New Analysis Examines 2024 Reported Sexual Offenses at NCAA FBS Universities

Advocacy Group Releases 2024 U.S. Department of Education Clery Act Data As Students Return to Campus

EAST STROUDSBURG, PA, UNITED STATES, September 17, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- (USA) — My Daughter's Team, an advocacy organization devoted to reducing rape, sexual violence, and trafficking, released its latest review of reported rape and sexual offenses at NCAA FBS universities required by the Clery Act.

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The analysis uses data available through the U.S. Department of Education's Campus Safety and Security Data Analysis Cutting Tool. The Department's 2025 data release includes reported incidents for 2022, 2023, and 2024. The most recent incident year is 2024.

The Big Ten Conference led all FBS conferences in raw reported sex offenses in 2024, with 944 reported incidents among the 18 Big Ten schools included in the analysis. Seven Big Ten schools finished among the national Top 15: Ohio State, UCLA, Iowa, Penn State, Michigan, Indiana, and Michigan State.
The Big 12 ranked second with 735 reported incidents, followed by the SEC with 465 and the ACC with 376.

Statement by My Daughter's Team
"Every August, America celebrates the return of college football. Stadiums fill. Television networks countdown to kickoff. Universities promote football schedules, tailgates, and traditions. But August and September are also the months when millions of young people arrive on college campuses — many living away from home for the first time, attending their first college parties, and encountering alcohol, drugs, and unfamiliar social environments. America also needs another preseason discussion: student safety. These numbers are not predictions. They are what universities themselves reported under federal law. They deserve attention from parents, students, university presidents, trustees, and communities in the same way football season is embraced."

Top 15 FBS Schools — 2024 Reported Clery Sex Offenses

1. Utah — 229
2. Ohio State — 134
3. UCLA — 118
4. Colorado — 116
5. Virginia — 83
6. Iowa — 78
7. Penn State — 77
8. Michigan — 73
9. Indiana — 72
10. Kentucky — 61
11. California-Berkeley — 59
12. Liberty — 58
13. Texas State — 58
14. Kansas — 53
15. Michigan State — 53

For purposes of this analysis, reported sex offenses include rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape. The analysis separately reviews where reported incidents occurred. Residence-hall incidents are identified separately because residence halls are a subset of on-campus reporting and should not be added twice. The principal totals combine on-campus, qualifying non-campus property, and public property incidents reported under Clery Act geography requirements.

Three-Year Reported Totals — 2022 through 2024. Among the largest three-year totals:
Ohio State — 740
Utah — 540
UCLA — 310
Michigan — 270
Penn State — 260
Colorado — 220
Texas A&M — 214
California-Berkeley — 211
Iowa — 207
Indiana — 202

The three-year data demonstrate why a single year should not be viewed in isolation. Reporting can fluctuate substantially from year to year, and reported totals do not necessarily measure the underlying prevalence of sexual violence.

Top 15 by Reported Incidents per 1,000 Students. Because universities vary dramatically in enrollment, My Daughter's Team also calculated reported Clery sex offenses per 1,000 students:
1. Utah — 6.21
2. Rice — 3.24

3. Virginia — 3.14
4. Colorado — 2.99
5. Iowa — 2.53
6. UCLA — 2.49
7. Stanford — 2.47
8. Ohio State — 2.18
9. Tulane — 2.04
10. Tulsa — 2.04
11. Vanderbilt — 1.84
12. Kansas — 1.78
13. New Mexico — 1.77
14. Kentucky — 1.76
15. West Virginia — 1.65

The raw-number rankings and enrollment-adjusted rankings tell different stories. Larger universities naturally have more students and therefore more opportunities for reported incidents. Both measures should be considered. Reporting Does Not Equal Prevalence. My Daughter's Team cautions against interpreting a higher reported number as proof that one university is necessarily more dangerous than another. Higher reported totals can reflect more incidents, but they can also reflect stronger reporting systems, increased awareness, and greater student willingness to report. Conversely, a low reported number does not necessarily demonstrate that sexual violence is rare.

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