



County Name	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
MASON County	Student Survey	9	235

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### County Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	299
Surveys Received*	235
<b>County Response Rate (%)</b>	<b>78.6%</b>

\*tables below include data only for those 232 students who provided assent.

### Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

#### 1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Female	42.2%
Male	55.2%
Other	2.2%
No Response	0.4%

#### 2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	87.1%
Black or African American	3.0%
Asian	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	5.2%
Other	Jewish; Russian; im every race;
No response	3.0%

#### 3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	4.3%
Not Hispanic or Latino	78.0%
Other	Jewish;
No Response	17.7%



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

	(%)
English	98.3%
Spanish	0.0%
Other	Jewish; russian;
No Response	1.7%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	12.5%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	17.2%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	9.9%
\$100,001 or more	8.2%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	52.2%
No Response	0.0%

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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	6.0%	8.6%
High school diploma/GED	25.9%	27.2%
Some college	11.6%	11.6%
2-year college degree	6.5%	7.3%
4-year college degree	15.9%	10.3%
Master's degree	5.6%	3.0%
Ph.D. or higher	1.7%	1.7%
Don't know	26.7%	29.7%
No Response	0.0%	0.4%

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

	(%)
0	59.9%
1	21.6%
2	6.5%
3	3.0%
4	1.3%
5 or more	1.7%
I don't have brothers or sisters	6.0%
No Response	0.0%

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



	(%)
Yes	85.3%
No	9.9%
No Response	4.7%

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

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	21.7%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	43.5%
I need to work	26.1%
I want to work	43.5%
Family issues	8.7%
I plan to enlist in the military	39.1%
Other	I'm simply unsure what I want to do.; dont feel confident to pass collage; I plan to live off my family

**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	33.2%	49.1%	11.6%	5.2%	0.9%
English/Language Arts	31.5%	48.7%	10.8%	7.8%	1.3%
Science	23.7%	53.4%	16.4%	4.7%	1.7%
Study Skills	24.6%	51.7%	14.2%	7.3%	2.2%
Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment)	29.7%	48.7%	10.8%	8.6%	2.2%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	25.0%	45.7%	8.6%	19.4%	1.3%

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

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	6.9%	11.6%
Some college	11.6%	15.1%
Two-year associate's college degree	9.1%	12.5%
Four-year bachelor's college degree	35.3%	37.1%
More than a 4-year college degree	36.2%	22.8%
No Response	0.9%	0.9%

**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.	22.0%	19.0%	25.4%	15.1%	18.1%	0.4%
I can get accepted to a college.	24.6%	26.3%	25.0%	9.5%	13.4%	1.3%
I can have family support for going to college.	43.1%	19.4%	21.1%	5.2%	10.3%	0.9%
I can choose a good college.	30.2%	36.2%	16.8%	6.5%	9.1%	1.3%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	15.5%	21.1%	31.9%	13.4%	17.7%	0.4%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	18.1%	28.4%	27.6%	9.5%	15.1%	1.3%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	40.5%	26.3%	17.2%	6.0%	9.5%	0.4%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	29.7%	29.3%	24.1%	6.5%	9.9%	0.4%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	9.5%	18.1%	25.4%	23.3%	22.8%	0.9%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	28.9%	27.6%	27.6%	6.5%	8.6%	0.9%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	22.0%	26.3%	28.4%	12.9%	9.5%	0.9%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	25.4%	25.4%	30.2%	7.8%	9.9%	1.3%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	19.0%	23.3%	31.5%	12.1%	12.9%	1.3%
I can go to college after high school.	37.5%	24.6%	21.6%	6.5%	9.1%	0.9%

**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.	12.9%	24.6%	24.6%	15.5%	22.0%	0.4%
I could get A's and B's in college.	16.8%	28.0%	28.0%	12.1%	14.7%	0.4%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	45.7%	21.6%	18.5%	4.3%	9.1%	0.9%
I could take care of myself in college.	40.9%	27.2%	20.7%	4.7%	6.0%	0.4%
I could fit in at college.	28.4%	29.3%	21.6%	9.1%	10.3%	1.3%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	25.0%	30.2%	26.7%	7.8%	8.6%	1.7%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	31.0%	32.3%	19.4%	6.0%	10.8%	0.4%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	25.4%	30.6%	23.7%	9.5%	9.9%	0.9%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I could set my own schedule while in college.	22.4%	33.2%	25.9%	4.7%	12.9%	0.9%
I could make friends at college.	36.6%	28.4%	18.1%	8.2%	7.8%	0.9%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	31.5%	32.3%	18.5%	5.2%	12.1%	0.4%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	37.1%	29.7%	18.1%	5.2%	8.6%	1.3%
I would like being in college.	28.4%	25.0%	22.4%	11.6%	10.8%	1.7%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	30.6%	25.4%	26.3%	8.6%	8.2%	0.9%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	28.9%	29.3%	26.3%	6.5%	8.2%	0.9%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	28.4%	31.0%	26.3%	4.3%	9.1%	0.9%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement	71.6%	27.6%	0.9%
Availability of Financial Aid	69.4%	27.6%	3.0%

