



County Name	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
NICHOLAS County	Student Survey	9	242

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### County Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	256
Surveys Received*	242
<b>County Response Rate (%)</b>	<b>94.5%</b>

\*tables below include data only for those 237 students who provided assent.

### Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

#### 1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Female	46.0%
Male	53.6%
Other	0.4%
No Response	0.0%

#### 2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	95.8%
Black or African American	0.0%
Asian	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.4%
Two or more races	2.1%
Other	
No response	1.7%

#### 3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	3.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	82.3%
Other	
No Response	14.3%

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

	(%)
English	99.2%
Spanish	0.0%



Other	
No Response	0.8%

**5. Which of the following options best describes your family's total annual income?**

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	16.9%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	19.8%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	16.0%
\$100,001 or more	5.1%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	42.2%
No Response	0.0%

**6. What is the highest level of education obtained by your mother/father?**

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	8.4%	13.5%
High school diploma/GED	27.8%	32.5%
Some college	12.2%	13.5%
2-year college degree	6.8%	5.5%
4-year college degree	16.0%	9.7%
Master's degree	9.3%	3.4%
Ph.D. or higher	0.4%	0.0%
Don't know	19.0%	21.9%
No Response	0.0%	0.0%

**7. If you have other brothers or sisters, how many have attended college in the past or are in college now?**

	(%)
0	60.8%
1	22.4%
2	7.2%
3	2.5%
4	0.0%
5 or more	1.3%
I don't have brothers or sisters	5.5%
No Response	0.4%

**8. Do you plan to continue your education after high school?**

	(%)
Yes	89.9%
No	6.8%
No Response	3.4%

**8b. If you answered No, what are your main reasons you do not plan to continue your education?**



	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	56.3%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	37.5%
I need to work	37.5%
I want to work	75.0%
Family issues	0.0%
I plan to enlist in the military	25.0%
Other	

9. As you think about your current skills, how confident are you of your ability in the following areas?

	Very Confident (%)	Confident (%)	Not Confident (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
Math Skills	28.7%	48.1%	20.3%	3.0%	0.0%
English/Language Arts	28.3%	53.2%	14.3%	3.8%	0.4%
Science	21.1%	54.9%	18.1%	4.6%	1.3%
Study Skills	17.7%	58.2%	16.0%	6.3%	1.7%
Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment)	25.3%	49.4%	16.5%	8.0%	0.8%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	30.0%	42.2%	13.9%	13.1%	0.8%

10. What is the highest level of education that you...

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	6.3%	10.1%
Some college	10.5%	13.1%
Two-year associate's college degree	8.9%	11.0%
Four-year bachelor's college degree	35.9%	39.7%
More than a 4-year college degree	37.1%	23.6%
No Response	1.3%	2.5%

11. How sure are you about being able to do the following?

	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I can find a way to pay for college.	16.0%	21.5%	27.0%	17.7%	17.7%	0.0%
I can get accepted to a college.	20.7%	30.8%	23.6%	11.0%	13.9%	0.0%
I can have family support for going to college.	48.1%	21.9%	16.9%	5.1%	8.0%	0.0%
I can choose a good college.	35.4%	31.6%	19.0%	3.8%	8.9%	1.3%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	13.9%	22.8%	30.4%	12.7%	19.4%	0.8%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	16.5%	26.6%	27.0%	13.1%	15.6%	1.3%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	43.5%	26.2%	16.0%	5.5%	8.4%	0.4%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	34.6%	31.6%	19.0%	6.8%	8.0%	0.0%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	8.4%	15.6%	28.3%	25.7%	21.5%	0.4%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	23.6%	30.4%	23.2%	11.8%	11.0%	0.0%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	15.6%	32.9%	29.1%	11.4%	9.7%	1.3%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	20.7%	35.0%	23.6%	8.0%	12.2%	0.4%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	18.1%	24.9%	29.1%	11.8%	15.2%	0.8%
I can go to college after high school.	36.3%	22.4%	21.1%	7.6%	12.2%	0.4%

**12. If you do go to college, how sure are you about being able to do the following?**

	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I could pay for each year of college.	12.7%	19.0%	29.1%	17.3%	21.9%	0.0%
I could get A's and B's in college.	14.8%	27.8%	32.5%	12.7%	11.4%	0.8%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	40.9%	27.0%	14.8%	3.4%	13.5%	0.4%
I could take care of myself in college.	40.5%	29.1%	16.0%	6.3%	8.0%	0.0%
I could fit in at college.	32.1%	30.4%	16.9%	7.2%	13.5%	0.0%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	24.5%	31.6%	21.5%	10.5%	11.4%	0.4%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	30.8%	34.2%	18.1%	5.1%	11.4%	0.4%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	24.9%	32.1%	22.4%	5.5%	13.9%	1.3%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	27.0%	35.9%	19.8%	5.9%	10.5%	0.8%
I could make friends at college.	40.9%	30.0%	12.7%	4.6%	11.4%	0.4%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	35.4%	30.8%	18.6%	5.1%	9.3%	0.8%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	37.1%	35.0%	13.5%	3.8%	9.7%	0.8%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I would like being in college.	34.6%	29.1%	19.0%	6.3%	10.5%	0.4%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	29.1%	32.1%	16.5%	8.0%	13.5%	0.8%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	27.0%	37.1%	19.0%	5.1%	10.5%	1.3%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	29.5%	32.1%	21.1%	4.2%	12.7%	0.4%

