NIH Workplace Climate and Harassment Survey

In 2019, nearly 16,000 NIH employees, trainees, contractors, fellows, and volunteers responded to the NIH Workplace Climate and Harassment Survey asking about their experiences over the last year. Take a look at some of the key findings.

HARASSMENT AT NIH



50%

EXPERIENCED INCIVILITY



EXPERIENCED BULLYING



EXPERIENCED INTIMIDATING BEHAVIORS

Those more likely to experience sexual harassment:

- Women
- Sexual or gender minorities
- People living with disabilities
- Younger people
- Trainees or students



About **3%** of respondents said they were extremely or very likely to experience sexual harassment sometime in the next 12 months.



Most respondents said the perpetrator of harassment was a man and that the experience occurred at an NIH facility.

OUTCOMES OF HARASSMENT AT NIH

Respondents who experienced sexual harassment:

HAD **POORER**SELF-RATED
PHYSICAL AND
MENTAL HEALTH.



WERE LESS
SATISFIED WITH
THEIR JOBS
THAN OTHERS.



52%

NO LONGER FELT A PART OF THEIR WORK UNIT 50%

WORK CONDITIONS WORSENED 43%

COWORKERS GOSSIPED ABOUT THEM 17%

DID NOT RECEIVE A PROMOTION 12%

WERE DENIED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

UNDERSTANDING NIH ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICIES



they understand NIH anti-harassment policies and procedures extremely or very well.

of respondents said



of respondents said
NIH has done an
excellent or good
job of encouraging
harassment reporting.

RESPONSE TO SEXUAL HARASSMENT



14% used an official NIH channel (e.g., Office of Human Resources) to talk about or report sexual harassment.



62% said they talked about their sexual harassment experience with a coworker.



24% said they talked

about or reported sexual harassment to a supervisor.

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respondents who talked about or reported their sexual harassment experience to their supervisor felt their complaint

was not taken seriously.



Sexual harassment may have gone unreported because some believed the offense was not serious enough,

HARASSMENT Doesn't

nothing helpful would happen or there would be negative work consequences.

