

Sexual Misconduct Programs of Public Transportation Agencies in The U.S.

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Case Studies



King County - WA

King County Metro

REPORT IT TO STOP IT



Los Angeles - CA

Los Angeles County Metropolitan
Transportation Authority

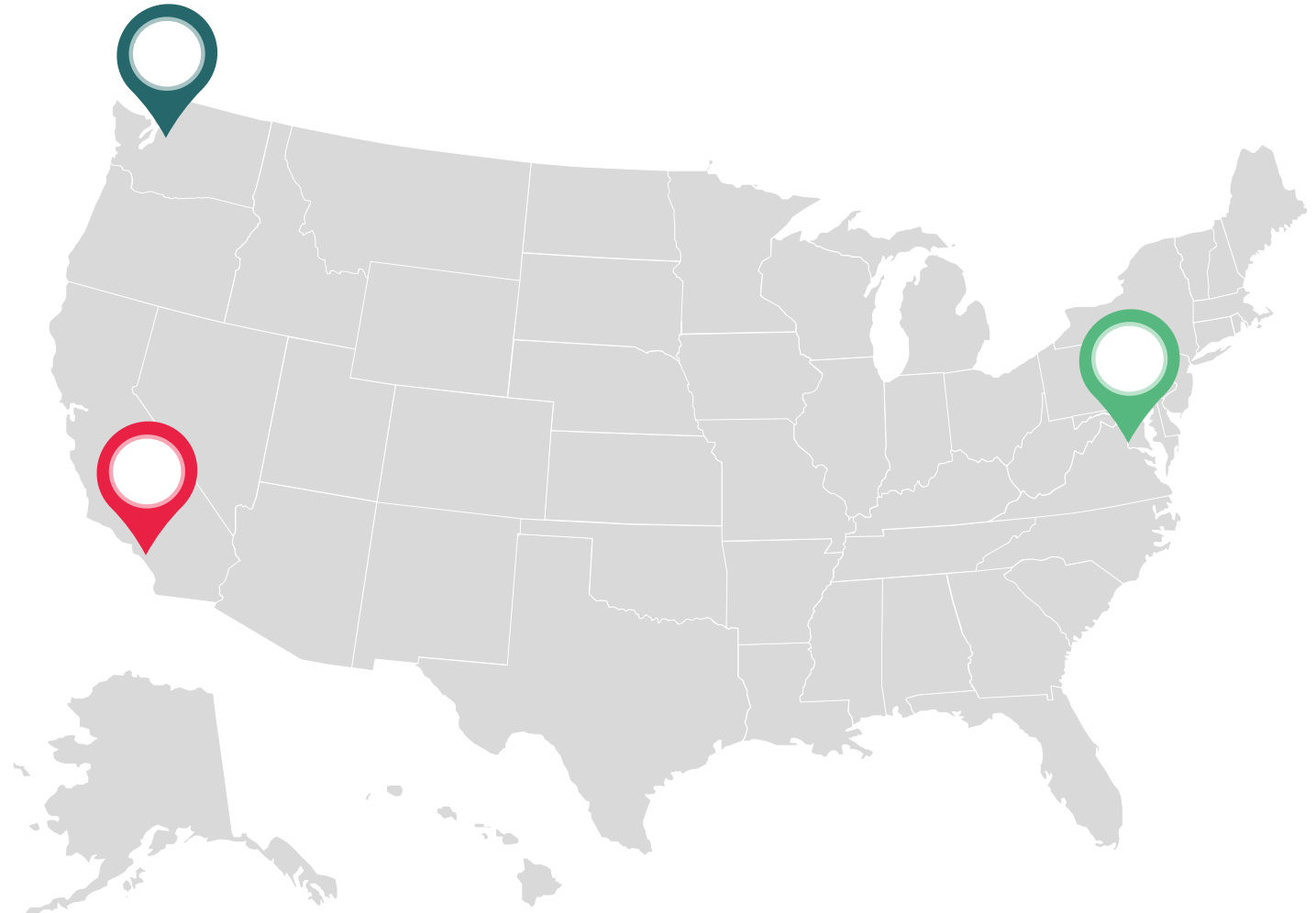
IT'S OFF LIMITS + SPEAK UP



Washington DC

Washington Metropolitan
Area Transit Authority

*ANTI SEXUAL HARASSMENT
CAMPAIGN*



King County Metro - Campaign



Sexual misconduct – comments, gestures, and behavior – is off limits on Metro.

Help us catch offenders.

If you see it or experience it

- › Tell your driver
- › Call Metro Transit Police: 206-296-3311
- › Call 9-1-1

Learn more: kingcounty.gov/stopnow

For 24-hour support, call King County Sexual Assault Resource Center at 888-998-6423



King County Metro - Program



April 2018



Increase number of reports
Raise awareness



King County Sexual Assault
Resource Center,
King County Sheriff's Office



Campaign
Webpage
Mobile app for reporting (?)



