
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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Community Concerns Report

Academic Year 2019-2020

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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.

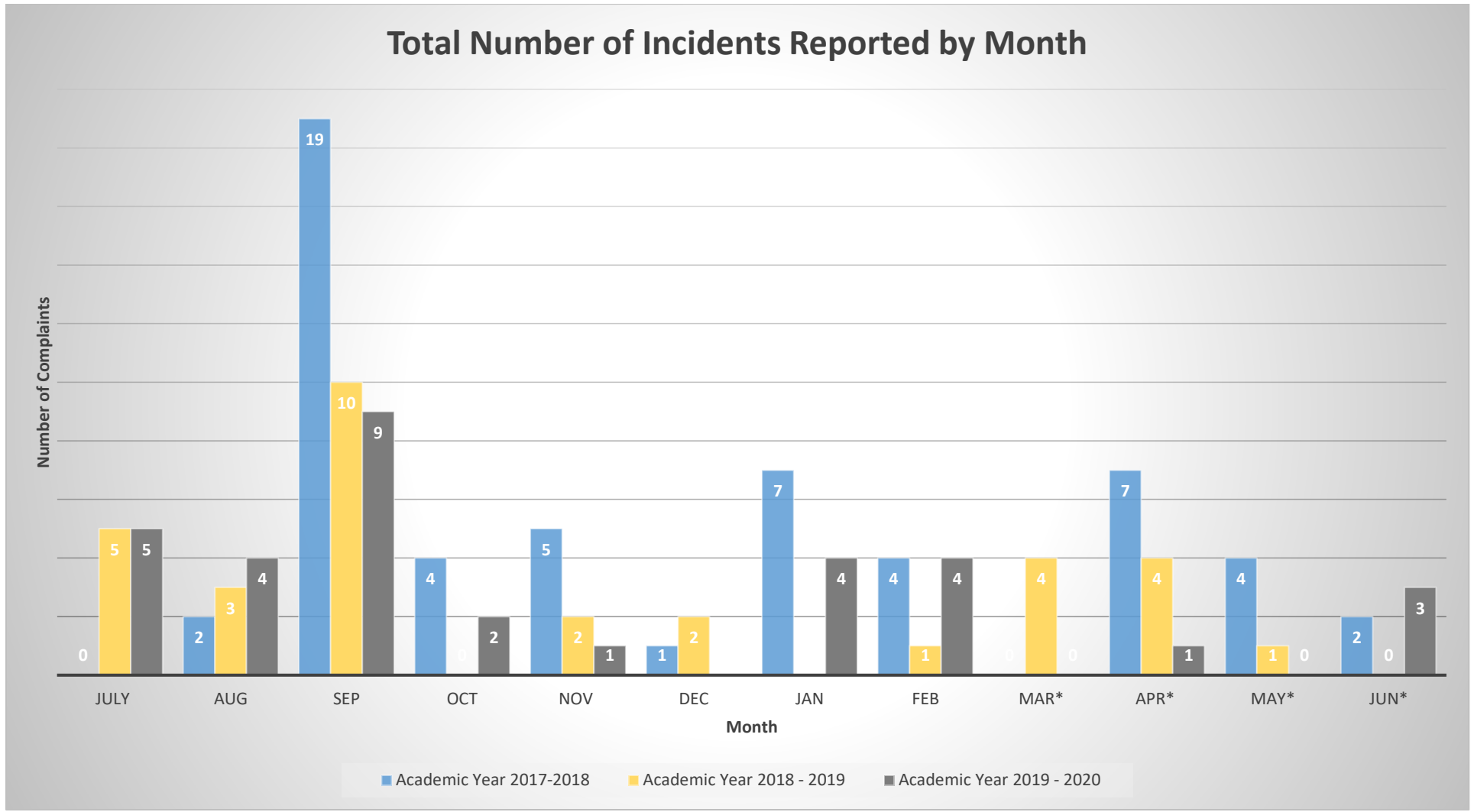
This information is made available to the broader university community—students, faculty, staff, and alumni—and to our neighbors in the Foggy Bottom community and includes information collected from the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years for comparative purposes.

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.

