

Creating a Supportive Campus

2024-25 Survey Analysis

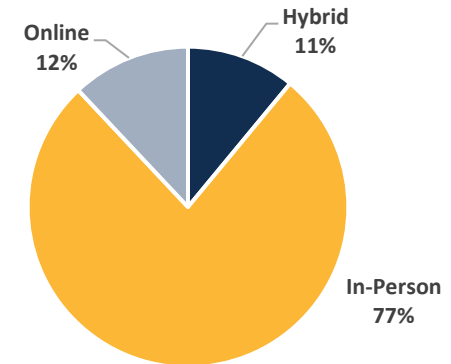
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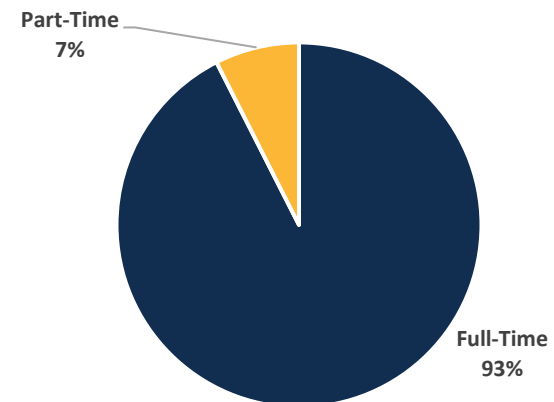
Respondent Demographics

- The *Creating a Supportive Campus Survey* was distributed to all students who attended UTC in Fall 2024 and returned in the Spring 2025 term.
- Almost 85 percent of respondents were undergraduate students.
- More than two-thirds of graduate respondents were pursuing a master's degree or professional equivalent (e.g. MBA, MHA, MPA).
- Psychology majors made up the largest respondent group at 8 percent followed by students whose majors were housed in the Biology, Geology, and Environmental Sciences department (6%).
- Nearly four out of five respondents had taken most of their classes in-person.
- Nearly 40 percent of respondents lived in a residence hall; At home with family was the second most likely place for students to live at 31 percent.
- Full-time students made up a higher percentage of the respondents (93%) than they did the overall student body in Fall 2024 (86%).
- Approximately 28 percent of the respondents were first-generation college students.
- Nearly half of the respondents reported that they do not participate in any student organizations such as sports teams, fraternities, or sororities.

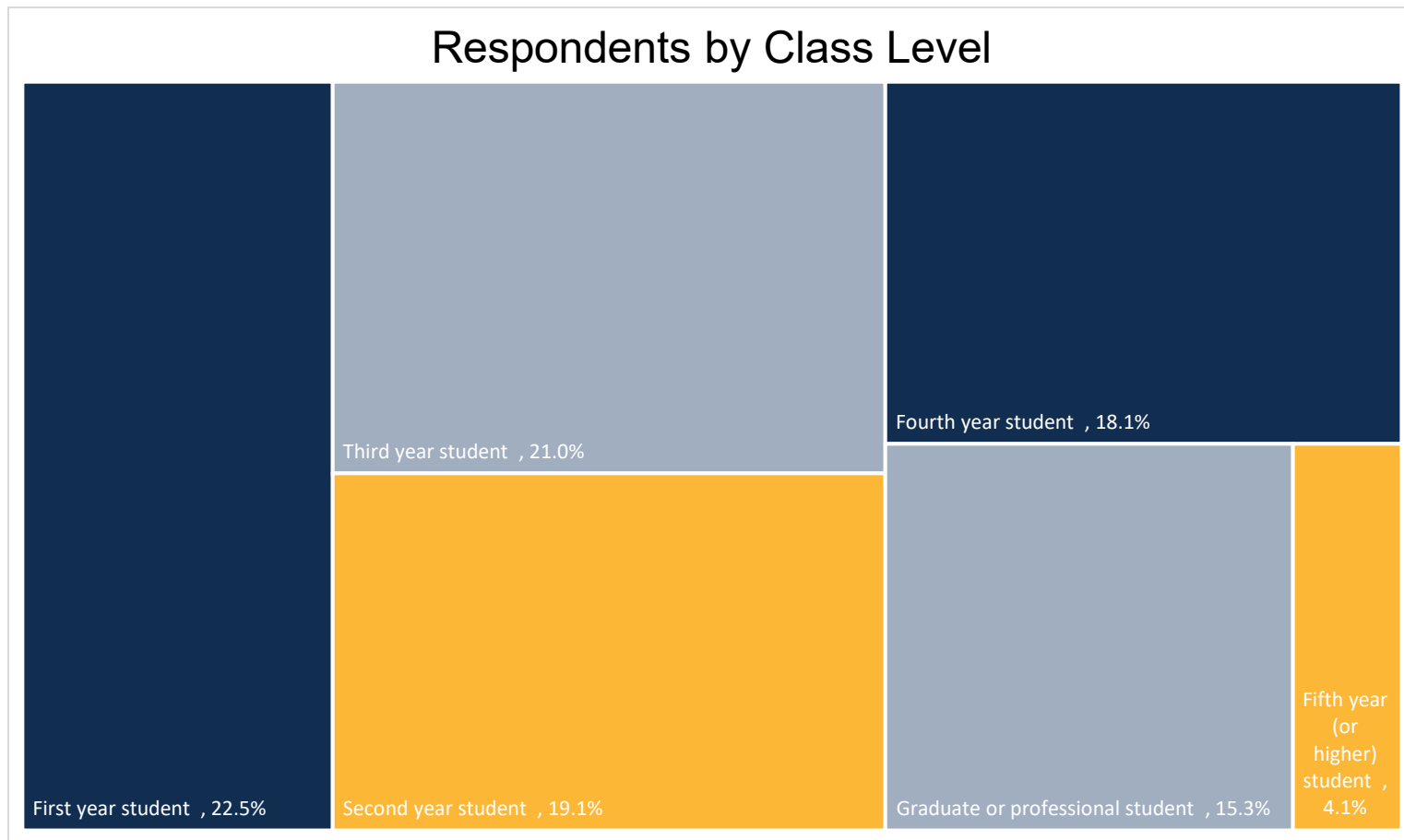
How Survey Respondents Take the Majority of their Classes



