### About the Study

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<td>809 Students</td>
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- Conducted by research methods classes at Kenyon and MVNU
- Observations, in-depth interviews, and an online survey
- Questions about relationships, sexual behaviors and attitudes, alcohol use, religiosity and spirituality, moral beliefs, and more
- 1,359 students responded to survey
# Kenyon Respondents

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<td>First-Years</td>
<td>238</td>
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<td>Sophomores</td>
<td>204</td>
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<td>Juniors</td>
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<td>Seniors</td>
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<td>Heterosexual</td>
<td>582</td>
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<td>Gay or Lesbian</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>Bisexual</td>
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<td>171</td>
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<td>White Respondents</td>
<td>573</td>
<td>87.9%</td>
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- 51 First Generation College Students (7.7% of Responses)
- 573 White Respondents (87.9%)
- 24 African-American Respondents (3.7%)
- 15 Hispanic Respondents (2.3%)
- 17 Asian Respondents (2.6%)
- 23 Bi-Racial Respondents (3.5%)
- 109 Fraternity or Sorority Members (16.4%)
- 557 Independent Students (83.6%)
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Introduction of Mount Vernon Nazarene University
## A Comparison of Kenyon and MVNU

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<td><strong>Student Body</strong></td>
<td>1,644 Students</td>
<td>1,401 Traditional Undergraduates</td>
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<td><strong>On-Campus Housing</strong></td>
<td>98% of Students</td>
<td>75% of Full-Time Students</td>
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<td><strong>Acceptance Rate</strong></td>
<td>38.5%</td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td><strong>Graduation Rate</strong></td>
<td>88%</td>
<td>56%</td>
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<td><strong>Student-Faculty Ratio</strong></td>
<td>9.5:1</td>
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<td><strong>Out of State</strong></td>
<td>83% of Students</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Aid</strong></td>
<td>54% of Students</td>
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# Campus Policies

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These represent mean scores, on a scale of 1-5. A three means the policy has no impact on hooking up. A larger number means students felt that the policy was likely to increase hooking up behavior.
Happy with the Social Scene?

The bar chart illustrates the distribution of responses to this question, broken down by college.

- **Strongly disagree**: Kenyon (2.2%) vs. MVNU (4.2%)
- **Disagree**: Kenyon (16.7%) vs. MVNU (23.8%)
- **Agree**: Kenyon (62.6%) vs. MVNU (59.7%)
- **Strongly agree**: Kenyon (18.6%) vs. MVNU (12.2%)
Hook ups include....

DEFINING A HOOK UP
Defining a Hook Up at Kenyon

● “The range of opinions on whether hooking up and sexuality itself is normal and even good is wide among my circle.” –Kenyon Female

● “Hooking up doesn't make sense. Is it supposed to be a random encounter that has no implications in the ‘real world’ of relationships? It’s all very, very confusing.” –Kenyon Male

● “With so many people hooking up, it's hard to tell what people are actually looking for. Some people hook up and that's all they want, while others may be hoping that the hook up will lead to something more.” – Kenyon Female

● “It depends on the reason for the hookup. If it's for the sake of lust, then I feel satisfied. If it is for the sake of further pursuing someone, it can get a little confusing.” – Kenyon Male
Kissing in Kenyon Hook Ups

Almost all students believe that kissing is always part of a hook up
Touching in Kenyon Hook Ups

Above the Waist

Below the Waist
Nudity in Kenyon Hook Ups

Partial Nudity  Complete Nudity

Nudity is only sometimes part of a hook up
A quarter of Kenyon students say that vaginal sex is rarely or never a part of hooking up.
Casual Sex and Hooking Up
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For the following questions, a hook up was defined as a casual sexual encounter, ranging from kissing to intercourse, with no future commitment to maintaining a relationship.
Hookups are Normal? For Me and at Kenyon

- For Me: 47% Agree, 53.30% Disagree
- At Kenyon: 96% Agree, 3.80% Disagree
Have you ever Hooked Up?