From March 2020 to June 2020, as the COVID-19 global pandemic evolved and the District of Columbia government issued stay-at-home orders, GW transitioned academic instruction to a virtual format to allow the university to fulfill its educational mission. In doing so, GW limited physical access to its campuses in Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon to essential workers and closed the residence halls to all students except a few who were approved to remain on campus because of extenuating circumstances.

Please direct any questions or concerns to either the Office of Government and Community Relations at discover@gwu.edu or 202-994-9132 or the Division for Student Affairs at students@gwu.edu or 202-994-6710.

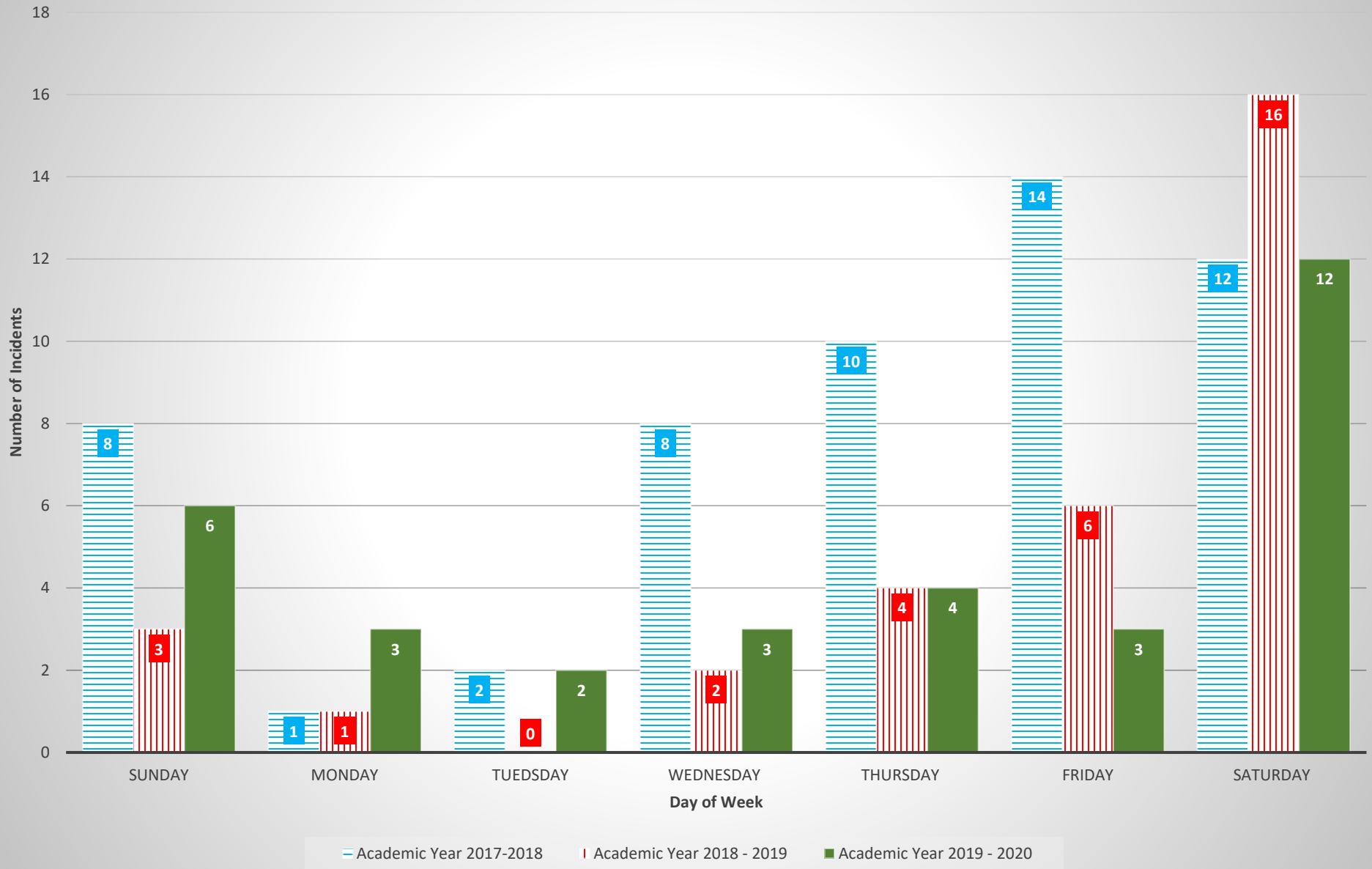
Total Number of Incidents Reported by Month



