

The Evergreen State College

Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2006

Experience of First-time, First-year Students

Overview

This report summarizes the responses of students who were new to Evergreen in Fall 2005 and who were attending college for the first time since graduating from high school (students called "first-time, first-years"). This report focuses on experiences of first-time, first-year students during their first year at Evergreen. Students responded to this survey during spring quarter 2006.

Number of first-time, first-year respondents	117
Total number of first-time, first-years admitted fall quarter 2005 in sample	411
Percentage of first-time, first-years in sample responded to survey	28%
Total number of first-time, first-year students admitted Fall Quarter 2005 and still enrolled Spring Quarter 2006	513
Percentage of total population responded to survey	23%

Survey Response Types

The largest proportion of first-time, first-year students (76.1%) responded via the web version of the survey.

<i>Survey Response Types</i>	N	%
Mail survey	28	23.9%
Web survey	89	76.1%

Demographic Comparisons Between First-time, First-year Respondents and the First-time, First-year Population

The following charts show demographics for first-time, first-year respondents compared to the first-time, first-year population that enrolled fall 2005 and was still enrolled as of spring 2006. Females were overrepresented among respondents and this was a statistically significant difference when tested with a Chi-square test. Differences between the percentages of white students, students of color, and students without race/ethnicity indicated were not statistically significant.* Differences in class standing between respondents and the population were also not statistically significant. There was no difference in the mean or median age between respondents and the population.

Gender of First-time, First-year Respondents Compared to Population

	Respondents (N)	Percent of Respondents	Population of First-time, First-year Students (N)	Percent of First-time, First-year Population
Female	69	59.0%	252	49.1%
Male	48	41.0%	261	50.9%

Race/Ethnicity of First-time, First-year Respondents Compared to Population

	Respondents (N)	Percent of Respondents	Population of First time, First-year Students (N)	Percent of First- time, First-year Population
African American	1	0.9%	16	3.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	10	8.5%	34	6.6%
Native American/American Indian	2	1.7%	15	2.9%
Hispanic/Latino/Latina	3	2.6%	18	3.5%
White	91	77.8%	379	73.9%
Not Indicated	10	8.5%	51	9.9%

* Race/Ethnicity groups had to be combined into the broader categories of students of color, white students and students with race/ethnicity not indicated in order to use the Chi-square test.

Class Standing of First-time, First-year Respondents Compared to Population

	Respondents (N)	Percent of Respondents	Population of First time, First-year Students (N)	Percent of First- time, First-year Population
Freshmen	76	65.0%	377	73.5%
Sophomores	33	28.2%	114	22.2%
Juniors	8	6.8%	22	4.3%
Seniors	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Age of First-time, First-year Respondents Compared to Population

	Respondents	Population
Mean Age	19.1	19.1
Median Age	19	19