



County Name/Code	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Mason / 049 County	Student Survey Report	12	178

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### County Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	272
Grade 12 Surveys Received	178
<b>County Response Rate (%)*</b>	<b>65.4%</b>

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

### Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

#### 1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	55.1%
Female	44.4%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.6%

#### 2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	95.5%
Black or African American	1.7%
Asian	1.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	1.1%
Other	0.0%
No response	0.6%

#### 3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	1.7%
Not Hispanic or Latino	82.0%
Other	0.0%
No Response	16.3%

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

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



5. How much money do you think your family made (before taxes) during the past 12 months?

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	15.7%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	23.0%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	16.3%
\$100,001 or more	6.7%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	38.2%
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?	2.2%	6.2%	88.8%	2.8%
Was that often, sometimes, or never true in the last 30 days?	1.1%	6.7%	85.4%	6.7%

7. During the past 12 months...

	Never (%)	Rarely (%)	Sometimes (%)	Most of the time (%)	Always (%)	No Response (%)
how often have you had a hard time staying focused on your homework or other things you had to do?	11.2%	27.0%	37.1%	15.2%	9.6%	0.0%
how often have you been so worried about something that you could not sleep at night?	24.7%	25.8%	30.3%	12.4%	6.2%	0.6%

8. What is the highest level of education obtained by your parent(s)/guardian(s)?

	Father (%)
Some high school	3.4%
High school diploma/GED	33.7%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	14.6%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	9.0%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	21.3%
Master's degree	3.4%
Ph.D. or higher	1.1%
Don't know	12.9%
No Response	0.6%



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

	(%)
0	61.8%
1	21.9%
2	9.6%
3	0.0%
4	1.1%
5 or more	1.1%
I don't have brothers or sisters	4.5%
No Response	0.0%

10. 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	28.1%	45.5%	21.3%	5.1%	0.0%
English/Language Arts	28.1%	55.1%	12.4%	4.5%	0.0%
Science	24.2%	55.6%	13.5%	5.1%	1.7%
Study Skills	16.9%	49.4%	24.7%	8.4%	0.6%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	16.9%	57.3%	12.4%	12.9%	0.6%
Ability to do well on college entrance exams (e.g., SAT, ACT)	12.9%	53.4%	20.2%	12.4%	0.6%

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

	(%)
Yes	84.3%
No	11.8%
No Response	3.9%

11a. What, if anything, may prevent you from continuing your education after high school?

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	16.9%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	32.0%
I need to work	15.7%
I want to work	24.2%
Family issues	10.1%
I plan to enlist in the military	3.4%
I won't receive/be eligible for enough financial aid	14.6%
Not applicable; I am pretty confident that I will be able to continue my education after high school	37.6%



Other (please write in reason): police academy; I might just travel around; Don't know where to go; Mental health issues; I just don't know.; Stress

\*Total may exceed 100% because respondents were able to select multiple items.

**12. What is the highest level of education that you...**

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	10.1%	10.7%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	16.3%	20.8%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	10.7%	15.2%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	44.4%	41.6%
More than a 4-year college degree	18.0%	11.8%
No Response	0.6%	0.0%

**13. 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.	15.2%	25.3%	32.0%	10.7%	16.9%	0.0%
I can get accepted to a college.	33.1%	25.3%	25.3%	4.5%	11.2%	0.6%
I can have family support for going to college.	38.2%	27.0%	16.9%	5.1%	12.9%	0.0%
I can choose a good college.	34.3%	32.6%	19.7%	4.5%	9.0%	0.0%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	14.0%	23.6%	30.9%	14.6%	15.7%	1.1%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	16.3%	28.7%	34.3%	9.0%	11.2%	0.6%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	30.3%	34.8%	19.7%	6.2%	8.4%	0.6%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	24.7%	32.0%	24.7%	7.3%	10.7%	0.6%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	10.7%	19.1%	28.1%	21.3%	20.2%	0.6%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	26.4%	33.1%	22.5%	5.6%	12.4%	0.0%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	20.8%	38.8%	23.6%	6.7%	10.1%	0.0%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	26.4%	33.1%	24.7%	4.5%	10.7%	0.6%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	23.6%	34.8%	24.7%	5.1%	11.2%	0.6%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I can go to college after high school.	32.0%	30.3%	22.5%	3.4%	11.2%	0.6%