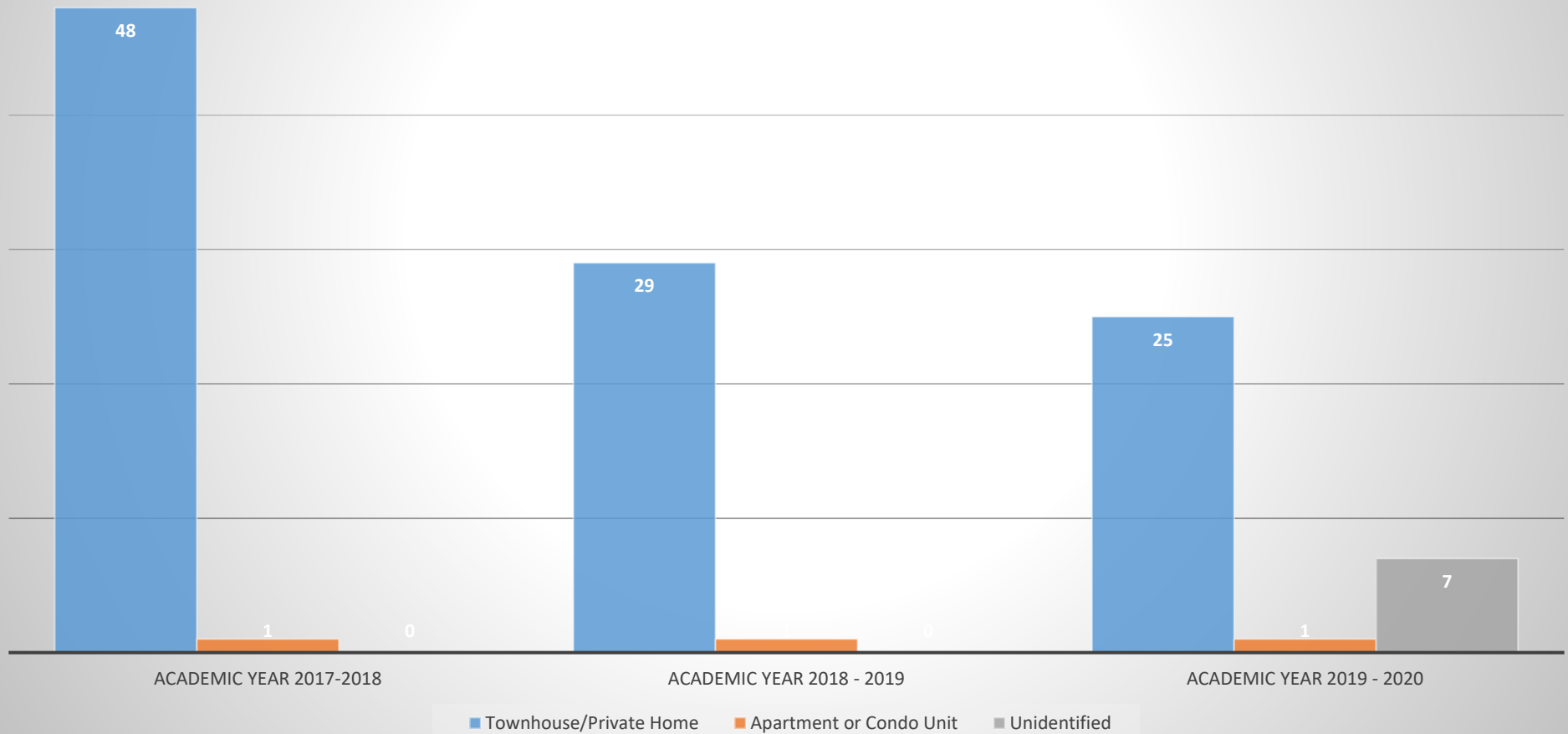
Incidents include reports that were provided to university staff. Reports made from multiple callers regarding the same incident and/or individuals who submitted more than one report about the same incident constitute one incident. The data reflect the actual number of incidents reported to the George Washington University in the 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 academic years.

