



Report/Name	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
County / MASON	Student Survey	12	147

School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	271
Surveys Received*	147
School Response Rate (%)	54.2%

*tables below include data only for those 146 students who provided assent.

Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Female	48.6%
Male	45.9%
Other	4.8%
No Response	0.7%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	91.8%
Black or African American	2.1%
Asian	0.7%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	3.4%
Other	Murican;
No response	2.1%

3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	5.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino	74.0%
Other	caucasian; 'Murican
No Response	20.5%

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

	(%)
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English	97.3%
Spanish	1.4%
Other	French
No Response	1.4%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	19.9%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	19.2%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	14.4%
\$100,001 or more	7.5%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	38.4%
No Response	0.7%

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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	8.2%	10.3%
High school diploma/GED	24.0%	38.4%
Some college	25.3%	11.6%
2-year college degree	8.2%	8.9%
4-year college degree	15.8%	8.9%
Master's degree	6.8%	2.1%
Ph.D. or higher	0.0%	1.4%
Don't know	11.0%	18.5%
No Response	0.7%	0.0%

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

	(%)
0	46.6%
1	24.7%
2	11.0%
3	4.1%
4	0.7%
5 or more	1.4%
I don't have brothers or sisters	11.6%
No Response	0.0%

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

	(%)
Yes	83.6%
No	11.0%
No Response	5.5%



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

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	18.8%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	43.8%
I need to work	68.8%
I want to work	56.3%
Family issues	12.5%
I plan to enlist in the military	25.0%
Other	i am ileagle; college is stupid ; Prostitution;Train jobs just need GED ; Can make good money starting out Don't want to join

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	22.6%	43.8%	26.7%	6.2%	0.7%
English/Language Arts	29.5%	56.2%	9.6%	4.1%	0.7%
Science	27.4%	54.1%	14.4%	3.4%	0.7%
Study Skills	18.5%	58.9%	15.8%	5.5%	1.4%
Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment)	21.9%	52.1%	14.4%	9.6%	2.1%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	24.0%	50.0%	14.4%	11.0%	0.7%

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

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	8.9%	11.0%
Some college	9.6%	11.0%
Two-year associate's college degree	11.6%	13.0%
Four-year bachelor's college degree	42.5%	40.4%
More than a 4-year college degree	27.4%	23.3%
No Response	0.0%	1.4%

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.	20.5%	21.2%	27.4%	18.5%	11.0%	1.4%
I can get accepted to a college.	43.2%	25.3%	12.3%	8.9%	10.3%	0.0%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I can have family support for going to college.	45.2%	18.5%	16.4%	9.6%	8.2%	2.1%
I can choose a good college.	39.7%	30.1%	13.0%	8.9%	8.2%	0.0%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	22.6%	28.1%	22.6%	13.7%	11.6%	1.4%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	24.0%	34.2%	17.8%	11.6%	10.3%	2.1%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	43.8%	28.8%	10.3%	8.2%	8.2%	0.7%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	30.8%	35.6%	17.1%	9.6%	6.2%	0.7%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	12.3%	19.2%	24.0%	29.5%	14.4%	0.7%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	33.6%	28.8%	21.9%	8.9%	5.5%	1.4%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	28.8%	37.0%	19.2%	8.9%	4.8%	1.4%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	36.3%	29.5%	19.9%	7.5%	6.2%	0.7%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	30.8%	29.5%	21.2%	11.6%	6.8%	0.0%
I can go to college after high school.	47.9%	24.0%	12.3%	6.8%	7.5%	1.4%

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.	11.0%	20.5%	28.8%	20.5%	17.8%	1.4%
I could get A's and B's in college.	15.8%	30.1%	32.2%	11.6%	8.2%	2.1%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	37.0%	27.4%	18.5%	6.8%	8.2%	2.1%
I could take care of myself in college.	32.9%	36.3%	16.4%	6.2%	6.2%	2.1%
I could fit in at college.	26.0%	34.2%	19.9%	8.9%	8.2%	2.7%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	24.7%	29.5%	22.6%	10.3%	9.6%	3.4%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	31.5%	34.2%	17.1%	8.2%	6.8%	2.1%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	23.3%	28.1%	23.3%	11.0%	11.6%	2.7%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	19.9%	39.0%	19.9%	8.2%	9.6%	3.4%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I could make friends at college.	25.3%	39.0%	18.5%	8.2%	6.8%	2.1%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	30.8%	34.2%	15.8%	8.9%	8.2%	2.1%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	31.5%	31.5%	19.9%	6.8%	8.2%	2.1%
I would like being in college.	28.1%	31.5%	19.9%	9.6%	8.9%	2.1%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	30.8%	32.2%	18.5%	8.9%	7.5%	2.1%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	25.3%	36.3%	19.2%	8.2%	8.9%	2.1%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	26.0%	34.9%	19.9%	8.9%	8.2%	2.1%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement	65.8%	32.9%	1.4%
Availability of Financial Aid	74.0%	22.6%	3.4%

