
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, DC

Community Concerns Report

Academic Year 2020-2021

Office of Government and Community Relations

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Community Concerns Report Summary

This report was compiled by the George Washington University's Office of Government and Community Relations and the Division for Student Affairs.

The report is intended to document incidents of off-campus student behavior reported to the George Washington University. These reports may have been submitted to the Community Concerns Hotline (Hotline), online reporting forms, phone calls, or emails to the Office of Government and Community Relations. To provide context, this document references previous years' incidents and draws comparisons between various days of the week, times of the year, the location of incidents reported, and the type of incidents reported.

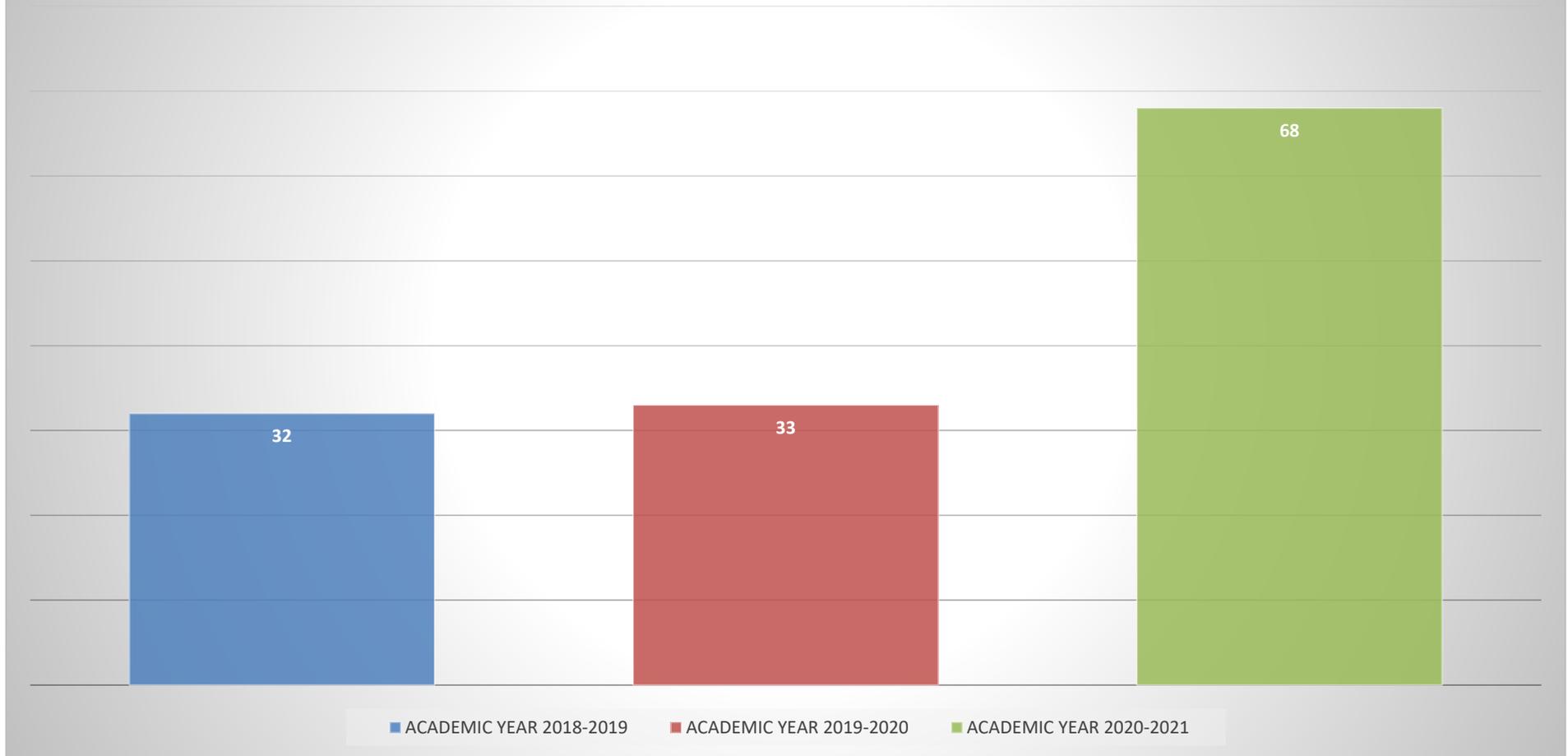
This information is made available to the broader university community—students, faculty, staff, and alumni—and to our neighbors in the Foggy Bottom community and includes information collected from the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years for comparative purposes.

