



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

County Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	299
Surveys Received*	235
County Response Rate (%)	78.6%

*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%

*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	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;	