



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
**SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE OFFICE**



Department of Defense (DoD) Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military



Agenda

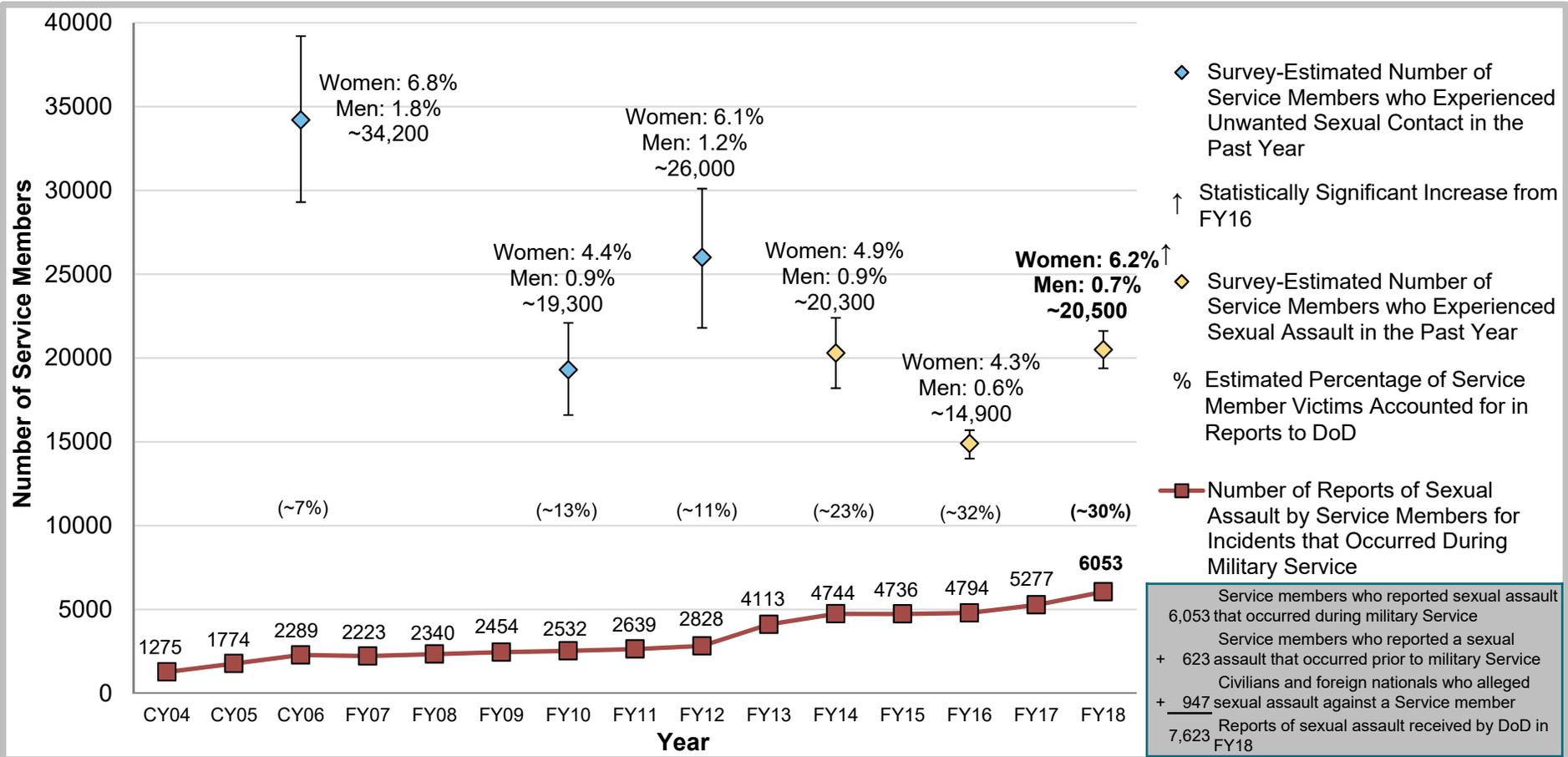
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Topline Results



- About 1 in 3 Service members who indicated an experience of sexual assault chose to report it to a DoD authority, roughly the same rate as in 2016 and more than quadruple the reporting rate from ten years ago.
- The Department has made progress in reducing sexual assault rates among men and has been sustaining this progress.
- Sexual assault of female Service members and associated perceptions of retaliatory behavior are persistent challenges across all Military Services -- the results from this year's report highlight critical challenges the Department must, and will, address.
- Military commanders had sufficient evidence to take disciplinary action on two-thirds of Service members accused of a sexual assault.
- We will not be deterred from our mission to eliminate sexual assault from the military.
 - The approaches we employed to achieve progress over the past several years must now evolve.
 - As leaders, we must ensure that climates promote dignity and respect. To that end, we must implement tools that allow first-line supervisors to swiftly address threats to civility and cohesion in their units.