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

	(%)
Yes	71.2%
No	23.3%
No Response	5.5%

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	21.2%	30.8%	32.2%
Probably	45.2%	36.3%	34.9%
Not Sure	21.2%	15.8%	15.8%
Probably Not	7.5%	6.2%	6.8%
Definitely Not	4.8%	6.2%	5.5%
No Response	0.0%	4.8%	4.8%



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	6.8%	15.1%
\$4,001 - \$8,000	21.2%	27.4%
\$8,001 - \$11,000	18.5%	18.5%
\$11,001 - \$16,000	15.8%	20.5%
\$16,001 - \$21,000	21.2%	10.3%
\$21,001 - \$26,000	10.3%	5.5%
>\$26,000	5.5%	2.7%
No response	0.7%	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	29.5%	37.7%	20.5%	10.3%	2.1%
College Savings Plan/529	9.6%	26.7%	25.3%	36.3%	2.1%
ACT /SAT	49.3%	30.1%	10.3%	8.9%	1.4%
WV Higher Education Grant	16.4%	28.8%	24.7%	28.1%	2.1%
Federal Pell Grants	15.1%	32.9%	21.9%	28.8%	1.4%
Federal Student Loans	16.4%	40.4%	26.7%	15.1%	1.4%
Federal Work-Study	13.0%	32.9%	25.3%	27.4%	1.4%
Scholarships	34.2%	39.7%	16.4%	8.9%	0.7%
Requirements for College Acceptance	37.0%	34.2%	16.4%	9.6%	2.7%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	45.9%	32.2%	12.3%	7.5%	2.1%
High School Graduation Requirements	51.4%	30.1%	8.9%	8.2%	1.4%

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	5.5%	6.2%	6.2%
\$1,001- \$2000	5.5%	6.2%	4.8%
\$2,001-\$3,000	13.7%	12.3%	12.3%
\$3,001-\$4,000	15.1%	13.7%	12.3%
\$4,001-\$5,000	21.9%	22.6%	23.3%



	Federal Pell Grant (%)	WV Higher Education Grant (%)	PROMISE Scholarship (%)
\$5,001-\$6,000	17.8%	20.5%	14.4%
\$6,001-\$7,000	7.5%	6.8%	7.5%
>\$7,000	9.6%	10.3%	17.1%
No Response	3.4%	1.4%	2.1%

*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	31.5%	39.7%	19.2%	8.2%	1.4%
College Foundation of WV website	20.5%	39.7%	21.9%	16.4%	1.4%
Other college planning websites	18.5%	38.4%	26.0%	15.8%	1.4%
College fairs	24.0%	41.1%	21.2%	12.3%	1.4%
Television	13.0%	28.1%	28.1%	29.5%	1.4%
Radio	13.0%	24.7%	24.0%	37.0%	1.4%
Direct mail	23.3%	36.3%	20.5%	19.9%	0.0%
E-mail	26.7%	33.6%	21.2%	16.4%	2.1%
Brochures and pamphlets	21.9%	35.6%	29.5%	11.6%	1.4%
Magazines/newspapers	11.6%	28.1%	25.3%	34.2%	0.7%
Signs, posters, or billboards	11.0%	30.1%	31.5%	26.7%	0.7%
Text messages	17.1%	26.7%	21.9%	32.9%	1.4%
School counselor	32.2%	36.3%	15.1%	15.1%	1.4%
Family members	24.0%	42.5%	21.9%	11.0%	0.7%
GEAR UP staff	16.4%	36.3%	25.3%	21.2%	0.7%
College admissions representatives	24.7%	38.4%	21.2%	13.0%	2.7%

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)	32.9%
Information about participating in GEAR UP events	25.3%
Tutoring	21.9%
Opportunities to participate in college visits	44.5%
Information about college entrance requirements	36.3%
Information about college financial aid/scholarships	44.5%
Leadership opportunities	23.3%



Support Needed	(%)
Summer activities	16.4%
Career exploration activities	43.2%
Test preparation	50.7%
Assistance with the college entrance process	41.1%
Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA)	35.6%
Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish)	12.3%
Other money; money; Everything; Money; Money; People who really care	

21. Have you completed your FAFSA yet?

	(%)
No, I do not plan to complete it this academic year.	13.7%
No, but I plan to complete it this academic year.	38.4%
Yes.	47.9%
No Response	0.0%

22. Have you taken the SAT or ACT tests?

	(%)
No, and I do not plan to take either this academic year.	13.7%
No, but I plan to take SAT and/or ACT this academic year.	26.0%
Yes.	59.6%
No Response	0.7%

23. How many college applications have you completed?

	(%)
0, and I do not plan to complete any this academic year.	13.0%
0, but I plan to complete one or more this academic year.	20.5%
1.	20.5%
2 or more.	45.9%
No Response	0.0%