For each incident reported to GW (multiple reports referencing the same incident were counted only once for this report), a separate file was created and counted for this report. Please note that GWPD does not have jurisdictional authority to respond to off-campus incidents. In some instance, the data displayed in the chart reflects the total number of students involved in the off-campus incidents.

As a result of the continuing COVID-19 global pandemic GW operated in a nearly all-virtual format beginning in March of 2020 and for the 2020-2021 academic year to allow the university to fulfill its educational mission. The number of students living on campus was limited to a small number who were approved to return to campus because of extenuating circumstances. The number of off-campus students living near the campus remained approximately the same as in previous years. The rise of community-reported cases resulted from multiple factors, including increased community focus on student behavior within the public health crisis, increased restrictions during the public health crisis, and an increase on students reporting other students off-campus behavior, as well as a concerted outreach effort by the Office of Government and Community and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities to neighbors to report their concerns to the university.

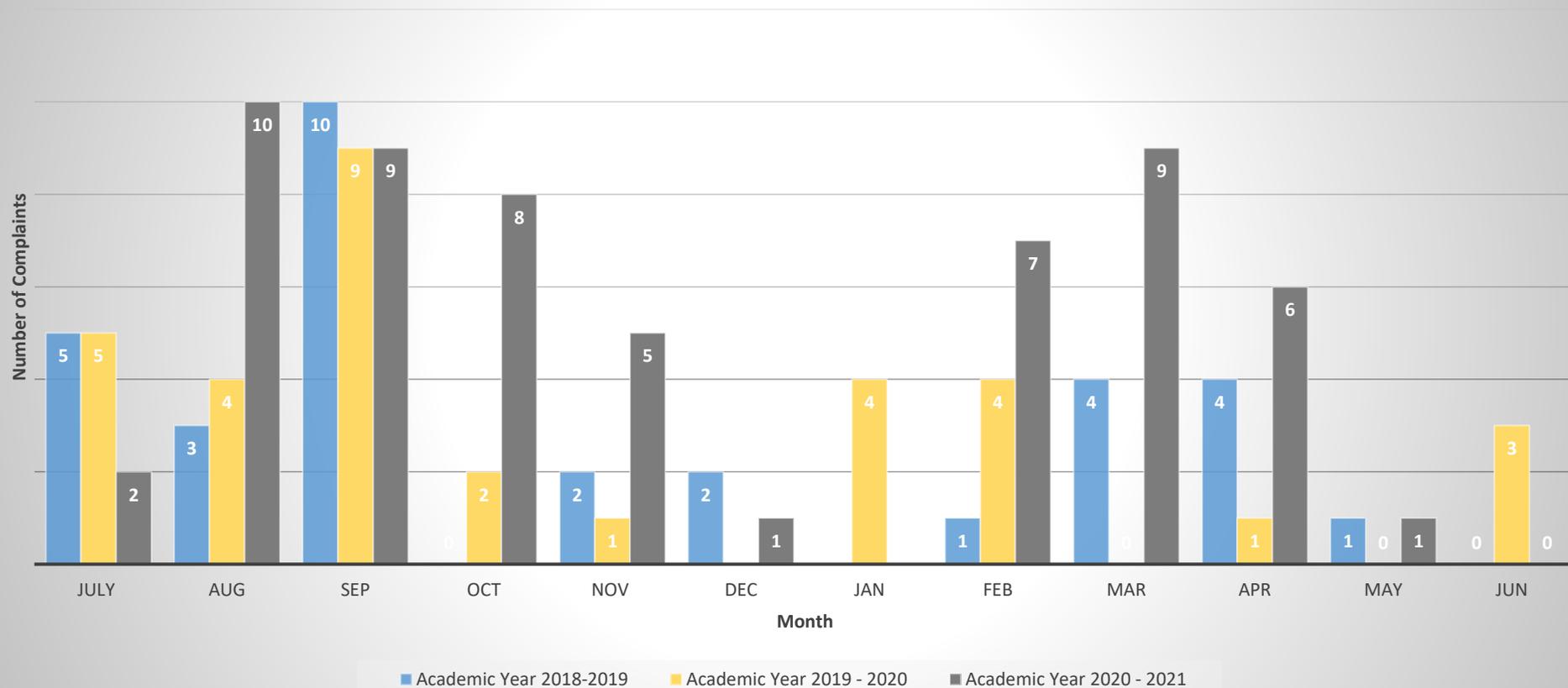
Please direct any questions or concerns to either the Office of Government and Community Relations at ogcr@gwu.edu or 202-994-9132 or the Division for Student Affairs at students@gwu.edu or 202-994-6555.