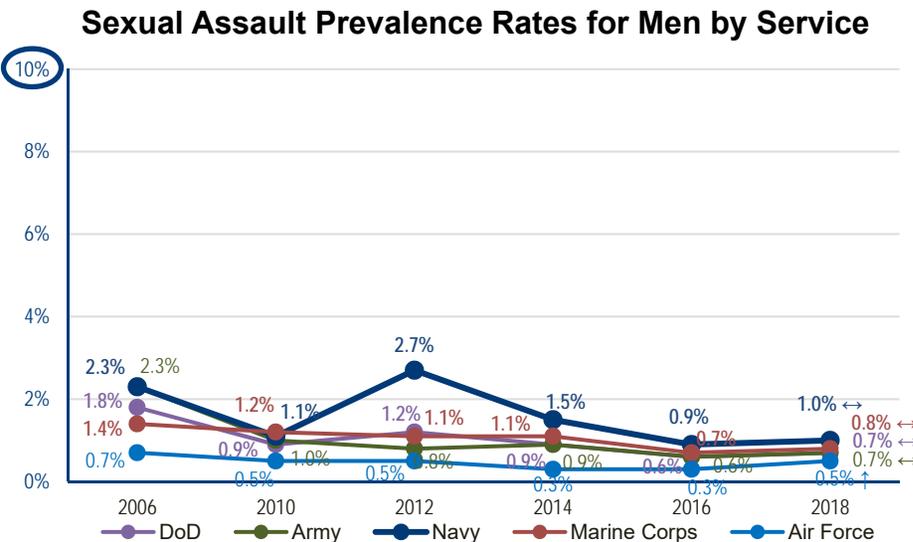
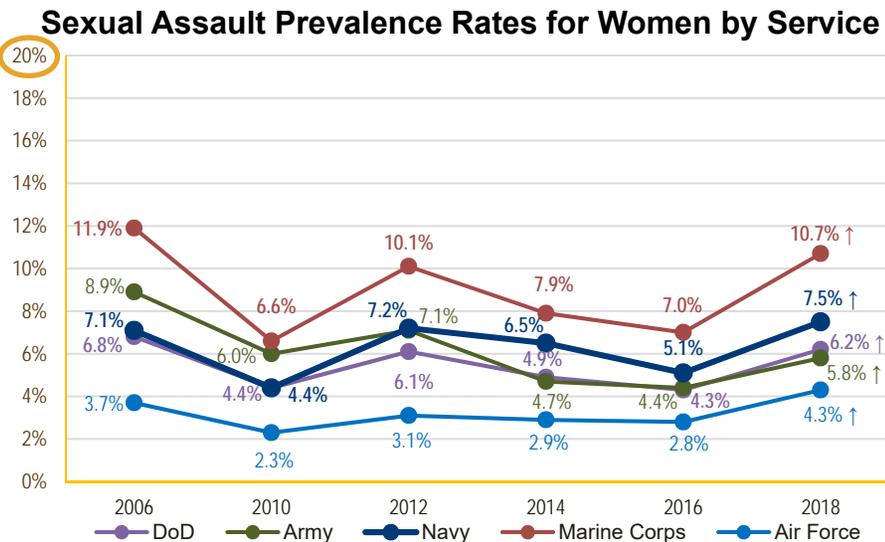
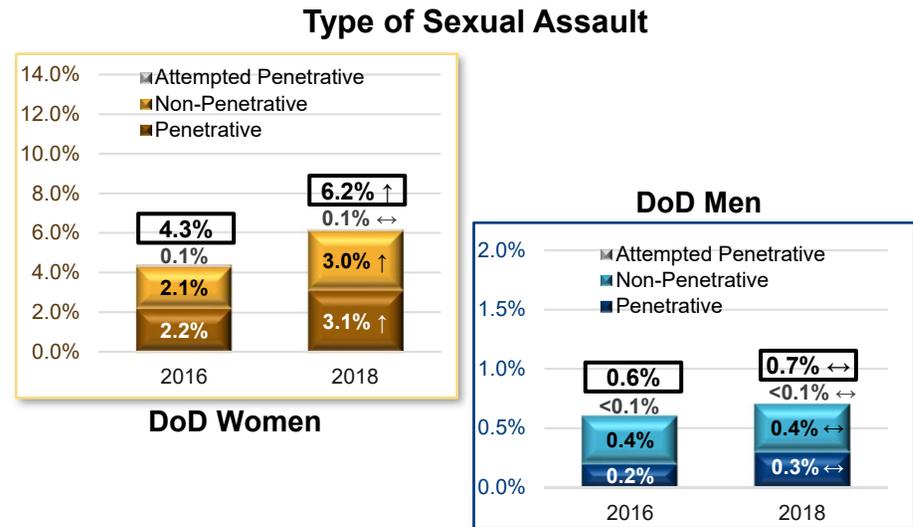
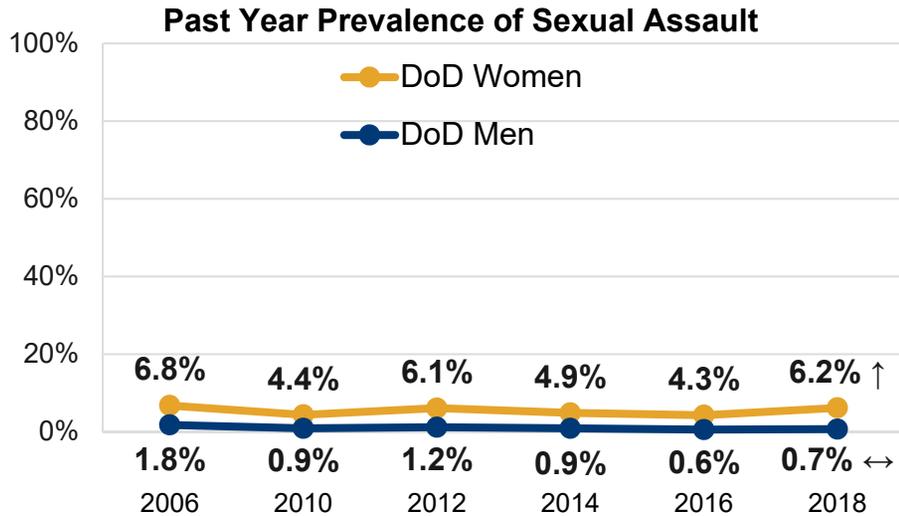
DoD: Sexual Assault Prevalence and Reporting Rates



About **1 in 3** Service members reported their sexual assault to a DoD authority - roughly the same as in FY16

