

## Office of Student Accountability Annual Report June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022

The Office of Student Accountability resolves non-academic misconduct reports made against University of Iowa students. Allegations of academic misconduct, including accusations of plagiarism and cheating, are resolved by the Dean of the respective college. The subsequent annual report only pertains to reports of non-academic misconduct, including accusations of theft, assault, harassment, classroom disruption, and alcohol and other drug violations made between June 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022.

When it has been determined that one or more University policies have been violated, one or more final sanctions may be imposed. Below is a list of sanctions that may be imposed. A more thorough list and explanation of sanctions can be found in the [Accountability Procedure](#) portion of the Dean of Students website in section 12.

| Status Sanctions       | Limited Exclusion      | Educational Sanctions |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Disciplinary Reprimand | No Contact Order       | Critical MASS         |
| Disciplinary Probation | Building Prohibition   |                       |
| Suspension             | Restriction from Class | Student Wellness      |
| Expulsion              |                        |                       |

The Code of Student Life presents expectations that helps students learn and grow to become the best version of themselves, so they are better equipped to embody the IOWA Challenge, positively contributing to the Hawkeye community and beyond. A detailed description of the Code of Student Life (CSL), including definitions of terms, scope, and a detailed list of prohibited conduct can be found [here](#).

*NOTE: The following pages contain summary information about student disciplinary complaints resolved by the Office of Student Accountability. Because disciplinary reports are educational record information protected by federal law, personally identifiable information contained in non-academic student disciplinary files is not released to the public as a general practice. Individual students are not identified in this report, and information is presented in such a manner as to ensure confidentiality of the parties.*

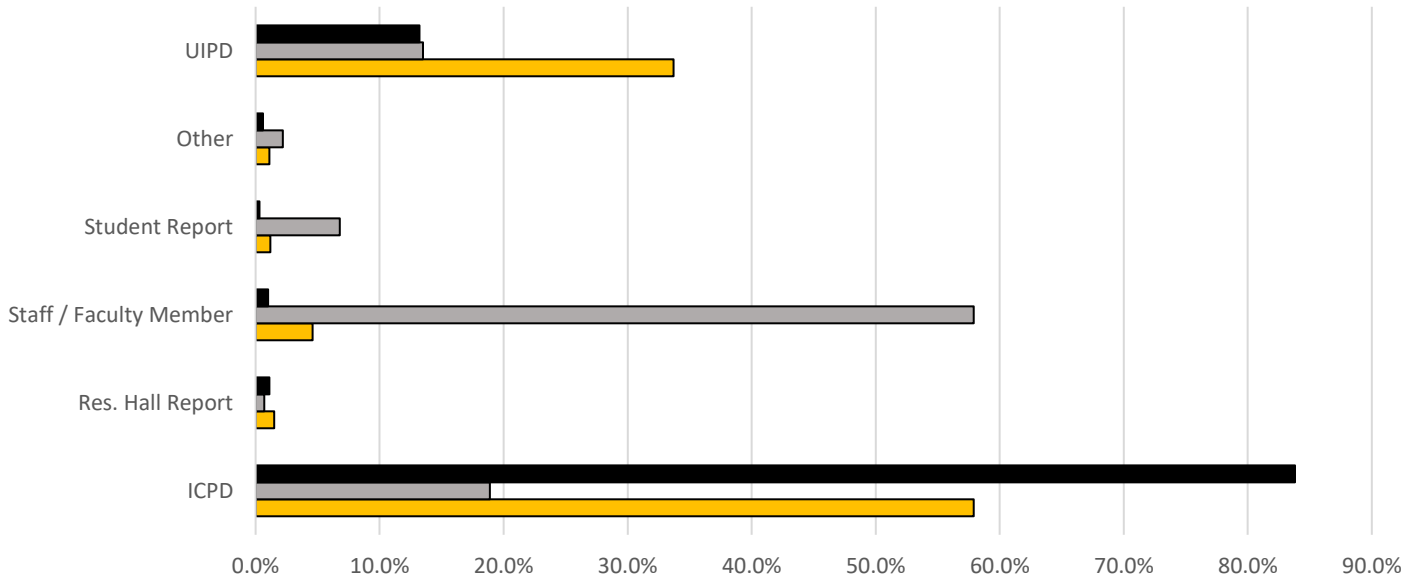
### Summary and Analysis of Non-Academic Misconduct Reports Received by the Office of Student Accountability

Between June 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022, the Office of Student Accountability (OSA) received 413 reports alleging that a student may have engaged in non-academic misconduct. The 413 figure includes cases with sanctions, cases dismissed, and cases not investigated. This figure does not include cases investigated by University Housing & Dining, Title IX investigations, or Student Organization investigations. The group of non-investigated cases included situations where the individual accused of misconduct was not currently enrolled (10), and cases where an OSA staff member sent a Policy Reminder Letter (67) to the student without meeting with them. Some students named in a report between June 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022 were involved in more than one infraction. As in previous years, the vast majority of reports (91.5%) came from local law enforcement agencies.

