

Key Findings

Students' Experiences with Discrimination and Harassment

The following key findings focus on students' experiences with discrimination and harassment on the OSU campus and come from the aggregate sample rather than from examining differences across subgroups.

- At least 60% of students had heard fellow students make insensitive comments toward women, racial/ethnic minorities, GLBT persons, and non-English speakers on multiple occasions.
- Almost a third of students responded that they had felt discriminated against or harassed on campus.
- Of these students, over 45% responded that they experienced discrimination or harassment due to race, 32% to skin color, and 43% to gender.
- Most frequently students experienced the discriminatory or harassing behavior through verbal comments (76.5%), being stared at (56.6%), and being excluded (41.3%).
- The discriminatory behavior was most likely to occur in a specified campus location (43.5%) such as on the Oval and on High Street. Forty-two percent (42%) experienced discriminatory or harassing behavior in the classroom.
- Almost 80% responded that a fellow student was the source of discrimination they experienced, and almost 22% responded that a professor was the source.