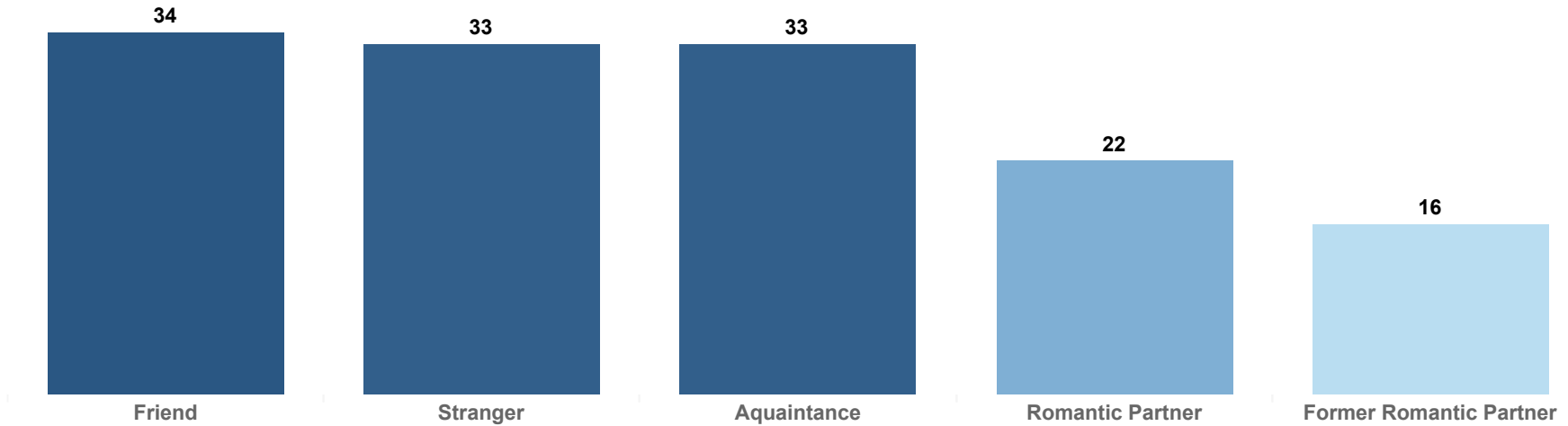
How would you describe the gender of the person(s) who engaged in the conduct towards you?



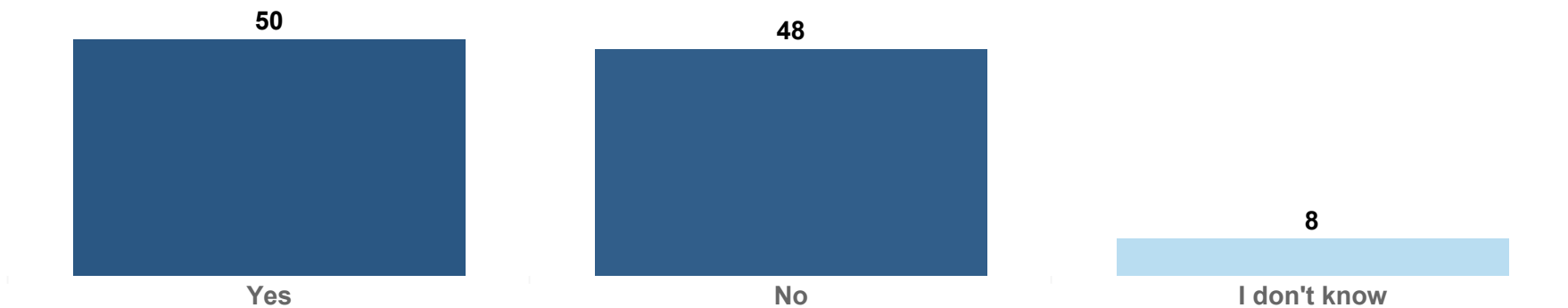


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What was your relationship to the other person or persons?



Was the person (or persons) a student(s) at Bentley University?

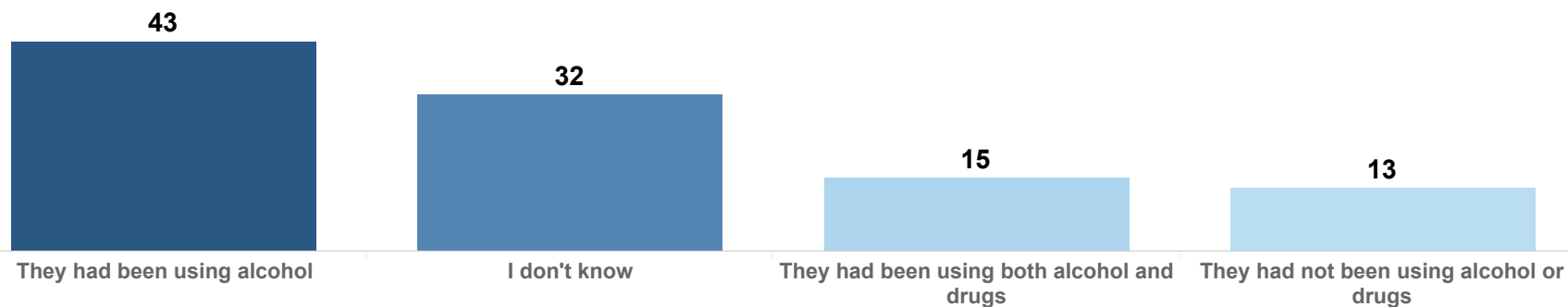




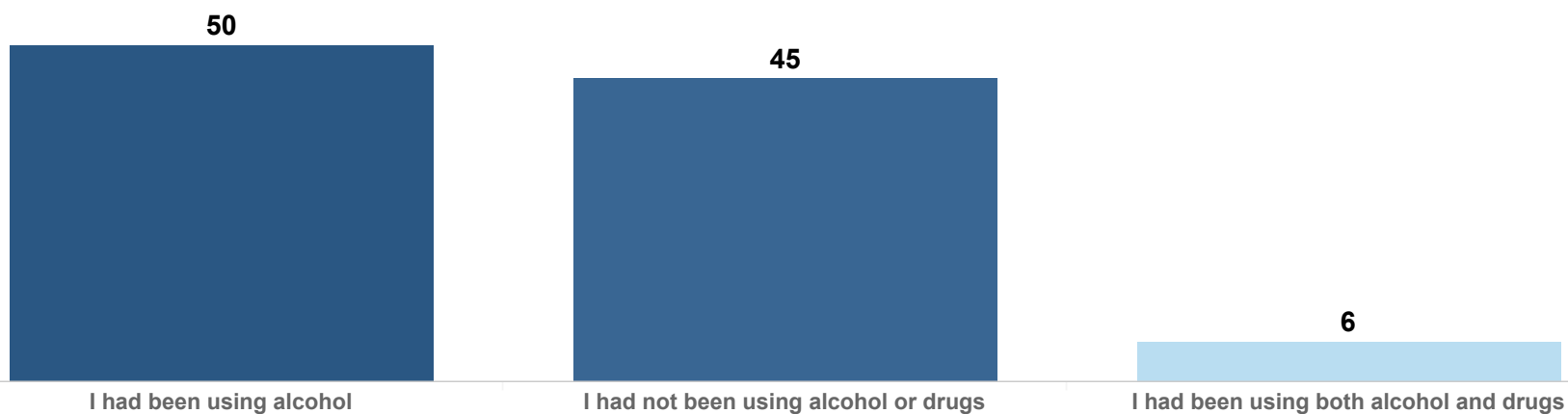
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Legal Sex  
All

Had the other person or persons been using alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident?



Had you been using alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident?





## Bentley University Climate Survey

Legal Sex  
All

During the incident to what extent did you feel:

Not at all

Slightly

Somewhat

Very

Extremely

Like the other  
person(s) would  
hurt you if you  
didn't go along

58% (59)

24% (24)

7% (7)

5% (5)

5% (5)

Like your life was in  
danger

69% (70)

18% (18)

6% (6)

4% (4)

4% (4)

Scared

12% (12)

28% (29)

32% (33)

15% (15)

