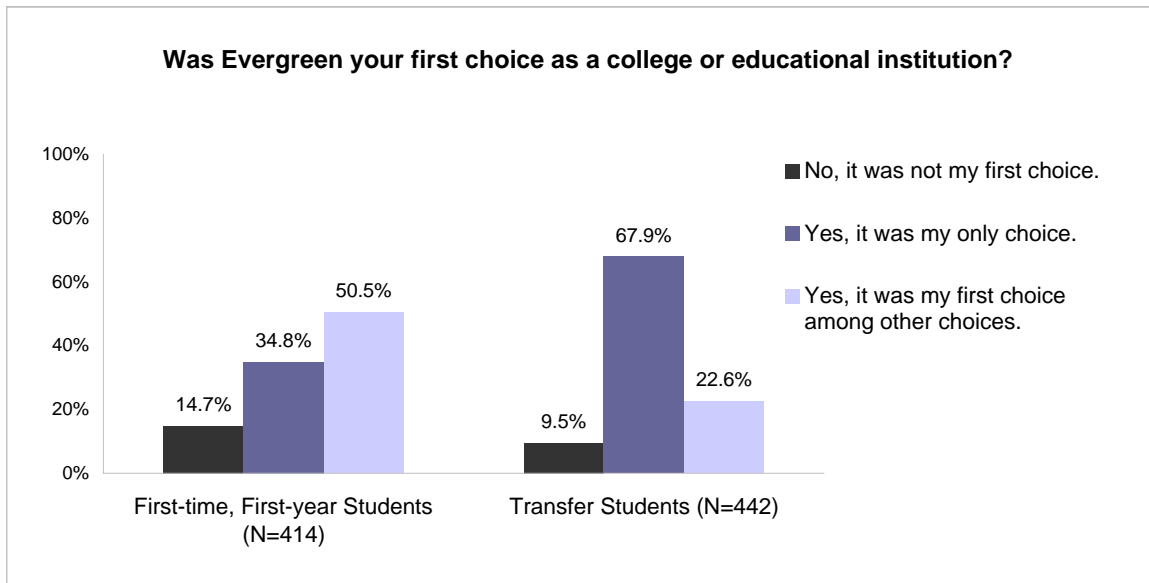


The Evergreen State College
 Evergreen New Student Survey 2005

Was Evergreen your first choice as a college or educational institution?

Just over half of Evergreen's first-time, first-year students considered Evergreen their first choice among other colleges and educational institutions, and another 34.8% named Evergreen as their only choice. For transfer students, 67.9% considered Evergreen their only choice, and 22.6% considered Evergreen their top choice among other schools. Only 14.7% of first-time, first-year students and 9.5% of transfer students indicated that Evergreen was not their first choice.



Was Evergreen your first choice as a college or educational institution?

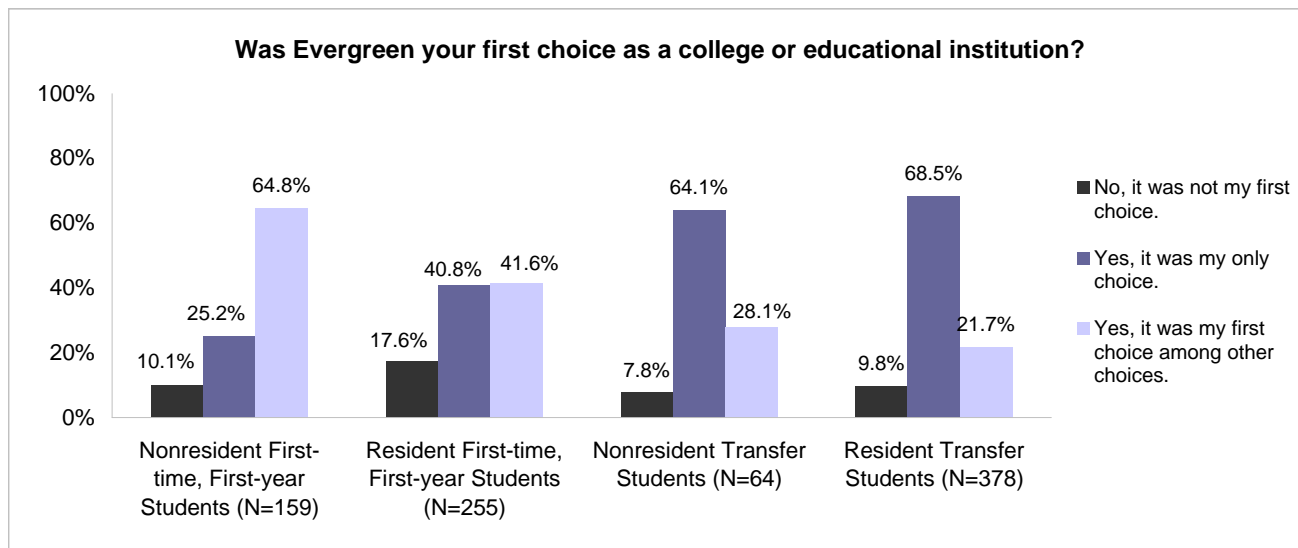
| | First-time, First-year Students (N=414) | Transfer Students (N=442) |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| No, it was not my first choice. | 14.7% | 9.5% |
| Yes, it was my only choice. | 34.8% | 67.9% |
| Yes, it was my first choice among other choices. | 50.5% | 22.6% |

Note: Six respondents skipped this question - Three first-time, first-year students and three transfer students.