Survey Respondent Enrollment Status

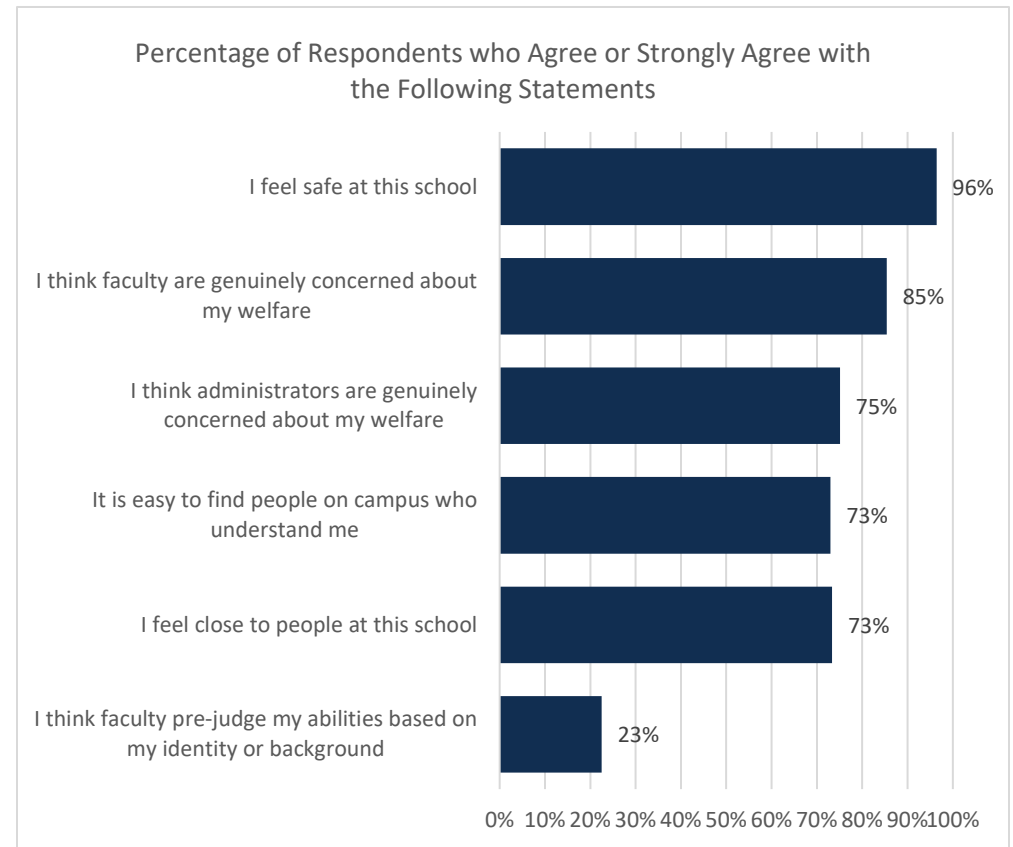


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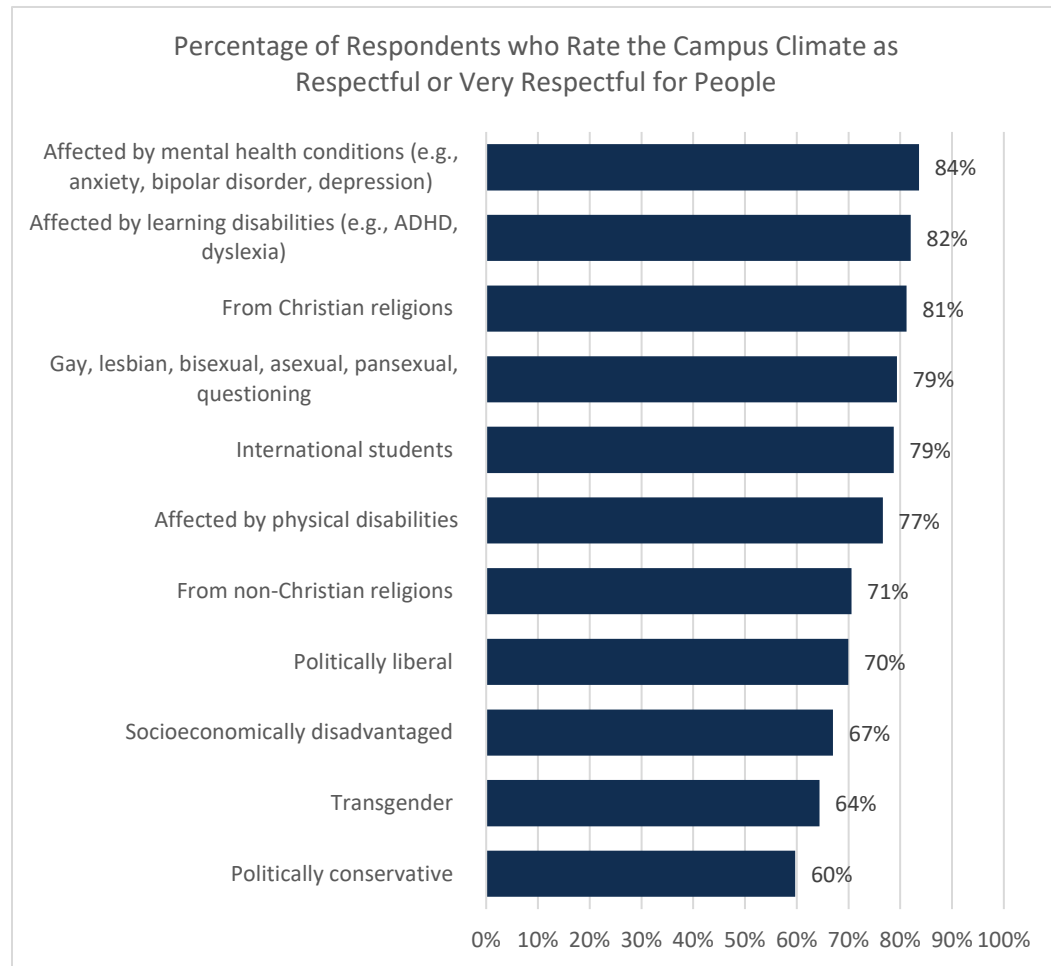
Student Perceptions of Campus Environment

- Most respondents feel safe at UTC (96%) and think that faculty are genuinely concerned about their welfare (85%).
- Both ratings are higher than the prior year: feeling safe was 96 