



School Name/Code	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Mason County / 049	Student Survey	10	199

School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	297
Grade 10 Surveys Received	199
School Response Rate (%)*	67.0%

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

Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	49.7%
Female	47.7%
Other	2.5%
No Response	0.0%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	88.9%
Black or African American	1.5%
Asian	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	6.0%
Other	
No response	2.0%

3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	5.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino	76.4%
Other	
No Response	18.1%



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

	(%)
English	95.0%
Spanish	2.0%
Other	
No Response	3.0%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	12.6%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	20.1%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	12.6%
\$100,001 or more	11.1%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	43.7%
No Response	0.0%

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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	6.0%	9.0%
High school diploma/GED	25.6%	34.7%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	13.6%	11.6%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	7.0%	6.5%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	22.1%	11.1%
Master's degree	7.0%	2.5%
Ph.D. or higher	1.5%	2.5%
Don't know	16.6%	21.6%
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	60.8%
1	20.1%
2	6.0%
3	1.0%
4	2.0%
5 or more	3.0%
I don't have brothers or sisters	6.5%
No Response	0.5%

8. 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	31.2%	45.7%	19.1%	3.5%	0.5%
English/Language Arts	24.1%	55.3%	16.1%	3.0%	1.5%
Science	22.6%	55.8%	15.6%	3.5%	2.5%
Study Skills	26.6%	43.7%	22.1%	6.5%	1.0%
Ability to pass the end-of-year tests	25.1%	48.7%	20.1%	4.5%	1.5%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	20.6%	51.8%	17.1%	9.0%	1.5%
Ability to pass college entrance exams in the future (e.g., ACT)	12.1%	17.1%	47.7%	21.1%	2.0%

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

	(%)
Yes	83.4%
No	8.0%
No Response	8.5%

9b. If you answered No, what are your main reasons you do not plan to continue your education?

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	3.5%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	4.0%
I need to work	2.5%
I want to work	6.0%
Family issues	2.0%
I plan to enlist in the military	2.0%
Other: I dont want to go; I want to become a well-known musical artist, college isn't what I need.; Id like to start a career on youtube;	



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

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	7.0%	10.6%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	9.5%	12.6%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	11.1%	17.6%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	36.2%	36.2%
More than a 4-year college degree	34.2%	21.6%
No Response	2.0%	1.5%

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.	20.6%	23.1%	29.1%	15.1%	12.1%	0.0%
I can get accepted to a college.	22.1%	33.2%	23.6%	8.5%	12.6%	0.0%
I can have family support for going to college.	42.2%	29.1%	14.6%	4.0%	10.1%	0.0%
I can choose a good college.	27.6%	35.2%	20.1%	6.0%	10.6%	0.5%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	12.6%	28.1%	26.1%	17.6%	15.6%	0.0%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	12.6%	32.7%	32.7%	11.1%	11.1%	0.0%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	33.2%	34.2%	18.1%	6.0%	8.0%	0.5%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	25.1%	36.2%	20.1%	8.0%	9.5%	1.0%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	8.5%	20.6%	24.6%	29.6%	15.6%	1.0%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	24.1%	29.6%	29.1%	8.0%	8.5%	0.5%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	18.6%	38.2%	26.1%	6.5%	10.1%	0.5%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	18.6%	37.7%	23.6%	7.5%	12.1%	0.5%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	19.6%	31.2%	26.1%	11.1%	11.1%	1.0%
I can go to college after high school.	29.1%	32.2%	19.6%	5.5%	13.1%	0.5%



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.	10.6%	24.1%	25.6%	21.1%	17.6%	1.0%
I could get A's and B's in college.	11.6%	34.2%	29.1%	11.6%	12.6%	1.0%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	40.2%	29.1%	15.1%	4.0%	10.1%	1.5%
I could take care of myself in college.	31.2%	33.7%	18.1%	5.5%	9.5%	2.0%
I could fit in at college.	21.6%	39.2%	19.1%	8.5%	10.6%	1.0%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	19.6%	36.2%	23.6%	6.5%	13.6%	0.5%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	24.1%	38.7%	19.6%	6.0%	10.1%	1.5%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	22.1%	38.7%	21.1%	6.0%	11.1%	1.0%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	17.6%	40.2%	22.6%	6.5%	12.1%	1.0%
I could make friends at college.	25.6%	35.7%	18.6%	7.0%	12.1%	1.0%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	24.6%	40.7%	19.1%	3.0%	11.6%	1.0%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	27.1%	38.2%	19.6%	3.0%	11.1%	1.0%
I would like being in college.	23.6%	35.2%	20.6%	5.0%	14.6%	1.0%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	25.1%	38.2%	17.1%	7.5%	11.6%	0.5%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	19.1%	40.7%	23.6%	6.0%	10.1%	0.5%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	21.1%	36.7%	22.1%	6.0%	12.6%	1.5%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement?	72.9%	26.1%	1.0%
Availability of Financial Aid to help pay for college?	71.9%	26.1%	2.0%

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

	(%)
Yes	62.8%
No	29.1%
No Response	8.0%



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	21.6%	25.1%	26.1%
Probably	35.7%	36.2%	35.7%
Not Sure	25.1%	22.6%	25.6%
Probably Not	7.0%	6.5%	5.0%
Definitely Not	10.1%	9.0%	6.5%
No Response	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%

16. On average, how much do you think it costs for one year of in-state tuition to attend the following college options in West Virginia? (your estimate should not include the cost of food, housing, or books).