- Reporting rate for women decreased slightly between FY16 and FY18, from 43% to 37%
- Reporting rate for men stayed the same between FY16 and FY18, at 17%

2018 WGRA Survey Results: Sexual Assault Prevalence Rates



2018 Trend Comparisons: ↑ Higher than 2016 ↓ Lower than 2016 ↔ No Change



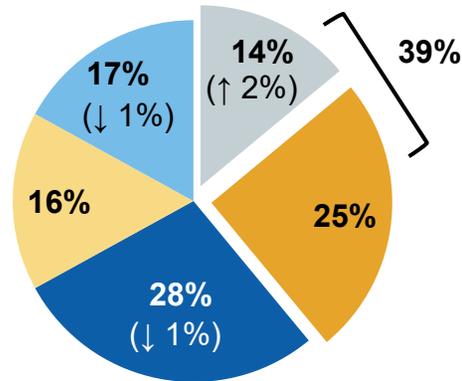
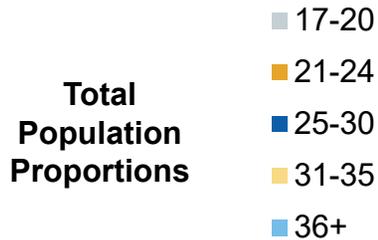
Risk Patterns: Active Duty Women Age and Rank

At highest risk:

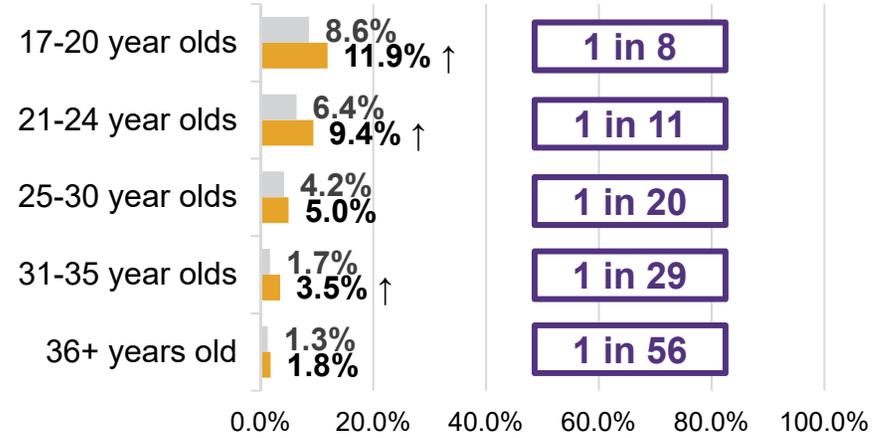
Reference: Average Odds of Experiencing Sexual Assault for Women: 1 in 17

Odds of Experiencing Sexual Assault

• Younger women

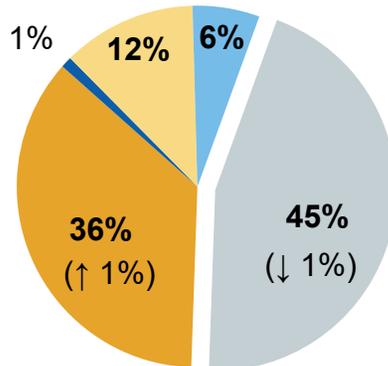
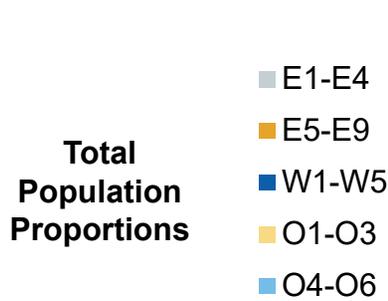


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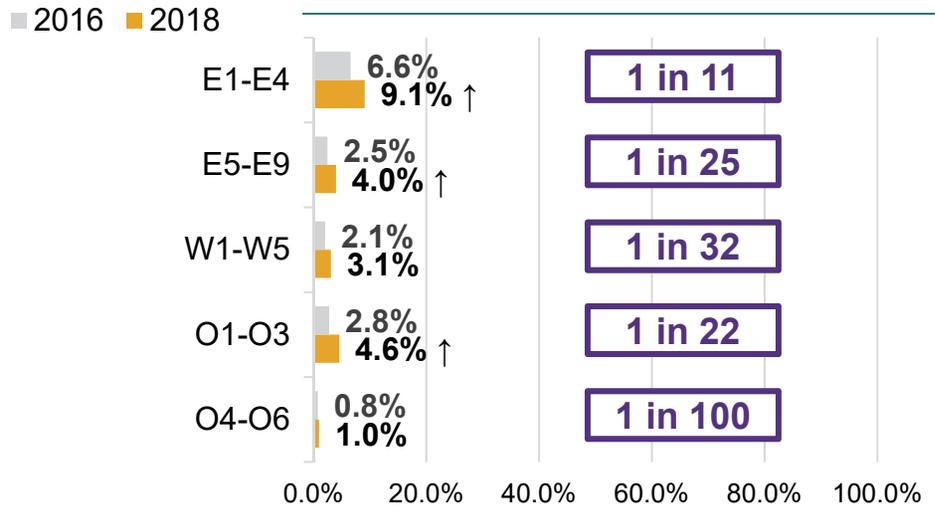


