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## **WESTAT RESOLVES MINOR CODING ERROR IN 2015 CAMPUS CLIMATE SURVEY**

*Today, the [Association of American Universities](#) issued the following statement regarding its 2015 Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct:*

During a review of our 2015 Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct by independent researchers, a minor coding error was detected. The error was not substantive and did not affect any report findings or conclusions. Westat has corrected the coding error and provided updated data to participating universities.

The landmark 2015 Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct surveyed than 150,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at 26 AAU universities. It is one of the largest surveys, in terms of both number of schools and number of students, on sexual assault and sexual misconduct to provide insight into students' perceptions of their campus climate. The results are helping university administrators revise existing and formulate new policies and practices to reduce sexual assault and sexual misconduct on campus.

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