*During these months, because of a stay-at-home order issued by the District of Columbia government, the university closed the campus, students returned home, and instruction moved online for the remainder of the academic year.

Incidents by Day of the Week

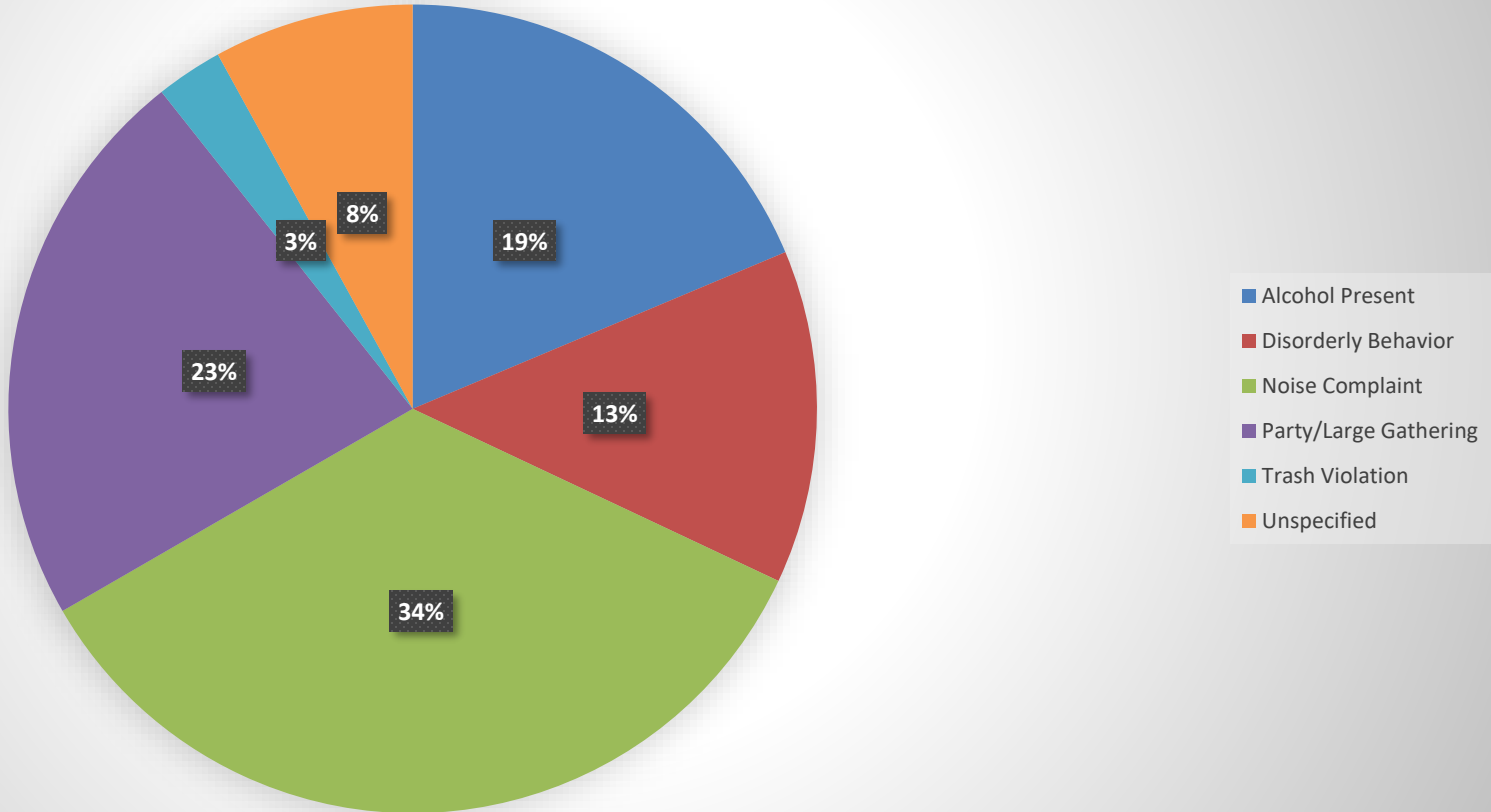


Incidents by Property Type Academic Year Comparison



*Please note seven reports during the 2019-2020 academic year did not identify the type of property.

