



County Name/Code	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Mercer / 051	Student Survey	11	502

County Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	617
Grade 11 Surveys Received	502
County Response Rate (%)*	81.4%

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

Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	47.4%
Female	50.6%
Other	1.4%
No Response	0.6%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	79.5%
Black or African American	10.2%
Asian	0.8%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
Two or more races	6.6%
Other	Gamer
No response	1.4%

3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	3.6%
Not Hispanic or Latino	74.9%
Other	Hindi; White; Italian ; Col-fundmt , Col nonstrct; Caucasian and african american ; American; Caucasian; White; British; White
No Response	21.5%



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

	(%)
English	97.2%
Spanish	0.4%
Other	Arabic; english; Russian
No Response	2.4%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	16.1%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	17.9%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	17.5%
\$100,001 or more	9.8%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	38.6%
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?	2.6%	7.2%	88.4%	1.8%
Was that often, sometimes, or never true in the last 30 days?	1.8%	6.4%	86.7%	5.2%

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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	8.0%	10.8%
High school diploma/GED	23.5%	30.3%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	14.7%	12.4%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	9.4%	5.4%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	19.3%	12.9%
Master's degree	8.4%	4.4%
Ph.D. or higher	2.0%	2.2%
Don't know	14.7%	21.5%
No Response	0.0%	0.2%



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

	(%)
0	51.0%
1	26.1%
2	8.4%
3	4.6%
4	0.8%
5 or more	1.6%
I don't have brothers or sisters	7.0%
No Response	0.6%

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	29.7%	42.0%	24.3%	4.0%	0.0%
English/Language Arts	31.1%	54.8%	9.8%	4.0%	0.4%
Science	22.1%	52.8%	19.5%	5.2%	0.4%
Study Skills	19.5%	54.8%	18.1%	6.6%	1.0%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	27.5%	48.6%	12.2%	10.6%	1.2%
Ability to pass college entrance exams in the future (e.g., ACT)	24.9%	50.2%	13.3%	10.0%	1.6%

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

	(%)
Yes	86.1%
No	9.2%
No Response	4.8%

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

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	15.3%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	30.1%
I need to work	15.1%
I want to work	17.1%
Family issues	8.4%
I plan to enlist in the military	11.8%
Other: being a firefighter ; I don't like school; tech school; take care of my mom.; dont want to; my ability to keep myself at a healthy mental state; Not really quite fond of college, in the future I may try it. As of now it doesn't really excite me too well. College leads to debt in the future. Plus I am musically inclined, therefore i will prosper regardless.	



Not applicable;	44.2%
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%	9.6%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	11.2%	14.3%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	9.8%	15.3%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	37.8%	35.9%
More than a 4-year college degree	30.9%	23.1%
No Response	1.8%	1.8%

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.	19.7%	27.3%	28.3%	9.4%	11.8%	3.6%
I can get accepted to a college.	21.9%	30.5%	26.3%	7.8%	10.0%	3.6%
I can have family support for going to college.	44.4%	22.9%	15.1%	6.2%	7.6%	3.8%
I can choose a good college.	31.5%	31.9%	19.9%	5.2%	7.6%	4.0%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	14.7%	26.3%	27.9%	13.9%	13.1%	4.0%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	15.5%	30.5%	29.9%	9.8%	10.0%	4.4%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	38.6%	29.3%	16.5%	4.8%	6.6%	4.2%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	29.3%	32.1%	23.5%	3.8%	7.2%	4.2%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	11.6%	20.7%	25.7%	23.5%	14.5%	4.0%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	23.5%	29.7%	23.7%	10.2%	8.6%	4.4%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	19.9%	31.9%	28.1%	8.4%	7.8%	4.0%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	23.5%	36.5%	20.9%	6.2%	9.2%	3.8%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	19.5%	31.9%	25.3%	10.2%	9.2%	4.0%
I can go to college after high school.	35.7%	28.7%	17.1%	5.8%	9.2%	3.6%



