STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF THE OVERALL CAMPUS CLIMATE ARE GENERALLY POSITIVE. RATINGS WERE SOMEWHAT LESS POSITIVE FOR UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS.

FINDING 1
Students responded to a six point scale. Fewer than 4% of students rated any area at the extreme negative end of any climate question. Therefore, ratings are grouped (positive, neutral, and negative)
Most students reported a positive campus climate, though perceptions of racism and campus safety were somewhat less positive.

Over 10% of students rated the climate as Racist (level 1 and 2 combined).

Over one-third of students were uncertain as to Safety.
Less than half of Black/African American students rated the UAB environment as “Not-Racist” (level 1 and 2 combined)

- 71% of white students rated the climate as not racist compared to 47% of Black/African American students.
- One of five Black/African American Students rated the climate as Racist.
- All groups have 150 or more students.
Twice as many students identifying as "not heterosexual/other" rated the overall climate as Not Supportive of LGBTQ+ (level 1 and 2 combined) compared to heterosexual students.

- Other: 14% Not Supportive, 30% Neutral, 56% Supportive
- Not heterosexual: 13% Not Supportive, 24% Neutral, 64% Supportive
- Heterosexual: 5% Not Supportive, 20% Neutral, 75% Supportive
A greater proportion of students identifying as "gender queer" or "other" (n=52) rated the climate as Sexist (levels 1 and 2 combined) compared to males or females.

Perceptions of sexism did not vary significantly between males and females.
Only slightly more than half of students with disabilities rated the campus climate as Accessible/Accommodating.

15% of students who identify as having a disability rated the climate as Not Accessible/Accommodating.
Perceptions of Safety

• 57% rated the climate as safe. Perceptions of safety did not vary significantly by race, international student status, or sexual orientation.

• Students identifying with a gender identity other than male or female were more likely to rate the campus as Not Safe (level 1 and 2 combined) than were male or female students (15% vs 8%)

• Students who identify as having a disability were more likely to rate the campus as Not Safe than students who do not identify as having a disability (14% vs 7%).