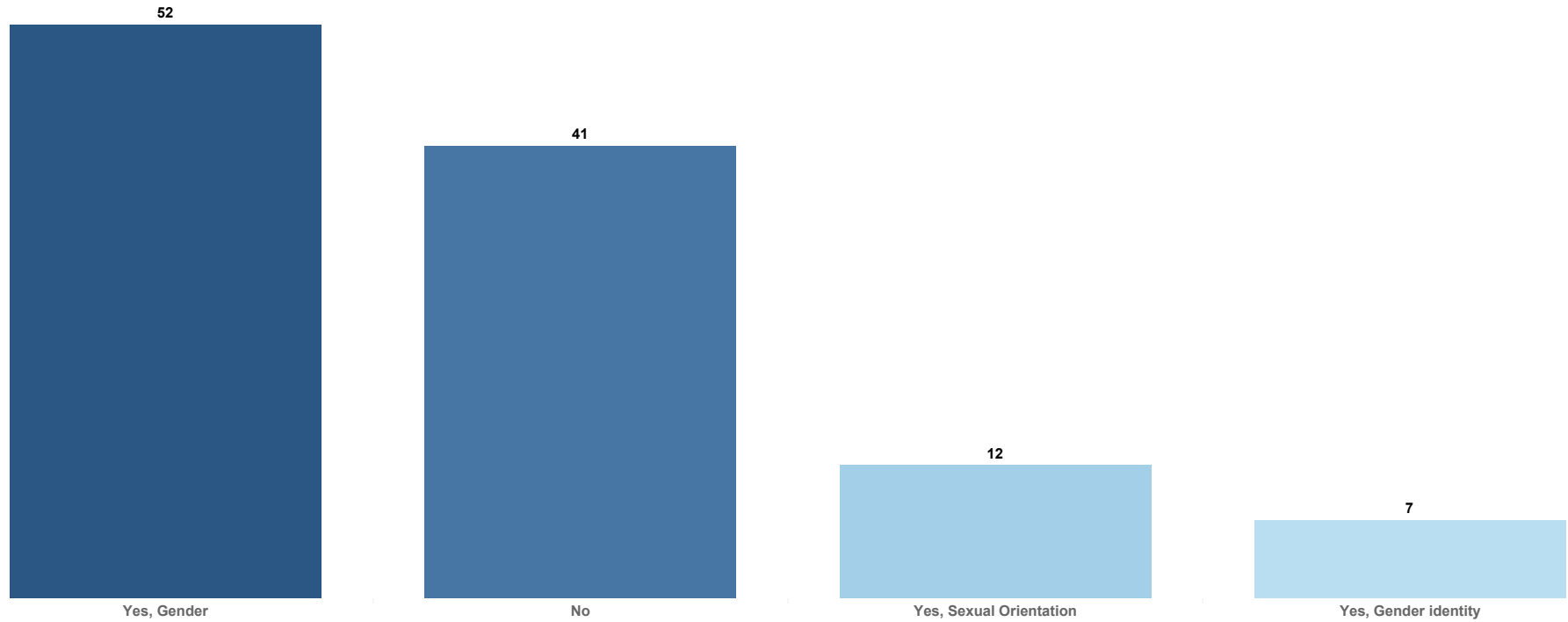
13% (13)



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Legal Sex  
All

Do you believe that any aspect of your identity played a role in any of the incidents of sexual violence you have identified above?



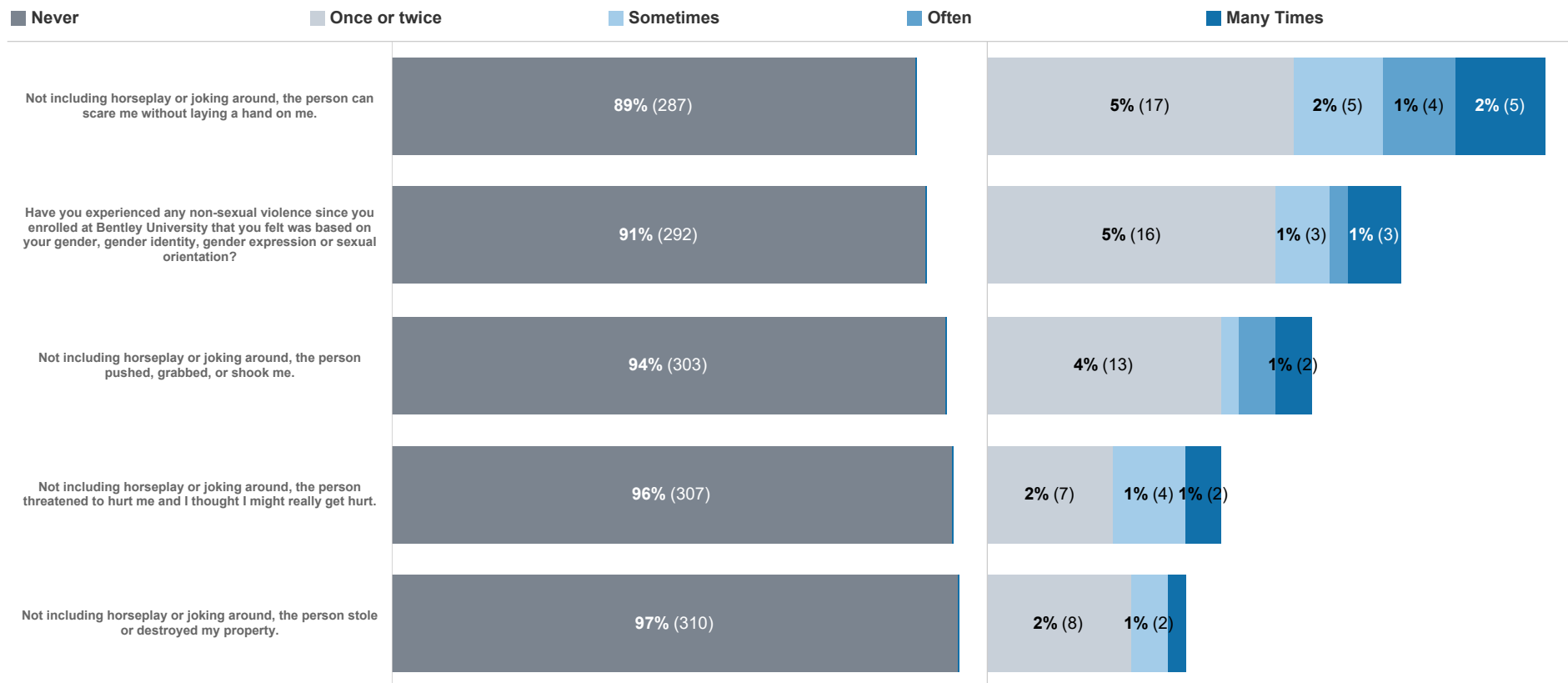




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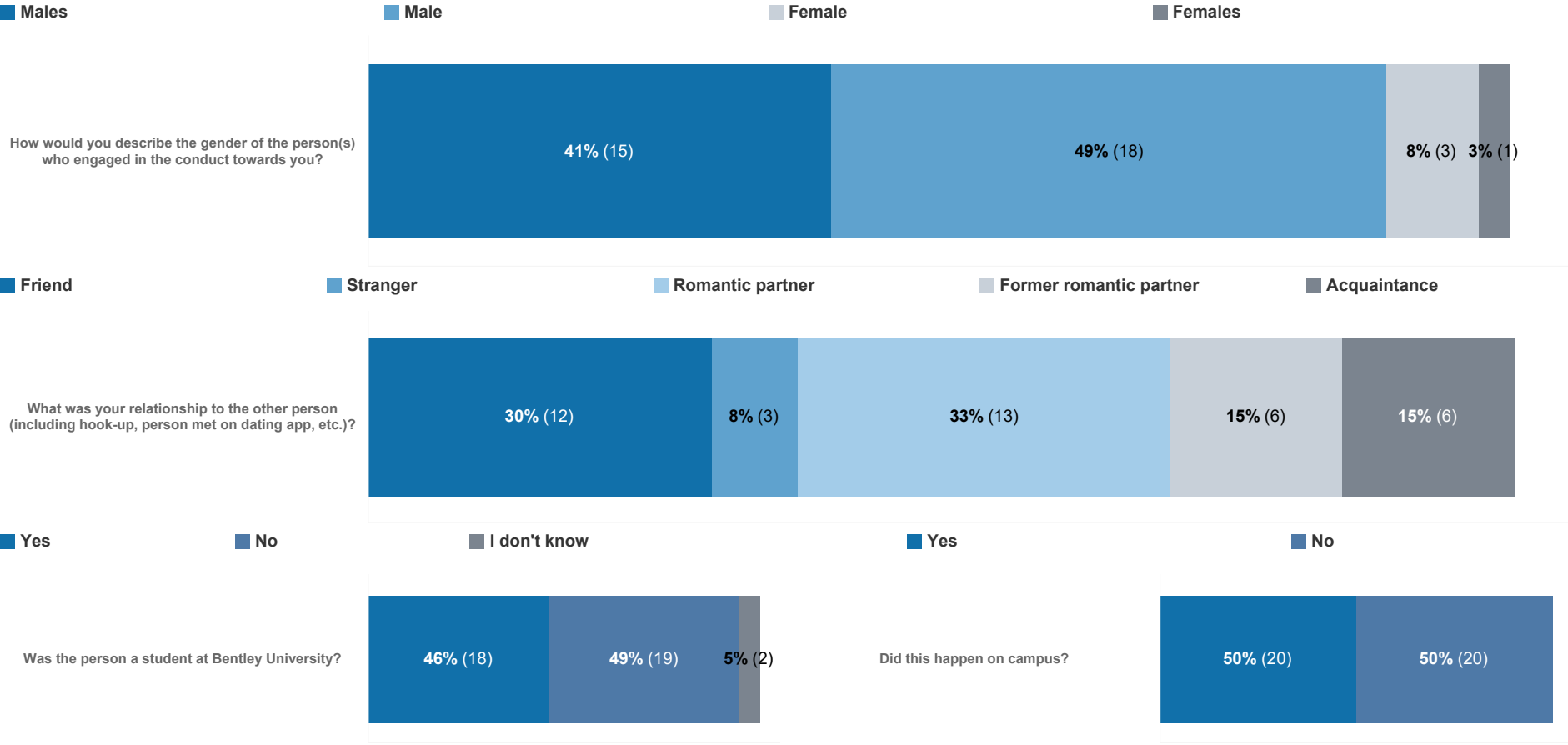
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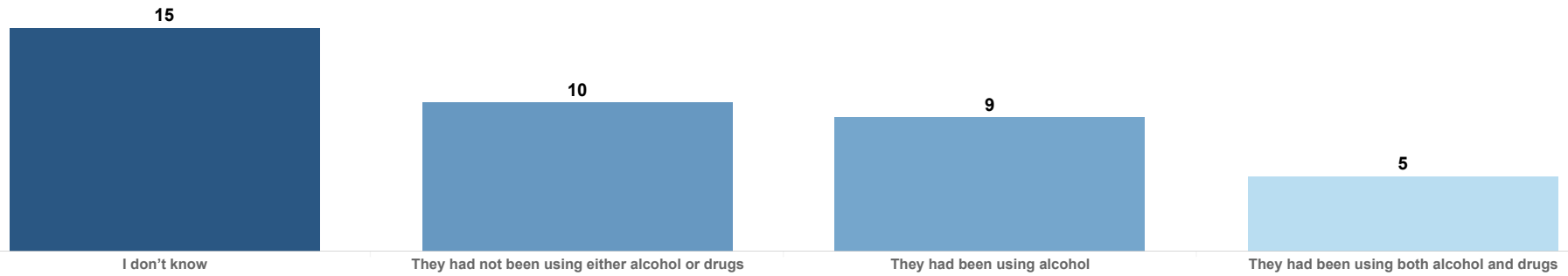