Analysis by Residency:

Was Evergreen your first choice as a college or educational institution?

The following chart shows responses for first-time, first-year students and transfer students by residency status.



Was Evergreen your first-choice as a college or educational institution?

| | Nonresident First-time, First-year Students (N=159) | Resident First-time, First-year Students (N=255) | Nonresident Transfer Students (N=64) | Resident Transfer Students (N=378) |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| No, it was not my first choice. | 10.1% | 17.6% | 7.8% | 9.8% |
| Yes, it was my only choice. | 25.2% | 40.8% | 64.1% | 68.5% |
| Yes, it was my first choice among other choices. | 64.8% | 41.6% | 28.1% | 21.7% |

Note: Six respondents skipped this question -- three first-time, first-year students and three transfer students.

Was Evergreen your first choice as a college or educational institution?

If no: write in your first choice

The following are the first-choice institutions written in by students who had indicated that Evergreen was not their first or only choice of institution. Responses that refer to multiple institutions, such as "Eastern Washington, Central Washington, UW," reflect individual students who wrote in multiple institutions as their first choice.

First-time, first-years most frequently mentioned Western Washington University (10 out of 61 respondents for whom Evergreen was not their first choice), the University of Washington (7 respondents), and Seattle University (4 respondents) as their first-choice institutions.

| First-time, First-year Students (N=61) | | Nonresident | Resident |
|--|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Bard College | 1 | 1 | |
| Bavel College | 1 | | 1 |
| Bridgewater State College | 1 | | 1 |
| Central Washington University | 1 | | 1 |
| College of Staten Island | 1 | | 1 |
| Colorado College | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Eastern Washington, Central Washington, University of Washington | 1 | | 1 |
| Emerson | 2 | 2 | |
| Haskoli Islands | 1 | | 1 |
| Lewis and Clark College | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| McGill University | 1 | 1 | |
| New York University | 2 | 2 | |
| Oregon State University | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Pacific NW College of Art | 1 | | 1 |
| Pitzer College | 1 | | 1 |
| Prescott College, Western Washington University | 1 | 1 | |
| Reed College | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| San Francisco State University | 1 | | 1 |
| Sarah Lawrence, Bard | 1 | 1 | |
| Seattle University | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Southern California University | 1 | | 1 |
| University of California, Davis | 1 | | 1 |
| University of British Columbia | 1 | | 1 |
| University of Chicago | 1 | | 1 |
| University of Colorado at Boulder | 1 | | 1 |
| University of Victoria | 1 | | 1 |
| University of Washington | 7 | | 7 |
| Western or University of British Columbia | 1 | | 1 |
| Western University | 1 | | 1 |
| Western Washington University (1 specifically Fairhaven) | 10 | | 10 |
| Whitman College | 1 | | 1 |
| No response | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| | 61 | 16 | 45 |

Was Evergreen your first choice as a college or educational institution?

If no: write in your first choice

Transfer students most frequently mentioned the University of Washington (7 out of 42 respondents), Western Washington University (4 respondents), and the University of Washington Tacoma branch (3 respondents).