1 in 8
1 in 11
1 in 20
1 in 29
1 in 56

• Junior enlisted women



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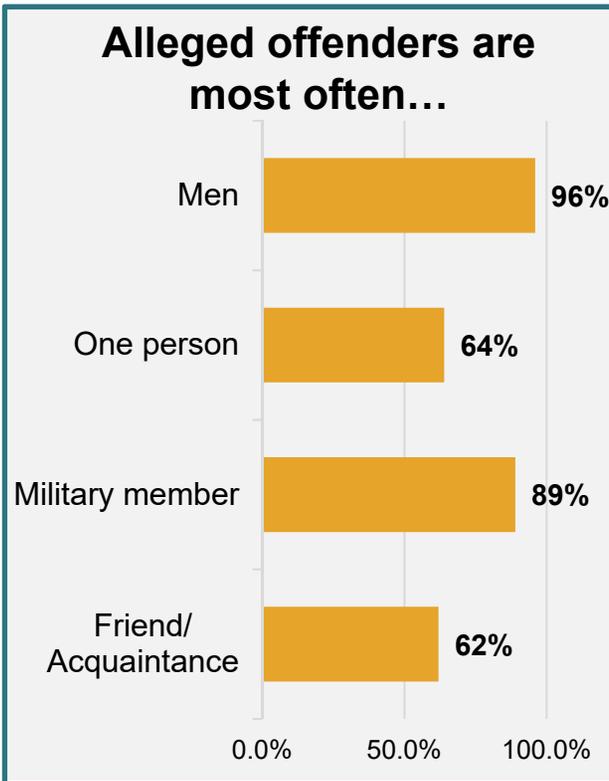


1 in 11
1 in 25
1 in 32
1 in 22
1 in 100

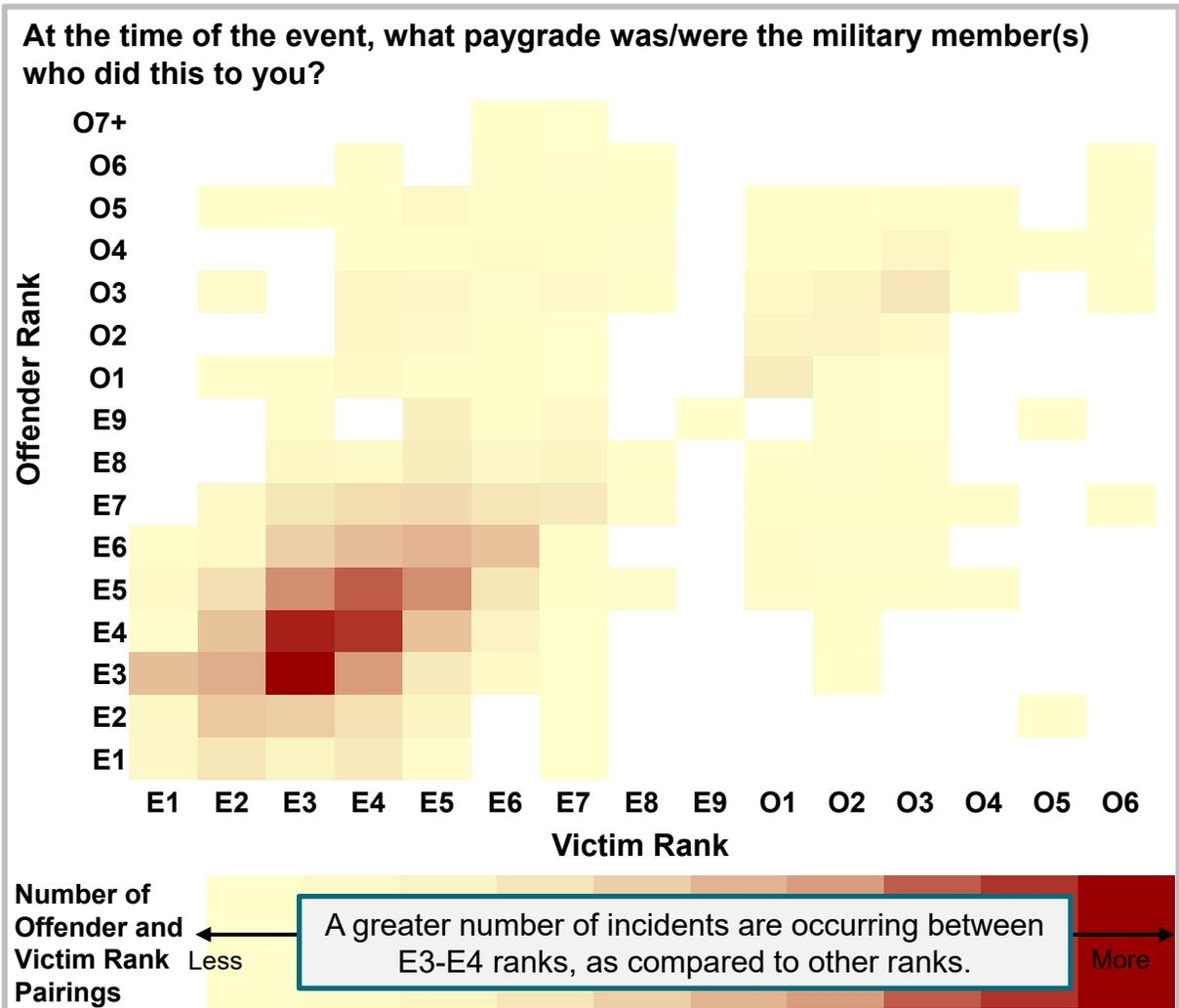
(↑ %): Increase in population proportion compared to 2016
(↓ %): Decrease in population proportion compared to 2016

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DoD Women: Relationship Between the Victim and Alleged Offender