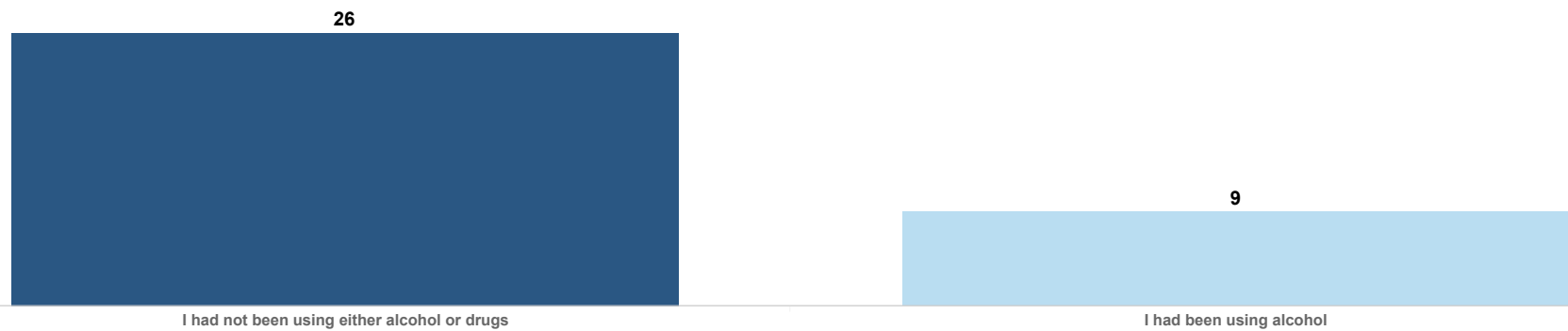
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Legal Sex  
All

Had the other person been using alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident?



Had you been using alcohol or drugs just prior to the incident?





Do you believe that any aspect of your identity played a role in any of the incidents of dating violence you have identified above? If YES, please select all that apply:

No



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Yes, Gender



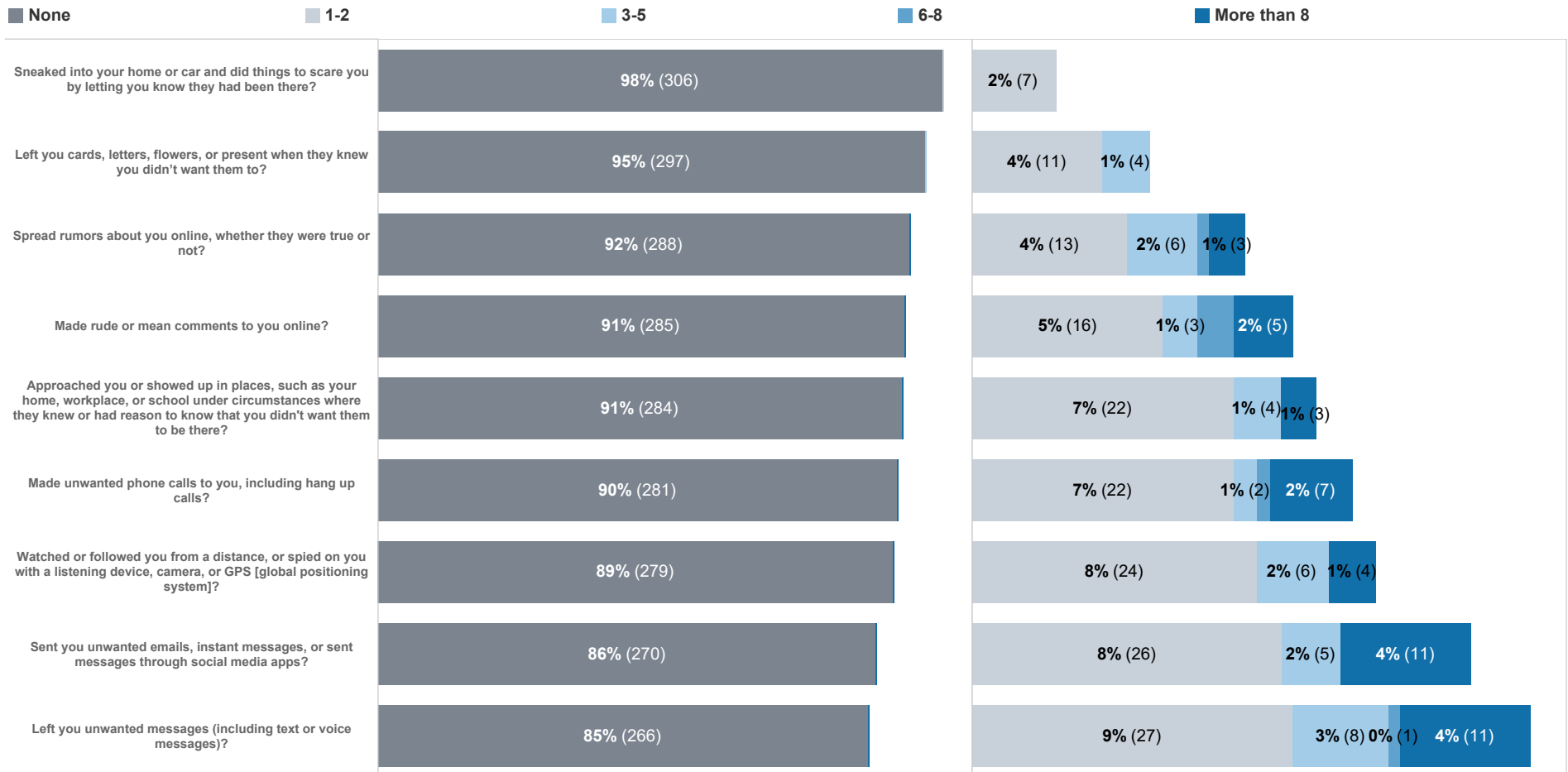
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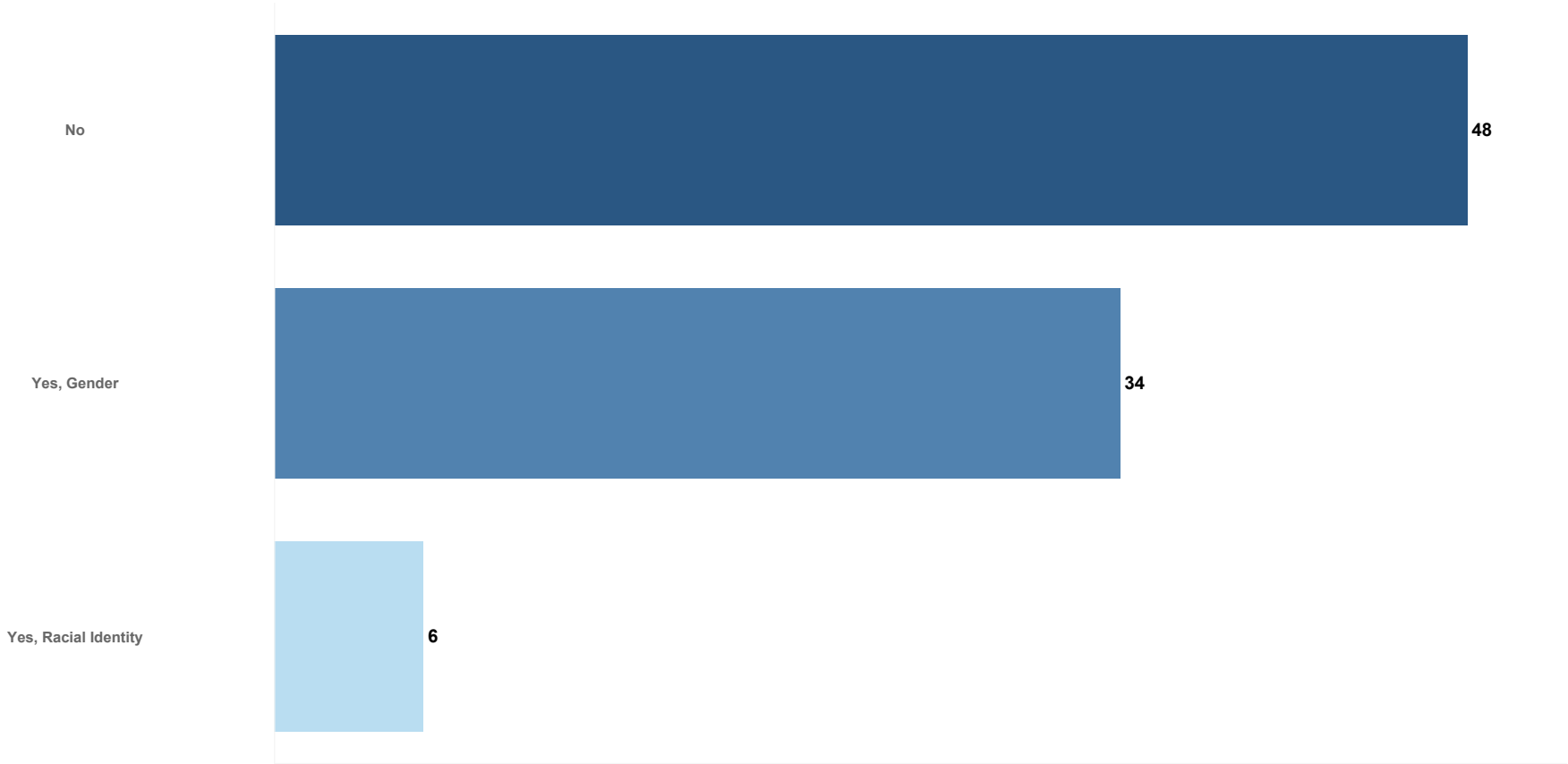
Legal Sex  
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Answer the next questions about any hook-up, partner, or spouse you have had, including exes, regardless of the length of the relationship, since you enrolled at Bentley University:





