

The Evergreen State College

Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2006

Responses of Olympia Campus Students

Overview

This report summarizes responses of students from the Olympia campus to the Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2006. This survey was administered during spring quarter 2006 to a random sample of 1,200 Evergreen undergraduates. This sample was stratified by class standing so that it would represent Evergreen undergraduates in terms of class standing. Post-baccalaureate students were excluded from the sample. Of the 1,200 students in the sample, 1,111 were students studying on the Olympia campus. There were 386 responses from students studying on the Olympia campus, which represents 35% of the Olympia students in the stratified random sample and 11% of all undergraduates studying on the Olympia campus.

Number of Olympia students responded	386
Total number of Olympia students in sample*	1111
Response rate	35%
Total number of Olympia students in population	3429
Percent of Olympia undergraduates**	11%

* This number does not include one student selected in the random sample who could not be reached via e-mail or mail.

** Degree-seeking undergraduates only; no post-baccalaureate students

Survey Response Types

Students could complete the survey on the web or via mail. The largest proportion of students (69%) responded using the web version of the survey.

Survey Response Types	N	%
Mail survey	119	31%
Web survey	267	69%

Demographic Comparisons Between Respondents and the Olympia Campus

The following charts show demographics for Olympia campus respondents compared to the population of Olympia campus undergraduates enrolled spring 2006. A series of chi-square tests were run to see if there were statistically significant differences between respondents and the population of Olympia undergraduates. Females were significantly overrepresented among respondents ($p < .001$). There was also a significant difference between the class standing of respondents compared to the population, with freshmen underrepresented and seniors and juniors overrepresented among respondents ($p = .014$). The mean age was also significantly older among respondents as compared to the population. Respondents were representative in terms of race/ethnicity and the proportion of new and continuing students.

Gender of Olympia Campus Respondents Compared to Population

	Respondents (N)	Percent of Respondents	Population of Olympia Undergraduates (N)	Percent of Olympia Undergraduates
Female	247	64.0%	1813	52.9%
Male	139	36.0%	1616	47.1%

Race/Ethnicity of Olympia Campus Respondents Compared to Population

	Respondents (N)	Percent of Respondents	Population of Olympia Undergraduates (N)	Percent of Olympia Undergraduates
Native American or Alaska Native	9	2.3%	102	3.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	26	6.7%	180	5.2%
Black/African American	9	2.3%	102	3.0%
Hispanic or Latino(a)	13	3.4%	147	4.3%
White	278	72.0%	2441	71.2%
Not Indicated	50	13.0%	449	13.1%
Other	1	0.3%	8	0.2%

Class Standing of Olympia Campus Respondents Compared to Population

	Respondents (N)	Percent of Respondents	Population of Olympia Undergraduates (N)	Percent of Olympia Undergraduates
Freshmen	33	8.5%	485	14.1%
Sophomores	70	18.1%	631	18.4%
Juniors	118	30.6%	979	28.6%
Seniors	165	42.7%	1334	38.9%

Proportion of New and Continuing Olympia Campus Respondents Compared to Population

	Respondents (N)	Percent of Respondents	Population of Olympia Undergraduates (N)	Percent of Olympia Undergraduates
New in AY 05-06	152	39.4%	1453	42.4%
Continuing in AY 05-06	234	60.6%	1976	57.6%

Age of Olympia Campus Respondents Compared to Population

	Respondents	Olympia Undergraduates
Mean Age	27.2	24.9
Median Age	23	22