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Learning Objectives:

- Identify crimes reportable under the Clery Act
- Understand the evolution of Clery Act crime statistics requirements
- Identify methods of presenting crime statistics in the annual security report (ASR)

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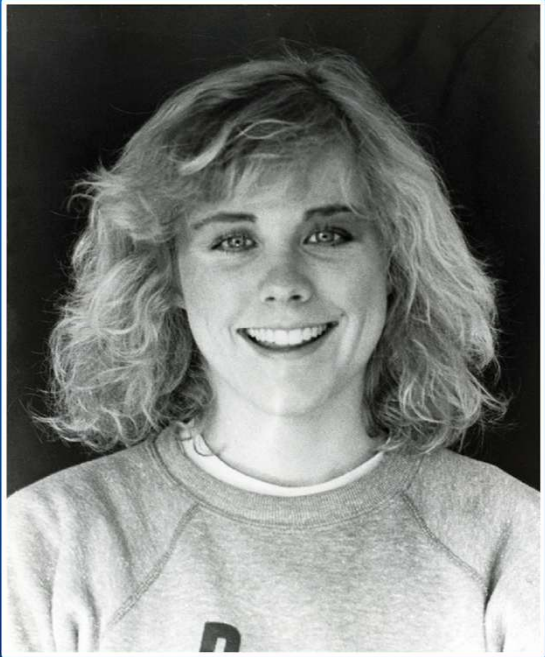
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“The best education in the world is useless if a student doesn’t survive with a healthy mind and body.”

—
Connie & Howard Clery
Clery Center Founders

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Key Resources

- The Clery Act – Statute including SCHA ([20 U.S.C. § 1092](#)) and Regulations ([34 C.F.R. 668.46](#))
- [Clery Act Appendix for FSA Handbook](#)
- Westat
 - campussafetyhelp@westat.com
 - 800-435-5985
- ED Program Review Findings

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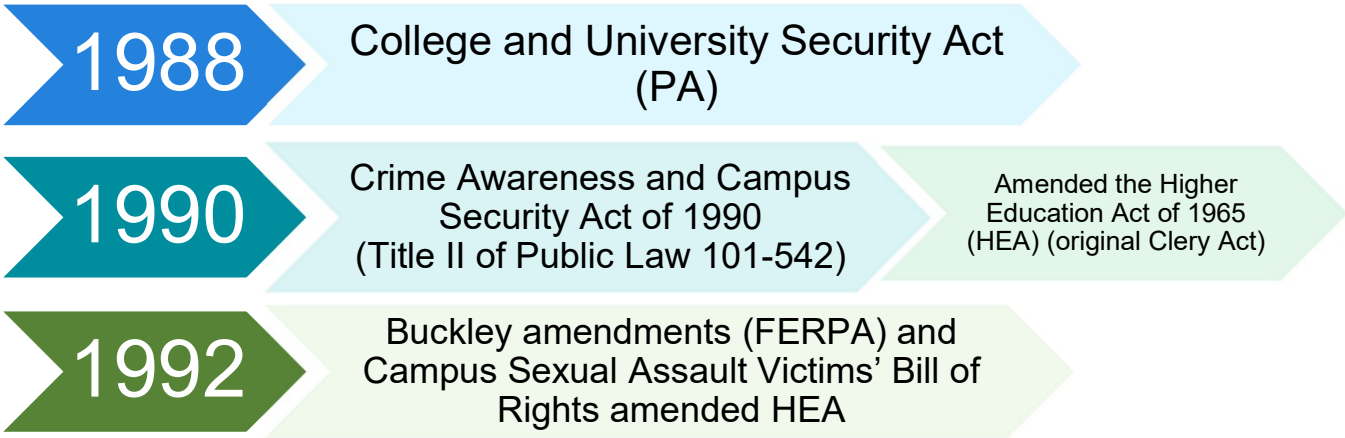
Clery Act: Overview

