



2019-2020 Year 6 Postsecondary Survey
Institution Summary Report

Institution Name	Survey Type	Year	Number of Respondents (N)
Bluefield State College BSC	Postsecondary	1 st year in college	15

Response Rates by Institution:

Surveys Administered	47
Postsecondary Surveys Received	15
Institution Response Rate (%)*	31.9%

Results (Percentages) by Section and Survey Question

Section I: Demographics

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	6.7%
Female	93.3%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	60.0%
Black or African American	40.0%
Asian	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	0.0%
Other	0.0%
No response	0.0%

3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	86.7%
Other	0.0%
No Response	13.3%

4. What is the main language you speak at home?

	(%)
English	100.0%
Spanish	0.0%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.0%



5. What is the highest level of education obtained by your parent(s)/guardians?

	(%)
Some high school	0.0%
High school diploma/GED	53.3%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	26.7%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	13.3%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	0.0%
Master's degree	0.0%
Ph.D. or higher	0.0%
Don't know	6.7%
No Response	0.0%

6. Are you enrolled in college or in the military?

	(%)
Yes, I attend a college/university.	100.0%
Yes, I am enrolled in the military.	0.0%
No, I am not enrolled in a college or the military.	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

7. What was the primary reason for not attending college?

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough to get accepted	0.0%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	0.0%
I need to work	0.0%
Other (please write in reason):	0.0%

Section II: Current Educational Status

8. What is your current status as a student?

	(%)
I'm a full-time student.	100.0%
I'm a part-time student.	0.0%
I'm unsure if I am a full-time or part-time student.	0.0%
No Response	0.0%



9. What degree are you currently pursuing?

	(%)
4-year Bachelor's degree	53.3%
2-year Associate's degree	33.3%
Postsecondary certificate	0.0%
I haven't decided on a degree yet	6.7%
I'm unsure which degree I'm pursuing	6.7%
No Response	0.0%

10. How many courses are you currently enrolled in?

	(%)
1	0.0%
2	0.0%
3	0.0%
4	53.3%
5 or more	46.7%
No Response	0.0%

11. Have you dropped any courses since starting college?

	(%)
No	66.7%
Yes, after discussing my decision with my GEAR UP coordinator and/or a staff member from my college	26.7%
Yes, but I did not discuss it with my GEAR UP coordinator or a staff member from my college	6.7%
No Response	0.0%

12. Please select all of the items that helped you determine which college to enroll in this semester.

	(%)
GEAR UP/high school counselor/high school teacher	40.0%
Someone else from your high school	13.3%
College staff	33.3%
Family member	73.3%
Friends or peers	33.3%
CFWV.com	20.0%
Other college planning website	0.0%
Other Upward Bound Director	

*Total may exceed 100% because respondents were able to select multiple items.



Section III: College Experience

13. During the summer did you...

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
Attend a college orientation?	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Speak with your transition coordinator/college counselor?	46.7%	46.7%	6.7%
Receive career counseling?	33.3%	53.3%	13.3%
Discuss your degree and/or major with someone from your college?	86.7%	6.7%	6.7%

14. Please indicate the activities you have participated in since you started college.

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
Spoke with your academic advisor	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Sought tutoring, academic help, or went to your school's writing center	20.0%	73.3%	6.7%
Met one-on-one with at least one of your professors	80.0%	6.7%	13.3%
Spoke with a staff member from your school's office of financial aid	93.3%	0.0%	6.7%
Spoke with someone from your school's student support services	66.7%	20.0%	13.3%
Spoke with your transition coordinator/college counselor regarding your current schedule/course load	53.3%	33.3%	13.3%
Spoke with your transition coordinator/college counselor about financial aid	73.3%	13.3%	13.3%
Spoke with your transition coordinator/college counselor about the transition from high school to college	46.7%	40.0%	13.3%
Spoke with someone from your school regarding registering for classes next semester	93.3%	0.0%	6.7%



15. If you are attending Bluefield State College, Concord University, Marshall University, Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College, West Virginia University, or West Virginia University Institute of Technology, please also answer the following question:

Please indicate the activities you have participated in since you started college

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
Spoke with your GEAR UP coordinator regarding your current schedule/course load	80.0%	13.3%	6.7%
Spoke with your GEAR UP coordinator about financial aid	60.0%	26.7%	13.3%
Spoke with your GEAR UP coordinator about the transition from high school to college	46.7%	40.0%	13.3%

16. How frequently do you communicate with each of these people?

	Transition Coordinator/ College Counselor (%)	Academic Advisor (%)	Student Support Services Staff (%)
Never; I'm not sure who this is.	20.0%	6.7%	13.3%
Never; I know who this person is, but I do not need to speak to them.	0.0%	0.0%	26.7%
Less than once a month	60.0%	46.7%	13.3%
1–2 times a month	13.3%	40.0%	26.7%
3–4 times or more a month	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%
At least once a week	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%
No Response	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%

17. Select all of the ways you have received postsecondary counseling since graduating high school.

	(%)
Face-to-face meetings	53.3%
Text messages	60.0%
Email	86.7%
Phone	40.0%
Instagram	0.0%
Facebook	13.3%
Other	0.0%
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18. How many hours do you study each week?

