



Report/Name	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
County / NICHOLAS	Student Survey	12	213

School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	263
Surveys Received*	213
School Response Rate (%)	81.0%

*tables below include data only for those 205 students who provided assent.

Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Female	45.4%
Male	53.7%
Other	0.5%
No Response	0.5%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	96.6%
Black or African American	1.0%
Asian	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	1.0%
Other	
No response	1.0%

3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	2.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	81.0%
Other	white; english; White
No Response	17.1%

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



	(%)
English	97.6%
Spanish	0.5%
Other	
No Response	2.0%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	20.0%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	27.3%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	16.1%
\$100,001 or more	9.3%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	27.3%
No Response	0.0%

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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	5.4%	12.2%
High school diploma/GED	39.0%	46.8%
Some college	15.6%	11.2%
2-year college degree	8.3%	4.9%
4-year college degree	15.6%	12.7%
Master's degree	8.8%	2.9%
Ph.D. or higher	1.0%	1.5%
Don't know	5.9%	7.3%
No Response	0.5%	0.5%

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

	(%)
0	55.1%
1	25.4%
2	6.3%
3	3.9%
4	1.5%
5 or more	0.0%
I don't have brothers or sisters	7.3%
No Response	0.5%

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

	(%)
Yes	89.8%
No	8.8%



No Response	1.5%
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8b. If you answered No, what are your main reasons you do not plan to continue your education?

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	16.7%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	38.9%
I need to work	33.3%
I want to work	38.9%
Family issues	5.6%
I plan to enlist in the military	22.2%
Other	I plan to be a Police Officer

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	20.0%	42.4%	35.1%	2.0%	0.5%
English/Language Arts	35.6%	56.1%	4.9%	2.9%	0.5%
Science	24.9%	55.1%	12.2%	5.9%	2.0%
Study Skills	17.1%	59.5%	18.5%	3.4%	1.5%
Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment)	22.9%	51.2%	15.1%	9.3%	1.5%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	25.9%	52.7%	9.8%	8.8%	2.9%

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

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	4.9%	6.8%
Some college	17.1%	18.0%
Two-year associate's college degree	10.2%	11.2%
Four-year bachelor's college degree	38.0%	41.0%
More than a 4-year college degree	28.8%	22.4%
No Response	1.0%	0.5%

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.	14.6%	21.0%	42.0%	15.6%	5.9%	1.0%
I can get accepted to a college.	47.8%	17.6%	23.4%	4.4%	6.8%	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.	42.9%	29.3%	16.1%	7.3%	4.4%	0.0%
I can choose a good college.	44.4%	31.7%	16.1%	3.9%	3.4%	0.5%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	18.5%	25.4%	27.3%	18.0%	10.7%	0.0%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	17.6%	36.1%	26.3%	12.2%	7.3%	0.5%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	47.3%	29.8%	15.6%	3.9%	2.9%	0.5%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	36.1%	38.5%	18.5%	3.9%	2.9%	0.0%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	10.2%	14.6%	31.2%	31.2%	12.7%	0.0%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	27.8%	29.8%	30.2%	6.3%	5.9%	0.0%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	32.7%	35.6%	21.0%	5.4%	5.4%	0.0%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	30.7%	37.1%	21.5%	5.4%	5.4%	0.0%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	31.2%	36.6%	16.6%	8.3%	7.3%	0.0%
I can go to college after high school.	49.8%	28.8%	11.2%	4.9%	4.4%	1.0%

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.	12.2%	21.0%	35.1%	18.5%	12.2%	1.0%
I could get A's and B's in college.	12.7%	30.2%	37.1%	11.7%	7.3%	1.0%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	46.3%	26.8%	14.6%	4.9%	6.3%	1.0%
I could take care of myself in college.	38.0%	36.6%	15.1%	2.9%	6.3%	1.0%
I could fit in at college.	33.2%	36.1%	18.5%	4.9%	6.3%	1.0%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	27.3%	31.7%	23.9%	8.3%	7.8%	1.0%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	40.0%	31.7%	16.6%	4.4%	5.9%	1.5%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	25.4%	34.1%	26.3%	6.8%	6.3%	1.0%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	27.3%	37.6%	20.0%	7.8%	6.3%	1.0%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I could make friends at college.	36.6%	36.6%	14.1%	6.8%	4.9%	1.0%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	36.6%	38.5%	14.6%	4.4%	4.9%	1.0%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	37.6%	36.1%	15.6%	4.4%	5.4%	1.0%
I would like being in college.	32.7%	30.2%	22.4%	6.8%	6.3%	1.5%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	33.7%	36.6%	15.6%	5.4%	6.8%	2.0%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	30.2%	37.6%	19.5%	4.4%	6.8%	1.5%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	28.8%	39.5%	19.0%	5.4%	5.4%	2.0%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement	74.6%	23.9%	1.5%
Availability of Financial Aid	86.8%	12.2%	1.0%