percent compared to 94 percent while faculty concern also increased three percentage points (85% vs. 82%).
- Over 70 percent of students agree or strongly agree that's administration has shown genuine concern for their welfare, and that it was easy to feel close to or find others who understood them on campus.



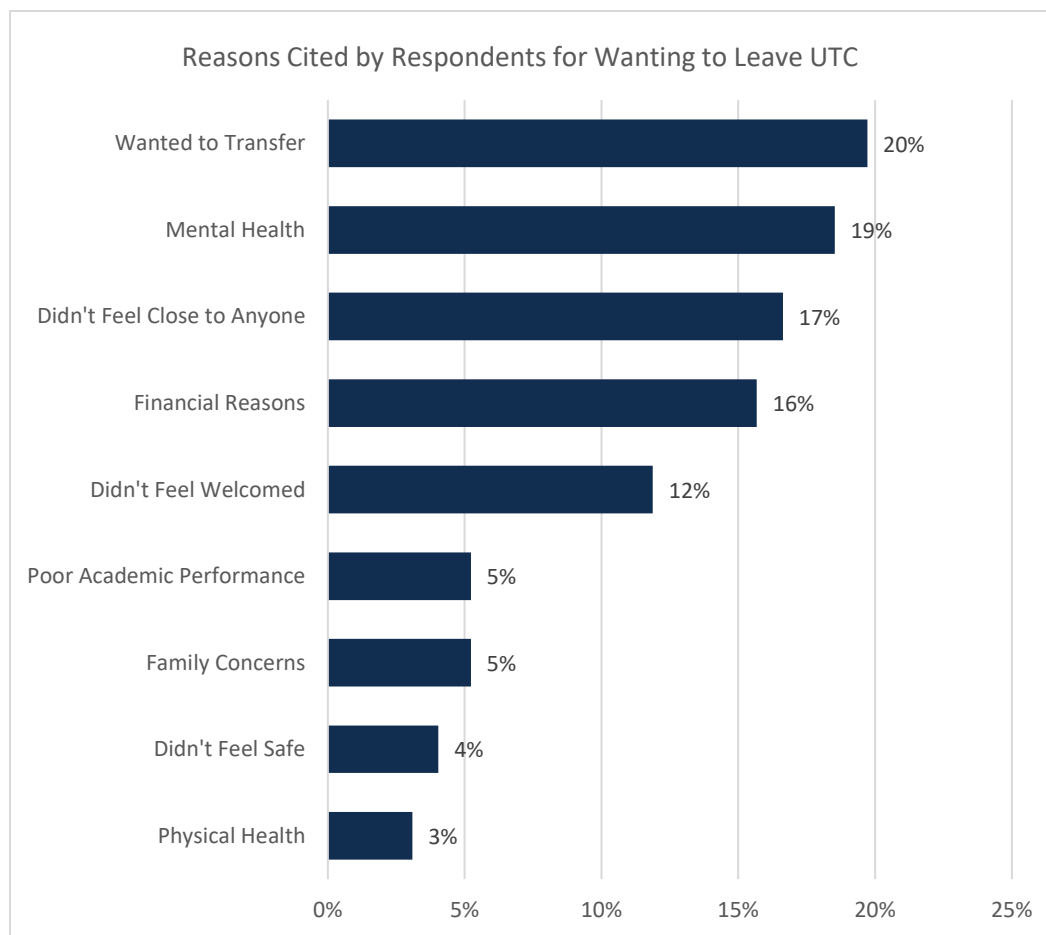
Student Perceptions of Campus Environment Contd.

