



County Name	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Mason County / 049	Parent/Guardian	12	101

### County Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	272
Surveys Received	101
County Response Rate (%)	37.1%

### Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

#### 1. What is your gender

	(%)
Female	63.4%
Male	35.6%
Other	1.0%
No Response	0.0%

#### 2. What is your relationship to the child who brought this survey home?

	(%)
Parent	88.1%
Legal guardian	8.9%
Step or foster parent	0.0%
Grandparent	2.0%
Other	0.0%
No Response	1.0%

#### 3. What is your race?

	(%)
White	97.0%
Black or African American	1.0%
Asian	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	1.0%
Other	0.0%
No response	1.0%



**4. What is your ethnicity?**

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	1.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	91.1%
Other	2.0%
No Response	5.9%

**5. What is the main language you speak at home?**

	(%)
English	100.0%
Spanish	0.0%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	23.8%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	19.8%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	21.8%
\$100,001 or more	6.9%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	24.8%
No Response	3.0%

**7. What is the highest level of education achieved by your student's parent(s)/guardian(s)?**

	(%)
Some high school	8.9%
High school diploma/GED	37.6%
Some college	16.8%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	11.9%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	18.8%
Master's degree	4.0%
Ph.D. or higher	0.0%
Don't know	2.0%
No Response	0.0%

**8. If you have other children, how many have attended or are currently attending college?**

	(%)
0	61.4%
1	18.8%
2	2.0%
3	1.0%
4	0.0%
5 or more	0.0%
I don't have other children	14.9%



No Response	2.0%
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**9. Have you talked to your child about attending college?**

	(%)
Yes	90.1%
No	8.9%
No Response	1.0%

**10. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

	Strongly Agree (%)	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly Disagree (%)	No Response (%)
Attending college is important to my child's career goal and future.	45.5%	40.6%	5.9%	7.9%	0.0%

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

	Like your child to get? (%)	Expect your child to get? (%)
High school or less	8.9%	9.9%
Some college	18.8%	19.8%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	9.9%	15.8%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	48.5%	45.5%
More than a 4-year college degree	13.9%	8.9%
No Response	0.0%	0.0%

**12. Has anyone from your child's school or GEAR UP ever spoken with you about...**

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirements	69.3%	29.7%	1.0%
Availability of Financial Aid	72.3%	26.7%	1.0%



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13. Do you think that your student 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 2-year community/ technical college (%)	A public career/ technical center (%)
Definitely	19.8%	28.7%	34.7%
Probably	36.6%	33.7%	31.7%
Not Sure	30.7%	21.8%	20.8%
Probably Not	5.0%	5.9%	2.0%
Definitely Not	4.0%	2.0%	2.0%
No Response	4.0%	7.9%	8.9%

14. On average, how much do you think it costs for one year of in-state tuition at...

	4-Year Public College (%)	Public Community or Technical College (%)
Up to \$3,000	3.0%	6.9%
\$3,001 - \$6,000	5.9%	48.5%
\$6,001 - \$10,000	45.5%	20.8%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	18.8%	12.9%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	13.9%	1.0%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	6.9%	1.0%
More than \$25,000	5.0%	2.0%
No Response	1.0%	6.9%

\*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

15. How much would tuition cost at a 2-year public community/technical college in West Virginia if a student qualifies for a WV Invests Grant?

	WV Invests Grant (%)
\$0	34.7%
\$1 - \$2,000	23.8%
\$2,001 - \$4,000	30.7%
More than \$4,000	7.9%
No Response	3.0%



16. How aware are you about the following topics?

	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	48.5%	29.7%	13.9%	7.9%	0.0%
WV Invests Grant	18.8%	27.7%	28.7%	24.8%	0.0%
ACT /SAT	46.5%	35.6%	13.9%	4.0%	0.0%
WV Higher Education Grant	22.8%	32.7%	21.8%	20.8%	2.0%
Federal Pell Grants	21.8%	33.7%	19.8%	24.8%	0.0%
Federal Student Loans	20.8%	41.6%	22.8%	14.9%	0.0%
Federal Work-Study	19.8%	28.7%	22.8%	27.7%	1.0%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	36.6%	33.7%	19.8%	9.9%	0.0%
Requirements for College Acceptance	36.6%	31.7%	23.8%	6.9%	1.0%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	57.4%	24.8%	7.9%	8.9%	1.0%
High School Graduation Requirements	53.5%	29.7%	10.9%	5.9%	0.0%

17. 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 (%)	PROMISE Scholarship (%)
Up to \$1,000	7.9%	5.9%	5.9%
\$1,001- \$2000	4.0%	4.0%	2.0%
\$2,001-\$3,000	22.8%	39.6%	8.9%
\$3,001-\$4,000	12.9%	17.8%	13.9%
\$4,001-\$5,000	12.9%	14.9%	47.5%
\$5,001-\$6,000	13.9%	5.0%	8.9%
\$6,001-\$7,000	17.8%	5.0%	3.0%
More than \$7,000	5.9%	5.9%	7.9%
No Response	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%

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18. How important have the following resources, individuals, or tools been in gathering information about your child's options for college?

	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
College or university websites	27.7%	42.6%	13.9%	15.8%	0.0%
College Foundation of WV website	15.8%	45.5%	17.8%	20.8%	0.0%
Other college planning websites	8.9%	40.6%	14.9%	34.7%	1.0%
College fairs	12.9%	39.6%	25.7%	20.8%	1.0%
Television	9.9%	20.8%	21.8%	46.5%	1.0%
Radio	5.9%	18.8%	20.8%	53.5%	1.0%
Direct mail	14.9%	24.8%	29.7%	28.7%	2.0%
E-mail	15.8%	26.7%	23.8%	31.7%	2.0%
Brochures and pamphlets	9.9%	28.7%	34.7%	24.8%	2.0%
Magazines/newspapers	8.9%	20.8%	19.8%	48.5%	2.0%
Signs, posters, or billboards	9.9%	20.8%	23.8%	44.6%	1.0%
Text messages	11.9%	24.8%	23.8%	38.6%	1.0%
School counselor	29.7%	41.6%	14.9%	11.9%	2.0%
Family members	22.8%	35.6%	22.8%	17.8%	1.0%
GEAR UP staff	15.8%	42.6%	19.8%	20.8%	1.0%
College admissions representatives	15.8%	39.6%	22.8%	19.8%	2.0%
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	12.9%	28.7%	21.8%	35.6%	1.0%

19a. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be completed as early as October 1, 2019.  
Have you or your student completed the FAFSA yet?

	(%)
No, I do not and my student does not plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year.	11.9%
No, but I am planning or my student is planning to complete the FAFSA during this academic year.	31.7%
I'm not sure.	6.9%
Yes, I have or my student has completed the FAFSA this year.	49.5%
No Response	0.0%



19b. If you answered “No, I do not plan and my student does not plan to complete the FAFSA this year”  
what are the main reasons you do not plan to do so?

	(%)
My student does not plan to continue her/his education after high school	75.0%
I’m not sure what the FAFSA is	0.0%
I do not believe my student will be eligible for financial aid	0.0%
Other	16.7%
No Response	8.3%