

Item-by-Item Results Anti-Semitism Survey (F04-E)

Response Rate of students who self-identified as Jewish on University database (n= 651) = 37.8% (excludes 5 students who were incorrectly coded)

Response Rate of students who self-identified as Jewish on University database and for whom a working telephone number was available (n=412) = 59.7%

Cooperation Rate = 69.7%

Sampling error is plus or minus approximately five percentage points at 95% confidence level.

Hello, is this ___? My name is __. I'm calling you tonight for Project Pulse, of the Student Assessment, Research and Evaluation Office at UMass. We are conducting a survey on anti-Semitism co-sponsored by the Office of Human Relations and the Office of Jewish Affairs. We are calling all UMass undergraduates who are self-identified as Jewish on the student database. I'd like to ask you some questions, which should take only about seven minutes. All of your responses are completely confidential and will be analyzed only after being grouped with those of other respondents. Please feel free to ask questions at any time.

For your information, when we use the term "anti-Semitism" in this survey we are talking about negative beliefs about Jewish people. These beliefs are sometimes acted out in discriminatory or hostile behaviors directed at Jewish people, as individuals or as a group

To what extent do you think anti-Semitism exists on the UMass campus?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 To a very great extent	2	.8	.8	.8
	2 To a great extent	8	3.3	3.3	4.1
	3 To some extent	74	30.1	30.7	34.9
	4 To a little extent	87	35.4	36.1	71.0
	5 To a very little extent	70	28.5	29.0	100.0
	Total	241	98.0	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	5	2.0		
Total		246	100.0		

Next, I am going to read some statements that describe different types of behaviors. Please tell me how frequently YOU PERSONALLY have experienced each type of behavior. All of your responses should be based on your experience at UMass only.

Course instructors stereotyping, making negative remarks about or telling jokes that "put down" Jewish people.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Almost daily	2	.8	.8	.8
	2 A few times per week	6	2.4	2.4	3.3
	3 A few times per month	3	1.2	1.2	4.5
	4 A few times per semester	26	10.6	10.6	15.0
	5 Never	209	85.0	85.0	100.0
	Total	246	100.0	100.0	

University staff members stereotyping, making negative remarks about or telling jokes that "put down" Jewish people.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	3 A few times per month	2	.8	.8	.8
	4 A few times per semester	16	6.5	6.5	7.3
	5 Never	228	92.7	92.7	100.0
	Total	246	100.0	100.0	

Anti-Semitic graffiti in residence halls or other campus buildings.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Almost daily	2	.8	.8	.8
	2 A few times per week	2	.8	.8	1.6
	3 A few times per month	11	4.5	4.5	6.1
	4 A few times per semester	81	32.9	32.9	39.0
	5 Never	150	61.0	61.0	100.0
	Total	246	100.0	100.0	

Deliberate defacing or destroying of posters advertising events sponsored by the Jewish community.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Almost daily	3	1.2	1.2	1.2
	2 A few times per week	4	1.6	1.6	2.9
	3 A few times per month	14	5.7	5.7	8.6
	4 A few times per semester	70	28.5	28.7	37.3
	5 Never	153	62.2	62.7	100.0
	Total	244	99.2	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	2	.8		
Total		246	100.0		

Deliberate defacing or vandalizing of your personal property.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	3 A few times per month	1	.4	.4	.4
	4 A few times per semester	9	3.7	3.7	4.1
	5 Never	236	95.9	95.9	100.0
	Total	246	100.0	100.0	

Threatening or derogatory notes, phone calls, or E-mail.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	4 A few times per semester	4	1.6	1.6	1.6
	5 Never	242	98.4	98.4	100.0
	Total	246	100.0	100.0	

Personally being harassed by course instructors because you are Jewish.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	4 A few times per semester	5	2.0	2.0	2.0
	5 Never	241	98.0	98.0	100.0
	Total	246	100.0	100.0	

Personally being harassed by University staff members because you are Jewish.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	4 A few times per semester	2	.8	.8	.8
	5 Never	244	99.2	99.2	100.0
	Total	246	100.0	100.0	

Now I'm going to read 3 statements that describe different types of behavior that might take place between students. Once again, please tell me how frequently YOU PERSONALLY have experienced each type of behavior. Again, all of your responses should be based on your experiences at UMass only.

Students stereotyping, making negative remarks about or telling jokes that "put down" Jewish people.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Almost daily	8	3.3	3.3	3.3
	2 A few times per week	29	11.8	11.8	15.0
	3 A few times per month	44	17.9	17.9	32.9
	4 A few times per semester	90	36.6	36.6	69.5
	5 Never	75	30.5	30.5	100.0
	Total	246	100.0	100.0	

Personally being harassed by other students because you are Jewish.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2 A few times per week	10	4.1	4.1	4.1
	3 A few times per month	14	5.7	5.7	9.8
	4 A few times per semester	27	11.0	11.0	20.8
	5 Never	194	78.9	79.2	100.0
	Total	245	99.6	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	1	.4		
Total		246	100.0		

Negative remarks being made by students about Jewish people in the classroom which were not challenged by the instructor.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	3 A few times per month	4	1.6	1.6	1.6
	4 A few times per semester	29	11.8	11.8	13.5
	5 Never	212	86.2	86.5	100.0
	Total	245	99.6	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	1	.4		
Total		246	100.0		

The next several questions concern your experience with anti-Semitism at UMass.

