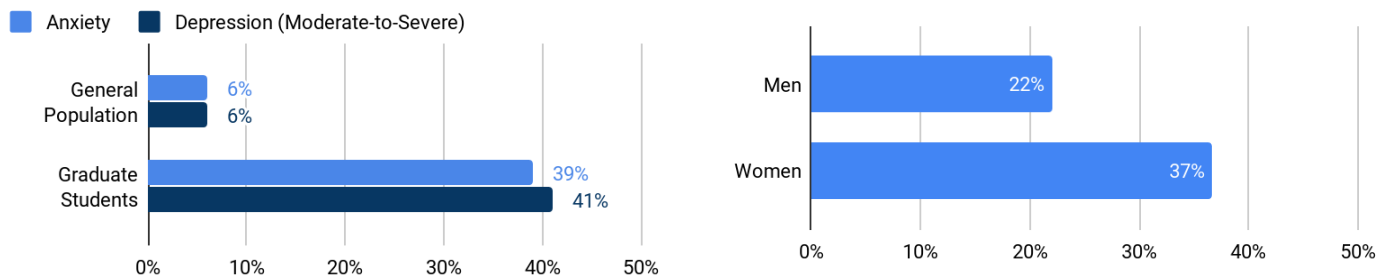




Safer and More Transparent Campuses Hold Universities Accountable for Student Safety & Well-Being



Graduate students are **six times more likely** to suffer from anxiety or depression than the general population (1).

Graduate men and women have a 1-in-4 or 1-in-3 chance of being sexually assaulted or harassed while in school (3).

- A Ph.D. student is **roughly as likely** to experience depression or an anxiety disorder during graduate school as they are to graduate (1,2).
- Federal restrictions on reporting requirements leave **the full scope and exact cause of the problem poorly understood**.
- Graduate survivors of sexual assault are **four to five times more likely to have been assaulted by a faculty, boss, or supervisor** at their university than undergraduate survivors (3).
- Sexual harassment or assault is **more likely to negatively impact the academic or work environment** of a graduate-professional student (3).

What Congress Can Do to Promote Safe and Transparent Campuses

- **SUPPORT** legislation that offers integrated solutions to campus safety problems
 - (S. 976) Campus Accountability and Safety Act
- **AMEND** the following legislation to include graduate-level data:
 - (H.R. 3489 / S. 1204) Higher Education Mental Health Act
 - (H.R. 1766 / S. 800) College Transparency Act
- **RESPOND** to Sec. DeVos's coming Title IX regulations to ensure safe and transparent campuses.

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