## A. Source of Reports

Not every police report filed between June 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022 was investigated. As COVID-19 policies were discontinued, OSA saw a significant decrease in cases reported by staff, faculty, and students. The Department of Public Safety reported a higher percentage of cases to OSA during the last academic year as well.

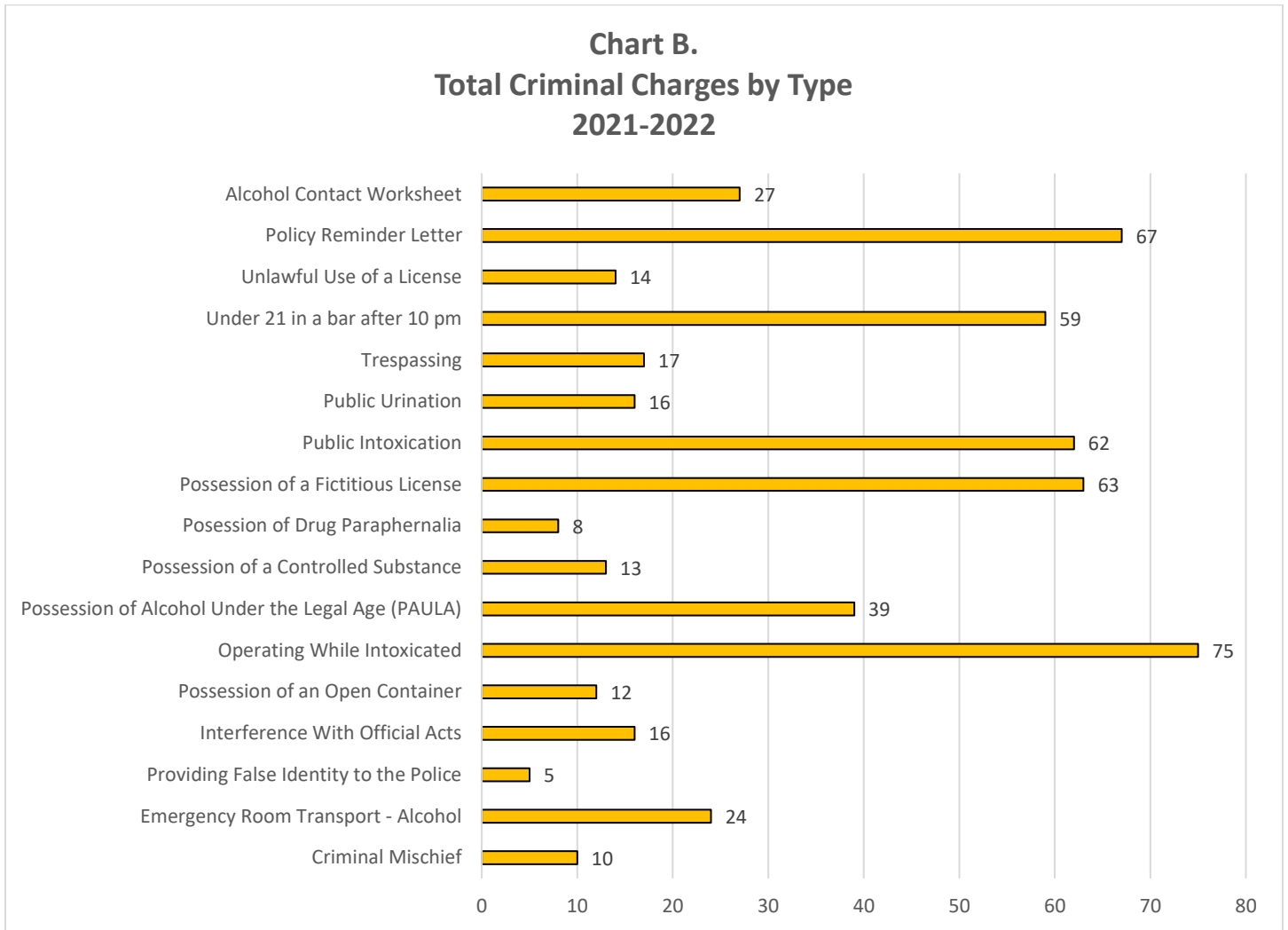
**Chart A.**  
**Source of Reports Investigated by OSA Staff**  
**2021-2022**