Total # of Off-Campus Reports Submitted



The George Washington University's number of reports saw an increase in the 2020-2021 academic year. We attribute the increase to the heightened level of concerns regarding student behavior during the pandemic, increased restrictions during the public health crisis, and an increase on students reporting other students off-campus behavior, as well as the university's improved educational efforts to ask neighbors to use our online reporting tool to share concerns. GW continues to prepare students to live in off-campus neighborhoods by requiring those moving off-campus to complete the "Being A Good Neighbor Orientation" online training. This training module has been updated and teaches students the rights and responsibilities of being a member of the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood. Although fewer students were living on-campus, the university's off-campus population remained about the same and the increased scrutiny by neighbors meant that incidents reports regarding student behavior concerns increased over the previous year.

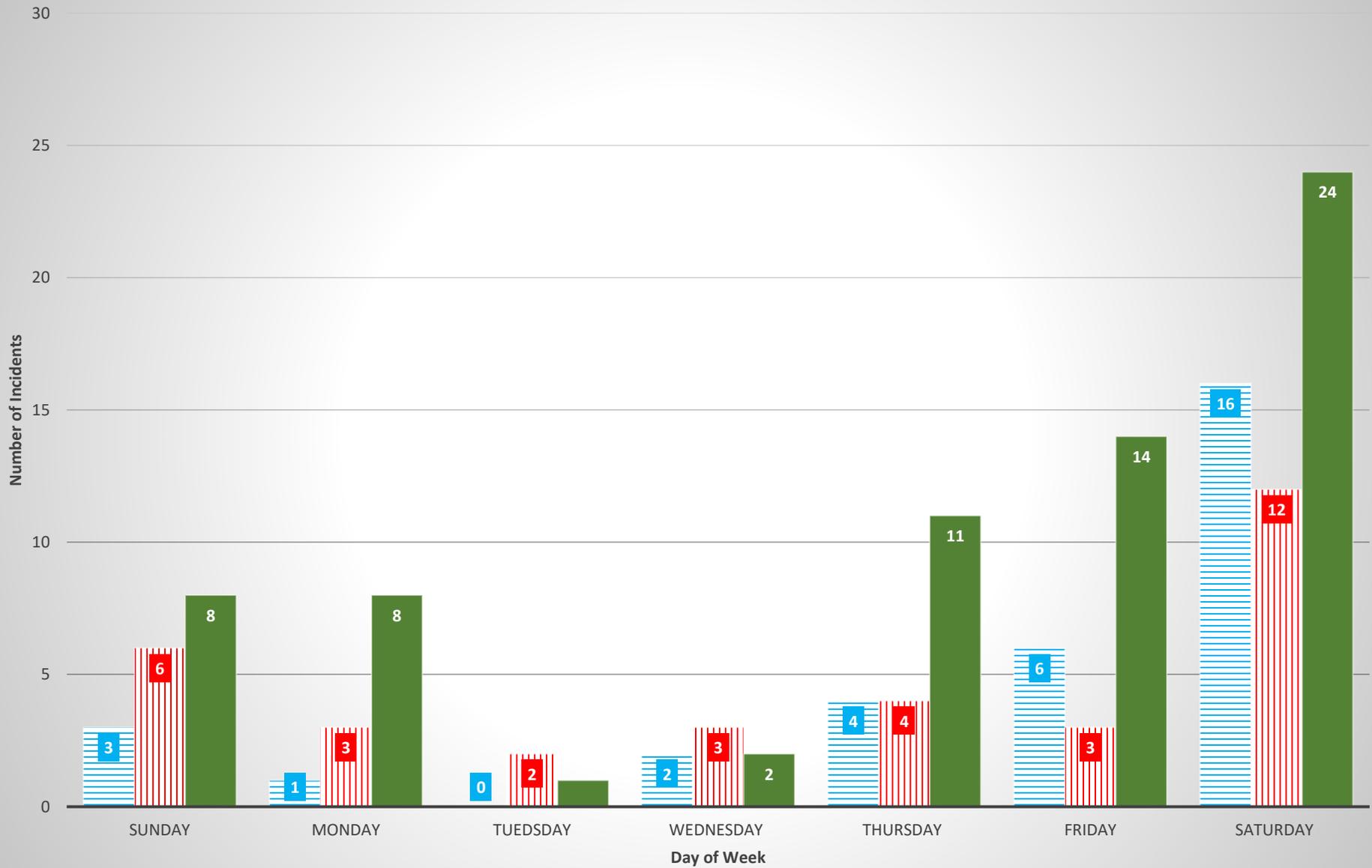
Number of Reports Submitted by Month



Incidents include reports that were provided to university staff. Reports made from multiple callers regarding the same incident and/or individuals who submitted more than one report about the same incident constitute one incident. The data reflect the actual number of incidents reported to the George Washington University in the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 academic years.

During the 2020-2021 academic year most GW students participated in remote instruction. The number of students living on campus was limited to a small number who were approved to return to campus because of extenuating circumstances. The number of off-campus students living near the campus remained approximately the same as in previous years. The rise of community-reported cases resulted from multiple factors, including increased community focus on student behavior within the public health crisis, increased restrictions during the public health crisis, and an increase on students reporting other students off-campus behavior, as well as a concerted outreach effort by the Office of Government and Community and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities to neighbors to report their concerns to the university.