Do you believe that any aspect of your identity played a role in any of the incidents of stalking you have identified above?





The situation involved:

Sexist or sexually offensive language, gestures, or pictures



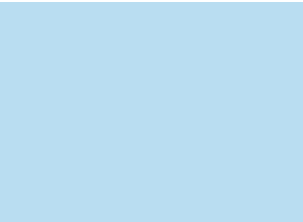
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Unwanted touching



15

Unwanted sexual attention



12



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All

Do you believe that any aspect of your identity played a role in any of the incidents of sexual harassment you have identified above?

Yes, Gender

36

No

26

Yes, Gender identity

5

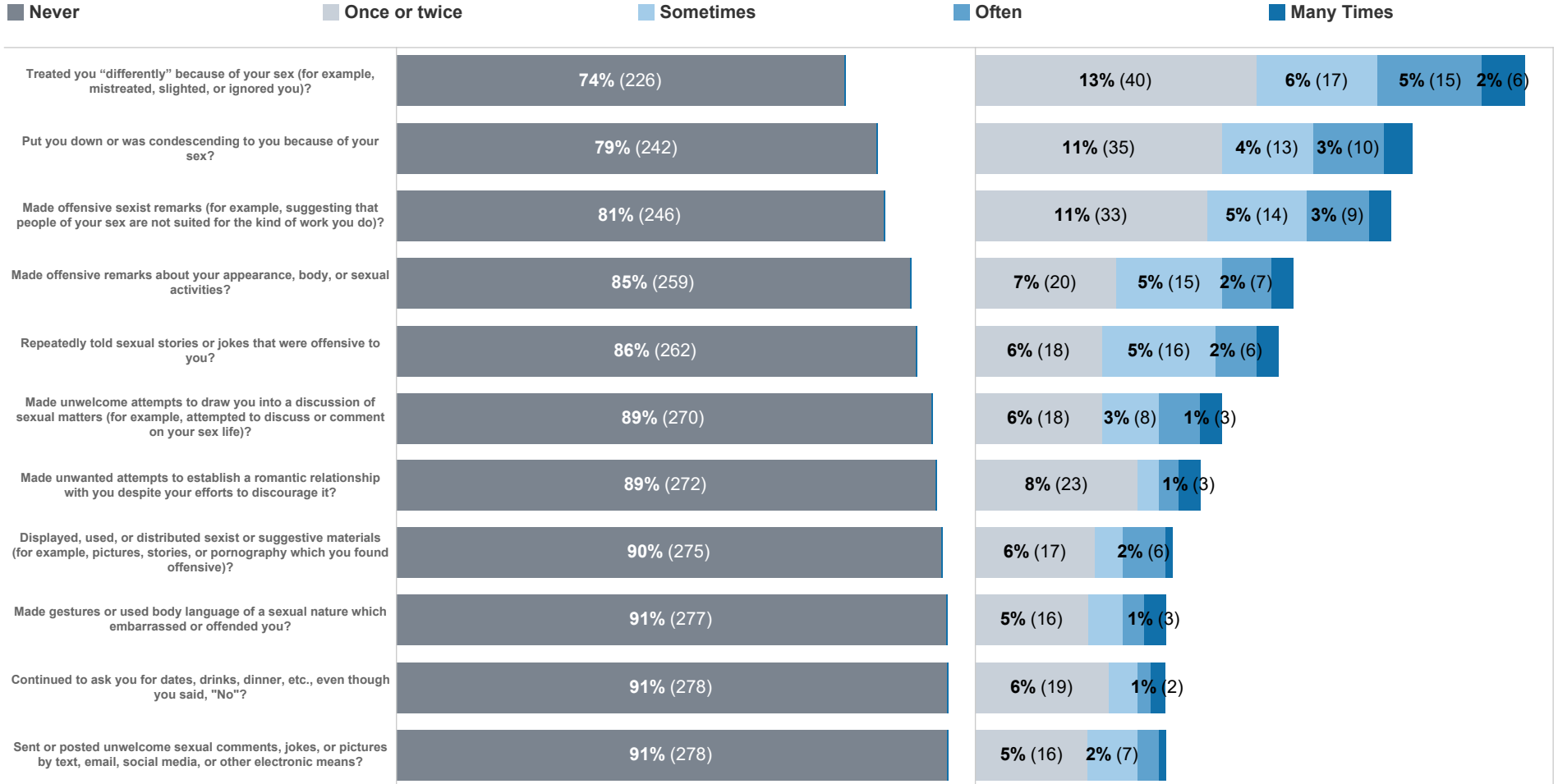




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Legal S.. All

Since you enrolled at Bentley University, have you been in a situation in which a student or students:

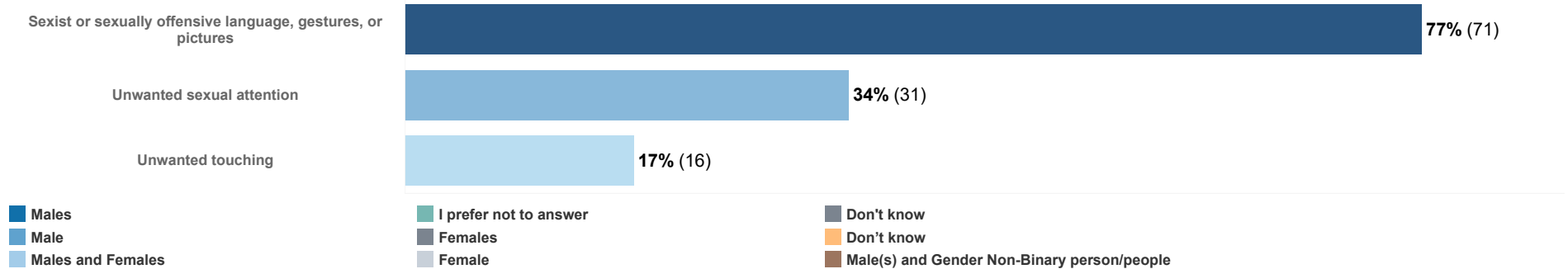




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All

### The situation involved:



How would you describe the gender of the person(s) who engaged in the conduct towards you?



### Was the person (or persons) an undergraduate student(s) at Bentley University?



### Was the other person(s) a graduate or professional student(s) at Bentley University?





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All

Did this happen on campus?

