Penn State’s Office of Sexual Misconduct Prevention & Response (OSMPR) addresses reports of sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, sexual violence, relationship violence, and other forms of sexual misconduct involving students.

Complainants, or the reported survivors/victims of incidents, may walk into our physical office, submit a report online or over the phone, or a third party may report an incident naming the Complainant.

OSMPR staff contact Complainants promptly and discreetly with an invitation to meet and discuss their needs, on- and off-campus resources, and procedural options available to them, including Complainant-driven resolutions and University investigations.

In some cases, Complainants may not respond, or they may request no further action from the University; the Title IX Coordinator or OSMPR director will review each such case for risk.

An investigation may be initiated at either the request of the Complainant or the University upon review. The Respondent, or the accused student, is not presumed to be responsible, is entitled to due process, and is afforded on- and off-campus resources. Final investigative reports are reviewed to determine any policy violations or sanctions.

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**highlights of ‘20/’21**

- Students spent more time off campus: 79% of classes were scheduled as remote or hybrid
- OSMPR and partners completed work on the It's On Us PA grant project to make resources more accessible to non-native English speaking students
- New Title IX and Non-Title IX policies were implemented to comply with updated regulations
- Record-keeping and information-sharing were streamlined with the Office of Student Conduct

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**goals for ‘21/’22**

- OSMPR continues to provide services remotely and in person in accordance with safety guidelines
- Additional educational modules and mutual agreement templates will be developed to expand the informal resolution option
- OSMPR will collaborate with community partners to facilitate restorative justice conferences
745 total reports received, resulting in 545 total cases.

Outreach partners:
- Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity
- Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Gender Equity Center
- Global Programs

Common accommodations:
- Academic
- Housing
- On-campus referrals
- Off-campus referrals
- Police referrals
- Directory withholding

Cases by reported behavior:
- Sexual violence: 32%
- Relationship violence: 24%
- Harassment: 16%
- Other: 19%
- Stalking: 9%

Cases by gender:
- Complainants:
  - Female: 78%
  - Male: 12%
  - Unknown/not reported: 10%
- Respondents:
  - Female: 55%
  - Male: 35%
  - Unknown/not reported: 10%

Cases by incident location:
- Off campus
- On campus
- Unknown location

Office includes staff & points of contact:
- 1 Director, 2 Administrative Supports, 2 Case Managers, 3 Investigators, 23 Resource People at Commonwealth Campuses
OSMPR remains vital to Penn State’s provision of a safe and respectful learning environment. We are committed to educating the Penn State community and the commonwealth about all forms of sexual violence, harassment, and misconduct. OSMPR strives to reduce barriers to reporting, uphold due process, and ensure success for every student at the University.