Type of Concern Reported 2019-2020 Academic Year



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.

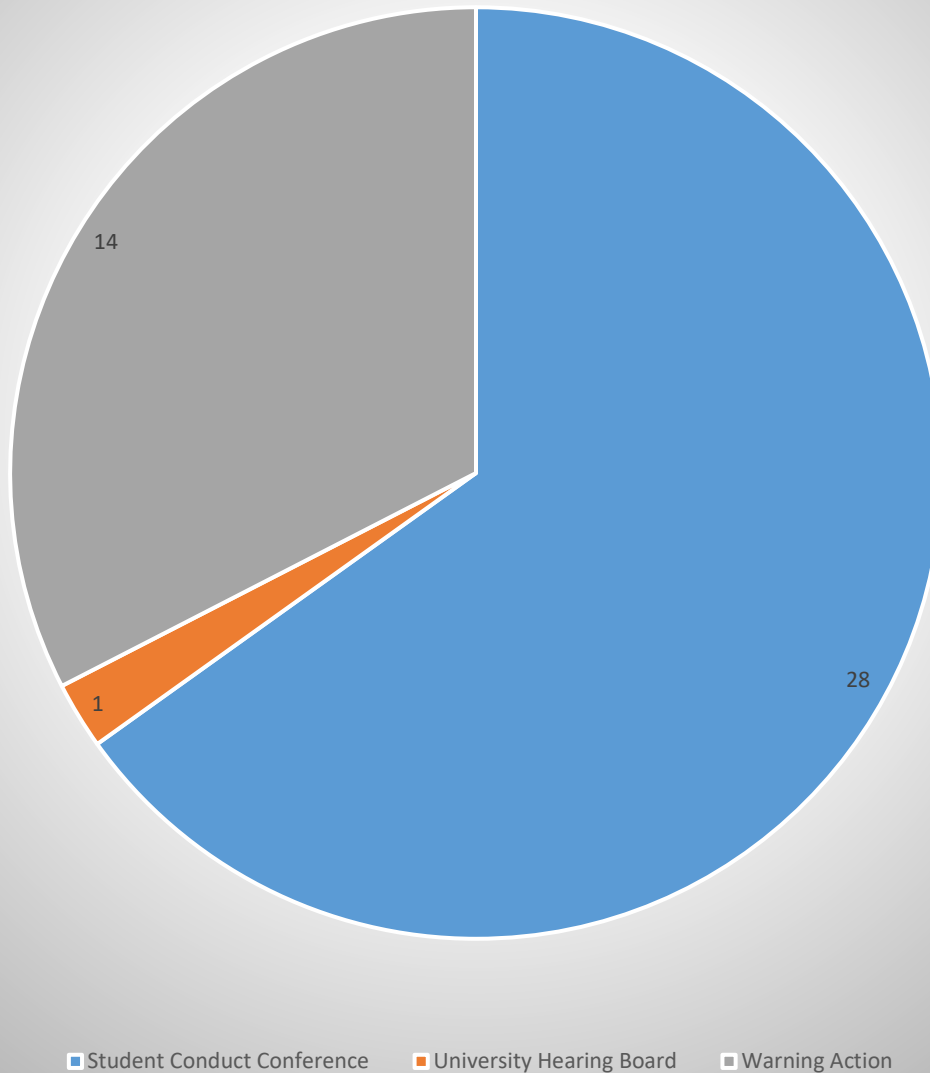
Noise Complaint include loud talking, music, transient noise and parties originating from inside residence hall rooms, private townhouses and private apartments as well as on public streets and sidewalks.