Who:	Campus Security Authorities (CSAs) and local law enforcement
Where:	Clery Act geography
What and How:	<div>Annual<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual security report (statistics, policy statements)• Statistics to Department of EducationOngoing<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disclosures (timely warnings, emergency notification, daily crime log)• Rights and options for victims of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking</div>
Enforcement:	U.S. Department of Education (ED) Clery Group

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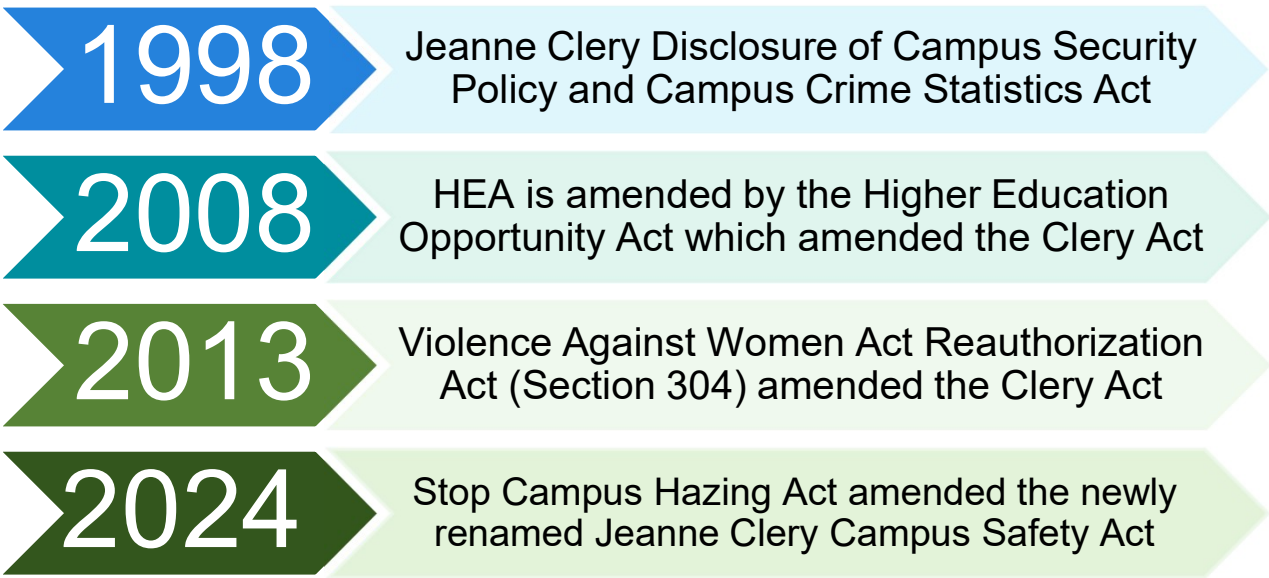
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Clery Act Timeline



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Resource Reminder

35 Years of the Clery Act

Provides a brief history of the major milestones of the law



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35 YEARS OF THE CLERY ACT

In 1986, at the age of 19, Jeanne Clery was raped and murdered in her college dormitory. At the time standards for campus crime reporting did not exist, so her parents, Connie and Howard Clery, could not have known the danger she was in. They sought to make a difference by lobbying on Capitol Hill for revolutionary policy changes that would eventually take the form of the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act. Now in 2025, their hard work has resulted in 35 years of transparency surrounding campus safety policy and crime statistics and a legacy of helping create safer campuses.

First passed in 1990, the Clery Act is an administrative law that aims to increase transparency and accountability between institutions of higher education and their "consumers" – students and employees. The Clery Act requires institutions of higher education participating in Title IV funding to report campus crime data, support victims of violence, and publicly outline the policies and procedures they have put into place to improve campus safety.

Over the past 35 years, the Clery Act has been amended and expanded several times to address emerging safety concerns, including sexual violence, hate crimes, emergency response procedures, and hazing. These ongoing changes ensure that the law continues to meet the evolving needs of students, faculty, and campus communities. Learn more about each of these milestones in the following timeline:

1988
Groundwork for the Clery Act passed in Pennsylvania
Serving as the basis of the Clery Act, the College and University Security Act was passed, requiring institutions of higher education in Pennsylvania to report crime statistics and to provide descriptions of safety and security policies, as well as maintain an open crime log.