	(%)
None	0.0%
1–5 hours	26.7%
6–10 hours	66.7%
11–15 hours	0.0%
More than 15 hours	0.0%
No Response	6.7%

19. If you currently have a job, how many hours a week do you work?

	(%)
10 or less	6.7%
11–20 hours a week	6.7%
20–39 hours a week	26.7%
40 or more hours a week	0.0%
I do not currently have a job	53.3%
No Response	6.7%

20. How are you paying for college? Check all that apply.

	(%)
WV Promise Scholarship	26.7%
Other scholarship(s)	53.3%
Federal Pell Grant	73.3%
Federal student loan	13.3%
Private loan	0.0%
The state pays my tuition because I am/was in the foster care system	0.0%
WV Higher Education Grant	53.3%
WV Invests Grant	0.0%
College savings plan/529	0.0%
Federal work-study financial aid program	0.0%
I am using my own money to pay for tuition	13.3%
My family helps pay my tuition	13.3%
Other:	Cruise scholarship

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21. Where are you currently living?

	(%)
In a dorm on campus	0.0%
At home with my parents/guardians	80.0%
In an apartment/house near campus (alone or with roommates/housemates)	13.3%
Other:	0.0%
No Response	6.7%

22. Think about the time since you started college. Is the following statement true for you?

	Often True (%)	Sometimes True (%)	Never True (%)	No Response (%)
Since starting college, I have worried whether my food or meal plan would run out before I got money to buy more	0.0%	6.7%	86.7%	6.7%

23. Since you started college, have hunger problems caused you to do any of the following?

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
Miss a class	6.7%	86.7%	6.7%
Miss a study session	6.7%	86.7%	6.7%
Miss a club meeting	0.0%	93.3%	6.7%
Opt to not join an extracurricular activity	0.0%	93.3%	6.7%
Not buy a required textbook	6.7%	86.7%	6.7%
Drop a class	0.0%	93.3%	6.7%

24. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree (%)	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly Disagree (%)	No Response (%)
I feel welcome at my college.	60.0%	26.7%	0.0%	6.7%	6.7%
Since starting college, it has been easy to make new friends.	40.0%	46.7%	0.0%	6.7%	6.7%
I have the motivation to do what it takes to succeed in college.	40.0%	40.0%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%
My high school prepared me for college.	6.7%	46.7%	33.3%	6.7%	6.7%
My family is supportive of me pursuing a college education.	73.3%	13.3%	0.0%	6.7%	6.7%



25. In the past 12 months, how often have you...

	Never (%)	Rarely (%)	Sometimes (%)	Most of the time (%)	Always (%)	No Response (%)
...had a hard time staying focused on your homework or other things you had to do?	6.7%	13.3%	40.0%	33.3%	0.0%	6.7%
...been so worried about something that you could not sleep at night?	20.0%	13.3%	40.0%	20.0%	0.0%	6.7%

Section IV: Education Future

26. What are your plans for the spring 2020 semester?

	(%)
Remain enrolled at the same school	93.3%
Enroll at a different school	0.0%
I do not plan to be enrolled at any school	0.0%
I am unsure of my plans	0.0%
No Response	6.7%

27. In the previous question, if you indicated that you are planning to remain enrolled at the same school or that you are planning to enroll in a different school in the spring, how many courses do you plan to enroll in?

	(%)
The same as this semester	71.4%
Fewer than this semester	0.0%
More than this semester	28.6%
No Response	6.7%

28. In the previous question, if you indicated that you are not planning to enroll at any school in the spring, please select the reason(s) why below. Select all that apply.

	(%)
I cannot afford to pay for my next semester	0.0%
I am not doing well in my classes	0.0%
I am about to lose my financial aid	0.0%
I don't like being in college	0.0%
Other	0.0%

*Total may exceed 100% because respondents were able to select multiple items.



29. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be completed as early as October 1, 2019.
Have you or your student completed the FAFSA yet?

	(%)
No, and I do not plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year because I do not plan to be enrolled in postsecondary education next year.	0.0%
No, but I plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year.	46.7%
Yes	46.7%
No Response	6.7%

30. What kind of assistance/resources could have helped you have a better experience this semester?

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A• A financial aid staff that is willing to offer better assistance. Along with visiting the beckley branch more frequently. Communication between the beckley campus and the bluefield campus is very poor.• Study Halls with more hands on learning.
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