- For all groups in the aggregate, greater than 60 percent or more of respondents rated the campus climate as respectful or very respectful.
- More than 80 percent indicated a respectful climate for those affected by mental health conditions, learning disabilities, and those from Christian religions.
- Over 70 percent of respondents view the campus climate as respectful or very respectful of the LGBTQIA+ community, international students, those affected by physical disabilities, and individuals of non-Christian religions.



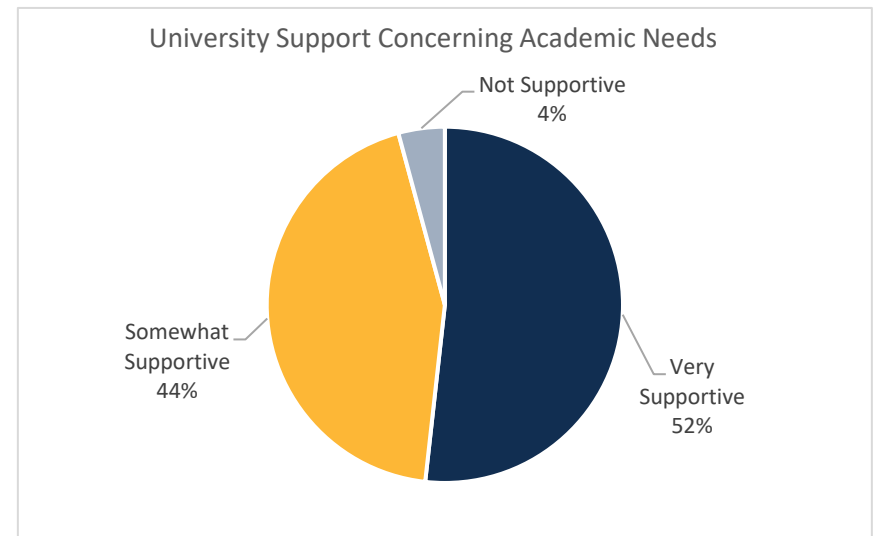
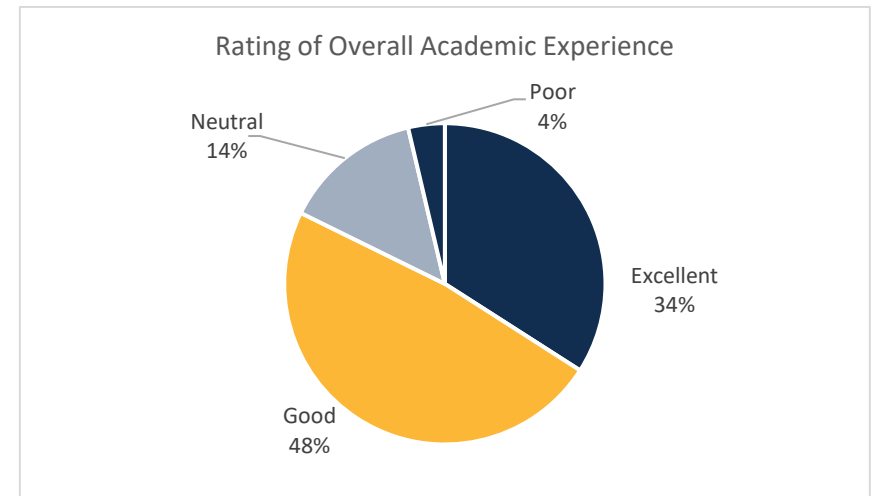
Student Perceptions of Campus Environment Contd.

- Out of 911 respondents, 167 (18%) were considering leaving UTC after Fall 2024
- The percentage of students considering leaving UTC is slightly lower this year than the prior year (18% vs 20%).
- Respondents were allowed to provide multiple reasons for wanting to leave. The most cited rationale was wanting to transfer to a different college or university (20%).
- Mental health challenges were cited by 19 percent of students, followed by 17 percent of students not feeling close to anyone at school, and 16 percent citing financial reasons. Social isolation and financial stressors may have a strong correlation with reported issues of mental health.