Reports by Day of the Week

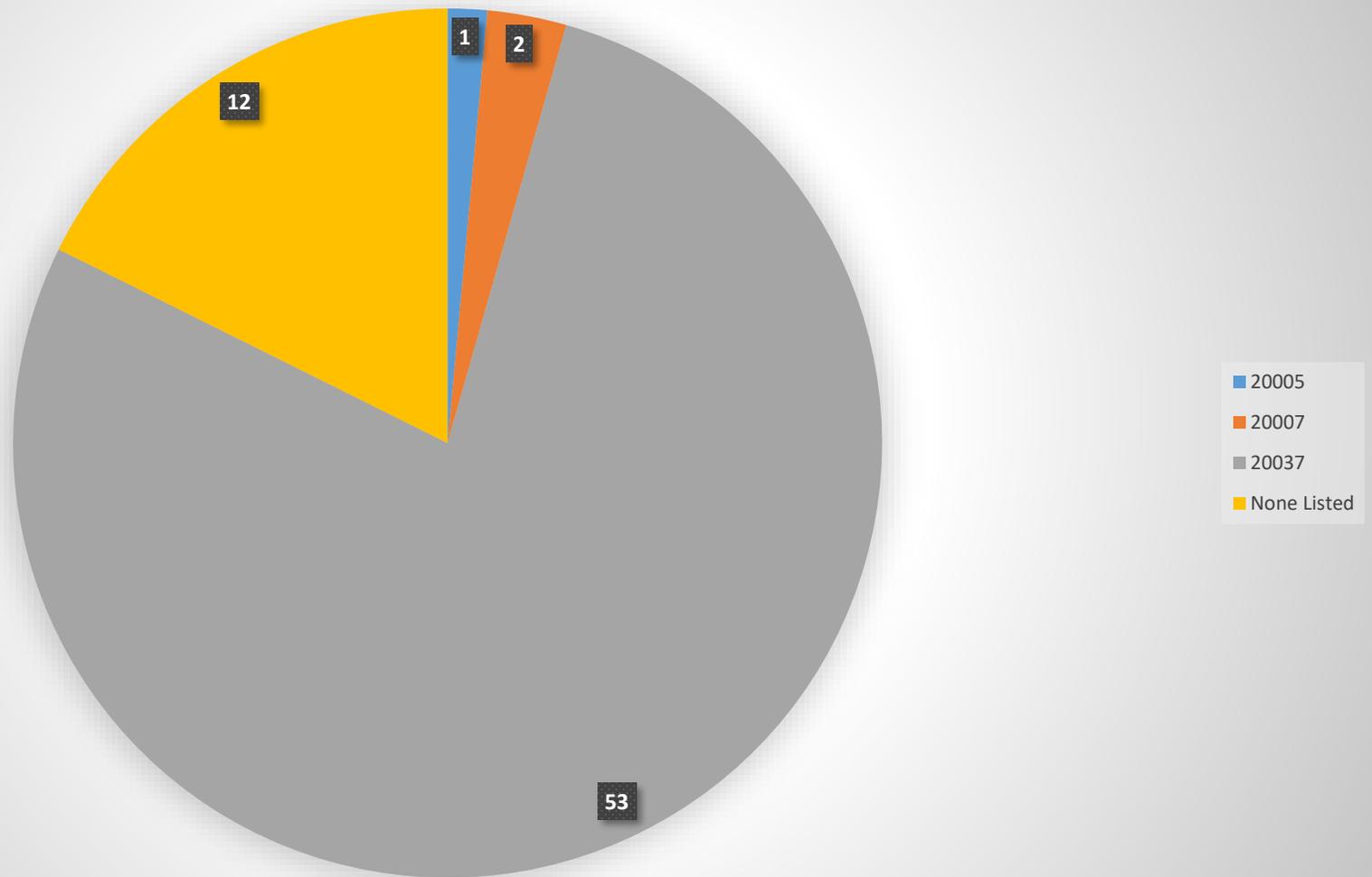


Academic Year 2018-2019

Academic Year 2019 - 2020

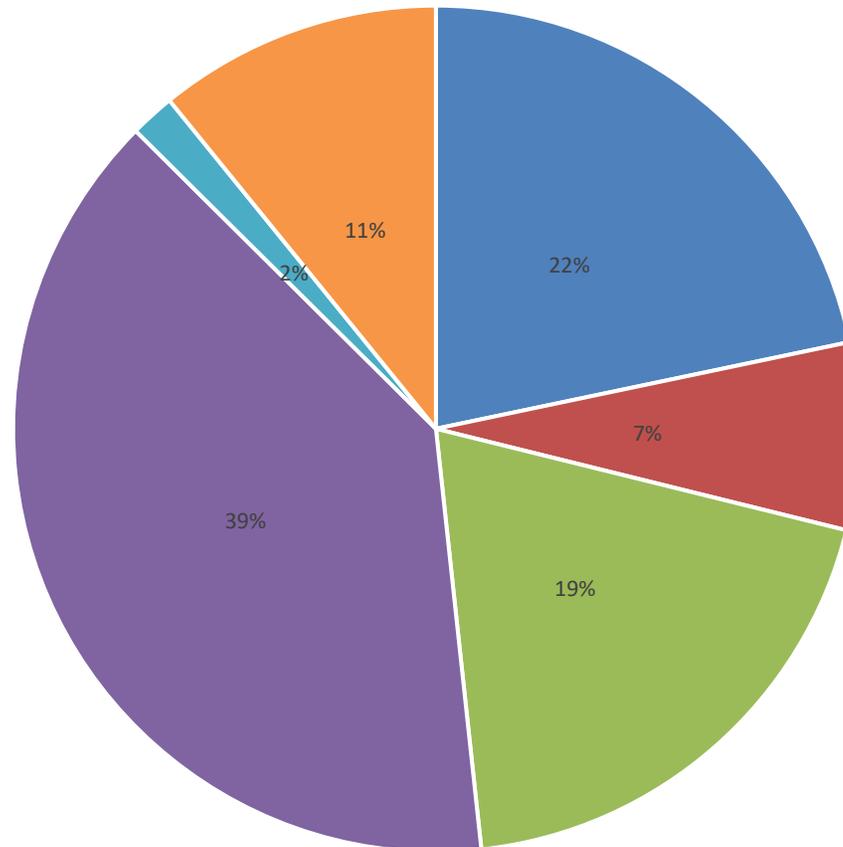
Academic Year 2020 - 2021

Reports by Zip Codes



*In the past, GW has reported the number of incidents by property type. As a result of a change in the university's online reporting system, this information was not collected for the 2020-2021 academic year. This year, GW is reporting the number of incidents by zip code.

Type of Concern Reported



■ Alcohol Present ■ Disorderly Behavior ■ Noise Complaint ■ Party/Large Gathering ■ Trash Violation ■ Unspecified

Alcohol Present incidents reported the presence of alcohol used or possessed by GW students.

Disorderly Behavior incidents include public arguments, cursing, lewd or indecent behavior, and harassment.