Notify transit operator
Call Metro Transit Police
Call King County Sheriff's office
Call 911

King County Metro - Outcomes

63

*Reports
Year
Before*



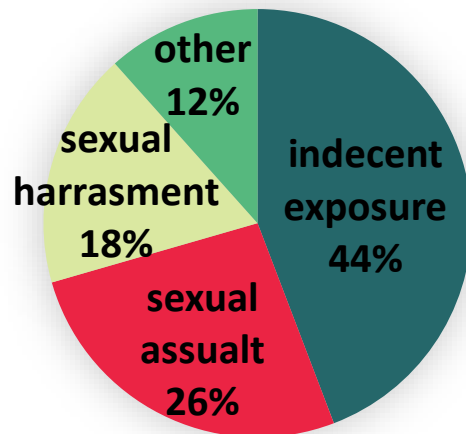
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*Reports
Following
Year*

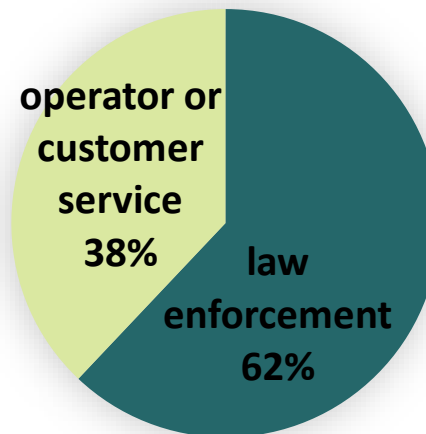


17 suspended
11 court convictions

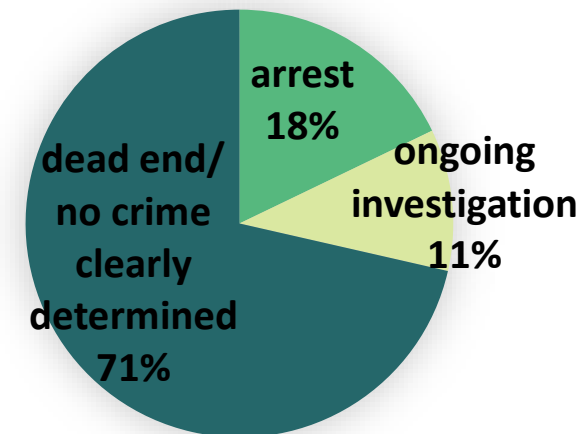
Reported Crime



Reporting Method



Report Lead To...



LA Metro - Campaign

metro.net/offlimits

IT'S OFF LIMITS.

Sexual harassment is not tolerated on Metro.

IT'S OFF LIMITS.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

is unwanted touching,
comments and gestures.

And it's off limits on Metro.

IF YOU EXPERIENCE IT OR SEE IT — REPORT IT.

Call 1.888.950.SAFE



For counseling support,
call 844.OFF.LIMITS (844.633.5464).
For emergencies, call 911.
For all other issues, call
Transit Watch at 888.950.SAFE.



LA Metro - Program



April 2015 – IT'S OFF LIMITS
October 2015 – SPEAK UP



Raise awareness – what is
sexual harassment
Encourage reporting



Peace Over Violence,
Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department



