



# Campus Safety Summary



The majority of PCCD respondents indicated that they felt 'Very safe' or 'Somewhat safe' on campus.

PCCD College	Safe or Somewhat Safe
Berkeley City College	71%
College of Alameda	65%
Laney College	63%
Merritt College	63%

Although the majority of respondents at PCCD feel safe on campus, this report focuses on the subset of respondents that indicated feeling 'unsafe' or 'somewhat unsafe' on campus. Respondents with safety concerns were asked to provide details about their experiences regarding campus safety. The following items were coded, "**Are there any particular areas/buildings at Peralta campus(es) where you feel less safe?**" and the open-ended follow-up item, "**Do you want to share more details about your experience with a member of the research team so that we could improve the situation?**"

## "Are there any particular areas/buildings at Peralta campus(es) where you feel less safe?"

Top areas that respondents mentioned safety concerns

### Berkeley City College



Public Transportation

### College of Alameda



Walkways

### Merritt College



Parking Lot

The majority of responses mentioning safety concerns were related to **Laney College**

## Top 3 areas that respondents mentioned safety concerns at Laney College



Buildings



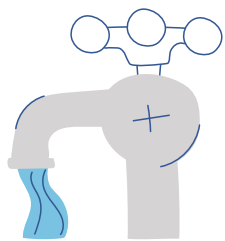
Parking Lot



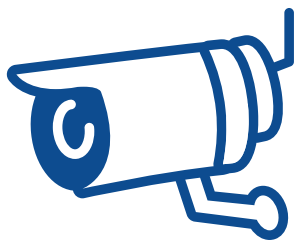
Walkways

## 3 additional areas at Laney College that respondents had safety concerns

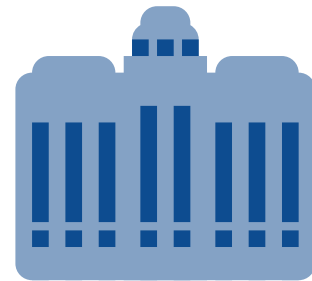
*\*Note: this finding is based on analysis of the open-ended 'other' response item*



Bathrooms



Areas with a lack of visibility (cameras, lighting, seclusion)



Surrounding city

# Berkeley City College

Although the majority of respondents comments about unsafe areas/buildings were related to Laney College, it is worth noting that **2 comments** about Berkeley City College were also about safety concerns related to the **surrounding city**



# Perceptions of Campus Safety

A total of **45** responses were coded across the four PCCD campuses for the survey item below.

*"Do you want to share more details about your experience with a member of the research team so that we could improve the situation?"*

**Top themes** related to safety concerns mentioned in comments

## Laney College

**16% Crime**

**EX:** "Laney has the most **crime**.

There's shattered glass on the parking lot grounds from car break-ins."

**13% Lack of visibility**  
(cameras, lighting, seclusion)

**Ex:** "Evaluate areas which may need **additional lighting** around the campus. Some areas are not well lit & may be useful for ambush."

**13% Unhoused population**

**EX:** "**Homeless** people park all around the parking lot, there is no way to avoid passing by as there is only one entrance for school now. There is no vigilance around the parking lot."

## Merritt College

**4% Crime**

**EX:** "Nothing happened to me, but I know there are a lot of people living on the streets who are always around as well as people that **use drugs and sell**."

**4% Parking Lot**

**EX:** "Also in the **parking lot** we need more security [especially] later evening."

## Berkeley City College

**4% Sexual Harassment**

**EX:** "I experienced being followed by another student on many occasions while in campus building. He approached me more than once to ask **inappropriate things** while I was in the hallways. I would prefer to have no further conversation on the subject, but would like to feel safer on campus."

## College of Alameda

**4% Lack of visibility**  
(cameras, lighting, seclusion)

**EX:** "It isn't that I have something happened to me that made me feel that type of way but since [COVID] started there are **fewer people** going around and the silence sometimes makes you look behind your back often."

**4% Parking Lot**

**EX:** "A family member was robbed in the CoA **parking lot** a couple years ago."