|             | ICPD  | Res. Hall Report | Staff / Faculty Member | Student Report | Other | UIPD  |
|-------------|-------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| ■ 2019-2020 | 83.8% | 1.1%             | 1.0%                   | 0.3%           | 0.6%  | 13.2% |
| ■ 2020-2021 | 18.9% | 0.7%             | 57.9%                  | 6.8%           | 2.2%  | 13.5% |
| ■ 2021-2022 | 57.9% | 1.5%             | 4.6%                   | 1.2%           | 1.1%  | 33.7% |

■ 2019-2020   ■ 2020-2021   ■ 2021-2022

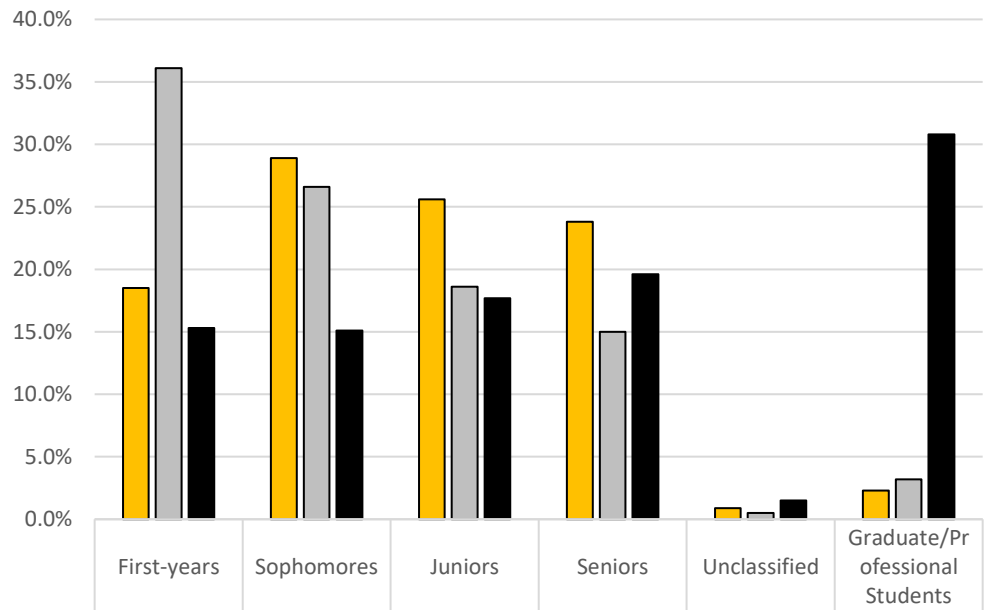
## B. Overview of Alleged Misconduct



### C. Academic Status of Respondents

Analyzing the caseload by academic status shows 413 cases investigated by the Office of Student Accountability are disproportionately split between first-year students and sophomores during the 21-22 academic year. As in previous years, undergraduate students make up the vast majority of the students accused of misconduct during the 2021-2022 academic year. During the AY 2021-2022, 1.3% of the 28,604 UI students were named in a report received by the Office of Student Accountability.