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 Outcomes for Reports for 2019-2020 Academic Year



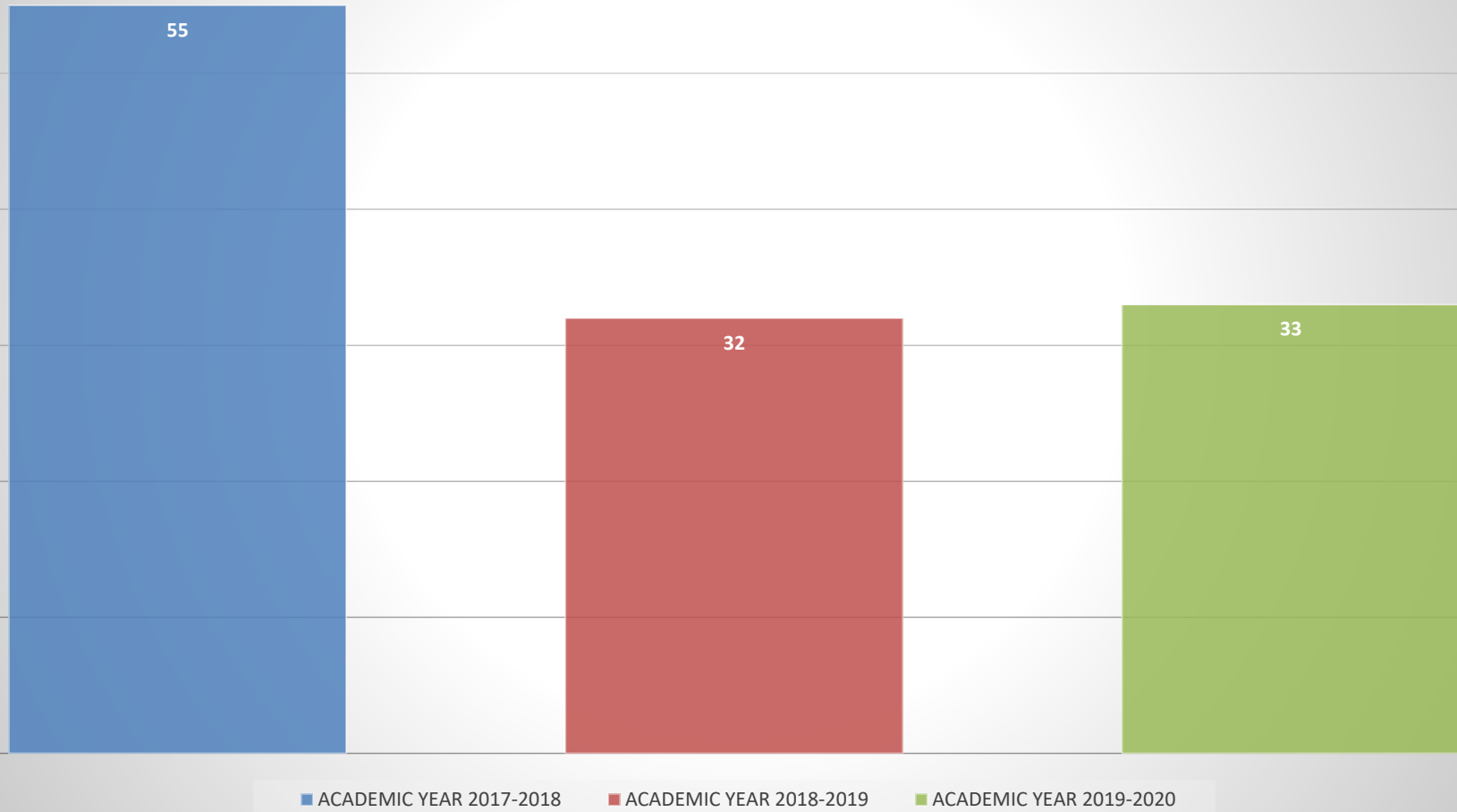
Warning Action: Students were warned to cease behavior and reminded that subsequent reports may result in conduct action. Warning actions are not considered to be a conduct record.

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.

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.

Note: *The Office of Government & Community Relations* follows up with all community members regarding their complaints when contact information is provided.

Total # of Incidents Reported



The George Washington University's number of reports remains flat for the 2019-2020 academic year. We attribute the continuation of a low rate of community concern report to our improved educational efforts by the university to prepare students to live in off-campus neighborhoods. GW continues to require the "Being A Good Neighbor Orientation" online training for students choosing to live off-campus. This training teaches students the rights and responsibilities of being a member of the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood. Students who move off campus are required to complete the training. In addition to these efforts, the COVID-19 global pandemic forced the university to transition to remote learning, close its campus in the spring semester and asked students return to their homes, further explaining the reason for the low numbers of student behavior concerns.