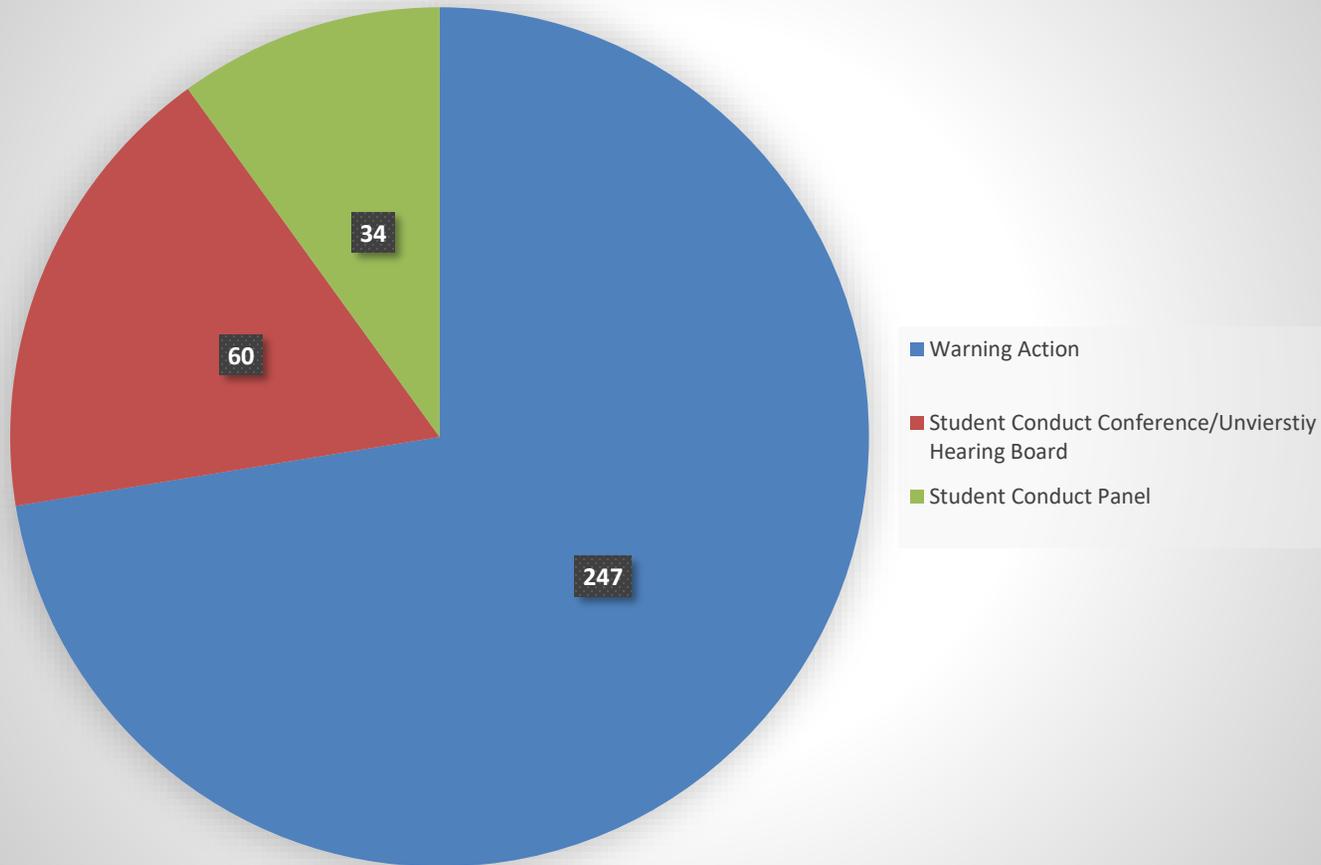
Noise Complaint include loud talking, music, transient noise and parties originating from inside residence hall rooms, private townhouses and private apartments as well as on public streets and sidewalks.

Party/Large Gathering include circumstances when numerous individuals were present.

Trash Violation involve alleged violations of DC Municipal Trash ordinances.

Unspecified incidents did not identify a specific concern.

Distribution of University Actions



Note: This chart reflects the number of students participating in the university actions and this reporting period contained larger groups of students being reported.

Warning Action: Students were warned to cease behavior and reminded that subsequent reports may result in conduct action. Warning actions are not considered to be a conduct record.

Student Conduct Conferences: Conduct process to determine responsibility for violations when students contest the charges. Possible outcomes include the following disciplinary statuses: Disciplinary Probation or Censure. Other outcomes include educational or restorative measures. A conduct record for the student is generated.

Student Conduct Panel/University Hearing Board: Conduct process to determine responsibility for violations when students contest the charges. Possible outcomes include the full range of sanctions, up to and including expulsion. Lesser sanctions and restorative, educational measures may also be applied. A conduct record for the student is generated. (Changed to "Student Conduct Panel" in the 2021-2022 Code of Student Conduct)

The University follows up with all community members regarding their complaints when contact information is provided.