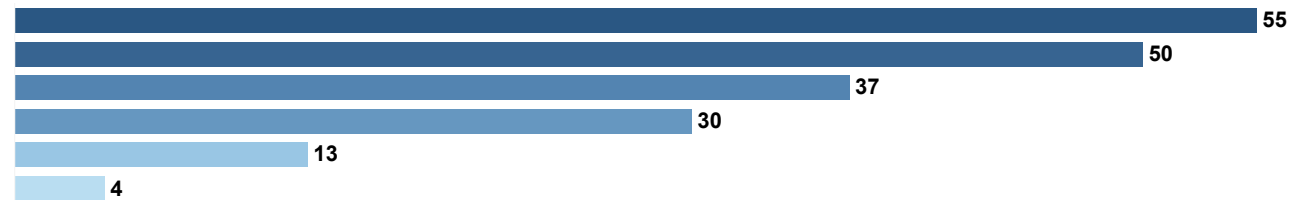


Yes

No

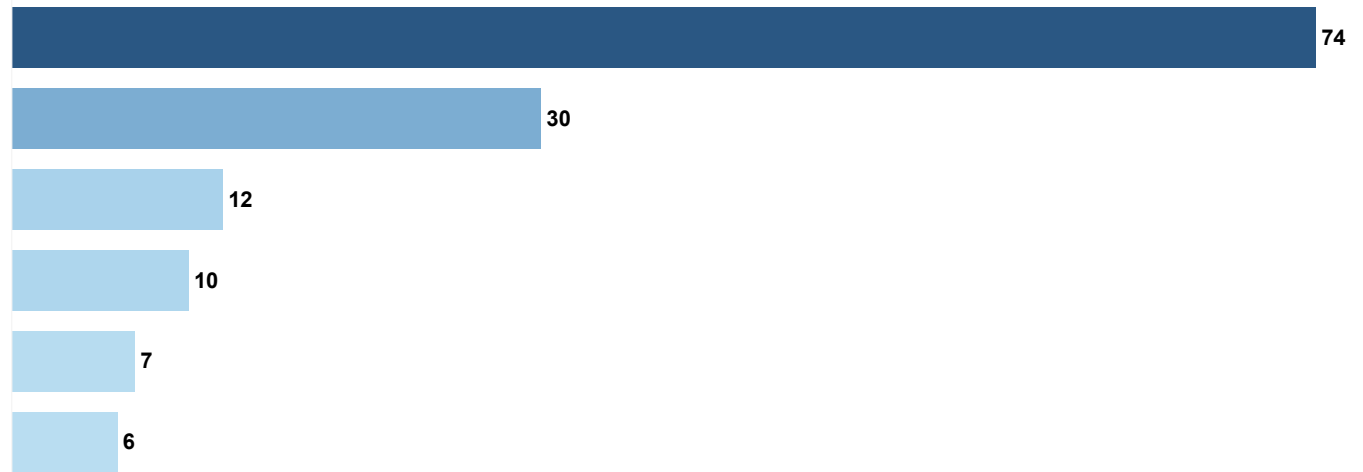
Please tell us how you reacted to the situation:

I did not outwardly react to the situation  
I avoided the person(s) as much as possible.  
I treated it like a joke.  
I told the person(s) to stop.  
I asked someone for advice and/or support.  
I reported the person(s).



Do you believe that any aspect of your identity played a role in any of the incidents of sexual harassment you have identified above?

Yes, Gender  
  
No  
  
Yes, Gender identity  
  
Yes, Sexual Orientation  
  
Yes, Racial identity  
  
Yes, Gender expression

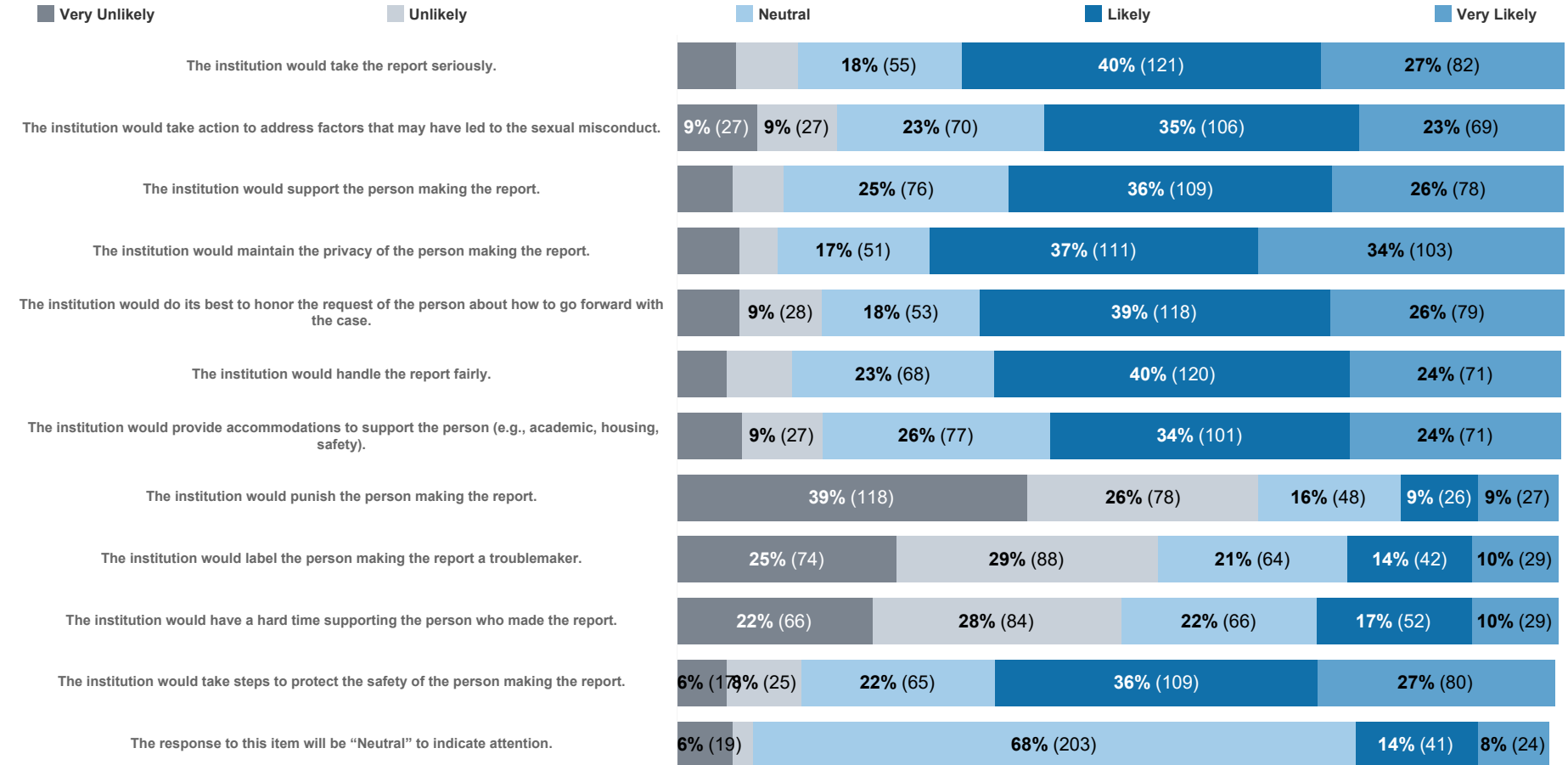




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Legal Sex  
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The following statements describe how Bentley University might handle it if a student reported an incident of sexual misconduct.





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■ Yes

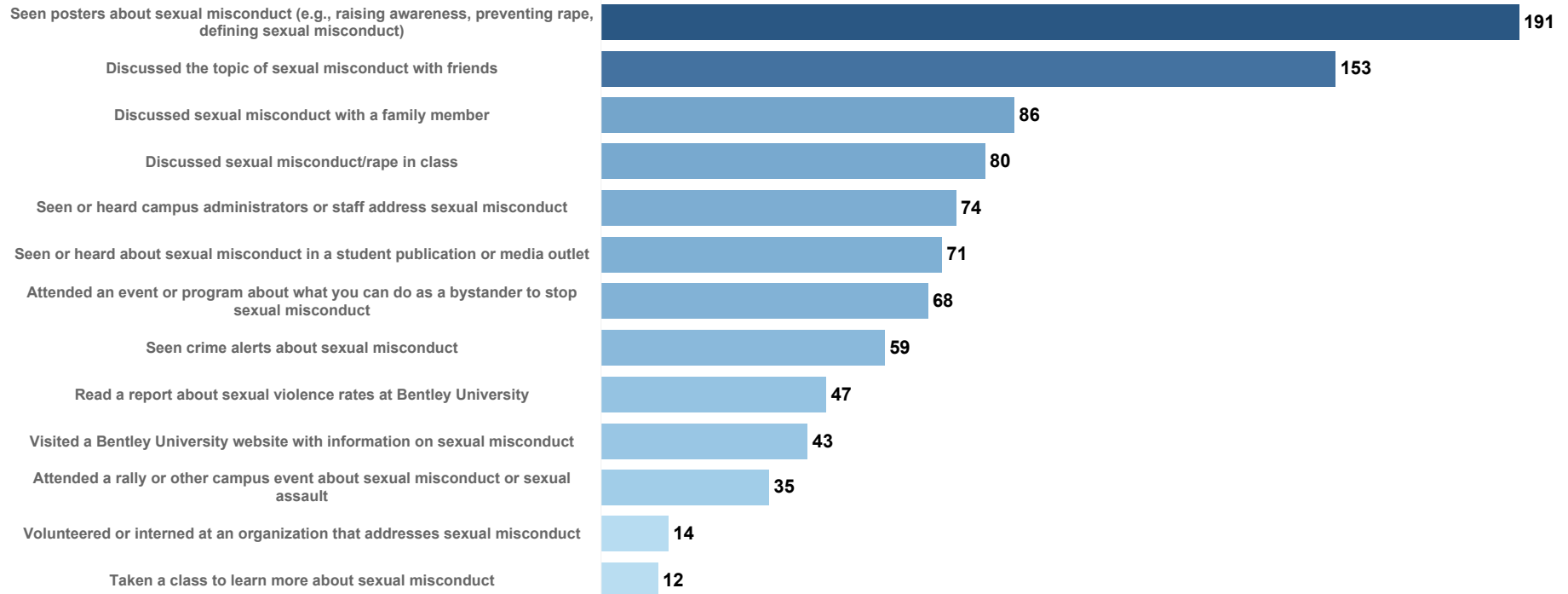
■ No

Before coming to Bentley University, had you received any information or education (that did not come from Bentley University) about sexual misconduct?