• “I often feel judged by my friends even though I don't hook up a lot… This is the least fun part about hooking up: I don't think people have any right to judge others' habits as long as they are safe.” – Kenyon Female

• “Hooking up is for people who do not intend to have a relationship, therefore it is all about how far one can get. It is about trying to have sex…” – Kenyon Male

12.7% of Kenyon students do not feel comfortable hooking up
Casual Sex?

Casual sex is *accepted* at Kenyon

“People's egos get very involved in hooking up, and they end up pursuing intimacy with others for their own egotistical satisfaction—that way, someone's bound to get hurt.”
– Kenyon Male

“lust, embarrassment, awkwardness, sensitivity, happiness, comfort, discomfort, shame, ecstasy.”
– Kenyon Female

Casual sex is *expected* at Kenyon
Alcohol Has Played a Role in My Hook Ups

“Sometimes there is regret afterwards, especially if alcohol is involved. Hooking up spontaneously sometimes leads to other people getting hurt.” - Kenyon Female
Dating and Relationships
“I definitely want a committed relationship--I just don't think that hooking up with that person is the way to achieve it. That person might think that you just consider him or her a ‘hookup,’ and not value him or her as a person.” – Kenyon Male

“After hooking up, I always wonder what could possibly happen in the future with that person.” – Kenyon Male
Have You Ever Been in a Committed Relationship While at Kenyon?
I Expect a Serious Relationship While at Kenyon

65.2% of women agree 73.3% of men agree
Are Serious Relationships Expected at Kenyon?
When Do You Plan to Get Married?
My Morality Impacts My Sex Decisions

Q1: College
- Kenyon
- MVNU

Percent

Disagree: 8.3% (Kenyon), 3.7% (MVNU)
Neutral: 13.2% (Kenyon), 6.2% (MVNU)
Agree: 55.1% (Kenyon), 36.8% (MVNU)
Strongly agree: 23.4% (Kenyon), 53.3% (MVNU)
Commitment to Spiritual Beliefs at Kenyon

- Not committed: 22.14%
- Somewhat committed: 27.41%
- Committed: 18.52%
- Very committed: 9.49%
- Not applicable: 22.44%
Comparing Greek Students + Independent Students
Greeks and Independents: Hooking Up is Normal for Me

![Bar chart showing percentages of responses to the statement 'Hooking Up is Normal for Me' among Greeks and Independents in a fraternity or sorority. The chart includes the following data:

- In a fraternity or sorority:
  - Strongly disagree: 11.9% (Yes), 22.8% (No)
  - Disagree: 18.3% (Yes), 36.1% (No)
  - Agree: 33.2% (Yes), 53.2% (No)
  - Strongly agree: 16.5% (Yes), 7.9% (No)
Greeks and Independents: Casual Sex is Expected at Kenyon
Greeks and Independents: Alcohol is Normal for Me

![Bar chart showing percentages of students' attitudes towards alcohol in fraternities or sororities.]

- **Strongly disagree**: 2.8%, 12.2%
- **Disagree**: 3.7%, 11.5%
- **Agree**: 53.4%
- **Strongly agree**: 56.0%, 22.8%
More Kenyon Quotes

“I think it’s fun, and it feels good, but I’d rather do it with someone who I feel something towards.” – Kenyon male

“I felt embarrassed afterwards, not because I regretted hooking up, but because most of my friends found out about it immediately and I didn’t know how to handle the situation.” – Kenyon female

“Even when I hook up, I still try to value and respect what little I may know of the person. Indeed, I haven’t really hooked up without talking to someone for quite some time. Intellectual discourse can be the best kind of foreplay”. – Kenyon male

Even though I haven’t hooked up very much I sometimes feel like I have because of how many of my friends hook ups I have been involved in. – Kenyon Female

“After ‘hooking up’ with someone, I tend to shy away from that person when sober. However if I were to see them again when intoxicated, I tend to seek them out. I don’t expect a commitment… and may not even talk to them after that one night.” – Kenyon Female
Questions?

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