



## **2025 New England Campus Safety Report**

Thomas Aquinas College seeks to foster a climate free from sexual misconduct through a coordinated education and prevention program, the promulgation of clear and effective policies, as well as a consistent, transparent investigative and grievance process that is prompt and equitable. In response to any reported sexual misconduct, the College will take all appropriate steps to investigate and adjudicate the alleged incident promptly and thoroughly, eliminate the misconduct if determined, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects.

In 2021, Massachusetts enacted the 2021 Campus Sexual Assault Law. A part of this statute requires every college and university in Massachusetts to conduct a campus safety survey with its students once every four years.

In May of this year, the College's New England campus administered a Campus Sexual Misconduct Survey to students using model questions proposed by a Task Force of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. The survey was conducted online from May 13 to June 1, 2025. All 196 of our Northfield students received the survey and 55 students completed it, a response rate of 28%. Not every question was answered by every student respondent, so results are reported based on the total number of student answers for each question.

The data collected from the 2025 Campus Sexual Misconduct Survey Report will help inform our ongoing efforts to educate the College community about issues related to sexual harassment and violence, how these matters are addressed at the College, and how we can best support those impacted.

Below is a summary report of the responses of the 55 students who responded to the survey.

### **Prevalence of Sexual Misconduct**

- **No student** reported that he or she had experienced rape or attempted rape since enrolling at the College.

- **Two students** reported they had experienced someone touching or trying to touch them in a sexual way without their consent since their enrollment at the College.

### **Prevalence of Dating Misconduct**

Of those students who have been in a dating relationship during their time as a student at the College, they report the following:

- **No student** reported that the person they were dating ever hit them or beat them up.
- **Two students** reported that the person they were dating threatened to hurt them or thought that they might get hurt.
- **Three students** reported that the person they were dating pushed, grabbed, or shook them.
- **One student** reported that the person he/she was dating stole or destroyed his/her property.
- **Two students** reported that the person they were dating scared them without laying a hand on them.

### **Prevalence of Non-Sexual/Gender Based Misconduct**

- **Three students** reported they had experienced non-sexual violence, which they thought was based on gender, since enrolling at the College.
- **One student** reported experiencing non-sexual violence, which he/she thought was based on his/her sexual orientation, since enrolling at the College.

### **Prevalence of Stalking**

- **One student** reported having felt that he/she was stalked since enrolling at the College.

### **Sexual Harassment by Faculty/Staff**

- **No student** reported having been sexually harassed by a member of the faculty or a member of the staff of the College.

### **Sexual Harassment by Students**

- **Two students** reported that they had been sexually harassed by a student during their time at the College.

### **Perceptions of Campus Climate Regarding Sexual Misconduct**

- **96%** report that it is Very Likely (**80%**) or Likely (**16%**) the College takes a sexual misconduct report seriously.
- **95%** report that it is Very Likely (**79%**) or Likely (**16%**) the College would maintain the privacy of the person making the report.
- **91%** report that it is Very Likely (**71%**) or Likely (**20%**) the College would do its best to honor the request of the person about how to go forward with the case.
- **96%** report that it is Very Likely (**91%**) or Likely (**5%**) the College would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report.
- **89%** report that it is Very Likely (**82%**) or Likely (**7%**) the College would support the person making the report.
- **95%** report that it is Very Likely (**69%**) or Likely (**26%**) the College would provide accommodations to support the person (e.g., academic, housing, safety).
- **89%** report that it is Very Likely (**76%**) or Likely (**13%**) the College would take action to address factors that may have led to the sexual misconduct.
- **93%** report that it is Very Likely (**75%**) or Likely (**18%**) the College would handle the report fairly.
- **91%** report that it is Very Unlikely (**73%**) or Unlikely (**18%**) the College would label the person making the report a troublemaker.
- **89%** report that it is Very Unlikely (**64%**) or Unlikely (**25%**) the College would have a hard time supporting the person who made the report.
- **93%** report that it is Very Unlikely (**78%**) or Unlikely (**15%**) the College would punish the person making the report.

### **Knowledge of Sexual Misconduct Resources On and Off-Campus**

- **87%** report that they Strongly Agree (**71%**) or Agree (**16%**) they knew where to go to get information, support, and help on campus if they or a friend experienced sexual misconduct.
- **67%** report that they Strongly Agree (**45%**) or Agree (**22%**) they knew where to go to get information, support, and help off-campus if they or a friend experienced sexual misconduct.
- **84%** report that they Strongly Agree (**66%**) or Agree (**18%**) they understand what options a student has for reporting a claim of sexual misconduct at the College.
- **86%** report that they Strongly Agree (**66%**) or Agree (**20%**) they know where to go on campus to make a report of sexual misconduct.

- **89%** report that they Strongly Agree (**65%**) or Agree (**24%**) they understand that they can choose to initiate a formal complaint process at the College in connection with an incident that happened to them.
- **91%** report that they Strongly Agree (**73%**) or Agree (**18%**) they understand that they can speak about an incident in confidence to an individual (or office/resource) on campus and know who and where these confidential resources are.
- **67%** report that they Strongly Agree (**45%**) or Agree (**22%**) they know where to go off-campus (in the community) to make a report of sexual misconduct.

### **Exposure to Sexual Misconduct Information/Education**

- **85%** report that, before they came to the College, they had received information or education about sexual misconduct from sources other than the College.
- **94%** report they have read the College's document on sexual morality, "Imitate the Purity of Christ."
- **69%** report they have read the College's document on sexual morality, "Peace to Those Around Me."
- **60%** report that, since they came to the College, they have received written and oral information concerning the definition of types of sexual misconduct.
- **89%** report that, since they came to the College, they have received written and oral information concerning how to report an incident of sexual misconduct.
- **91%** report that, since they came to the College, they have received written and oral information concerning where to go and get help if someone they know experiences sexual misconduct.
- **87%** report that, since they came to the College, they have received written and oral information concerning Title IX protections against sexual misconduct.
- **83%** report that, since they came to the College, they have received written and oral information concerning how to help prevent sexual misconduct.
- **98%** report that, since they came to the College, they have received written and oral information concerning the student code of conduct or honor code.
- **96% or more** report that they are Very Aware (**81%**) or Somewhat Aware (**15%**) of the functions the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, the Prefects, the Resident Directors, and the Mental Health & Counseling Services have in relation to the College's sexual misconduct response.
- **85% or more** report that they are Very Aware (**60%**) or Somewhat Aware (**25%**) of the functions that Human Resources, Health Services, and the Confidential Resource Provider have in relation to the College's sexual misconduct response.

- **92%** report that they are Very Aware (**58%**) or Somewhat Aware (**34%**) of the functions that Local Law Enforcement and the Title IX Coordinator have in relation to the College's sexual misconduct response.

### **Services Available to Victims of Sexual Misconduct**

**Two students** report that they have experienced sexual misconduct toward them since they have been enrolled at the College.

Of these students, both reported the incident to their roommate. One also reported the incident to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and the on-campus Confidential Resource Provider and found both to be "Very Useful" in dealing with the incident.