**Chart C.  
Academic Status of Responding Students  
2021-2022**

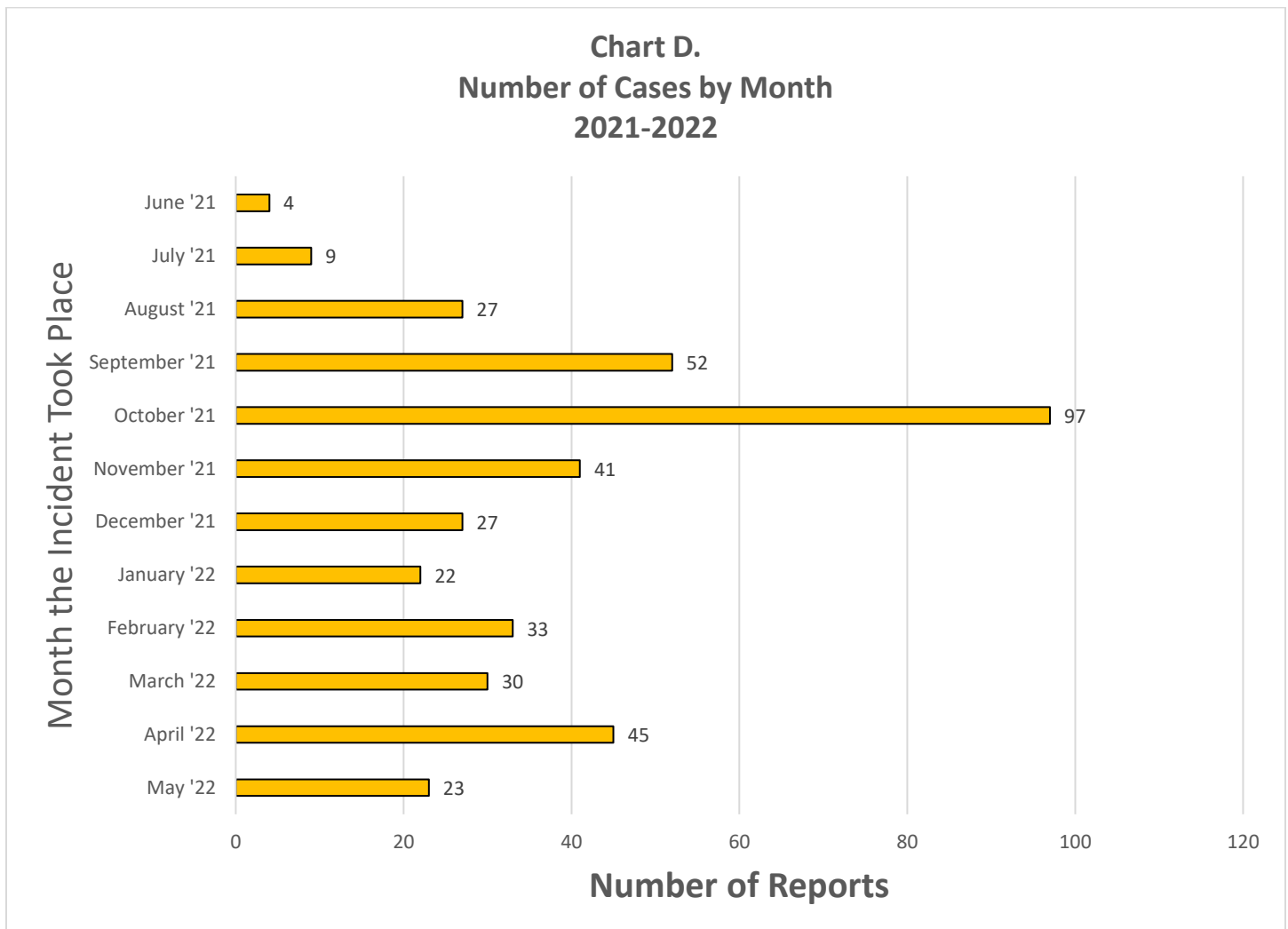


|   | First-years | Sophomores | Juniors | Seniors | Unclassified | Graduate/Professional Students |
|---|-------------|------------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Percentage of Disciplinary Cases (2020-2021)        | 18.5%       | 28.9%      | 25.6%   | 23.8%   | 0.9%         | 2.3%                           |
| Percentage of Disciplinary Cases (2021-2022)        | 36.1%       | 26.6%      | 18.6%   | 15.0%   | 0.5%         | 3.2%                           |
| Academic Profile of U of IA Student Body, Fall 2021 | 15.3%       | 15.1%      | 17.7%   | 19.6%   | 1.5%         | 30.8%                          |

■ Percentage of Disciplinary Cases (2020-2021)     
 ■ Percentage of Disciplinary Cases (2021-2022)  
■ Academic Profile of U of IA Student Body, Fall 2021

### D. Number of Cases by Month

As in previous years, the majority of disciplinary reports investigated between June 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022 arose during the fall semester. The Office of Student Accountability received an average of 47 cases each month, although the actual number varied considerably, including a low of 1 and a high of 339. All case numbers were impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This reduced the number of citations / arrests that occurred over the course of the year, and also included an increase in referrals to OSA involving the university's COVID-19 related policies.