71% (209)

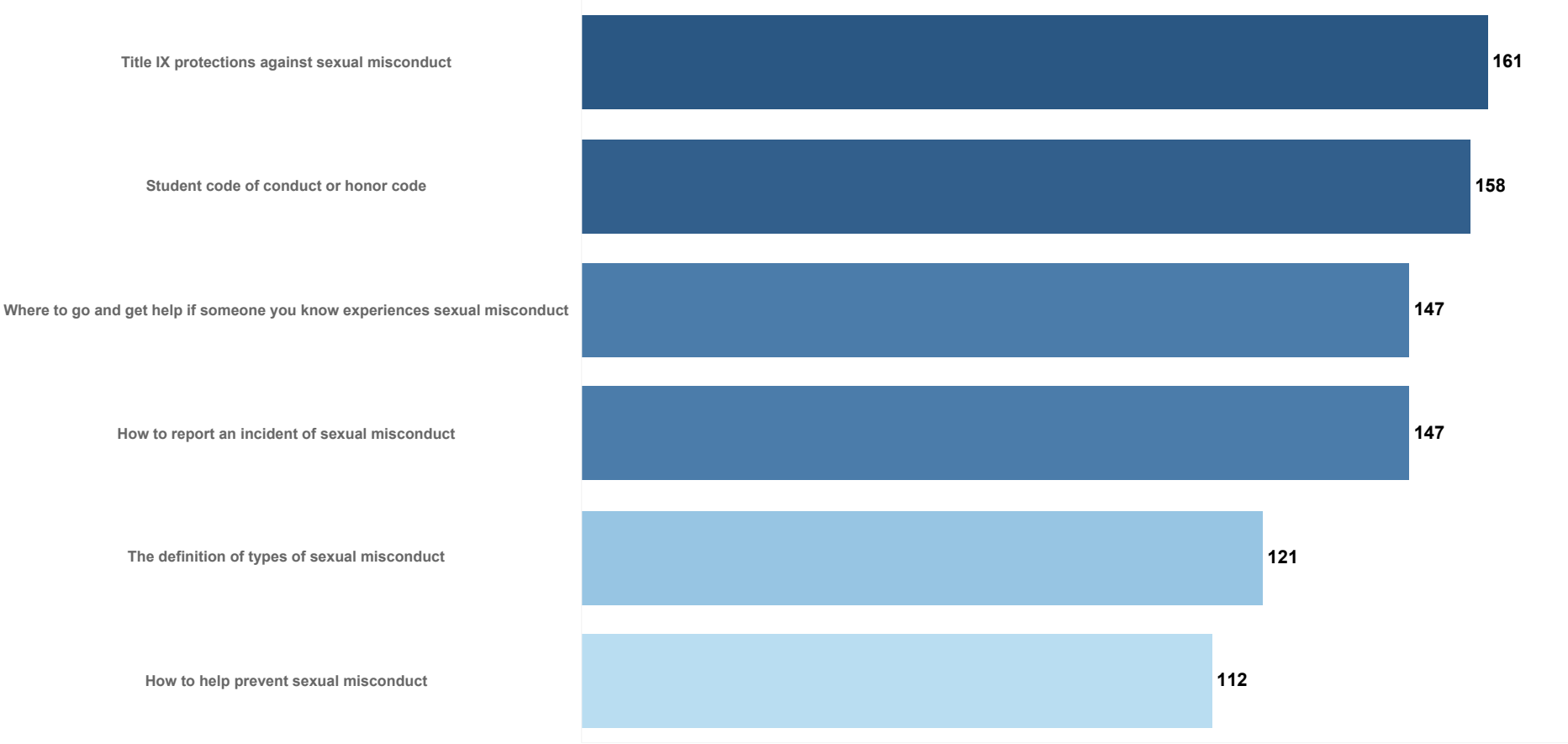
29% (86)

Since you came to Bentley, which of the following have you done?





Since coming to Bentley University, have you received written (e.g., brochures, emails) or verbal information (e.g., presentations, training) from anyone at Bentley University about the following?

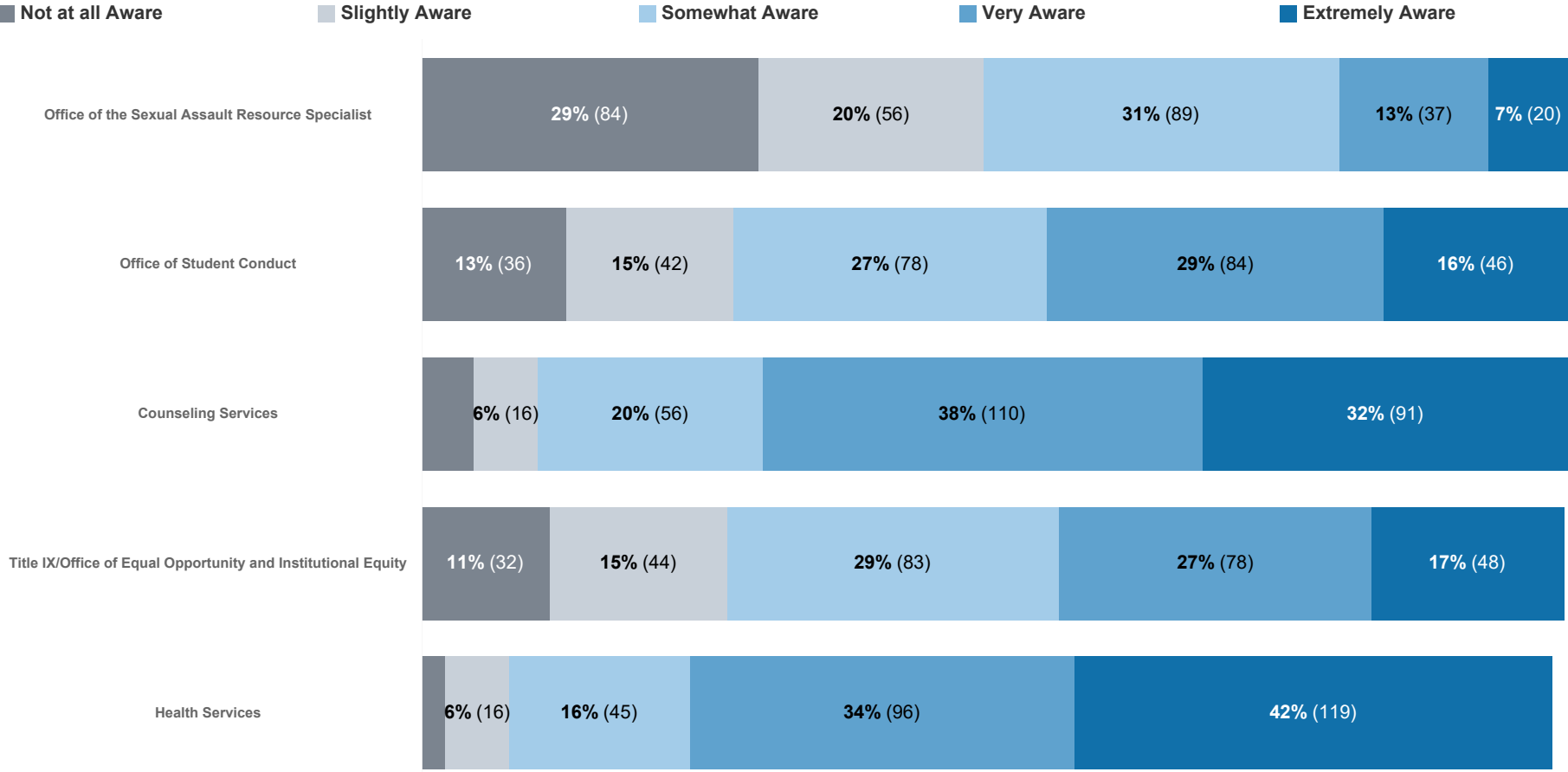




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Please use the following scale to indicate how aware you are of the function of the campus and community resources specifically related to sexual misconduct response at Bentley University listed below.