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

	(%)
Yes	79.5%
No	18.5%
No Response	2.0%

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	25.9%	32.2%	37.1%
Probably	40.0%	38.0%	35.6%
Not Sure	17.1%	15.1%	14.6%
Probably Not	8.3%	3.9%	3.4%
Definitely Not	7.8%	4.4%	3.9%
No Response	1.0%	6.3%	5.4%



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	5.4%	19.0%
\$4,001 - \$8,000	17.1%	31.7%
\$8,001 - \$11,000	24.4%	23.9%
\$11,001 - \$16,000	16.1%	10.7%
\$16,001 - \$21,000	16.6%	7.8%
\$21,001 - \$26,000	12.2%	2.4%
>\$26,000	7.3%	3.9%
No response	1.0%	0.5%

*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	33.7%	45.4%	13.2%	6.8%	1.0%
College Savings Plan/529	7.8%	24.9%	24.4%	42.0%	1.0%
ACT /SAT	50.2%	34.6%	9.3%	4.9%	1.0%
WV Higher Education Grant	10.7%	35.6%	25.4%	27.3%	1.0%
Federal Pell Grants	10.7%	32.2%	26.8%	28.8%	1.5%
Federal Student Loans	15.6%	44.9%	24.9%	13.7%	1.0%
Federal Work-Study	12.2%	36.6%	22.0%	27.3%	2.0%
Scholarships	43.9%	36.6%	13.2%	5.4%	1.0%
Requirements for College Acceptance	41.5%	37.1%	14.1%	5.4%	2.0%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	51.7%	30.2%	11.7%	5.4%	1.0%
High School Graduation Requirements	62.4%	27.3%	6.3%	2.4%	1.5%

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	6.8%	4.4%	2.9%
\$1,001- \$2000	5.9%	4.4%	5.4%
\$2,001-\$3,000	9.3%	13.2%	6.3%
\$3,001-\$4,000	17.1%	15.6%	13.2%
\$4,001-\$5,000	21.5%	22.4%	34.6%



	Federal Pell Grant (%)	WV Higher Education Grant (%)	PROMISE Scholarship (%)
\$5,001-\$6,000	22.4%	18.5%	10.7%
\$6,001-\$7,000	4.4%	8.8%	9.8%
>\$7,000	10.7%	11.2%	15.6%
No Response	2.0%	1.5%	1.5%

*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	39.0%	36.6%	16.6%	6.3%	1.5%
College Foundation of WV website	28.8%	37.6%	23.4%	8.3%	2.0%
Other college planning websites	16.1%	35.1%	30.7%	16.1%	2.0%
College fairs	30.2%	38.5%	19.5%	9.3%	2.4%
Television	10.2%	27.8%	27.8%	32.2%	2.0%
Radio	10.2%	23.9%	22.4%	41.5%	2.0%
Direct mail	25.4%	36.1%	20.5%	16.1%	2.0%
E-mail	30.7%	35.6%	15.1%	16.6%	2.0%
Brochures and pamphlets	19.5%	41.5%	22.9%	14.1%	2.0%
Magazines/newspapers	10.7%	29.3%	25.4%	32.7%	2.0%
Signs, posters, or billboards	13.2%	29.8%	23.9%	31.2%	2.0%
Text messages	15.6%	24.9%	21.5%	35.6%	2.4%
School counselor	31.2%	35.1%	17.6%	13.2%	2.9%
Family members	26.8%	40.0%	20.0%	11.2%	2.0%
GEAR UP staff	22.9%	36.6%	20.5%	17.6%	2.4%
College admissions representatives	27.8%	40.0%	16.1%	13.7%	2.4%

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)	26.3%
Information about participating in GEAR UP events	33.7%
Tutoring	34.6%
Opportunities to participate in college visits	51.7%
Information about college entrance requirements	44.9%
Information about college financial aid/scholarships	59.0%
Leadership opportunities	25.4%



Support Needed	(%)
Summer activities	20.0%
Career exploration activities	53.2%
Test preparation	44.9%
Assistance with the college entrance process	40.5%
Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA)	37.1%
Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish)	12.2%
Other	Not being counted absent after so many college visits if you are a senior. College is about the rest of your life and you want to make the best decisions possible.; DONT CARE ENOUGH; counseling;

21. Have you completed your FAFSA yet?

	(%)
No, I do not plan to complete it this academic year.	12.2%
No, but I plan to complete it this academic year.	33.7%
Yes.	52.7%
No Response	1.5%

22. Have you taken the SAT or ACT tests?

	(%)
No, and I do not plan to take either this academic year.	14.6%
No, but I plan to take SAT and/or ACT this academic year.	22.0%
Yes.	62.4%
No Response	1.0%

23. How many college applications have you completed?

	(%)
0, and I do not plan to complete any this academic year.	8.8%
0, but I plan to complete one or more this academic year.	15.6%
1.	21.5%
2 or more.	52.7%
No Response	1.5%