



County Name/Code	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Mason / 049	Student Survey	11	222

County Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	279
Grade 11 Surveys Received	222
County Response Rate (%)*	79.6%

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

Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	54.1%
Female	45.0%
Other	0.9%
No Response	0.0%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	93.7%
Black or African American	1.4%
Asian	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	2.7%
Other	mixed; Mexican American
No response	1.4%

3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	4.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	77.0%
Other	Philipino; Norwegian; Austrian
No Response	18.9%



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

	(%)
English	98.2%
Spanish	0.5%
Other	Norwegian; German
No Response	1.4%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	14.9%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	20.7%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	15.3%
\$100,001 or more	7.2%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	41.9%
No Response	0.0%

6. Think about the last 30 days and the last 12 months. Is the following statement true for you?

"I didn't eat enough food because my family couldn't afford it."

	Often True (%)	Sometimes True (%)	Never True (%)	No Response (%)
Was that often, sometimes, or never true in the last 12 months?	3.6%	7.7%	85.1%	3.6%
Was that often, sometimes, or never true in the last 30 days?	1.8%	6.3%	84.7%	7.2%

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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	5.9%	7.7%
High school diploma/GED	27.0%	33.3%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	18.0%	15.3%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	7.2%	6.3%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	19.8%	13.1%
Master's degree	5.4%	3.6%
Ph.D. or higher	0.5%	1.4%
Don't know	16.2%	19.4%
No Response	0.0%	0.0%



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

	(%)
0	55.4%
1	25.7%
2	9.0%
3	4.1%
4	0.0%
5 or more	1.4%
I don't have brothers or sisters	4.5%
No Response	0.0%

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	26.1%	41.9%	28.4%	3.6%	0.0%
English/Language Arts	25.2%	56.8%	14.0%	4.1%	0.0%
Science	28.4%	55.0%	13.1%	3.6%	0.0%
Study Skills	23.0%	55.4%	14.9%	5.9%	0.9%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	24.8%	50.9%	12.6%	11.3%	0.5%
Ability to pass college entrance exams in the future (e.g., ACT)	17.6%	50.5%	16.2%	13.5%	2.3%

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

	(%)
Yes	80.2%
No	8.1%
No Response	11.7%

10b. If you answered No, what are your main reasons you do not plan to continue your education?

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	17.1%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	33.3%
I need to work	14.0%
I want to work	13.5%
Family issues	14.0%
I plan to enlist in the military	5.9%
Other:	i dont want to; i'm not sure.
Not applicable;	38.7%
I am pretty confident that I will be able to continue my education after high school	

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



	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	8.6%	10.4%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	13.1%	14.9%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	11.7%	15.3%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	34.7%	40.5%
More than a 4-year college degree	30.2%	18.5%
No Response	1.8%	0.5%

12. 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.	20.3%	22.5%	31.1%	9.9%	15.3%	0.9%
I can get accepted to a college.	26.1%	28.4%	27.0%	7.2%	10.4%	0.9%
I can have family support for going to college.	48.2%	22.5%	14.4%	6.3%	7.2%	1.4%
I can choose a good college.	32.4%	27.9%	22.5%	6.8%	8.6%	1.8%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	14.9%	22.1%	35.1%	15.8%	11.3%	0.9%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	16.7%	26.6%	36.5%	9.0%	9.9%	1.4%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	35.1%	30.6%	18.9%	4.1%	9.5%	1.8%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	24.8%	32.9%	26.6%	6.8%	7.7%	1.4%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	9.5%	15.8%	37.8%	23.4%	12.6%	0.9%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	26.1%	24.3%	28.4%	9.5%	10.4%	1.4%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	23.0%	30.2%	26.6%	9.9%	9.0%	1.4%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	24.8%	29.3%	26.6%	8.6%	9.0%	1.8%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	21.2%	26.6%	32.0%	9.9%	9.0%	1.4%
I can go to college after high school.	34.7%	24.3%	21.6%	9.0%	9.5%	0.9%

13. 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.	10.4%	24.8%	31.1%	18.5%	14.4%	0.9%
I could get A's and B's in college.	13.5%	28.4%	32.9%	11.7%	11.7%	1.8%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	39.2%	26.6%	16.7%	4.5%	10.8%	2.3%
I could take care of myself in college.	32.9%	27.5%	23.0%	5.4%	10.4%	0.9%
I could fit in at college.	25.2%	29.3%	24.8%	9.9%	9.5%	1.4%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	22.5%	29.3%	23.4%	11.7%	12.2%	0.9%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	31.5%	31.1%	19.8%	7.2%	9.5%	0.9%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	25.2%	31.1%	27.0%	6.3%	9.0%	1.4%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	19.8%	34.2%	26.6%	7.2%	10.4%	1.8%
I could make friends at college.	31.5%	28.8%	21.2%	8.1%	9.5%	0.9%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	29.3%	30.2%	23.4%	5.9%	9.9%	1.4%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	32.0%	27.9%	26.1%	4.5%	8.6%	0.9%
I would like being in college.	23.0%	27.0%	27.5%	9.0%	11.7%	1.8%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	28.4%	29.3%	20.7%	9.9%	10.8%	0.9%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	23.9%	31.1%	27.9%	6.8%	9.0%	1.4%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	26.1%	31.5%	26.1%	6.8%	8.6%	0.9%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement?	76.1%	23.0%	0.9%
Availability of Financial Aid to help pay for college?	75.7%	22.5%	1.8%