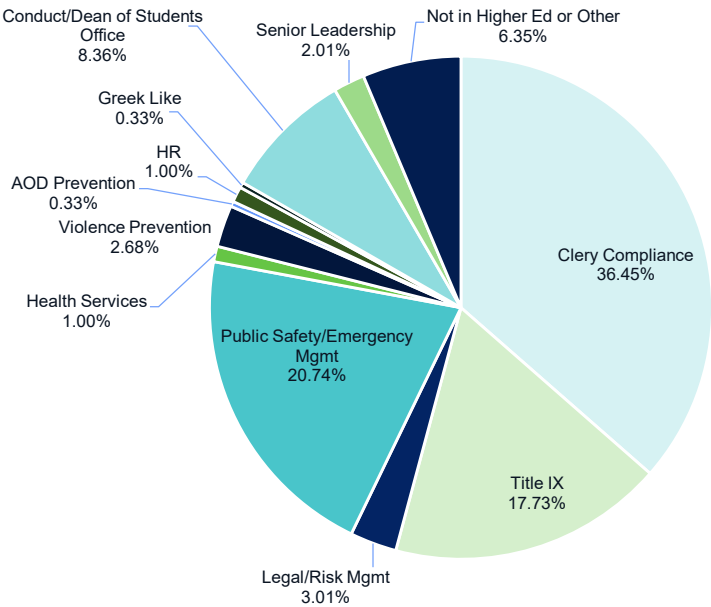
1990
Clery Act signed into law by George H.W. Bush
The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, what we now know as the Clery Act, amended the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, requiring colleges and universities to record campus crime statistics and safety policies in an annual security report. These annual security reports must be disclosed to current and prospective students and employees at a campus.

1992
Amendments to FERPA
Amendments to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), also known as the Buckley Amendment, provided that records kept by campus police and security for law enforcement purposes are not confidential "education" records under FERPA, and eliminated the prohibition on sharing education records with law enforcement.

Campus Sexual Assault Victims' Bill of Rights
An amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1965 requiring colleges and universities to afford campus sexual assault victims certain basic rights, including assistance with notifying the police. Colleges and universities must now have policies in place to address campus sexual assault.

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Who's Attending Today?



What role do you have related to Clery Act crimes?



- I’m a CSA & report crimes
- I’m responsible for counting & classifying crimes
- I update statistics in the ASR
- I facilitate crime prevention programs
- I don’t have a specific role related to Clery crimes

Clery Act Crimes

Criminal Offenses

- Homicide
- Sex Offenses
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson

VAWA Offenses

- Dating Violence
- Domestic Violence
- Stalking

Hate Crimes

- Criminal Offenses, plus:
- Larceny-theft
 - Simple Assault
 - Intimidation
 - Destruction, Damage, or Vandalism of Property

Bias categories

- Race
- Gender
- Gender Identity
- Religion
- Sexual Orientation
- Ethnicity
- National Origin
- Disability

Arrests & Disciplinary Referrals

- Weapons Law, Drug Abuse, & Liquor Law Violations

Hazing Incidents

Criminal Offenses

- Homicide
 - Murder & non-negligent manslaughter
 - Manslaughter by negligence – *added to the Clery Act in 1998*
- Sex Offenses – *2013 VAWA amendments removed the distinction of forcible and non-forcible sex offenses*
 - Rape
 - Fondling
 - Incest
 - Statutory Rape
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson – *added to the Clery Act in 1998*

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The Hierarchy Rule

- Used for the Criminal Offenses category
- Only most serious offense should be counted
- Used when:
 - Offenses are committed at the same time and place
 - Time interval and distance between offenses is insignificant