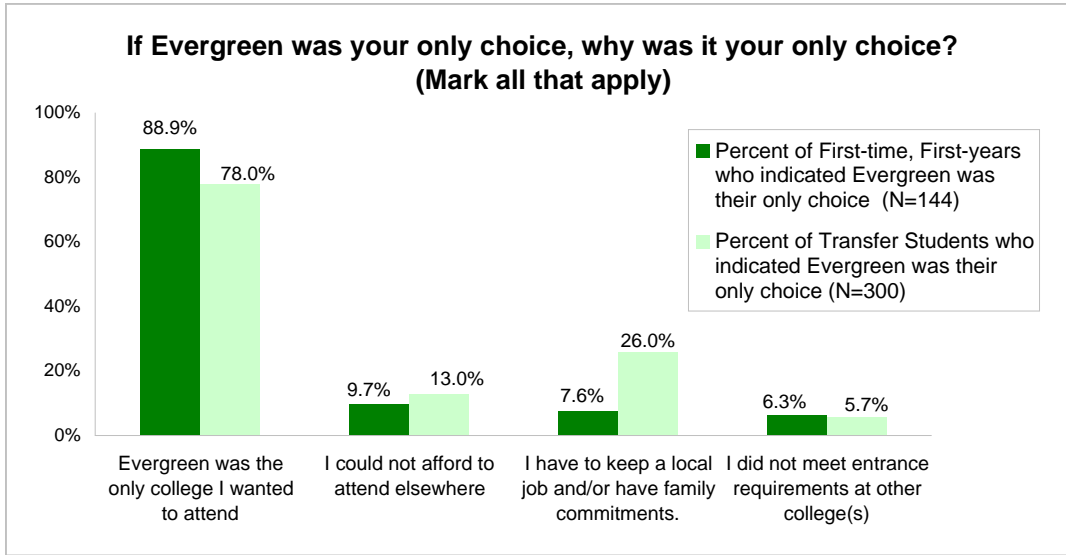
| Transfer Students (N=42) | | Nonresident | Resident |
|--|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Antioch | 1 | | 1 |
| Art Institute of Seattle | 1 | | 1 |
| California College of the Arts | 1 | | 1 |
| Cheney University | 1 | | 1 |
| Colorado College | 1 | | 1 |
| Cornish | 1 | 1 | |
| Dartmouth | 1 | | 1 |
| Fairhaven/Western Washington University | 1 | | 1 |
| Lewis and Clark College | 1 | | 1 |
| Oberlin College | 1 | | 1 |
| Pacific Lutheran University | 2 | | 2 |
| Saint Martin's College/University | 2 | | 2 |
| San Diego State University | 1 | 1 | |
| Seattle Pacific University | 1 | | 1 |
| University of Connecticut | 1 | 1 | |
| University of Las Vegas | 1 | | 1 |
| University of Miyazaki (Japan) | 1 | 1 | |
| University of Phoenix (online) | 2 | | 2 |
| University of Washington | 7 | | 7 |
| University of Washington at Tacoma | 3 | | 3 |
| Warner Pacific | 1 | | 1 |
| Western Washington University | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| WME Art Academy | 1 | | 1 |
| I went to a school out of state and I'm transferring to Evergreen, so now it's my first choice but not initially | 1 | | 1 |
| Went to Centralia College for two years | 1 | | 1 |
| No response | 3 | | 3 |
| | 42 | 5 | 37 |

If Evergreen was your only choice, why was it your only choice?

Mark all that apply.

Respondents were asked, "If Evergreen was your only choice, why was it your only choice?" Respondents could check all of the following that apply: Evergreen was the only institution I wanted to attend; I could not afford to attend elsewhere; I have to keep a local job and/or family commitments; and I did not meet entrance requirements at other college(s). Percentages in the following chart and table do not add up to 100% because some students indicated more than one reason.

Of the respondents who indicated that Evergreen was their only choice (34.8% of first-time, first-year students and 67.9% of transfer students), most indicated that Evergreen was the only institution they wanted to attend (88.9% of first-time, first years who indicated Evergreen as their only choice and 78.0% of transfer students who indicated Evergreen as their only choice.)



If Evergreen was your only choice, why was it your only choice? (Mark all that apply.)

| | Percent of First-time, First-years who indicated Evergreen was their only choice (N=144) | Percent of Transfer Students who indicated Evergreen was their only choice (N=300) |
|--|--|--|
| Evergreen was the only college I wanted to attend | 88.9% | 78.0% |
| I could not afford to attend elsewhere | 9.7% | 13.0% |
| I have to keep a local job and/or have family commitments. | 7.6% | 26.0% |
| I did not meet entrance requirements at other college(s) | 6.3% | 5.7% |

Percentages do not add up to 100% because some students indicated more than one reason that Evergreen was their only choice.

Further Analysis:

Was Evergreen your first choice as a college or educational institution?

If Evergreen was your only choice, why was it your only choice?

An additional analysis shows first-time, first-year responses within more specific categories. The table below presents responses to the questions, "Was Evergreen your first choice as a college or educational institution?" and "If Evergreen was your only choice, why was it your only choice?" The most common responses for first-time, first-year students were: "Evergreen was my first choice among other choices" (50.5% of all first-time, first-year respondents) and "Evergreen was my only choice because it was the only institution I wanted to attend," with no other reasons for Evergreen as an only choice (26.1%).

| | First-time, First-year Respondents (N=414) | Percent of First-time, First-year Respondents |
|---|--|---|
| No, it was <u>not my first choice</u> . | 61 | 14.7% |
| Yes, it was my <u>first choice among other choices</u> . | 209 | 50.5% |
| Yes, it was my <u>only choice</u> because Evergreen was the only college I wanted to attend (with no other reasons for Evergreen as only choice.) | 108 | 26.1% |
| Yes, it was my <u>only choice</u> because Evergreen was the only institution I wanted to attend <u>and for at least one other reason</u> (could not afford to attend elsewhere, had to keep a local job and/or have family commitments, or could not meet entrance requirements at other colleges). | 20 | 4.8% |
| Yes, it was my <u>only choice for reason(s) other than that</u> Evergreen was the only institution I wanted to attend (could not afford to attend elsewhere, had to keep a local job and/or have family commitments, and/or could not meet entrance requirements at other colleges). | 8 | 1.9% |
| Did not indicate why <u>only choice</u> | 8 | 1.9% |
| Total | 414 | 100.0% |

Note: This analysis has not been performed with transfer student responses yet.