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.	14.3%	22.9%	27.3%	15.9%	15.7%	3.8%
I could get A's and B's in college.	14.5%	28.3%	32.3%	10.4%	10.6%	4.0%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	40.8%	26.5%	15.9%	4.0%	8.6%	4.2%
I could take care of myself in college.	32.7%	33.5%	18.3%	3.4%	8.0%	4.2%
I could fit in at college.	27.7%	31.1%	23.1%	5.8%	8.6%	3.8%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	21.1%	34.1%	24.3%	7.2%	9.4%	4.0%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	31.1%	33.7%	17.7%	3.6%	9.2%	4.8%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	23.9%	34.1%	22.5%	5.8%	10.0%	3.8%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	24.9%	34.5%	23.9%	5.4%	7.4%	4.0%
I could make friends at college.	32.9%	29.5%	20.7%	4.2%	8.2%	4.6%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	31.1%	34.7%	18.5%	3.2%	7.8%	4.8%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	33.9%	32.3%	17.9%	3.2%	8.6%	4.2%
I would like being in college.	28.1%	28.5%	22.7%	6.6%	10.0%	4.2%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	30.1%	33.5%	19.9%	4.4%	8.0%	4.2%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	25.7%	34.9%	22.3%	3.6%	9.0%	4.6%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	28.1%	34.7%	19.9%	5.2%	8.0%	4.2%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement?	76.9%	21.7%	1.4%
Availability of Financial Aid to help pay for college?	71.3%	24.7%	4.0%

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

	(%)
Yes	69.7%
No	24.7%



No Response	5.6%
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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	29.7%	36.1%	37.8%
Probably	40.4%	37.5%	35.9%
Not Sure	20.3%	17.1%	17.5%
Probably Not	5.2%	3.4%	2.6%
Definitely Not	3.0%	3.4%	4.0%
No Response	1.4%	2.6%	2.2%

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	5.0%	10.4%
\$3,001 - \$6,000	10.8%	33.7%
\$6,001 - \$10,000	35.5%	17.5%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	17.7%	14.9%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	14.7%	10.2%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	9.2%	5.6%
More than \$25,000	4.2%	2.8%
No response	3.0%	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)	11.2%	37.1%	29.7%	17.7%	4.4%
College Savings Plan/529	6.0%	29.9%	28.1%	31.5%	4.6%
ACT /SAT	31.9%	42.2%	16.5%	5.2%	4.2%
WV Higher Education Grant	11.0%	38.8%	27.3%	18.3%	4.6%
Federal Pell Grants	11.0%	33.7%	27.9%	23.3%	4.2%
Federal Student Loans	13.5%	39.4%	26.3%	16.1%	4.6%
Federal Work-Study	9.0%	34.7%	27.3%	24.5%	4.6%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	23.9%	44.2%	19.7%	7.8%	4.4%
Requirements for College Acceptance	20.3%	42.2%	25.9%	7.2%	4.4%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	36.9%	37.5%	14.9%	6.4%	4.4%
High School Graduation Requirements	38.2%	38.2%	14.3%	4.4%	4.8%

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	4.0%	3.8%	3.8%
\$1,001- \$2000	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%
\$2,001-\$3,000	9.6%	25.7%	9.0%
\$3,001-\$4,000	17.1%	18.5%	16.1%
\$4,001-\$5,000	17.9%	17.7%	32.3%
\$5,001-\$6,000	16.5%	15.7%	12.2%
\$6,001-\$7,000	20.9%	6.6%	9.8%
More than \$7,000	6.4%	5.4%	9.6%
No Response	2.6%	2.6%	3.4%

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

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

	(%)
Yes	62.9%
No	37.1%
No Response	0.0%



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

	(%)
Khan Academy	49.1%
Testive	51.6%
Test prep books	35.4%
Other online resources/websites	32.3%
Other	Prep Factory; big ideas math; PSAT; Practice Tests; PSAT ;activities in the class room;Test prep class ; Practice tests in class
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	27.5%
Moderately helpful	43.0%
Slightly helpful	21.5%
Not at all helpful	4.1%
No Response	3.8%

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	24.1%	35.7%	22.7%	11.6%	6.0%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	17.3%	37.1%	25.9%	13.7%	6.0%
Other college planning websites	13.1%	40.4%	23.1%	16.3%	7.0%
College fairs	15.5%	36.7%	23.9%	18.1%	5.8%
Television	12.4%	36.5%	24.5%	20.5%	6.2%
Radio	10.6%	30.9%	24.5%	28.1%	6.0%
Direct mail	17.1%	33.7%	23.3%	18.7%	7.2%
E-mail	17.3%	37.1%	22.7%	16.5%	6.4%
Brochures and pamphlets	15.7%	35.3%	26.1%	16.5%	6.4%
Magazines/newspapers	10.8%	30.5%	28.1%	24.7%	6.0%
Signs, posters, or billboards	12.7%	33.9%	26.1%	20.3%	7.0%
Text messages	14.1%	37.6%	22.9%	19.3%	6.0%
School counselor	20.9%	38.6%	20.7%	12.9%	6.8%



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Family members	23.5%	39.8%	20.3%	10.4%	6.0%
GEAR UP staff	21.1%	40.2%	18.7%	13.7%	6.2%
College admissions representatives	17.5%	37.8%	21.1%	17.1%	6.4%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	18.3%	37.8%	23.1%	14.7%	6.0%