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Offense Hierarchy

1. Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter
2. Manslaughter by Negligence
3. Sex Offenses
4. Robbery
5. Aggravated Assault
6. Burglary
7. Motor Vehicle Theft

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Hierarchy Rule Exceptions

Arson

- Arson is always counted
- Multiple offenses – report most serious along with arson
- Incidents in which persons are killed as a direct result of arson - classified as a homicide and arson

Sexual Assault

- If rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape occurs in the same incident as a murder, the institution must record both the sex offense and the murder in its statistics

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*Remember: the Hierarchy Rule **only** applies to reporting your annual crime stats and not other documents, such as the daily crime log.*

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History of Hate Crime Reporting & Clery

1998

- **Higher Education Act of 1998** amends Clery Act to require reporting on hate crime statistics for the 7 reportable criminal offenses motivated by bias toward race, religion, gender, disability, ethnicity and sexual orientation

2008

- **Higher Education Opportunity Act** adds four additional crimes to reporting requirements under Clery: •larceny-theft • simple assault • intimidation • destruction, damage, or vandalism of property

2013

- **Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act** adds requirements to report on hate crimes motivated by gender identity and national origin

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Hate Crimes

Criminal Offenses:

- Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter
- Sex Offenses
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson

Plus:

- Larceny-theft
- Simple Assault
- Intimidation
- Destruction, Damage, or Vandalism of Property

When motivated by bias

- Disability
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Gender Identity
- National Origin
- Race
- Religion
- Sexual Orientation

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VAWA Offenses

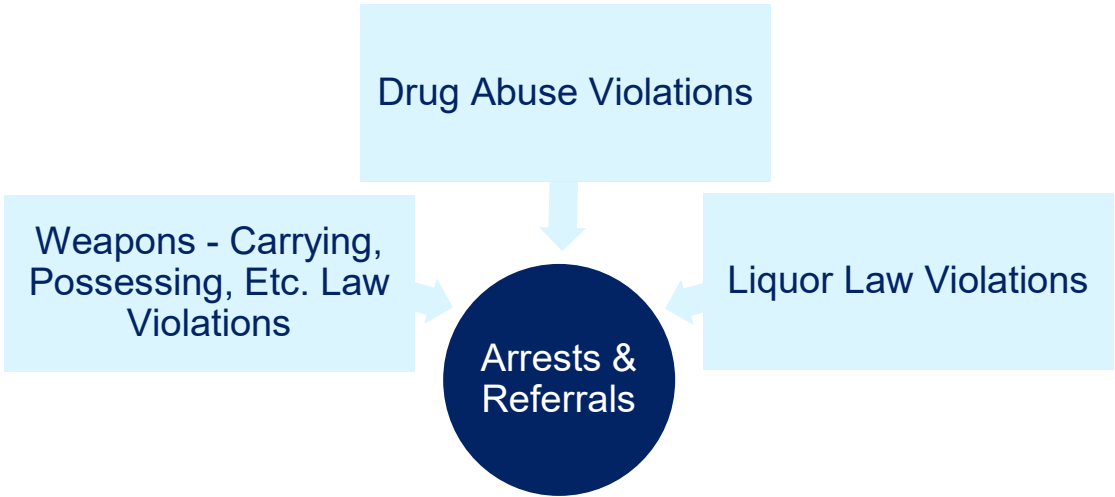
- 2013 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) amendments to the Clery Act added
 - Dating Violence,
 - Domestic Violence, and
 - Stalking
- Statistics collection began in 2014 and first appeared in the 2015 ASRs

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Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA)

- Passed in December 2024
- Added hazing as a Clery reportable crime
- Created a definition for hazing that applies only to counting Clery crime statistics
- Defined student organization, for the purpose of applying the hazing definition
- Also requires new policy statements in the ASR and prevention programs

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Arrests and referrals are counted for state and local law violations, and are not covered by the Hierarchy Rule used to count Criminal Offenses.

