

The Evergreen State College
 Evergreen New Student Survey 2005

Parents' Educational Background

New students were asked to indicate the highest level of educational attainment for each of their parents. Of first-time, first-years who reported at least one parent's educational background, 25% indicated that their parents have not earned a 4-year degree (or more) and 8% indicated their parents have never attended college. Of transfer students who reported at least one parent's educational background, 45% indicated that their parents have not earned a 4-year college degree (or more) and 22% indicated that their parents have never attended college.

| | First-time, First-year Students | % First-time, First-year Students with at least one parent reported (N=396) | Transfer Students | % Transfer Students with at least one parent reported (N=439) |
|--|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Mother and father with less than 4-year degree | 95 | 24% | 193 | 44% |
| Mother with less than 4-year degree, no father reported | 3 | 1% | 4 | 1% |
| Father with less than 4-year degree, no mother reported | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total who reported that parents have not earned a 4-year degree (or more) | 98 | 25% | 197 | 45% |
| Neither mother or father has attended college | 29 | 7% | 96 | 22% |
| Mother with no college, no father reported | 1 | 0% | 1 | 0% |
| Father with no college, no mother reported | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Total who reported that parents have never attended college | 30 | 8% | 97 | 22% |

The tables below show detail about the level of educational attainment for each parent.

**26. What is the highest level of education that each of your parents completed?
(Mark one for each parent)**

| Mother | First-time, First- | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | year Students | Transfer Students |
| Did not complete high school | 3.0% | 9.6% |
| High school diploma or GED | 11.1% | 21.2% |
| Some college | 17.7% | 19.8% |
| Associate's degree | 6.8% | 10.3% |
| Bachelor's degree | 27.8% | 21.4% |
| Master's degree | 24.0% | 12.5% |
| Ph.D., Ed.D, M.D., J.D., D.D.S | 7.3% | 3.6% |
| Don't Know | 2.3% | 1.6% |
| Number reported mother's educational attainment | 396 | 439 |
| Number did not report/missing | 21 | 6 |

| Father | First-time, First- | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | year Students | Transfer Students |
| Did not complete high school | 3.9% | 9.4% |
| High school diploma or GED | 13.2% | 22.5% |
| Some college | 16.8% | 17.0% |
| Associate's degree | 4.1% | 5.1% |
| Bachelor's degree | 28.0% | 21.6% |
| Master's degree | 20.7% | 12.0% |
| Ph.D., Ed.D, M.D., J.D., D.D.S | 10.4% | 6.2% |
| Don't Know | 2.8% | 6.2% |
| Number reported father's educational attainment | 386 | 435 |
| Number did not report/missing | 31 | 10 |

| | First-time, First- | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | year Students | Transfer Students |
| Number of students who did not report educational attainment of either parent | 21 | 6 |