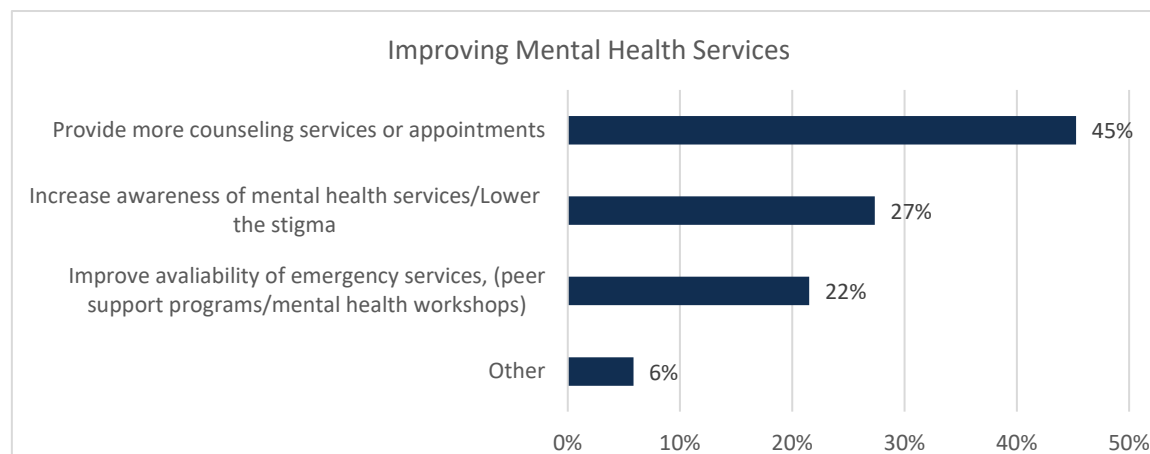
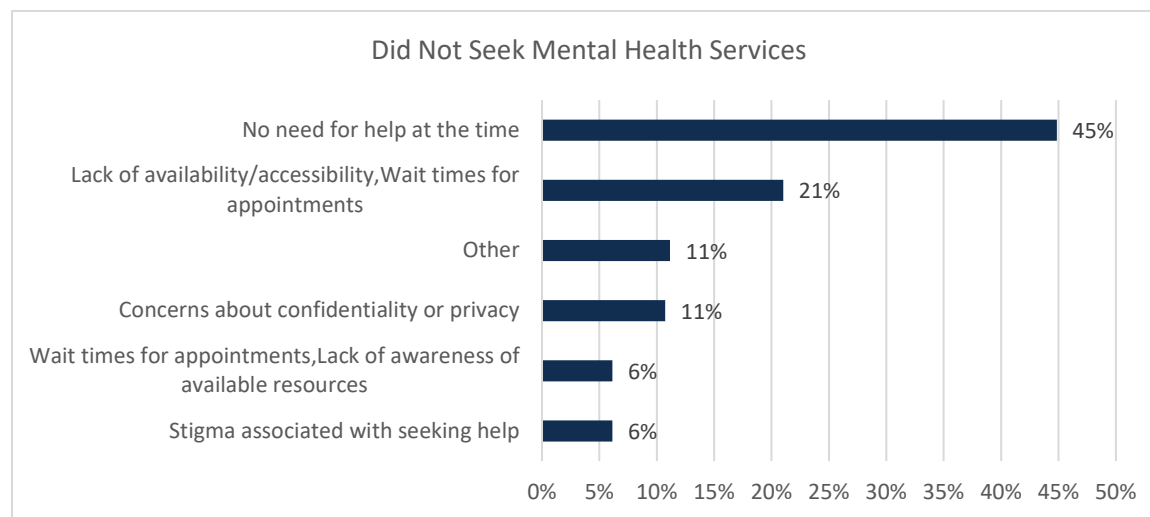
Student Perception of Academic Experience

- The reported academic experiences of current UTC students are positive.
- Over one-third of students reported having an excellent academic experience at UTC, while almost half reported their experience has been good.
- Only 4 percent of students responded that their academic experience at UTC was poor, while less than 1 percent responded their experience was extremely poor.
- Ninety-six percent of students felt the university was somewhat supportive or very supportive when addressing their academic needs.



