



Lee College Annual Safety & Security Survey Results

2023-2026 Comparison

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Survey Background & Purpose

- Baseline safety climate survey required as part of the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) Three-Year Safety Audit.
- Measures perceptions of campus safety, security, emergency preparedness, and emergency communications.
- Results help identify strengths, improvement opportunities, and priorities for future planning.
- Percentages shown throughout this presentation represent respondents who selected: Strongly Agree or Agree

2026 Survey Information

- Survey Population: Spring/Summer 2026 enrolled students and all employees.
- Anonymous online survey consisting of 30 statements using a Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree scale.
- Survey Period: July 1–30, 2026.
- Distributed electronically through evalkit@lee.edu.
- Reminder emails every three days throughout the survey period.

Survey Participation

Year	Total	Employees	Students
2023	405/5,376 (7.5%)	186	219
2024	517/7,763 (6.6%)	140	377
2025	611/8,661 (7.1%)	171	440
2026	366/4,731 (7.7%)	298	158

Key Takeaways

- ✓ Overall response rate increased to the highest level (7.7%)
- ✓ Employee participation nearly tripled
- ✓ Student participation declined
- ✓ Additional student outreach and reminder strategies will be considered for future surveys.

Overall Results

- **24 of 30** survey questions improved from 2025 to 2026
- Overall positive trend observed across nearly every major survey category.
- **Greatest Improvements**
 - Emergency Notification System
 - Emergency Procedures
 - Campus Alerts
 - Evacuation Information
 - Crime Reporting
 - Safety Input Opportunities
- Perception that individual safety is a major problem decreased from 38% to 34%, indicating fewer respondents view campus safety as a significant concern.

Safety and Security Improvements

Significant Positive Trends

Question	2025	2026
Safe During Day	82%	89%
Security Visibility	70%	77%
Response Time	64%	69%
Security Measures	66%	70%
Campus Protected	65%	66%

Primary Contributors

- Increased Security presence
- Additional surveillance cameras
- Improved maintenance of security equipment and technology.
- Centegix CrisisAlert implementation

Emergency Preparedness

Strongest Improvements

Category	2025	2026
Emergency Alerts	74%	80%
Emergency Procedures	72%	80%
Emergency Notification System	70%	83%
Campus Preparedness	66%	73%
Emergency Resources	62%	71%

Improvements

- ✓ Navigator Alerts
- ✓ Informational emails
- ✓ New PA speakers
- ✓ New lightning detection and outdoor warning siren
- ✓ Updated Emergency Procedures Guide

Reporting and Communications

Improved Reporting Confidence

Question	2025	2026
Report Crimes	71%	79%
Report Hazards	66%	71%
Contact Appropriate Personnel	68%	75%
Reporting Crime Procedures	64%	71%

Improvements

- Report of Safety Concern/Hazard Form
- Title IX Report
- Complaint, Grievance, and Concern reporting forms
- Increased outreach

Facilities Improvements

Key Improvements

Category	2025	2026
Building Maintenance	67%	70%
Hazards Corrected	62%	67%
Campus Well Maintained	69%	73%
Evacuation Maps	67%	77%

Contributing Factors

- Building and infrastructure improvements
- Sidewalk repairs
- Updated evacuation maps
- Improved response to reported maintenance issues

Areas for Continued Improvement

Lowest Scoring Questions

Topic	2025	2026
Campus Lighting	52%	51%
Safety at Night	55%	55%
Daily Crime Log Awareness	43%	41%
Campus Drills	44%	45%
First Responders in Drills	46%	47%
Relationships Publicized	50%	53%

- Planned Actions**
- Campus lighting upgrades
 - More evacuation and emergency drills
 - Greater first responder participation
 - Increase awareness of the Annual Security Report and Daily Crime Log.
 - Promote emergency preparedness training and awareness.

Recommendations

Continue Investing In

- Security visibility
- Emergency communications
- Facility improvements
- Safety education and outreach

Focus Areas

- Increase student survey participation
- Improve campus lighting
- Conduct additional drills
- Expand first responder exercises
- Promote Annual Security Report
- Promote Daily Crime Log
- Increase awareness of emergency procedures



Conclusion

2026 Survey Results Demonstrate Positive Progress

- ✓ 24 of 30 survey areas improved
- ✓ Highest overall response rate
- ✓ Strong improvements in emergency preparedness
- ✓ Increased confidence in Security
- ✓ Improved campus maintenance

Continuing Priorities

- Nighttime safety
- Lighting
- Campus drills
- Student engagement
- Awareness of available safety resources



Thank You
Questions?

