



2019-2020 Year 6 Postsecondary Survey
Institution Summary Report

Institution Name	Survey Type	Year	Number of Respondents (N)
Marshall University MU	Postsecondary	1 st year in college	21

Response Rates by Institution:

Surveys Administered	122
Postsecondary Surveys Received	21
Institution Response Rate (%)*	17.2%

Results (Percentages) by Section and Survey Question

Section I: Demographics

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	28.6%
Female	66.7%
Other	4.8%
No Response	0.0%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	100.0%
Black or African American	0.0%
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	90.5%
Other	0.0%
No Response	9.5%

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	28.6%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	19.0%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	23.8%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	14.3%
Master's degree	9.5%
Ph.D. or higher	0.0%
Don't know	4.8%
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	85.7%
2-year Associate's degree	4.8%
Postsecondary certificate	0.0%
I haven't decided on a degree yet	0.0%
I'm unsure which degree I'm pursuing	9.5%
No Response	0.0%

10. How many courses are you currently enrolled in?

	(%)
1	0.0%
2	0.0%
3	0.0%
4	9.5%
5 or more	90.5%
No Response	0.0%

11. Have you dropped any courses since starting college?

	(%)
No	81.0%
Yes, after discussing my decision with my GEAR UP coordinator and/or a staff member from my college	14.3%
Yes, but I did not discuss it with my GEAR UP coordinator or a staff member from my college	4.8%
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	47.6%
Someone else from your high school	28.6%
College staff	33.3%
Family member	85.7%
Friends or peers	71.4%
CFWV.com	19.0%
Other college planning website	4.8%
Other	0.0%

*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?	47.6%	47.6%	4.8%
Receive career counseling?	19.0%	76.2%	4.8%
Discuss your degree and/or major with someone from your college?	90.5%	9.5%	0.0%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
Spoke with your academic advisor	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sought tutoring, academic help, or went to your school's writing center	57.1%	38.1%	4.8%
Met one-on-one with at least one of your professors	81.0%	14.3%	4.8%
Spoke with a staff member from your school's office of financial aid	85.7%	14.3%	0.0%
Spoke with someone from your school's student support services	52.4%	42.9%	4.8%
Spoke with your transition coordinator/college counselor regarding your current schedule/course load	76.2%	19.0%	4.8%
Spoke with your transition coordinator/college counselor about financial aid	57.1%	38.1%	4.8%
Spoke with your transition coordinator/college counselor about the transition from high school to college	38.1%	57.1%	4.8%
Spoke with someone from your school regarding registering for classes next semester	90.5%	9.5%	0.0%



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	42.9%	57.1%	0.0%
Spoke with your GEAR UP coordinator about financial aid	38.1%	61.9%	0.0%
Spoke with your GEAR UP coordinator about the transition from high school to college	47.6%	52.4%	0.0%

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.	33.3%	0.0%	28.6%
Never; I know who this person is, but I do not need to speak to them.	19.0%	4.8%	4.8%
Less than once a month	19.0%	57.1%	33.3%
1–2 times a month	9.5%	19.0%	14.3%
3–4 times or more a month	9.5%	4.8%	9.5%
At least once a week	9.5%	14.3%	4.8%
No Response	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%

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

	(%)
Face-to-face meetings	90.5%
Text messages	14.3%
Email	61.9%
Phone	14.3%
Instagram	0.0%
Facebook	0.0%
Other	0.0%
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18. How many hours do you study each week?

	(%)
None	0.0%
1–5 hours	23.8%
6–10 hours	57.1%
11–15 hours	9.5%
More than 15 hours	9.5%
No Response	0.0%

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

	(%)
10 or less	0.0%
11–20 hours a week	9.5%
20–39 hours a week	4.8%
40 or more hours a week	4.8%
I do not currently have a job	76.2%
No Response	4.8%

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

	(%)
WV Promise Scholarship	38.1%
Other scholarship(s)	71.4%
Federal Pell Grant	52.4%
Federal student loan	57.1%
Private loan	14.3%
The state pays my tuition because I am/was in the foster care system	4.8%
WV Higher Education Grant	38.1%
WV Invests Grant	4.8%
College savings plan/529	4.8%
Federal work-study financial aid program	4.8%
I am using my own money to pay for tuition	19.0%
My family helps pay my tuition	33.3%
Other:	0.0%

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21. Where are you currently living?

	(%)
In a dorm on campus	81.0%
At home with my parents/guardians	14.3%
In an apartment/house near campus (alone or with roommates/housemates)	4.8%
Other:	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

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	9.5%	19.0%	71.4%	0.0%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
Miss a class	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Miss a study session	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Miss a club meeting	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Opt to not join an extracurricular activity	4.8%	95.2%	0.0%
Not buy a required textbook	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Drop a class	4.8%	95.2%	0.0%

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.	47.6%	42.9%	4.8%	0.0%	4.8%
Since starting college, it has been easy to make new friends.	38.1%	33.3%	14.3%	9.5%	4.8%
I have the motivation to do what it takes to succeed in college.	42.9%	47.6%	4.8%	0.0%	4.8%
My high school prepared me for college.	14.3%	23.8%	42.9%	14.3%	4.8%
My family is supportive of me pursuing a college education.	76.2%	19.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%



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?	4.8%	19.0%	38.1%	28.6%	4.8%	4.8%
...been so worried about something that you could not sleep at night?	19.0%	23.8%	28.6%	4.8%	19.0%	4.8%

Section IV: Education Future

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

	(%)
Remain enrolled at the same school	95.2%
Enroll at a different school	4.8%
I do not plan to be enrolled at any school	0.0%
I am unsure of my plans	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

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	57.1%
Fewer than this semester	4.8%
More than this semester	38.1%
No Response	0.0%

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%

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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.	47.6%
Yes	47.6%
No Response	4.8%

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better help finding scholarships to apply for next semester or fall semester, my schedule doesn't allow time to search for them.• N/A• I'm not sure.• More scholarships• I feel as if my experience went very well, no more assistance is needed.• Unsure, the assistance given has been thorough.• Just the financial aid office communicating with me properly, they suck• Gear up did not help me wasn't available for my class• N/A• More financial aid
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