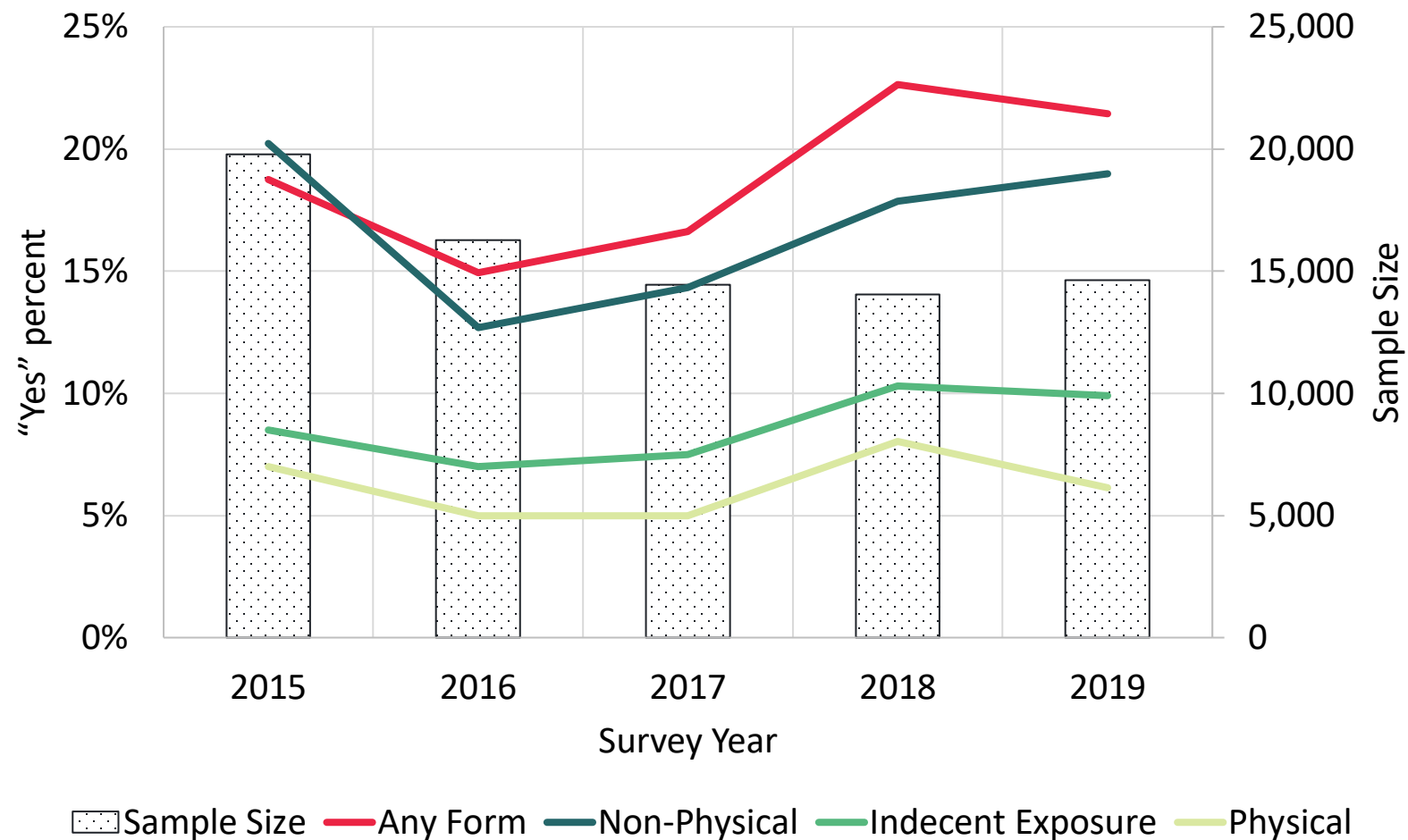
Campaign (x2)
Transit Watch
Operator training
Off-Limits Hotline



Notify transit operator
Emergency button in rail carts
Red colored phone in rail stations
Call Transit Watch Hotline
Call 911
Transit Watch app

LA Metro- Outcomes

In the past six months, while riding Metro, have you personally experienced any of the following types of sexual harassment?



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**YOU DESERVE
TO BE TREATED
WITH RESPECT.**

Report sexual harassment.

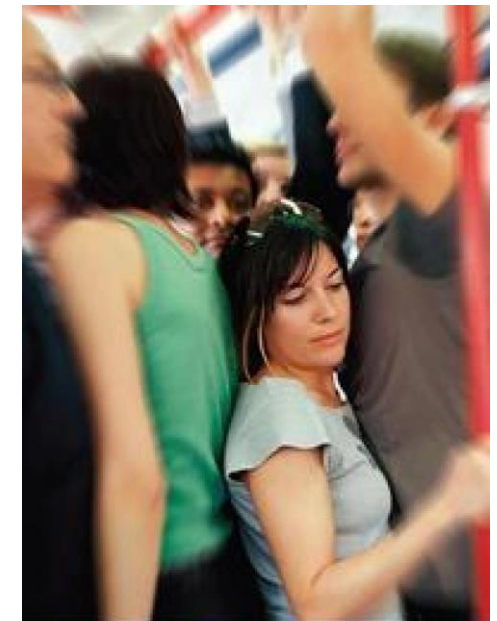
It's easy, anonymous, and it'll help keep your Metro safe.

- text "MyMTPD"
- 202.962.2121
- wmata.com/harassment
- tell a Metro employee



You don't have to put up with inappropriate comments, touching, gestures, or actions. Help Metro protect you and other riders. Together, Metro, our partners, and you can stop harassment. If you experience or witness harassment, report it to the nearest Metro employee.

Call MTPD at **202-962-2121** or text **MYMTPD** (696873).



**Rub
against me
and I'll
expose you.**

If someone rubs, touches or speaks to you inappropriately, speak up! Contact a Station Manager for assistance, and report it to the Metro Transit Police Department by calling 202-962-2121, emailing harassment@wmata.com, or by going online at wmata.com/harassment.



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SIDETRACK

Distract by asking,
“Do you know how to get to L'Enfant Plaza?”
“I haven’t seen you in forever — want to come sit with me?”