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

	(%)
Yes	64.7%
No	28.9%
No Response	6.5%

**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	26.3%	26.3%	28.9%
Probably	31.0%	33.6%	32.3%
Not Sure	29.7%	28.4%	26.7%
Probably Not	6.5%	6.5%	6.0%
Definitely Not	6.0%	4.3%	4.7%
No Response	0.4%	0.9%	1.3%

**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	6.5%	12.5%
\$4,001 - \$8,000	17.7%	22.0%
\$8,001 - \$11,000	18.1%	24.1%
\$11,001 - \$16,000	18.1%	15.1%
\$16,001 - \$21,000	17.7%	11.2%
\$21,001 - \$26,000	11.6%	8.2%
>\$26,000	9.9%	6.0%
No response	0.4%	0.9%

\*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	7.8%	21.6%	37.1%	32.8%	0.9%
College Savings Plan/529	6.9%	22.8%	31.5%	37.1%	1.7%
ACT /SAT	23.7%	35.3%	22.8%	17.2%	0.9%
WV Higher Education Grant	9.1%	28.4%	32.3%	29.3%	0.9%
Federal Pell Grants	7.3%	20.7%	31.0%	39.7%	1.3%
Federal Student Loans	13.8%	33.6%	31.9%	19.4%	1.3%
Federal Work-Study	7.8%	24.6%	34.9%	31.5%	1.3%
Scholarships	29.3%	35.8%	21.1%	12.5%	1.3%
Requirements for College Acceptance	20.3%	37.5%	24.6%	16.4%	1.3%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	38.4%	29.7%	19.4%	11.6%	0.9%
High School Graduation Requirements	37.1%	33.6%	17.2%	10.8%	1.3%

**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	4.7%	5.2%	5.2%
\$1,001- \$2000	4.3%	2.2%	6.0%
\$2,001-\$3,000	15.5%	12.1%	12.5%
\$3,001-\$4,000	22.0%	13.4%	12.9%
\$4,001-\$5,000	20.3%	22.4%	15.1%
\$5,001-\$6,000	12.9%	17.7%	15.9%
\$6,001-\$7,000	5.2%	11.2%	12.1%
>\$7,000	12.1%	11.2%	19.4%



	Federal Pell Grant (%)	WV Higher Education Grant (%)	PROMISE Scholarship (%)
No Response	3.0%	4.7%	0.9%

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**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	22.8%	37.1%	22.8%	15.1%	2.2%
College Foundation of WV website	20.7%	37.9%	24.1%	16.4%	0.9%
Other college planning websites	15.1%	37.5%	25.9%	20.7%	0.9%
College fairs	15.1%	33.6%	28.4%	22.0%	0.9%
Television	15.1%	32.3%	31.0%	20.3%	1.3%
Radio	10.3%	29.3%	31.5%	27.2%	1.7%
Direct mail	9.9%	32.8%	26.3%	28.9%	2.2%
E-mail	11.2%	29.7%	26.3%	31.9%	0.9%
Brochures and pamphlets	9.9%	37.9%	27.2%	23.3%	1.7%
Magazines/newspapers	10.3%	30.6%	30.6%	27.2%	1.3%
Signs, posters, or billboards	12.5%	31.0%	34.5%	21.1%	0.9%
Text messages	10.3%	25.4%	27.6%	34.9%	1.7%
School counselor	33.2%	33.2%	18.5%	12.9%	2.2%
Family members	29.7%	34.1%	21.1%	12.9%	2.2%
GEAR UP staff	29.3%	31.0%	24.1%	14.2%	1.3%
College admissions representatives	24.1%	28.9%	23.7%	21.6%	1.7%

**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)	48.3%
Information about participating in GEAR UP events	43.5%
Tutoring	29.7%
Opportunities to participate in college visits	60.3%
Information about college entrance requirements	59.5%
Information about college financial aid/scholarships	54.3%
Leadership opportunities	44.0%
Summer activities	30.6%
Career exploration activities	51.3%
Test preparation	54.7%



Support Needed	(%)
Assistance with the college entrance process	44.0%
Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA)	39.2%
Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish)	21.6%
Other know more about scholarships; skills on the work; Because; marshall university.; im not going to college; money please;	