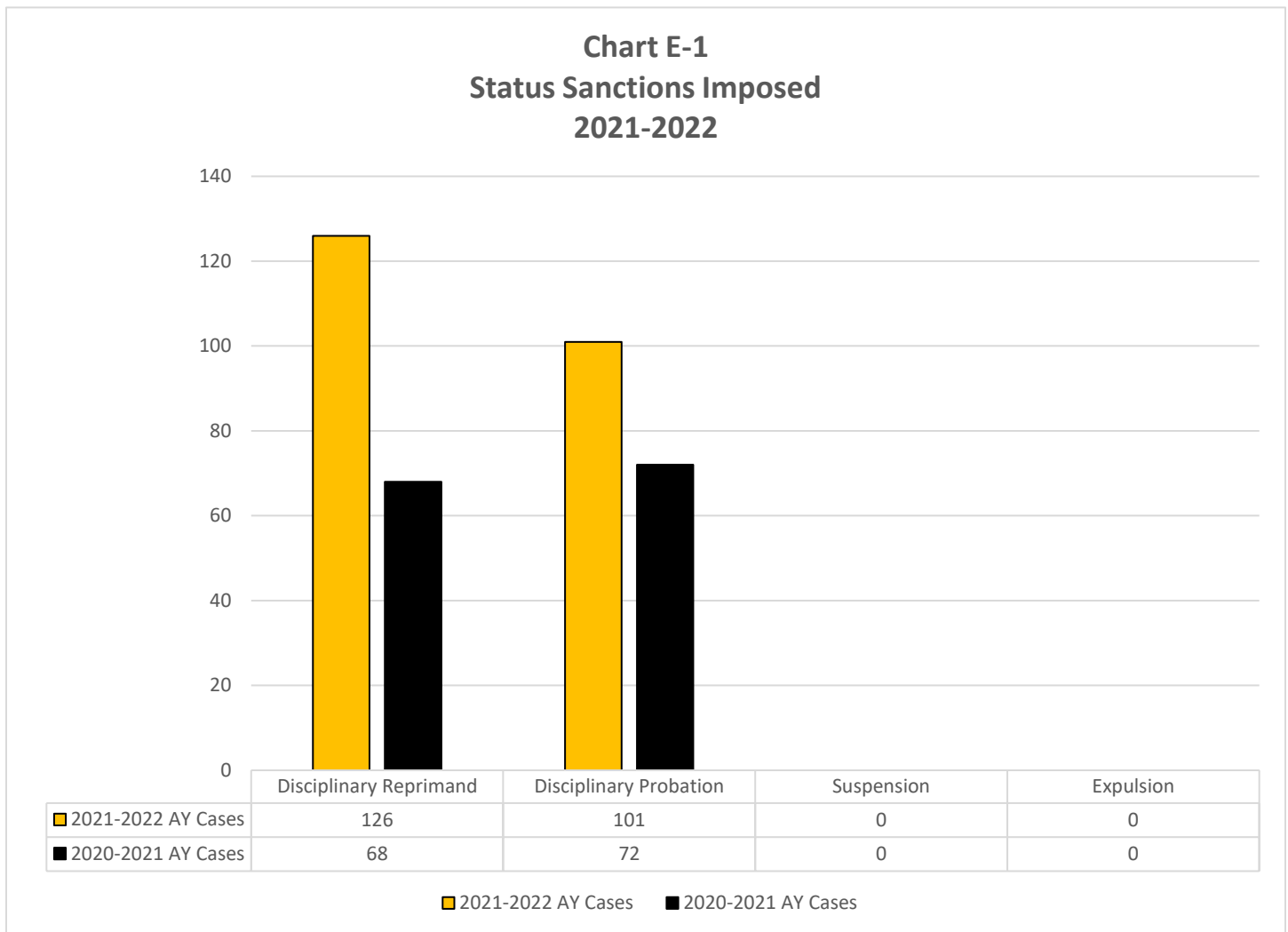


### E. Sanctions

Status sanctions recommended by the Office of Student Accountability staff range from disciplinary reprimands to suspension from the University. In determining an appropriate sanction in AY 2021-2022, the investigator assigned to the case took into account the nature of the misconduct and the offender's disciplinary history. If cases involved alcohol or controlled substances, the investigator followed the sanction guidance detailed on the Minimum Sanctions for Violations of the University Alcohol and Drug Policies [website](#).

Of the 413 reports received between June 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022, an investigation was undertaken in 346 cases. In the cases not investigated, a Policy Reminder letter was issued or the case was closed due to insufficient information for an investigation. Of the 346 cases investigated, a status sanction was imposed in 53.2% (184 instances) of the time. The remaining 46.8% of cases were either dismissed with no sanctions imposed or the case was unresolved because the student was not enrolled in classes at the university, or the case was not resolved by the time this report was compiled.