	4-year University or College (%)	Public Community or Technical College (%)
Up to \$4,000	10.1%	19.1%
\$4,001 - \$8,000	15.6%	18.6%
\$8,001 - \$11,000	21.1%	19.1%
\$11,001 - \$16,000	15.6%	15.6%
\$16,001 - \$21,000	14.1%	12.6%
\$21,001 - \$26,000	11.6%	4.5%
>\$26,000	8.0%	4.5%
No response	4.0%	6.0%

*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 (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	6.5%	31.2%	31.2%	28.6%	2.5%
College Savings Plan/529	2.5%	28.6%	32.7%	33.2%	3.0%
ACT /SAT	22.1%	43.7%	22.1%	9.0%	3.0%
WV Higher Education Grant	7.5%	32.7%	35.7%	21.1%	3.0%
Federal Pell Grants	3.5%	27.6%	29.6%	36.2%	3.0%
Federal Student Loans	7.0%	33.7%	37.2%	19.1%	3.0%
Federal Work-Study	4.0%	28.1%	37.7%	27.6%	2.5%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	20.6%	37.7%	27.1%	12.1%	2.5%
Requirements for College Acceptance	13.6%	39.2%	29.6%	15.1%	2.5%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	29.1%	39.2%	19.1%	10.1%	2.5%
High School Graduation Requirements	30.7%	37.7%	20.1%	8.5%	3.0%

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

	Federal Pell Grant (%)	WV Higher Education Grant (%)	WV PROMISE Scholarship (%)
Up to \$1,000	8.5%	6.5%	7.5%
\$1,001- \$2000	13.1%	8.0%	8.5%
\$2,001-\$3,000	19.1%	19.6%	11.1%
\$3,001-\$4,000	24.1%	22.6%	20.1%
\$4,001-\$5,000	9.5%	16.6%	17.1%
\$5,001-\$6,000	11.1%	8.0%	10.6%
\$6,001-\$7,000	5.0%	8.0%	8.0%
More than\$7,000	6.0%	6.0%	13.6%
No Response	3.5%	4.5%	3.5%

*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	19.6%	41.2%	26.1%	11.1%	2.0%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	16.1%	40.7%	28.6%	11.6%	3.0%
Other college planning websites	13.1%	35.7%	32.2%	16.1%	3.0%
College fairs	17.6%	36.7%	30.2%	13.1%	2.5%
Television	12.1%	34.7%	36.7%	14.6%	2.0%
Radio	12.1%	27.6%	35.7%	22.1%	2.5%
Direct mail	14.1%	34.2%	23.6%	25.6%	2.5%
E-mail	15.6%	33.2%	28.1%	20.6%	2.5%
Brochures and pamphlets	15.6%	39.2%	28.6%	13.1%	3.5%
Magazines/newspapers	10.1%	31.7%	28.6%	26.1%	3.5%
Signs, posters, or billboards	13.6%	34.2%	31.7%	18.1%	2.5%
Text messages	12.6%	31.2%	27.6%	26.1%	2.5%
School counselor	29.6%	34.7%	21.6%	11.6%	2.5%
Family members	23.1%	40.2%	25.1%	8.5%	3.0%
GEAR UP staff	23.6%	38.2%	23.1%	11.1%	4.0%
College admissions representatives	19.6%	40.7%	23.1%	14.1%	2.5%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	16.6%	36.2%	27.6%	16.6%	3.0%

20. Please rate how much you think each of the following statements describes you.

	Very much like me (%)	Mostly like me (%)	Somewhat like me (%)	Not much like me (%)	Not like me at all (%)	No Response (%)
New ideas and projects sometimes distract me from previous ones.	9.5%	13.6%	46.2%	16.6%	12.1%	2.0%
Setbacks don't discourage me.	8.5%	22.1%	31.7%	18.6%	16.6%	2.5%
I have been obsessed with a certain idea or project for a short time, but later lost interest.	8.0%	17.1%	35.7%	22.1%	13.6%	3.5%
I am a hard worker.	26.6%	33.2%	23.6%	7.0%	7.5%	2.0%
I often set a goal but later choose to pursue a different one.	8.0%	17.1%	40.7%	18.6%	12.6%	3.0%
I have difficulty maintaining my focus on projects that take more than a few months to complete.	11.1%	17.6%	32.7%	22.6%	13.6%	2.5%
I finish whatever I begin.	19.1%	28.6%	32.2%	9.0%	7.5%	3.5%
I am diligent.	14.6%	26.6%	38.2%	10.1%	8.0%	2.5%