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Defining Arrests and Referrals

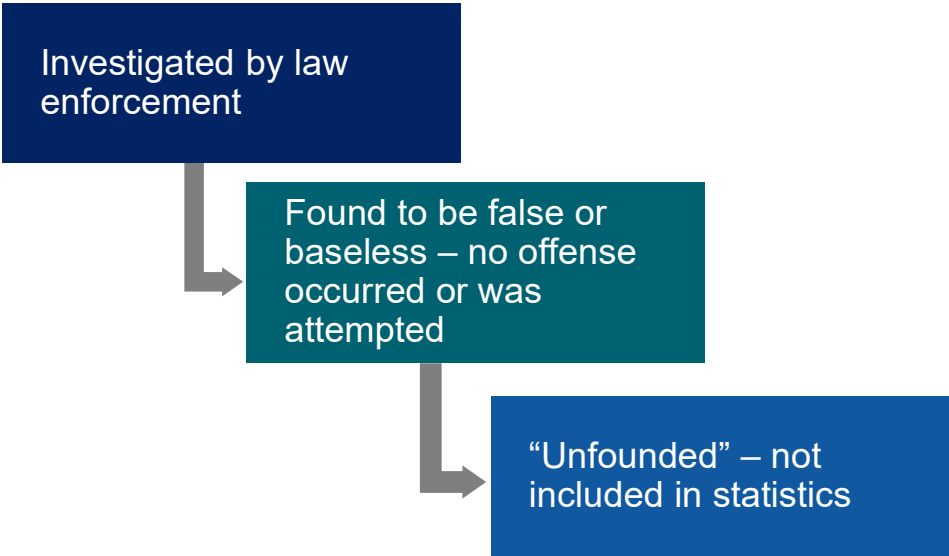
Arrest: Persons processed by arrest, citation, or summons

Referred for Disciplinary Action: The referral of any person to any campus official who initiates a disciplinary action of which a record is kept and which **may** result in the imposition of a sanction

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Unfounded Crimes



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Strategies for Community Education

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What trends are you seeing related to Clery Act crimes at your institution?

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National Trends

- The number of reported hate crimes has tripled from 2021 to 2023
 - 827 in 2021 to 2,676 in 2023
- Motor vehicle thefts reported on campus have tripled from 2021 to 2023
 - 3,582 in 2021 to 10,898 in 2023
- Stalking reports have doubled since statistics were first collected in 2014
 - 4,657 in 2014 to 9,630 in 2023

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The tools you need for Campus Safety and Security analysis

Get Data for One School

Search for a school to view general information and the past three years of safety- and security-related statistical data for the entire school or by campus.

Compare Data for Multiple Schools

Select up to four schools to see a side-by-side comparison of aggregated data for the most recent year, along with an option to view the number per 1000 students.

Download Custom Data

Select the safety- and security-related statistical data you are interested in for one or more years and download data for a customized group of schools.

Generate Trend Data

Select a subject area and a question that you are interested in, and then see the answer for a selected year, build a table, and see a graph that shows the trend over time. You can customize your results by various institutional characteristics such as public or private, 2-year or 4-year, or state.

Download Data

Download the complete data file for all institutions from a single data collection. Files will include all data submitted by all institutions in the selected survey year.