Of all the status sanctions imposed, disciplinary reprimand was the most common (Chart E-1). For students who receive a disciplinary reprimand, the sanction can be removed after one year as long as the student has not been found responsible for a subsequent policy violation.



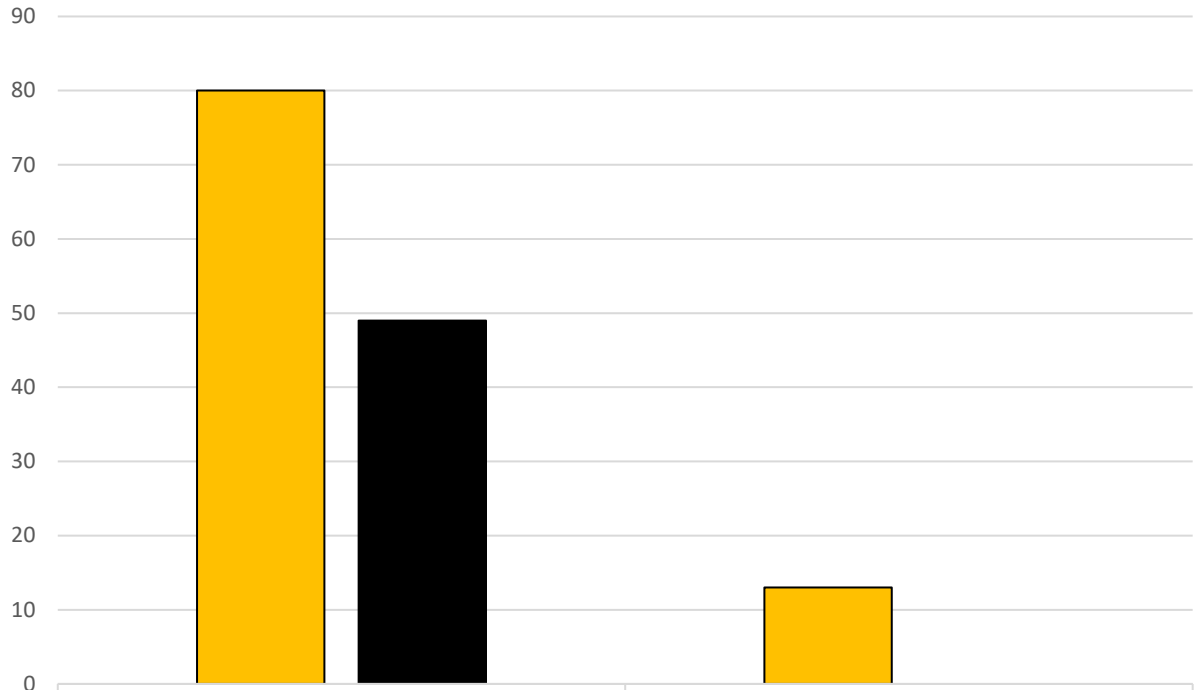
In many cases resolved during the year, an educational sanction was recommended in addition to a status sanction (e.g., probation). Substance abuse education was the primary educational sanction assigned between June 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022. As a result of the substantial number of alcohol-related and drug-related complaints investigated, many students were referred to a substance use program at Student Wellness. Students charged with an OWI, possession of a controlled substance, and other serious alcohol and other drug related offenses are often required to complete substance abuse counseling as mandated through the court system, and do not receive an additional referral from the Office of Student Accountability.

The Critical MASS (Mentoring and Student Support) Program saw an increase in numbers during the 2021-2022 academic year. The Critical MASS program was created to support students found responsible for lower-level violations of the Code of Student Life to help them learn about campus resources to lessen the possibility of additional policy violations in the future. Critical MASS mentors are UI faculty, staff and graduate students with at least one year of experience at the University. The Critical MASS program pairs faculty, staff, and graduate students with undergraduate students assigned to complete the program. Mentors will meet with their mentees at least four times during the course of a semester.

Meetings are typically held in-person, last about sixty minutes, and monitor how a student is doing, progress towards their substance use goals, and provide them with information and additional resources from campus. As student need

for connection continues in the wake of the pandemic, we are hopeful that these numbers will continue to increase to their pre-pandemic rates.

**Chart E-2.  
Educational Sanctions Imposed  
2021-2022**



|                    | Substance Abuse Counseling | Critical MASS Mentor |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 2021-2022 AY Cases | 80                         | 13                   |
| 2020-2021 AY Cases | 49                         | 0                    |

■ 2021-2022 AY Cases    ■ 2020-2021 AY Cases