If you witnessed one or more students making derogatory remarks about Jewish people or otherwise verbally harassing a student because they assumed she or he was Jewish, what would you do first?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Nothing	20	8.1	8.2	8.2
	2 Report the incident to authorities	22	8.9	9.1	17.3
	3 Intervene directly	159	64.6	65.4	82.7
	4 Try to find others to help	17	6.9	7.0	89.7
	5 Other	25	10.2	10.3	100.0
	Total	243	98.8	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	3	1.2		
Total		246	100.0		

What office or agency would you be MOST likely to contact if you wanted to complain about anti-Semitic harassment on campus?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Amherst Police Department	9	3.7	3.7	3.7
	2 Dean of Students Office	35	14.2	14.3	18.0
	3 Equal Opportunity and Diversity Office	3	1.2	1.2	19.2
	4 Hillel	42	17.1	17.1	36.3
	7 Office of Human Relations	1	.4	.4	36.7
	8 Office of Jewish Affairs	2	.8	.8	37.6
	9 Residential Education Office or Housing Services	17	6.9	6.9	44.5
	10 UMass Police Department	29	11.8	11.8	56.3
	11 Other	15	6.1	6.1	62.4
	12 Don't know/Not Sure	92	37.4	37.6	100.0
	Total	245	99.6	100.0	
	Missing	13 Refused answer	1	.4	
Total		246	100.0		

Open-ended responses for respondents indicating other office or agency.

RA	5
Student Affairs	2
ACLU	1
Administration	1
Chancellor's Office	1
FBI or ADL	1
Jewish Student Union	1
Jewish Studies Group	1
Police	1
None	1
Total	15

At the beginning of the semester, how many of your course instructors, either in class or on the syllabus, addressed the issue of missing class or exams to observe religious holidays?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 None	75	30.5	31.1	31.1
	2 1 or 2	91	37.0	37.8	68.9
	3 3 or 4	39	15.9	16.2	85.1
	4 5 or 6	33	13.4	13.7	98.8
	5 More than 6	3	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	241	98.0	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	5	2.0		
Total		246	100.0		

At UMass, how difficult has it been for you to celebrate Jewish holidays?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very difficult	12	4.9	4.9	4.9
	2 Somewhat difficult	62	25.2	25.4	30.3
	3 Not too difficult	72	29.3	29.5	59.8
	4 Not at all difficult	67	27.2	27.5	87.3
	5 Don't celebrate Jewish holidays	31	12.6	12.7	100.0
	Total	244	99.2	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	2	.8		
Total		246	100.0		

Have you ever felt uncomfortable when informing an instructor that you would be missing class in order to observe a Jewish holiday? (not asked if don't celebrate Jewish holidays)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	40	18.6	19.1	19.1
	2 No	169	78.6	80.9	100.0
	Total	209	97.2	100.0	
Missing	3 Not applicable	5	2.3		
	4 Don't know/Refused	1	.5		
	Total	6	2.8		
Total		215	100.0		

Since you have been at UMass, has anti-Semitism ever been discussed in your classes?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	117	47.6	48.5	48.5
	2 No	124	50.4	51.5	100.0
	Total	241	98.0	100.0	
Missing	3 Don't know/Refused	5	2.0		
Total		246	100.0		

Since you have been at UMass, have you ever discussed anti-Semitism with your friends outside of classes?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	172	69.9	71.1	71.1
	2 No	70	28.5	28.9	100.0
	Total	242	98.4	100.0	
Missing	3 Don't know/Refused	4	1.6		
Total		246	100.0		

Since you have been a student at UMass, have you taken a Judaic Studies course?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	105	42.7	42.9	42.9
	2 No	140	56.9	57.1	100.0
	Total	245	99.6	100.0	
Missing	3 Don't know/Refused	1	.4		
Total		246	100.0		

How likely would you be to report an incident of anti-Semitic harassment if it happened to you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very likely	84	34.1	34.6	34.6
	2 Somewhat likely	84	34.1	34.6	69.1
	3 Somewhat unlikely	44	17.9	18.1	87.2
	4 Very unlikely	31	12.6	12.8	100.0
	Total	243	98.8	100.0	
Missing	5 Don't know/Refused	3	1.2		
Total		246	100.0		

If you were experiencing anti-Semitic harassment on campus, how likely do you think other people would be to come to your aid?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very likely	56	22.8	23.3	23.3
	2 Somewhat likely	114	46.3	47.5	70.8
	3 Somewhat unlikely	48	19.5	20.0	90.8
	4 Very unlikely	22	8.9	9.2	100.0
	Total	240	97.6	100.0	
Missing	0	1	.4		
	5 Don't know/Refused	5	2.0		
	Total	6	2.4		
Total		246	100.0		