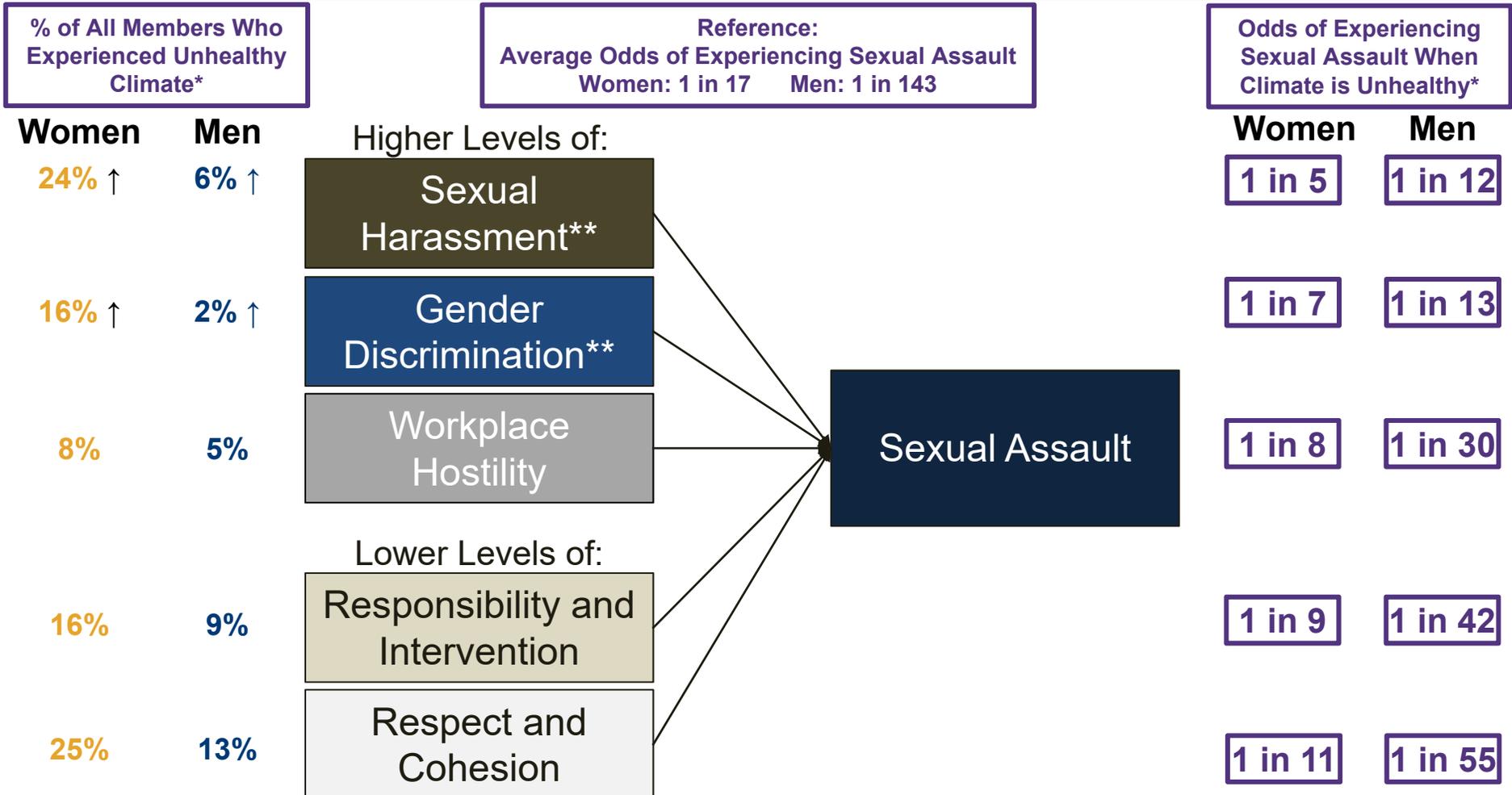


62% Of the most serious sexual assault situations involved **alcohol use** by the victim and/or alleged offender, as reported by the victim



Note: Rank comparison for DoD women only

Assessment and Impact of Climate on Sexual Assault: Leading Factors for DoD Members



* Unhealthy climate for scales defined as follows: Workplace Hostility: mean score 3 or higher; Respect and Cohesion/Responsibility and Intervention: mean score less than 3.

** Sexual harassment and gender discrimination are defined as experiences of the behaviors which met criteria for inclusion in the past year rate.

Note: Variables depicted in order of importance. Models controlled for Service, paygrade, and deployment.

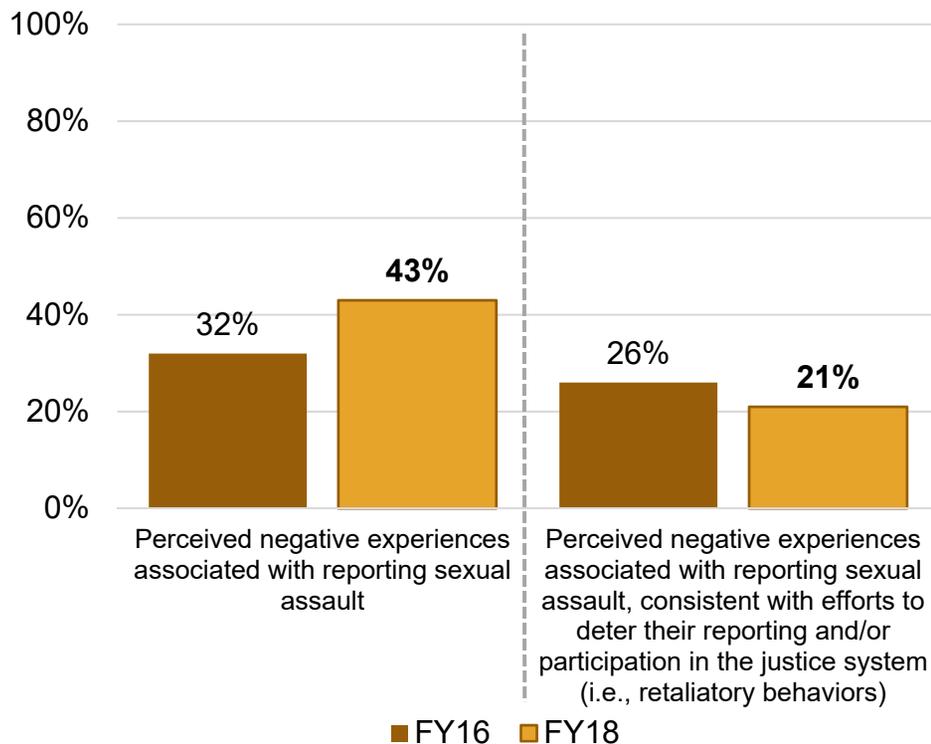
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Perceived Retaliation Related to Reporting Sexual Assault