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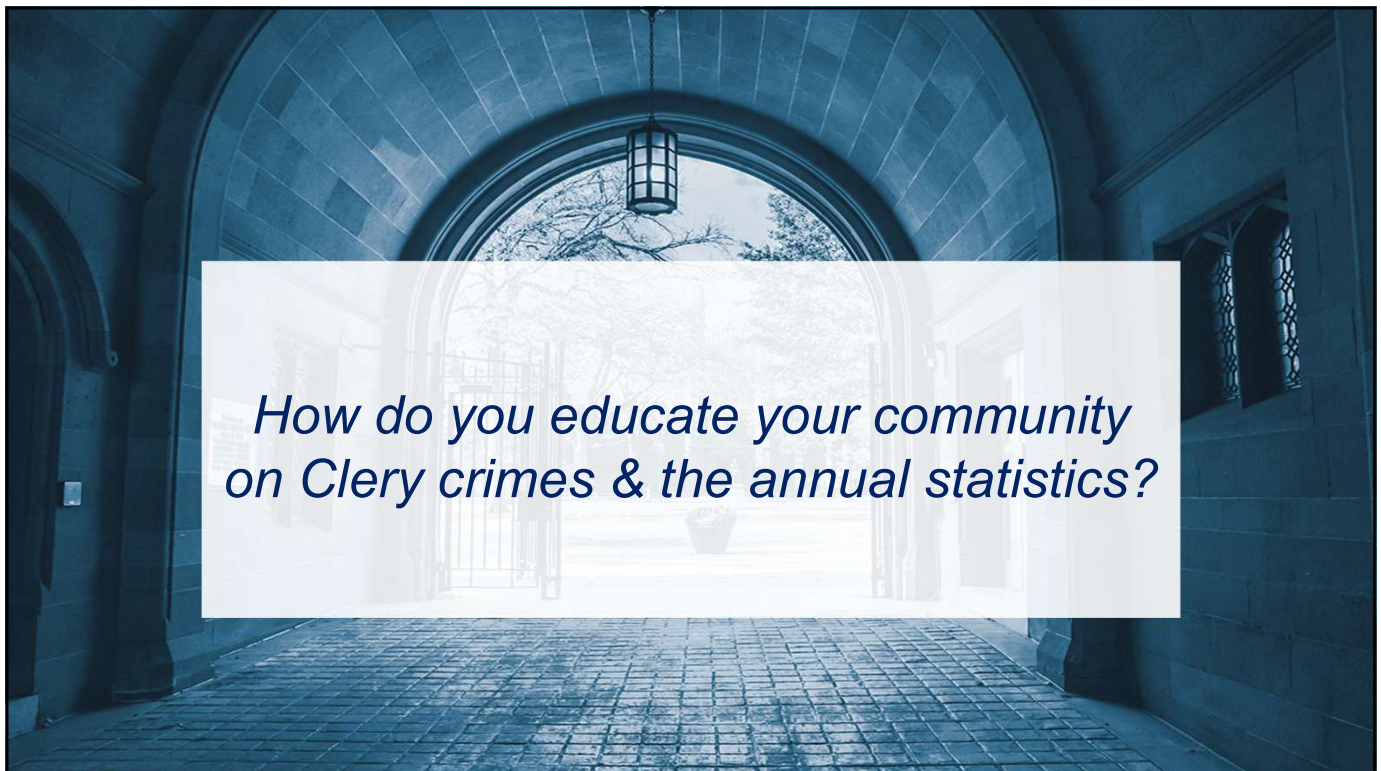
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Using Trends for Campus Safety

- Compare your campus trends to national trends to identify prevention education needs
 - Connect with colleagues from other campuses experiencing the same trends
- Identify local & national organization resources that offer educational and marketing materials for the crimes you're seeing most
- Identify the areas of your Clery geography with high reports & evaluate for safety improvements

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How do you educate your community on Clery crimes & the annual statistics?

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Compiling Statistics for the ASR

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Recording Statistics: Things to Remember

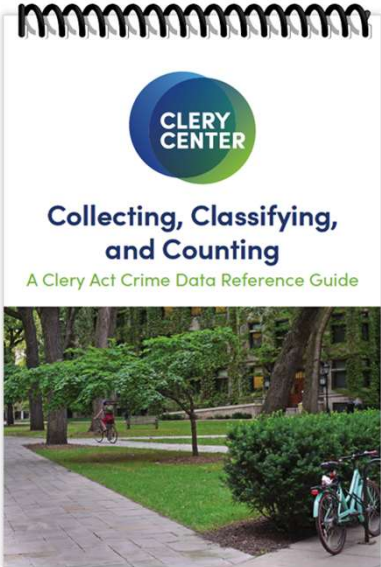
- Statistics are tied to Clery Act geography
- Hierarchy Rule
- Use Clery crime definitions
- Classify according to the requirements:

Homicide, sex offenses, aggravated assaults, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking	One offense per victim *Special considerations for stalking
Robbery, burglary, hazing	One offense per each distinct operation
Motor vehicle theft	One offense for each stolen vehicle
Arson	One offense for each distinct arson operation

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Resource Reminder



Collecting, Classifying, and Counting:

A Clery Act Crime Data Reference Guide

Updated version coming this spring!