As a Jewish student, how safe do you feel on campus at night?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very safe	166	67.5	69.2	69.2
	2 Somewhat safe	59	24.0	24.6	93.8
	3 Somewhat unsafe	14	5.7	5.8	99.6
	4 Very unsafe	1	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	240	97.6	100.0	
Missing	0	1	.4		
	5 Don't know/Refused	5	2.0		
	Total	6	2.4		
Total		246	100.0		

Do any of the people you know here at UMass make anti-Semitic statements?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	96	39.0	39.3	39.3
	2 No	148	60.2	60.7	100.0
	Total	244	99.2	100.0	
Missing	0	1	.4		
	3 Don't know/Refused	1	.4		
	Total	2	.8		
Total		246	100.0		

Were you aware that many forms of religious, racial and ethnic harassment are considered a violation of a person's civil rights, punishable by fines and/or imprisonment?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	179	72.8	73.1	73.1
	2 No	66	26.8	26.9	100.0
	Total	245	99.6	100.0	
Missing	0	1	.4		
Total		246	100.0		

Were you aware that there are several formal and informal mechanisms for complaining about anti-Semitic harassment at UMass?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	102	41.5	41.8	41.8
	2 No	142	57.7	58.2	100.0
	Total	244	99.2	100.0	
Missing	0	2	.8		
Total		246	100.0		

How confident are you in the University's ability to respond effectively to specific incidents of anti-Semitic harassment?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very confident	35	14.2	14.7	14.7
	2 Somewhat confident	142	57.7	59.7	74.4
	3 Not too confident	50	20.3	21.0	95.4
	4 Not at all confident	11	4.5	4.6	100.0
	Total	238	96.7	100.0	
Missing	0	2	.8		
	5 Don't know/Refused	6	2.4		
	Total	8	3.3		
Total		246	100.0		

Next I am going to read you two statements. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each.

When people criticize Israel's policy toward the Palestinians, they are being anti-Semitic.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Agree strongly	18	7.3	7.7	7.7
	2 Agree somewhat	81	32.9	34.5	42.1
	3 Disagree somewhat	86	35.0	36.6	78.7
	4 Disagree strongly	50	20.3	21.3	100.0
	Total	235	95.5	100.0	
Missing	0	2	.8		
	5 Don't know/Refused	9	3.7		
	Total	11	4.5		
Total		246	100.0		

When a newspaper publishes editorials that criticize Israel's policy toward the Palestinians, the newspaper is being anti-Semitic.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Agree strongly	17	6.9	7.2	7.2
	2 Agree somewhat	66	26.8	28.0	35.2
	3 Disagree somewhat	94	38.2	39.8	75.0
	4 Disagree strongly	59	24.0	25.0	100.0
	Total	236	95.9	100.0	
Missing	0	2	.8		
	5 Don't know/Refused	8	3.3		
	Total	10	4.1		
Total		246	100.0		

The next few questions ask for some background information. This information allows us to examine differences, if any, between groups.

In which residential area do you live?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Northeast/Sylvan	36	14.6	14.8	14.8
	2 Orchard Hill/Central	90	36.6	36.9	51.6
	3 Southwest	94	38.2	38.5	90.2
	5 Fraternity or Sorority	3	1.2	1.2	91.4
	7 Off-campus	21	8.5	8.6	100.0
	Total	244	99.2	100.0	
Missing	0	2	.8		
Total		246	100.0		

What is your age?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	16	1	.4	.4	.4
	17	1	.4	.4	.8
	18	69	28.0	28.3	29.1
	19	88	35.8	36.1	65.2
	20	48	19.5	19.7	84.8
	21	28	11.4	11.5	96.3
	22	6	2.4	2.5	98.8
	23	2	.8	.8	99.6
	35	1	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	244	99.2	100.0	
Missing	0	2	.8		
Total		246	100.0		

Are you a:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 First-year student	80	32.5	32.8	32.8
	2 Sophomore	93	37.8	38.1	70.9
	3 Junior	40	16.3	16.4	87.3
	4 Senior	31	12.6	12.7	100.0
	Total	244	99.2	100.0	
Missing	0	2	.8		
Total		246	100.0		

That concludes our survey. Thanks for participating! Copies of the results will be available at SAREO, 427 Hills North, within the next month.

Interviewer: Is the respondent female or male?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Female	134	54.5	54.9	54.9
	2 Male	110	44.7	45.1	100.0
	Total	244	99.2	100.0	
Missing	0	2	.8		
Total		246	100.0		

Final Disposition of the Sample

	n	% of Total	% of Contacted
In and cooperated	246	59.71	69.69
In, but would not cooperate	71	17.23	20.11
In, declined interview, agreed to interview at later time, not subsequently contacted	36	8.74	10.20
Not in	59	14.32	
Total	412*	100.00	100.00

* Excludes 239 students with unobtainable phone numbers, and 5 ineligible students (not Jewish, not on campus this semester, no longer student.)