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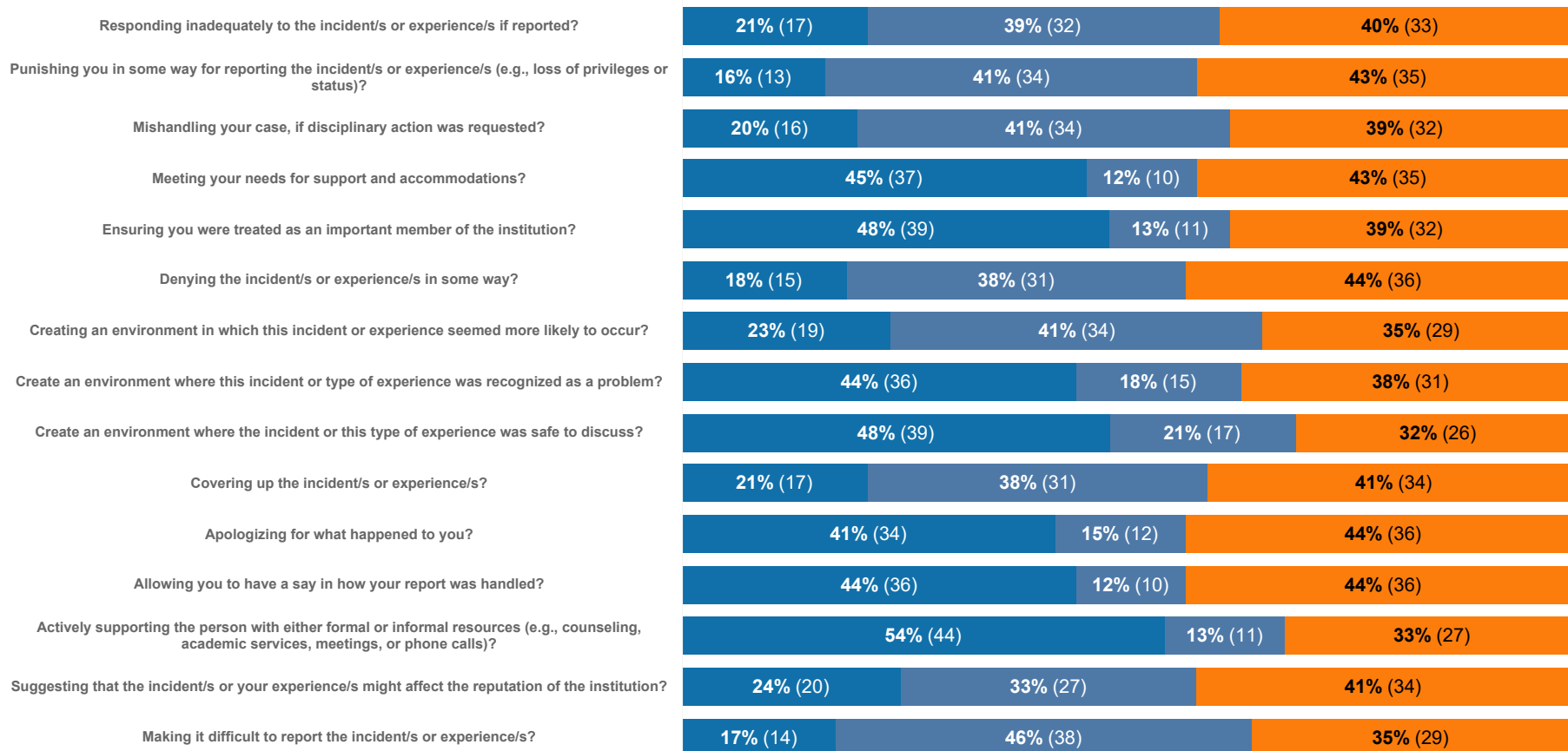
Legal Sex  
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In thinking about the incidents of sexual misconduct described in the previous sections, did (or would) Bentley University play a role by...

■ Yes

■ No

■ N/A







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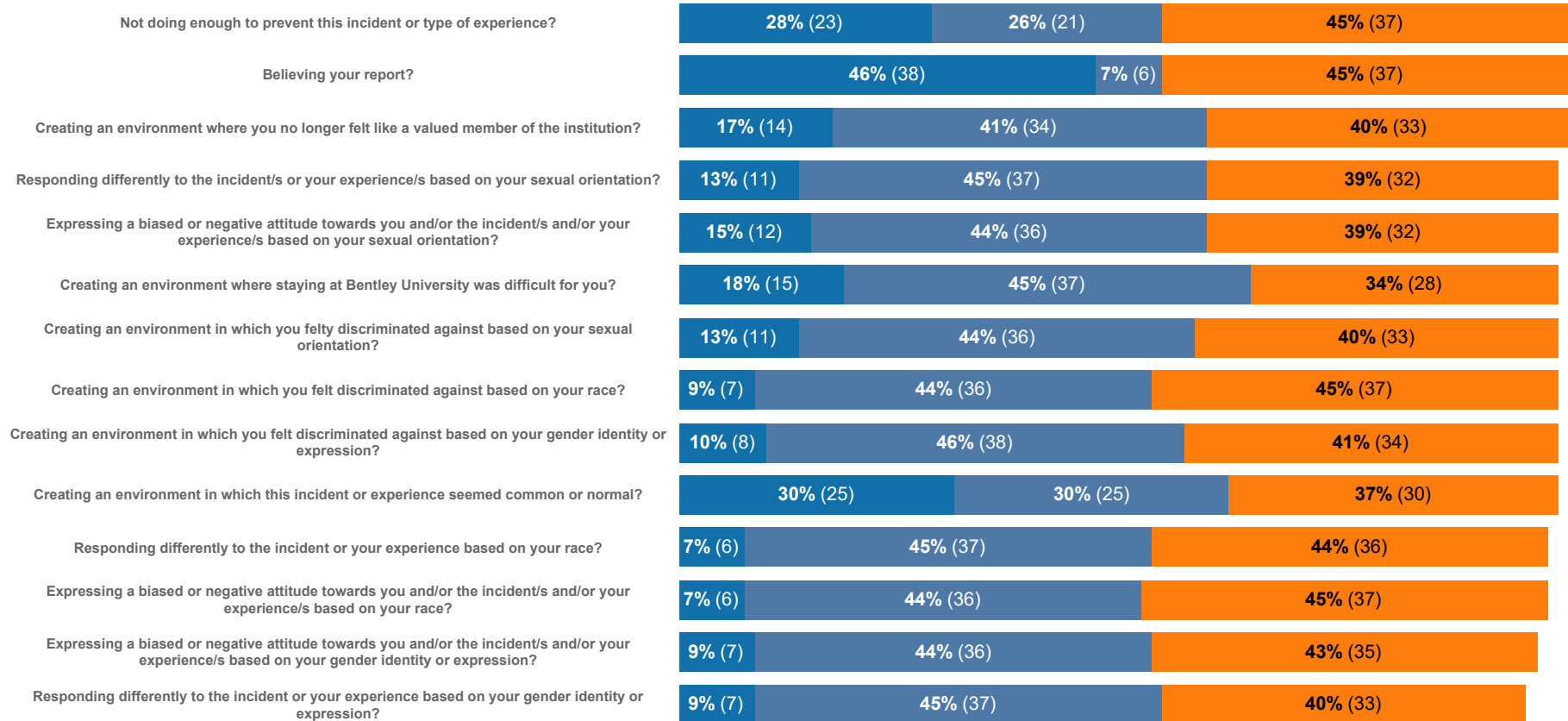
Legal Sex  
All

In thinking about the incidents of sexual misconduct described in the previous sections, did (or would) Bentley University play a role by... (cont.)

■ Yes

■ No

■ N/A

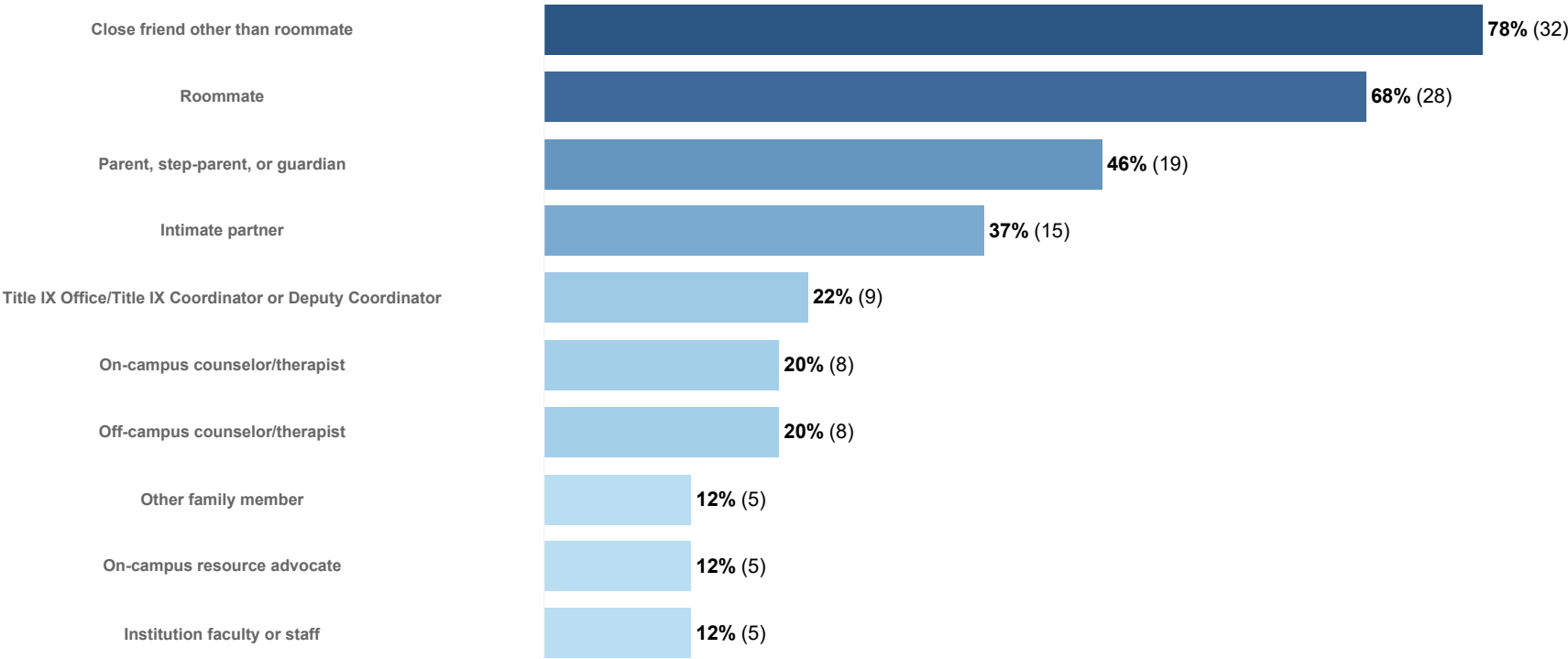




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Who did you tell?:



Very Useful      Somewhat Useful

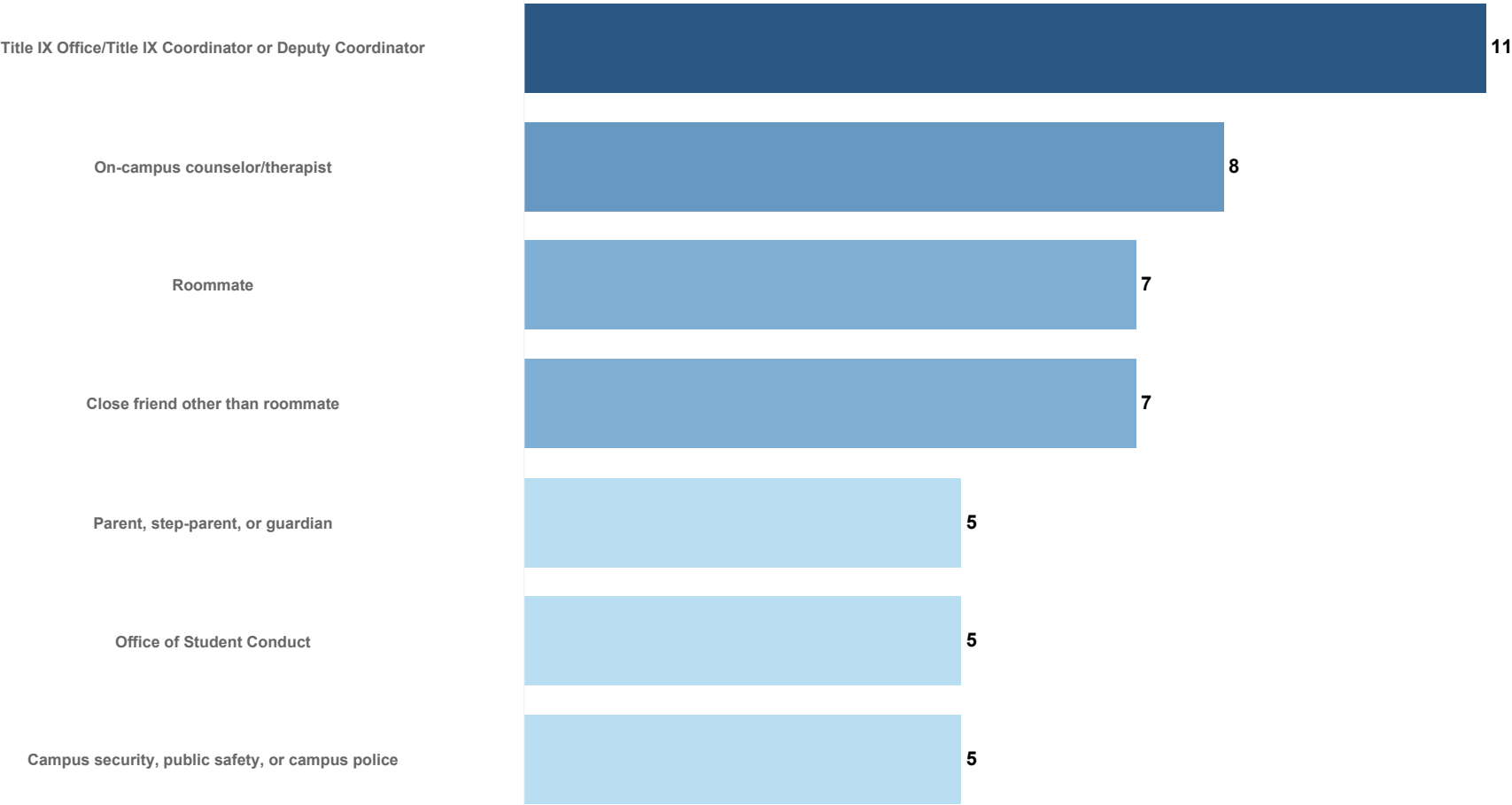




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Legal Sex  
All

Did any office, program, or individual inform you about or refer you to the following resources:





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All

Even if you did not follow up on the information, were you told where you could obtain local, state, or campus medical services, if you experienced an incident that had a physical impact on you?

51% (20) 49% (19)

Even if you did not follow up on the information, were you told where you could obtain local, state, or campus legal services and/or information about your possible civil and criminal justice remedies?

41% (16) 59% (23)

Yes No

Were you provided with information about any of the following:

Access to other school-based supportive measures not identified above.

80% (16)

Resources for protection from retaliation

75% (15)

Has someone engaged in sexual misconduct towards you while you have been enrolled at Bentley University that you did not report?

52% (43)

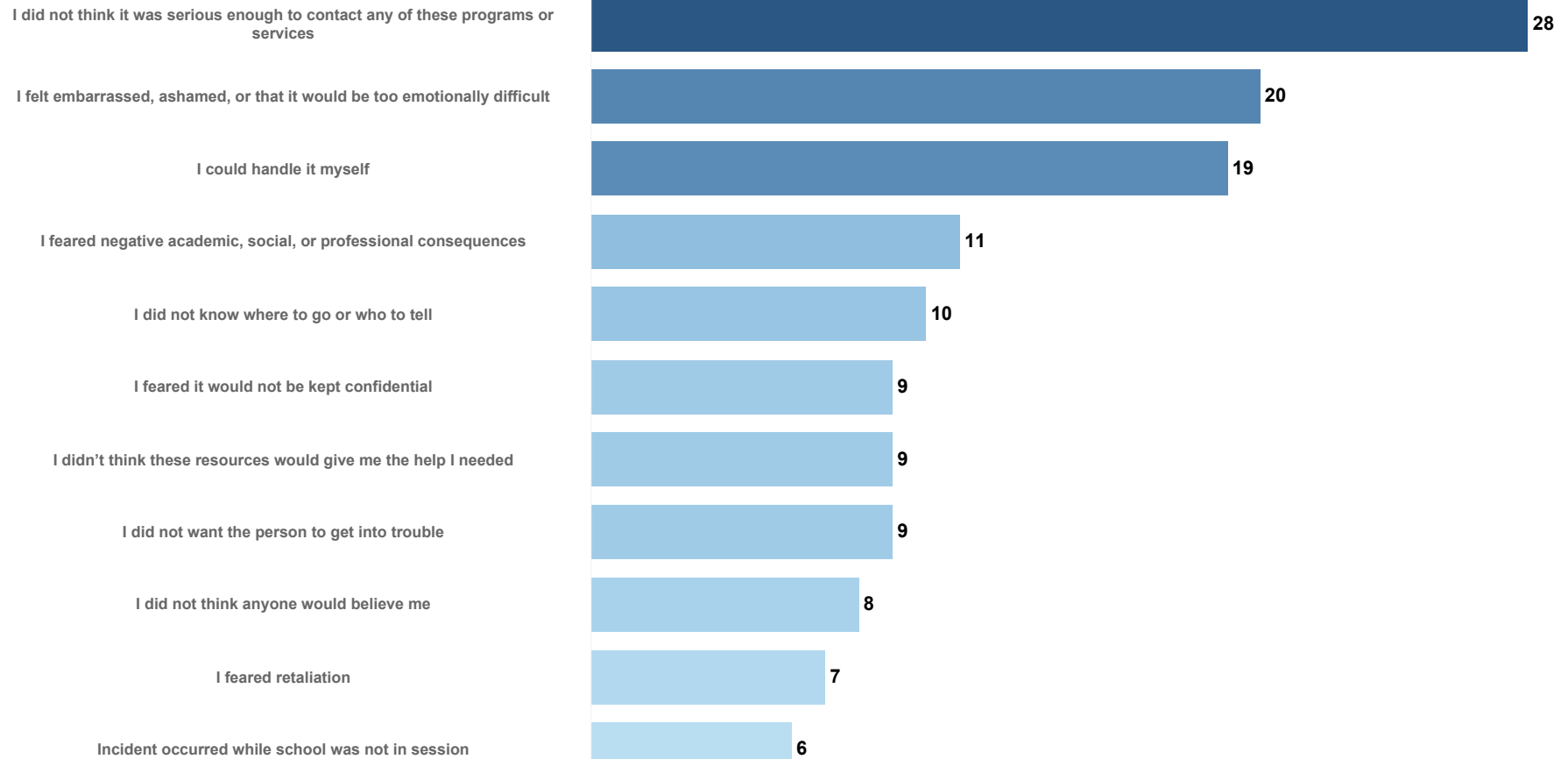
48% (39)



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### Why did you decide not to contact any of these programs or services?





You said you did not contact any of these programs or resources (because it was not serious enough/for an “other” reason/because it was not serious enough and for an “other” reason). Please review the list below and mark any of the reasons that may better describe why you didn’t contact any of these programs or resources:

