

The Evergreen State College

Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2008

Responses of First-time, First-year Students

Overview

This report summarizes the responses of students who were new to Evergreen in Fall 2007 and who were attending college for the first time since graduating from high school ("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 2008.

Number of first-time, first-year respondents	140
Total number of first-time, first-years admitted fall quarter 2007 in sample	495
Percentage of first-time, first-years in sample responded to survey	28%
Total number of first-time, first-year students admitted Fall Quarter 2007 and still enrolled Spring Quarter 2008	565
Percentage of total population responded to survey	25%

Survey Response Types

The largest proportion of first-time, first-year students (83.6%) responded via the web version of the survey.

<i>Survey Response Types</i>	N	%
Mail survey	23	16.4%
Web survey	117	83.6%

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 2007 and was still enrolled as of spring 2008. Females were overrepresented among respondents and this was a statistically significant difference when tested with a Chi-square test. In addition, seniors were significantly overrepresented as determined by a Chi-square test. Differences between the percentages of white students, students of color, and students without race/ethnicity indicated were not statistically significant.* There was no significant 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	83	59.3%	279	49.4%
Male	57	40.7%	286	50.6%

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	3	2.1%	17	3.0%
Asian	11	7.9%	41	7.3%
Pacific Islander	1	0.7%	4	0.7%
Native American/American Indian	3	2.1%	14	2.5%
Hispanic/Latino/Latina	10	7.1%	30	5.3%
White	101	72.1%	405	71.7%
Not Indicated	11	7.9%	54	9.6%

* 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	114	81.4%	532	94.2%
Sophomores	22	15.7%	20	3.5%
Juniors	4	2.9%	13	2.3%
Seniors	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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

	Respondents	Population
Mean Age	19.2	18.6
Median Age	19	18