**13. Has anyone from your school or GEAR UP ever spoken with you about...**

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement	58.6%	40.5%	0.8%
Availability of Financial Aid	51.9%	46.4%	1.7%

**14. Are you knowledgeable about financial aid and the cost and benefits to you of going to college?**

	(%)
Yes	56.5%
No	37.1%
No Response	6.3%

**15. Do you think that you could afford to attend one of the following types of colleges using financial aid, scholarships, and your family's resources?**

	A public 4-year college (%)	A public community/ technical college (%)	A public career/ technical center (%)
Definitely	22.4%	28.3%	27.8%
Probably	40.1%	36.3%	34.6%
Not Sure	19.8%	20.3%	23.6%
Probably Not	9.3%	9.3%	8.0%
Definitely Not	8.4%	5.5%	5.5%
No Response	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%



16. How much do you think it costs for one year of in-state tuition (your estimate should not include the cost of food, housing, or books) at...

	4-year University or College (%)	Public Community or Technical College (%)
Up to \$4,000	7.6%	11.8%
\$4,001 - \$8,000	16.0%	23.6%
\$8,001 - \$11,000	20.7%	26.2%
\$11,001 - \$16,000	17.7%	20.7%
\$16,001 - \$21,000	15.6%	7.2%
\$21,001 - \$26,000	13.1%	5.1%
>\$26,000	8.9%	5.5%
No response	0.4%	0.0%

\*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

17. How aware are you about the following topics (by percentage)?

	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
FAFSA	4.6%	16.9%	33.3%	44.3%	0.8%
College Savings Plan/529	5.9%	20.3%	29.1%	44.3%	0.4%
ACT /SAT	19.8%	37.1%	25.7%	14.8%	2.5%
WV Higher Education Grant	8.9%	28.7%	25.3%	35.9%	1.3%
Federal Pell Grants	5.9%	20.7%	25.3%	46.8%	1.3%
Federal Student Loans	13.1%	29.5%	29.5%	27.0%	0.8%
Federal Work-Study	7.2%	20.7%	25.3%	45.6%	1.3%
Scholarships	25.3%	38.0%	23.6%	12.2%	0.8%
Requirements for College Acceptance	17.3%	35.0%	27.4%	19.4%	0.8%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	35.0%	30.4%	19.8%	14.3%	0.4%
High School Graduation Requirements	32.5%	37.6%	17.7%	9.7%	2.5%

18. What do you think is the maximum amount of money per academic year that is available to help pay for college...

	Federal Pell Grant (%)	WV Higher Education Grant (%)	PROMISE Scholarship (%)
Up to \$1,000	7.2%	5.5%	6.8%
\$1,001- \$2000	8.9%	9.7%	7.2%
\$2,001-\$3,000	17.7%	12.2%	10.1%
\$3,001-\$4,000	18.1%	21.1%	15.6%
\$4,001-\$5,000	21.1%	20.7%	20.7%
\$5,001-\$6,000	11.8%	11.4%	12.2%



	Federal Pell Grant (%)	WV Higher Education Grant (%)	PROMISE Scholarship (%)
\$6,001-\$7,000	6.3%	8.4%	13.1%
>\$7,000	6.8%	9.7%	13.9%
No Response	2.1%	1.3%	0.4%

\*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

**19. How important have the following resources, individuals, or tools been in gathering information about your options for college?**

	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
College or university websites	19.0%	35.0%	25.7%	20.3%	0.0%
College Foundation of WV website	16.5%	30.4%	30.0%	22.8%	0.4%
Other college planning websites	11.0%	28.7%	32.1%	27.0%	1.3%
College fairs	11.8%	27.4%	27.8%	32.9%	0.0%
Television	14.3%	29.5%	35.4%	19.4%	1.3%
Radio	12.2%	24.9%	29.1%	33.3%	0.4%
Direct mail	16.5%	21.5%	28.3%	33.8%	0.0%
E-mail	16.9%	22.8%	21.9%	37.6%	0.8%
Brochures and pamphlets	11.4%	34.6%	29.1%	24.9%	0.0%
Magazines/newspapers	10.5%	27.8%	28.7%	32.1%	0.8%
Signs, posters, or billboards	11.4%	27.0%	32.5%	28.3%	0.8%
Text messages	14.8%	20.7%	21.5%	40.9%	2.1%
School counselor	19.4%	28.7%	31.6%	19.4%	0.8%
Family members	26.6%	33.8%	25.7%	13.5%	0.4%
GEAR UP staff	24.1%	32.1%	23.6%	19.8%	0.4%
College admissions representatives	19.8%	25.3%	25.7%	28.7%	0.4%

**20. Which of the following do you need from your school or GEAR UP to help you be more successful in school and more prepared for college (check all that apply)?**

Support Needed	(%)
More advanced classes (e.g., AP)	39.7%
Information about participating in GEAR UP events	43.0%
Tutoring	33.3%
Opportunities to participate in college visits	57.0%
Information about college entrance requirements	59.5%
Information about college financial aid/scholarships	60.3%
Leadership opportunities	34.2%
Summer activities	27.4%



Support Needed	(%)
Career exploration activities	50.2%
Test preparation	45.6%
Assistance with the college entrance process	44.7%
Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA)	44.7%
Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish)	25.3%
Other	