WGRA Survey Data

According to survey data, of women who **experienced** sexual assault in the past year and **made a report** to a DoD authority...



FY18 Retaliation Reporting Data

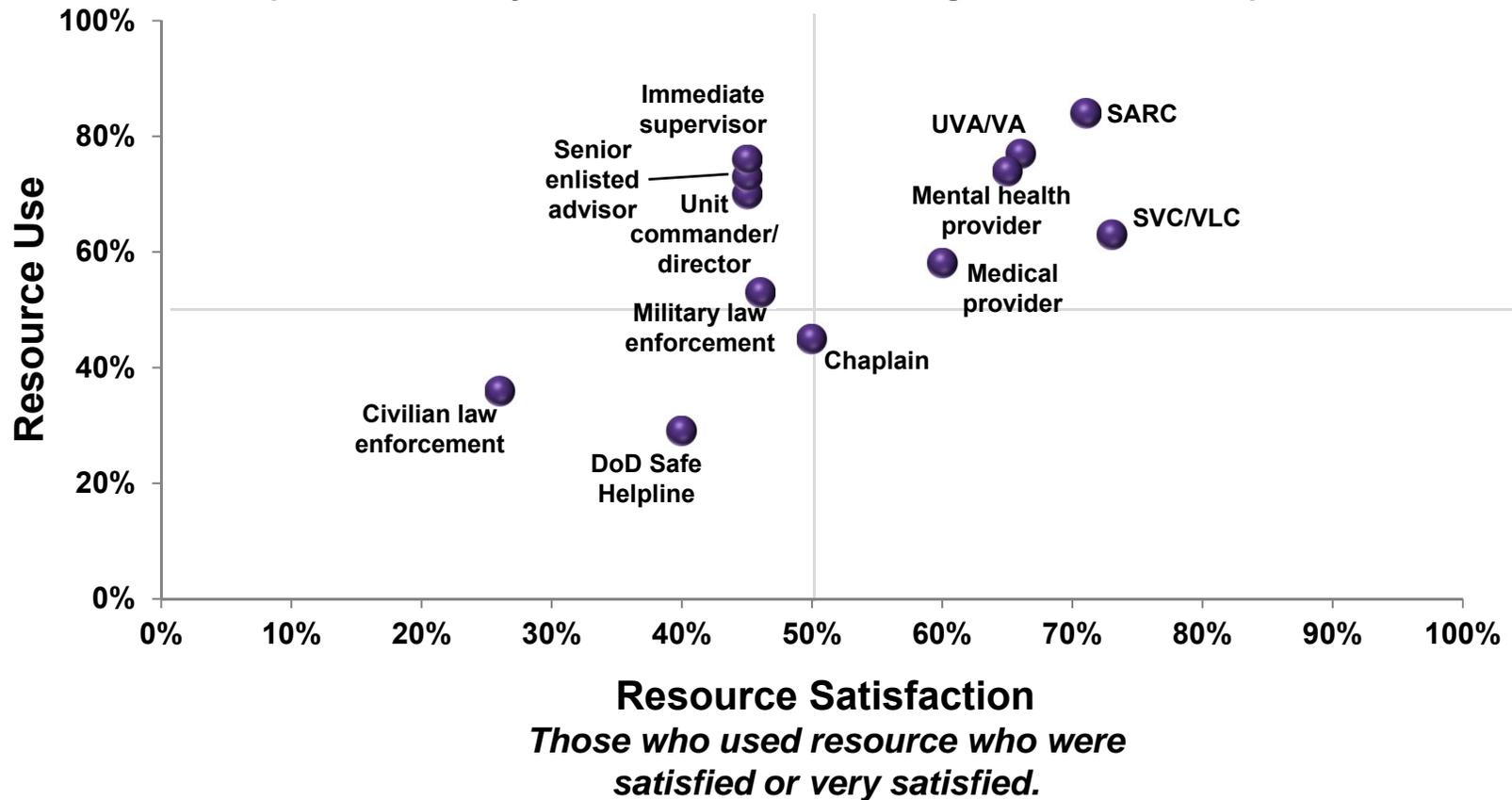
- Retaliation allegations continue to be reported to DoD authorities and monthly Case Management Groups led by senior mission commanders.
 - Two-thirds of the 133 retaliation reports went to DoD and Service Inspectors General for investigation for reprisal allegations.
- Of the 55 cases with completed investigations in FY18, 13 had allegations were founded and evidence supported action:
 - 3 were preferred to court-martial
 - 4 received non-judicial punishments
 - 4 received administrative discharges/adverse administrative actions
 - 2 received counseling

Satisfaction With Responses/Services Received: Total DoD



Percent of Members Who Experienced Sexual Assault in the Past Year and Reported

Thinking about this unwanted event, overall how satisfied are/were you with responses/services you received from the following individuals/service providers?