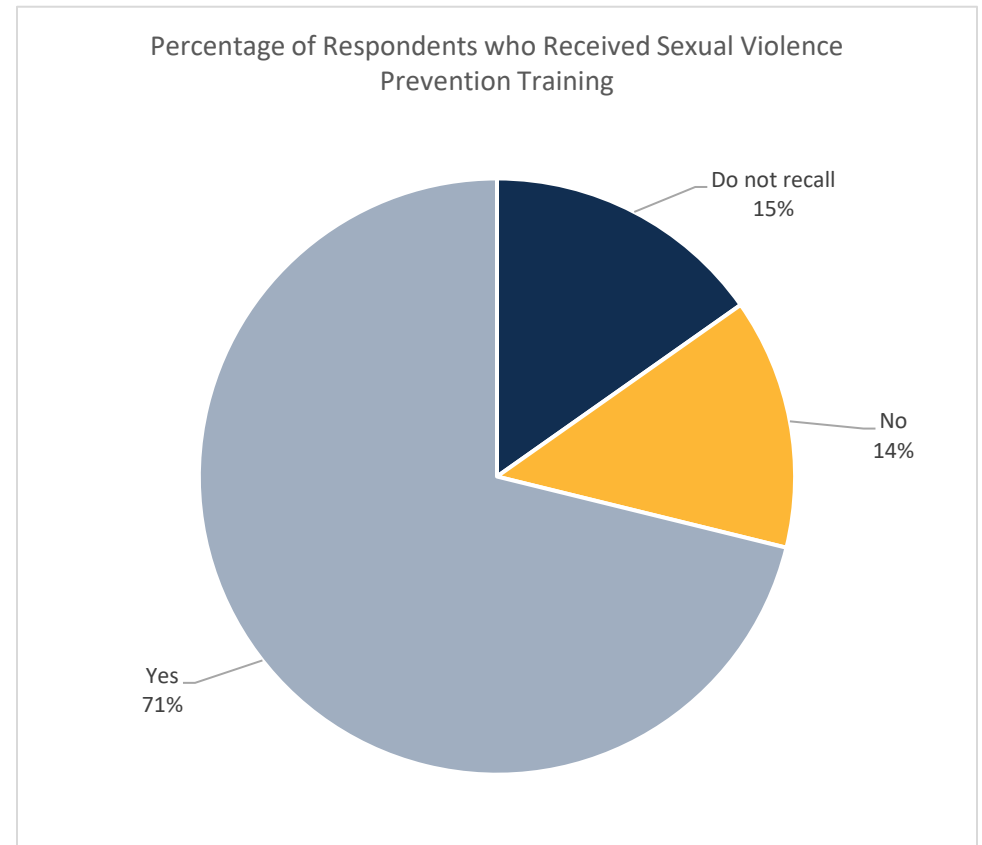
Student Mental Health Outlook

- Out of 911 respondents, 782 (86%) reported experiencing at least one mental health challenge during their time at the university.
- Respondents were allowed to provide multiple mental health challenges in applicable; over 77 percent of respondents reported experiencing anxiety and/or stress while at UTC.
- When asked what primarily contributed to their mental health challenges, 72 percent of students primarily cited academic pressures or workload, in combination with financial issues, lack of social and community support, relationship/family issues, and the campus climate.
- Among students who reported experiencing mental health challenges, only 41 percent sought mental health support while at the university. Forty-five percent of students cited that help was not needed at the time, while 21 percent stated they did not seek mental health services due to the lack due of lack of availability or accessibility of services and/or wait times for appointments.
- Forty-five percent of students believed the university could improve its mental health support services by providing more counseling options or appointments, while over 25 percent believed improving the availability of emergency or and critical mental health services (e.g., peer support programs, mental health workshops) and increasing awareness of mental health services and associated stigmas was needed.