TELL

Text MyMTPD
Tell a Metro Employee
Call 202.962.2121
Go to wmata.com/harassment

You can help **STOP** harassment



OBSERVE

Keep a safe distance
Note date, time and location in order to report details
Always ask the person being harassed permission to share



POSTPONE

When its safe, ask the person being harassed,
“Are you okay?” OR
“Would you like me to ride with you to your stop?”



WMATA - Program



June 2012



Transit free of sexual harassment and assault



Collective Action for Safe Spaces,
Stop Street Harassment



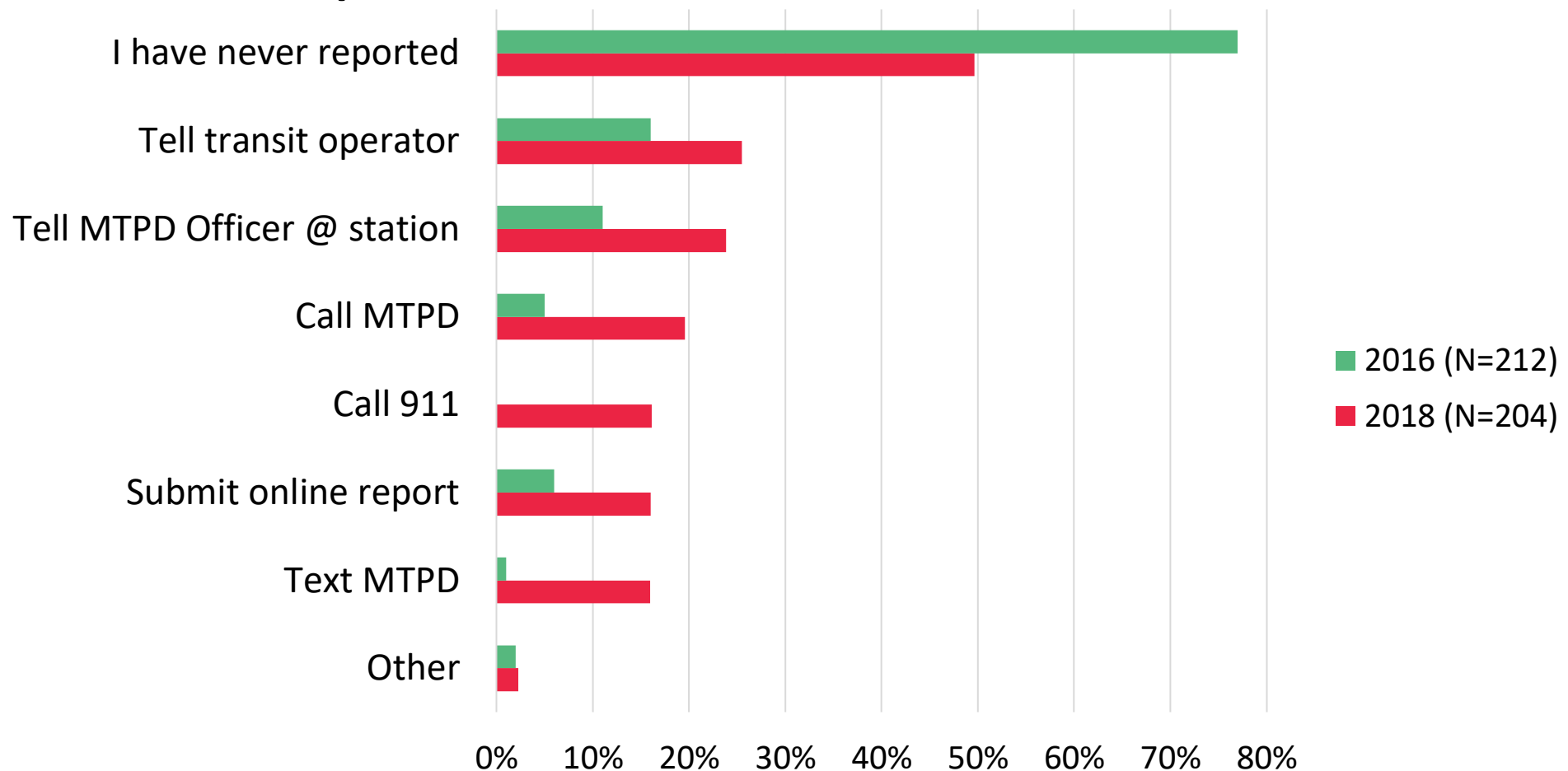
Campaign (x5)
Operator training
Biannual Safety Survey
Annual outreach event



Online reporting portal
Email address
Call/text Metro Transit Police
Notify transit operator

WMATA - Outcomes

In which of the following ways, if any, have you reported your experiences with sexual or sexist harassment?



Thank you!

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#MeToo