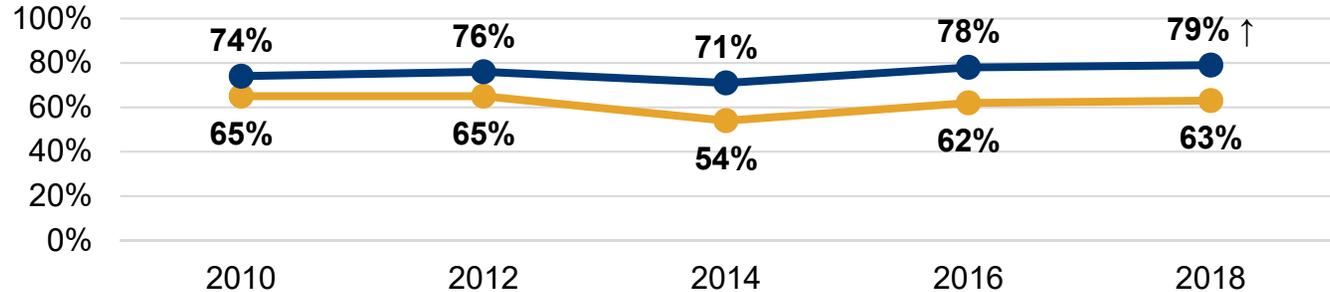
Trust in the Military System



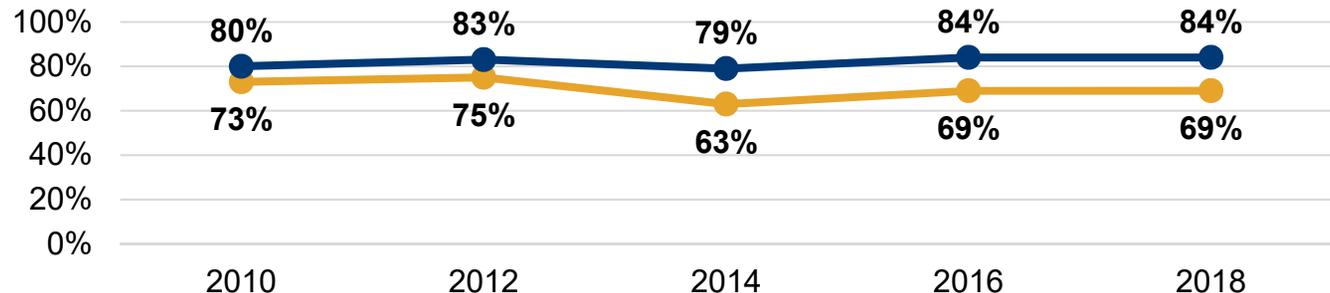
If you are sexually assaulted, you can...

% who indicated agree/strongly agree

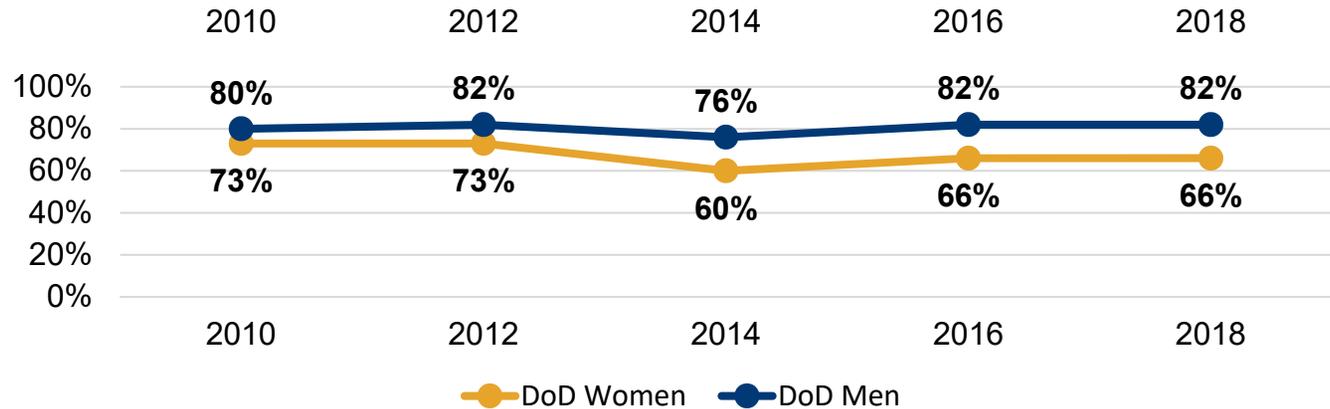
Trust the military system to protect your privacy