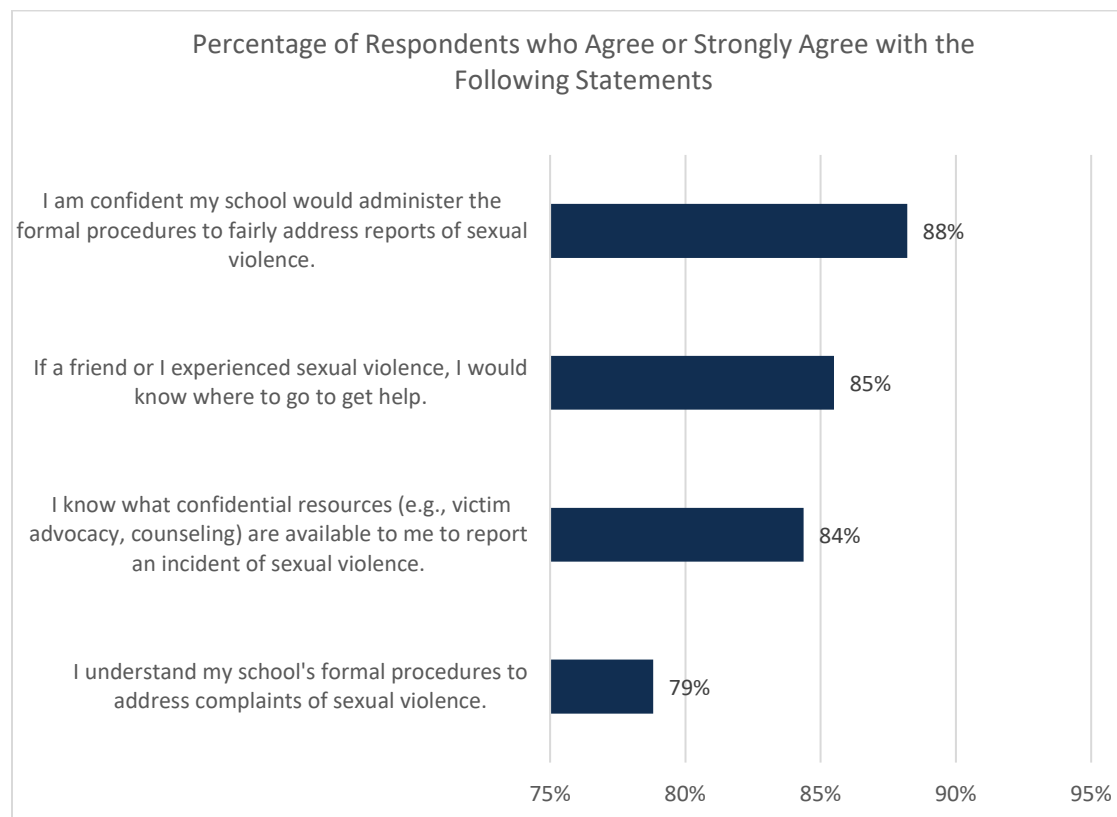
Sexual Violence Prevention

- Nearly three-quarters of respondents reported that they have received information or training since the beginning of the Fall 2024 term on the following:
 - Understanding the definition of sexual violence.
 - Reporting an incident of sexual violence.
 - UTC's procedures for investigating an incident of sexual violence.
 - Accessing sexual violence resources.
 - Sexual violence prevention strategies.
 - Bystander intervention skills.
- Students were most likely to receive information or training on sexual violence prevention at new student orientation (46% of respondents).
- Approximately 6 in 10 of the respondents found the training useful or very useful when it came to reporting an incident of sexual violence, school procedures for investigating an incident of sexual violence, sexual violence resources, sexual violence prevention strategies, and bystander intervention skills.
- Seventy-two percent of students found the training useful when understanding the definition of sexual violence.
- Eighty-six percent of respondents agree or strongly agree that UTC takes reported incidents of sexual violence seriously compared to 81 percent the previous year; 83 percent agree or strongly agree that the university would take steps to protect the person making the report from retaliation.



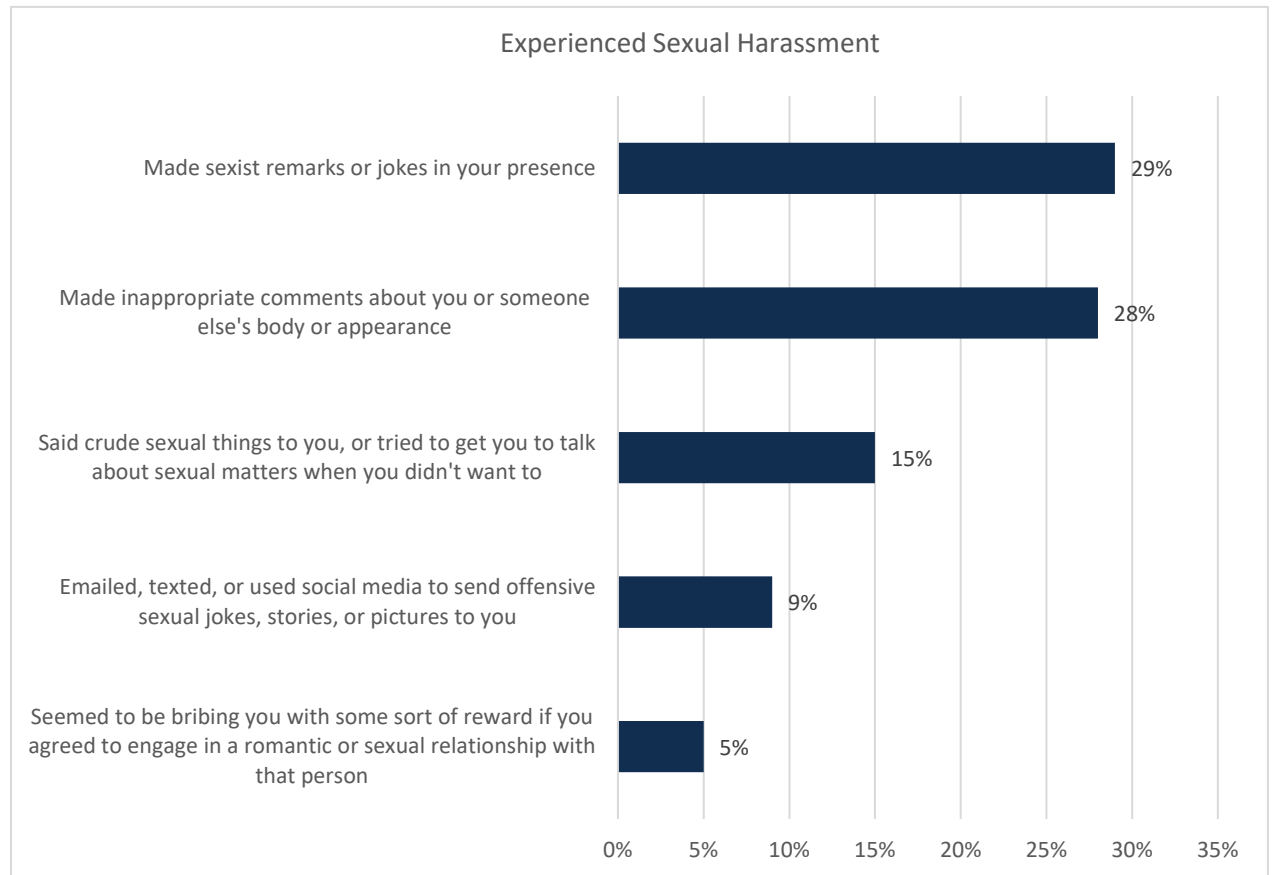
Sexual Violence Prevention Contd.

