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 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years for comparative purposes.

Please note: As a result of the 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.

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.

For the 2021-2022 academic year, we have seen a significant decrease in the number of student conduct incidents reported to the university. The university believes that this decrease was due to the committed educational efforts of the SRR team preparing students to join off-campus neighborhoods, including a required online Good Neighbor training module. In addition, the university has a robust communications plan that messages off-campus students before holidays to remind them about appropriate behavior. GW will continue to publicize to the members of the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhood methods to contact the university to report problematic student contact.

Please direct any questions or concerns to either the Office of Government and Community Relations at ogrc@gwu.edu or 202-994-9132 or the Division for Student Affairs at students@gwu.edu or 202-994-6555.
The George Washington University’s number of reports saw a steep decrease in the 2021-2022 academic year. We attribute the decrease to the university’s efforts to educate students about the importance of being good neighbors. The university’s improved educational efforts, including increased communications throughout the year and the on-going requirement that all students 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. In addition, the university has a robust communications plan that messages off campus students before holidays to remind them about appropriate behavior.
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 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 academic years.

Please note: During the 2020-2021 academic year most GW students participated in remote instruction due to the COVID pandemic.
INCIDENTS BY DAY OF THE WEEK

Academic Year 2019 - 2020
Academic Year 2020 - 2021
Academic Year 2021 - 2022

Number of Incidents

Sunday  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

Academic Year 2019 - 2020: 6  8  2  3  4  3  14
Academic Year 2020 - 2021: 8  8  1  3  2  3  12
Academic Year 2021 - 2022: 4  4  1  0  2  2  6

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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 or 2021-2022 academic year. This year, GW is reporting the number of incidents by zip code.
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:
2021-2022

- **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.

- **Conference (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.

- **Conference-Level Agreement**: Conduct process wherein student accepts responsibility for the reported conduct violation(s). As with a conference, 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.

- **No Action**: In cases described as "No Action," SRR has determined the reported conduct does not constitute a violation of the Code of Student Conduct or other University policies. SRR still contacts students and notifies them of the reported concerns.

- **Restorative Circle**: A restorative process is a facilitated dialogue between harmed parties and students identified as causing harm. A restorative process can, but does not always, generate a disciplinary record for a student.

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

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

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