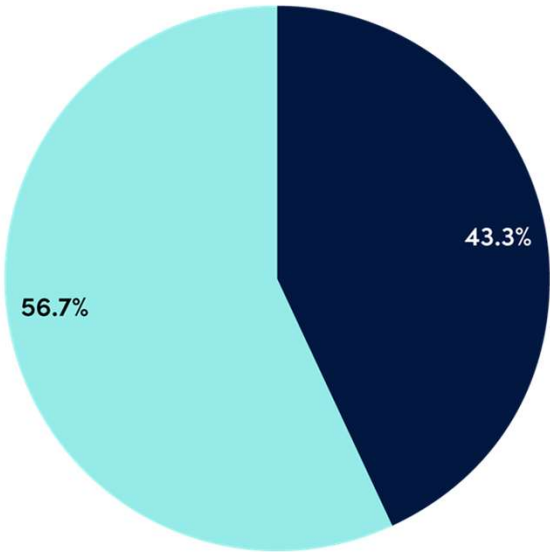
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Does your institution have a data reconciliation team or committee?

43.3% Yes
56.7% No

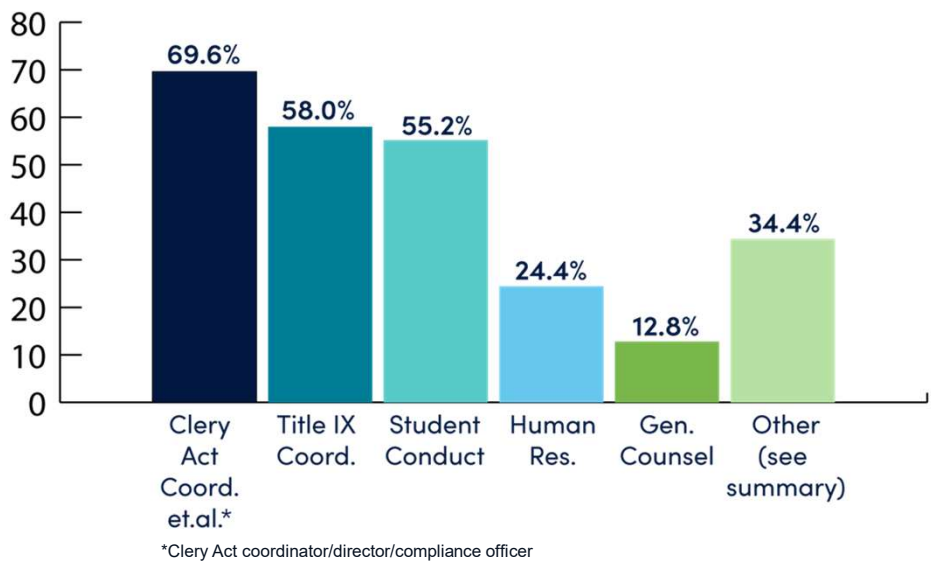


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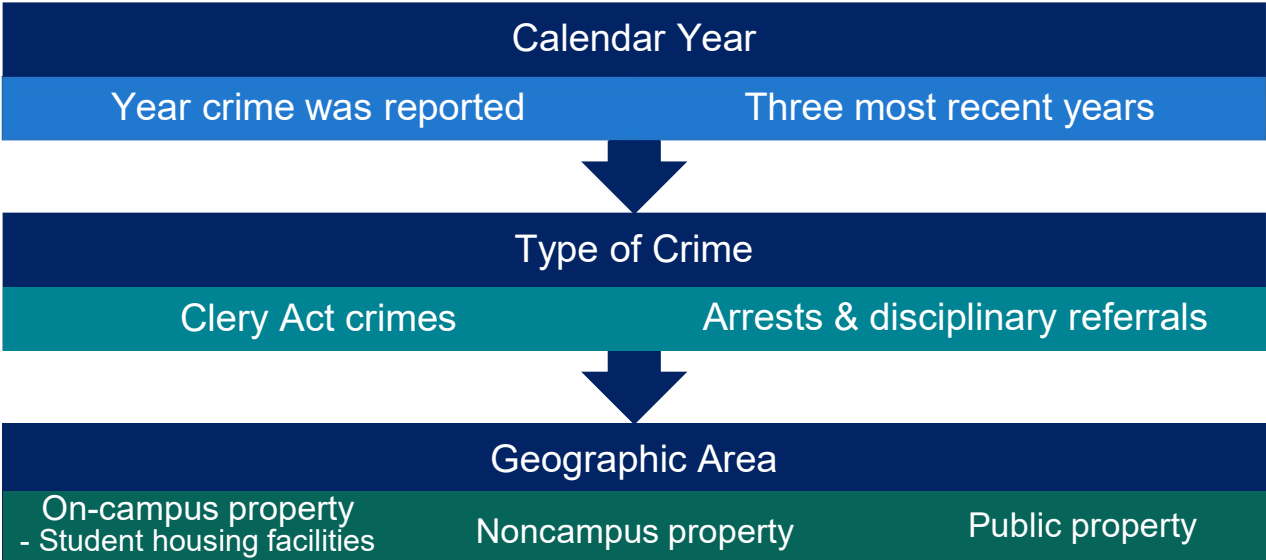
If yes, who is on the data reconciliation team?
Check all that apply.



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Crime Presentation: Three Required Elements



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Crime Classification		Campus		Noncampus	Public Property	Total
		On Campus Student Housing	On-Campus Total			
Murder/ Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2023	1	1	0	0	1
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2023	10	12	1	0	13
	2022	13	13	0	0	13
	2021	8	9	2	0	11
Fondling	2023	4	5	0	2	7
	2022	3	3	1	2	6
	2021	5	6	1	4	11
Incest	2023	1	1	0	0	1
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: References sample structure only – the above table does not include all crime categories.

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Example: Hate Crime Tabular Format

Crime		Bias Category	Campus		Noncampus	Public Property	Total
			On Campus Student Housing	On-Campus Total			
Simple Assault	2023	Race	1	1	0	0	1
		Ethnicity	0	0	0	0	0
		Religion	0	0	0	0	0