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

	(%)
Yes	64.9%
No	29.3%
No Response	5.9%

16. 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	24.8%	30.2%	32.9%
Probably	30.2%	32.9%	32.4%
Not Sure	29.3%	27.0%	25.7%
Probably Not	6.8%	3.6%	2.7%
Definitely Not	8.1%	5.0%	5.4%
No Response	0.9%	1.4%	0.9%

17. 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 \$3,000	3.6%	4.1%
\$3,001 - \$6,000	4.1%	36.9%
\$6,001 - \$10,000	39.2%	23.0%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	18.5%	13.1%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	15.8%	12.6%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	9.9%	2.7%
More than \$25,000	6.3%	2.7%
No response	2.7%	5.0%

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.



18. 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)	15.8%	40.1%	26.1%	16.7%	1.4%
College Savings Plan/529	8.6%	31.5%	26.1%	32.4%	1.4%
ACT /SAT	37.8%	37.8%	12.6%	10.8%	0.9%
WV Higher Education Grant	11.7%	36.0%	26.1%	24.3%	1.8%
Federal Pell Grants	8.6%	33.3%	25.7%	31.5%	0.9%
Federal Student Loans	11.3%	38.3%	27.9%	20.7%	1.8%
Federal Work-Study	9.0%	34.7%	24.3%	31.1%	0.9%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	23.4%	43.2%	20.7%	11.7%	0.9%
Requirements for College Acceptance	25.7%	42.3%	17.6%	13.5%	0.9%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	41.0%	32.9%	14.4%	10.4%	1.4%
High School Graduation Requirements	43.7%	32.9%	13.1%	9.0%	1.4%

19. 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	5.9%	4.1%	4.1%
\$1,001- \$2000	6.8%	4.1%	3.2%
\$2,001-\$3,000	9.5%	31.5%	11.3%
\$3,001-\$4,000	13.1%	17.6%	9.9%
\$4,001-\$5,000	20.3%	16.2%	40.1%
\$5,001-\$6,000	15.8%	13.5%	9.5%
\$6,001-\$7,000	23.4%	6.8%	8.6%
More than \$7,000	4.5%	4.5%	12.6%
No Response	0.9%	1.8%	0.9%

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

20. Have you participated in SAT or ACT test prep?

	(%)
Yes	68.0%
No	31.5%
No Response	0.5%



20a. If you answered yes to question 20, what types of test prep did you use?

	(%)
Khan Academy	40.4%
Testive	15.9%
Test prep books	61.6%
Other online resources/websites	21.9%
Other	ZAP bootcamp; test prep class; classes for SAT; ACT seminar; Boot Camp Sessions; Teacher; "Workshop" ; SAT Prep seminar; class ; Zapp
No Response	NA

20b. If you answered yes to question 20, how helpful do you think these test prep resources have been for your SAT or ACT prep?

	(%)
Extremely helpful	18.5%
Moderately helpful	50.3%
Slightly helpful	23.8%
Not at all helpful	4.0%
No Response	3.3%

21. 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	23.0%	41.0%	23.0%	10.4%	2.7%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	17.1%	41.4%	28.4%	10.4%	2.7%
Other college planning websites	12.6%	43.2%	23.9%	17.6%	2.7%
College fairs	19.8%	46.8%	20.7%	9.9%	2.7%
Television	10.8%	34.7%	27.5%	24.3%	2.7%
Radio	9.5%	29.3%	27.0%	31.5%	2.7%
Direct mail	12.6%	33.8%	27.5%	23.4%	2.7%
E-mail	16.2%	33.8%	24.3%	22.1%	3.6%
Brochures and pamphlets	14.4%	41.4%	25.2%	15.3%	3.6%
Magazines/newspapers	9.5%	32.4%	22.5%	32.9%	2.7%
Signs, posters, or billboards	8.6%	35.6%	23.4%	29.3%	3.2%
Text messages	11.3%	33.3%	23.4%	27.5%	4.5%
School counselor	23.9%	40.5%	18.5%	14.4%	2.7%
Family members	23.0%	45.0%	18.9%	9.0%	4.1%
GEAR UP staff	25.7%	36.9%	21.2%	13.5%	2.7%
College admissions representatives	19.4%	44.6%	20.3%	12.6%	3.2%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	13.5%	37.4%	23.4%	23.0%	2.7%