- Over 80 percent of students agree or strongly agree they are confident that the university would follow through with formal procedures to fairly address reports of sexual violence, would know where to get help if a friend experienced sexual violence, and what confidential resources are available after experiencing an incident of sexual violence. This marks a 3-5 percent increase depending on the category compared to last year.
- Seventy-nine percent of students understand UTC's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual violence and resources to report incidence of sexual violence, which is up from 74 percent the prior year.
- While a greater number of students understand formal procedures to address complaints of sexual violence, there is still work to be done in this area.



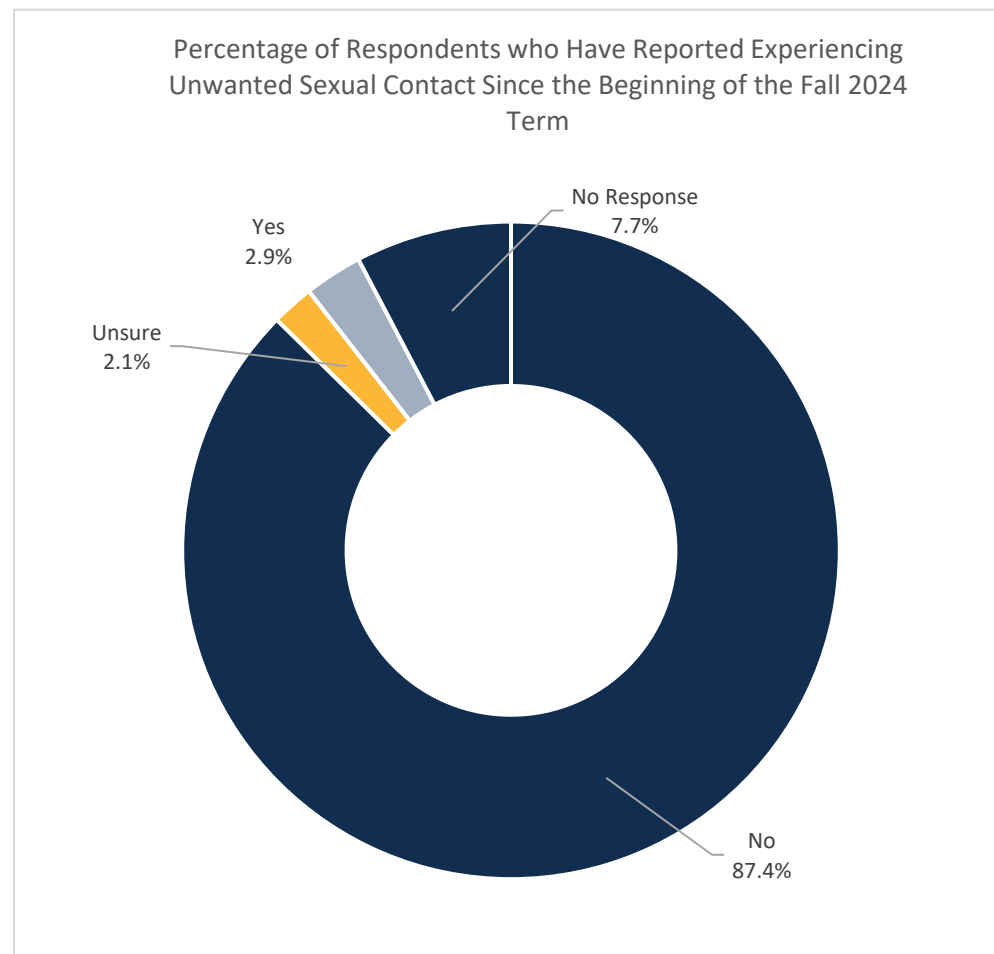
Sexual Harassment

- Each of the harassment types listed has slightly **decreased** in prevalence over the last year.
- The most common type of harassment was sexist remarks or jokes (29%), followed by inappropriate comments about body or appearance (28%).



Unwanted Sexual Contact

- Since the beginning of the Fall 2024 term, 26 students reported having experienced unwanted physical sexual contact. Although the number of students reporting they have experienced unwanted sexual contact is somewhat small, this marks a 50 percent decrease from the previous year.
- Among those reporting unwanted sexual contact:
 - Fifty-seven percent of reported incidences involved alcohol.
 - Nearly 30 percent said that the perpetrator was drunk.
 - Nearly 30 percent said that the perpetrator attempted to get them drunk.
 - Twenty percent reported that the perpetrator had been taking or using marijuana.
 - Forty-two percent of students reported the perpetrator was most likely a UTC student.
 - There was not a significant difference in the prevalence of sexual misconduct between students living on-campus vs. off-campus.
 - Sexual violence victims were most likely to report the incident to a roommate, friend, or classmate.



Intimate Partner Violence

- Nine respondents (1%) reported having experienced violence from a casual, steady, or serious dating or intimate partner since the beginning of the Fall 2024 term. This is a slight decrease from the prior year.
- Two-thirds reported feeling either extremely or somewhat unsafe because of what happened.
- Two students contacted an emergency hotline.
- Two students reporting being injured in the incident, but neither sought medical attention.
- Only one sought support services or contacted a hotline because of the incident.