Trust the military system to ensure your safety following the incident



Trust the military system to treat you with dignity and respect



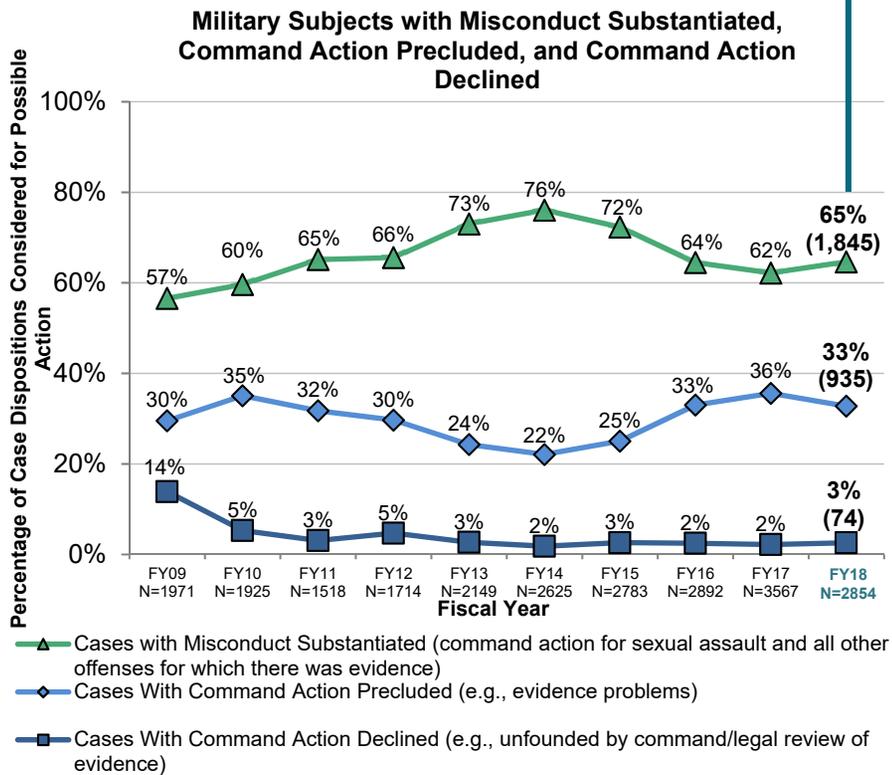
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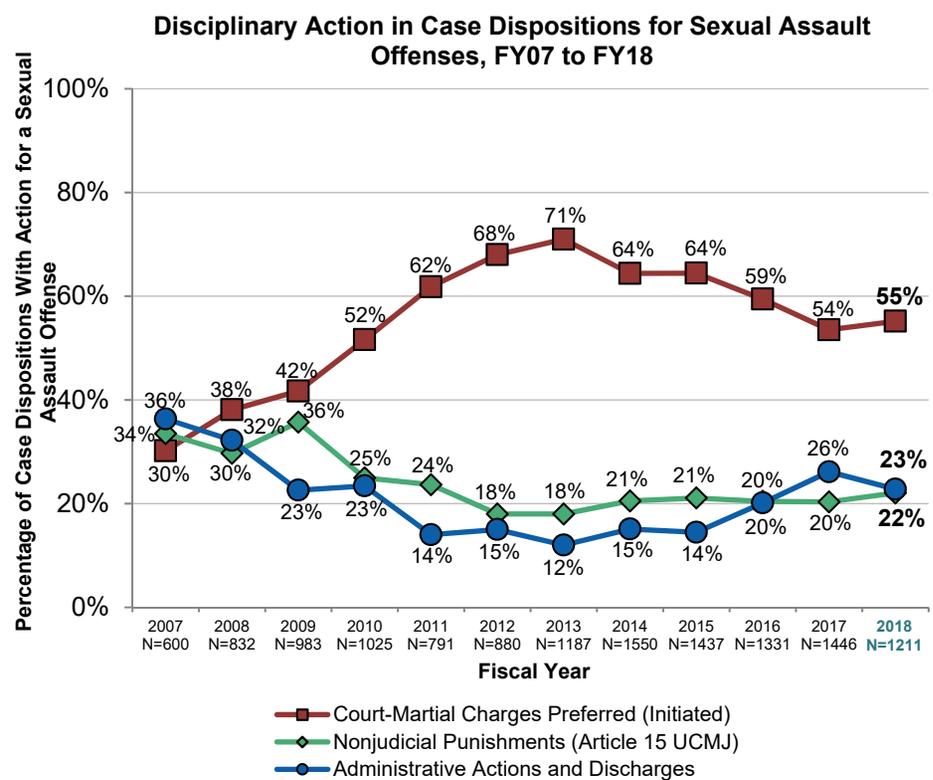
Sexual Assault Case Accountability

4,002 Case Dispositions Reported in FY18
 - 1,148 Cases Outside DoD Jurisdiction
2,854 Cases Under DoD Jurisdiction

1,845 Case Dispositions: Evidence Supported Command Action
 - 634 Case Dispositions: Evidence Supported Nonsexual Assault Charge
1,211 Case Dispositions: Evidence Supported **Sexual Assault Charge**



Commanders had sufficient evidence to take action in 65 percent of Service member cases, up slightly from 62 percent in FY17.



55 percent of accountability actions where evidence existed for a sexual assault charge involved a referral to court-martial.

Actions for FY19



- **Sexual assault rates remained steady for men in the active duty force with significant increases only seen for active duty women. Within the female active force, increases were concentrated among service women ages 17 to 24 as well as junior enlisted women, who are already at the highest risk for sexual assault.**
 - *The Department will:*
 - *Issue the “Prevention Plan of Action”—a coordinated and comprehensive approach to optimize the DoD prevention system, with targeted efforts towards this young cadre of military members. In addition, this product emphasizes the Department’s need for robust research, evaluation, and analytics to assess the effectiveness of Department and Military Service prevention efforts as they are implemented.*
 - *Ensure new leaders and first-line supervisors have the preparation and the tools necessary to promote civility and cohesion in their units, as well as model appropriate behavior.*
 - *Conduct focus groups, with a target selection of 17 to 24 year old members, to identify actions and initiatives that may more effectively shift behavior among this group.*
- **Most perpetrators were in the E3 to E5 rank, and alleged perpetrators were often the same grade, or slightly higher, than the victim.**
 - *The Department will:*
 - *Launch the CATCH A Serial Offender Program, allowing Service members making Restricted Reports to confidentially provide information about the offender and incident.*
 - *Develop and evaluate means to enhance recruitment of service members whose character is compatible with military core values.*
- **Climates that do not promote dignity and respect continue to be strongly associated with an increased risk for sexual assault. We must do more to ensure all Service members take ownership of their climate.**
 - *The Department will:*
 - *Provide leaders with improved assessment tools to help them identify climate challenges and take appropriate action.*

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