		Sexual Orientation	0	0	0	0	0
		Gender	0	0	0	0	0
		Gender Identity	0	0	0	0	0
		National Origin	0	0	0	0	0
		Disability	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	Race	0	0	0	0	0
		Ethnicity	0	0	0	0	0
		Religion	0	0	0	0	0
		Sexual Orientation	0	0	0	0	0
		Gender	0	0	1	0	1
		Gender Identity	0	0	0	0	0
		National Origin	0	0	0	0	0
		Disability	0	0	0	1	1

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Sample Hate Crime Narrative Format

Example 1	Example 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023: One on-campus Intimidation incident characterized by religious bias.• 2022: One noncampus Robbery characterized by National Origin bias, and one public property Aggravated Assault characterized by Sexual Orientation bias.• 2021: No Hate Crimes reported.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hate Crimes: There were no reported Hate Crimes for the years 2021, 2022 or 2023.

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35 Years of Clery Webinar Series

- **September 25:** Preventing Hazing, Protecting Students
- **December 9:** Advancing Awareness through the ASR (Member-exclusive)

Workshops & Trainings

- **May 14:** ASR Workshop
- **June 12:** CSA Train-the-Trainer Workshop
- **July 21-24:** Virtual Clery Act Training Seminar
- **August 13:** CSA Workshop


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