**14. If you do go to college after high school, 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.	15.2%	23.6%	32.0%	15.2%	13.5%	0.6%
I could get A's and B's in college.	16.9%	30.3%	36.5%	6.2%	9.0%	1.1%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	37.6%	32.6%	18.0%	2.8%	8.4%	0.6%
I could take care of myself in college.	33.1%	37.1%	21.9%	2.2%	5.6%	0.0%
I could fit in at college.	28.7%	30.9%	26.4%	6.2%	7.9%	0.0%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	17.4%	38.2%	28.1%	9.6%	6.7%	0.0%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	26.4%	34.8%	27.0%	3.4%	8.4%	0.0%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	20.2%	36.0%	27.0%	6.7%	9.6%	0.6%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	25.8%	37.6%	24.2%	2.8%	9.6%	0.0%
I could make friends at college.	32.6%	34.8%	18.5%	6.7%	7.3%	0.0%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	27.0%	37.1%	23.0%	3.9%	8.4%	0.6%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	29.8%	35.4%	26.4%	3.4%	5.1%	0.0%
I would like being in college.	26.4%	30.3%	23.0%	10.7%	8.4%	1.1%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	27.5%	37.6%	21.9%	6.2%	6.7%	0.0%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	23.6%	36.0%	27.0%	5.6%	7.3%	0.6%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	24.7%	34.3%	28.1%	5.6%	6.7%	0.6%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement?	87.1%	11.8%	1.1%
Availability of Financial Aid to help pay for college?	88.2%	9.6%	2.2%





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

	(%)
Yes	84.8%
No	12.9%
No Response	2.2%

17. 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 2-year community/ technical college (%)	A public career/ technical center (%)
Definitely	25.8%	37.1%	42.1%
Probably	33.7%	32.0%	35.4%
Not Sure	28.1%	21.9%	15.2%
Probably Not	7.3%	5.1%	4.5%
Definitely Not	4.5%	3.4%	1.7%
No Response	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%

18. 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	4.5%	10.1%
\$3,001 - \$6,000	6.7%	50.0%
\$6,001 - \$10,000	51.1%	20.2%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	16.9%	9.6%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	9.6%	3.4%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	6.2%	1.7%
More than \$25,000	3.4%	0.6%
No response	1.7%	4.5%

\*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.



19. How aware are you about the following topics?

	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	38.8%	47.2%	11.8%	2.2%	0.0%
ACT /SAT	49.4%	39.3%	9.6%	1.7%	0.0%
WV Higher Education Grant	22.5%	44.9%	24.7%	7.9%	0.0%
WV Invests Grant	23.0%	39.3%	26.4%	11.2%	0.0%
Federal Pell Grants	23.0%	42.7%	22.5%	11.8%	0.0%
Federal Student Loans	26.4%	41.0%	25.8%	6.7%	0.0%
Federal Work-Study	21.3%	36.0%	25.8%	15.7%	1.1%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	38.8%	44.9%	14.6%	1.7%	0.0%
Requirements for College Acceptance	37.1%	44.9%	15.7%	2.2%	0.0%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	47.8%	37.6%	12.9%	1.7%	0.0%
High School Graduation Requirements	50.6%	33.7%	12.4%	2.2%	1.1%

20. 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	5.1%	3.9%	3.4%
\$1,001- \$2000	5.6%	6.7%	3.9%
\$2,001-\$3,000	6.7%	43.8%	9.6%
\$3,001-\$4,000	13.5%	9.6%	13.5%
\$4,001-\$5,000	12.4%	14.0%	48.3%
\$5,001-\$6,000	11.2%	10.7%	6.7%
\$6,001-\$7,000	41.0%	5.6%	7.9%
More than \$7,000	3.9%	2.8%	5.6%
No Response	0.6%	2.8%	1.1%

\*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

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

	(%)
\$0	37.1%
\$1 - \$2,000	10.7%
\$2,001 - \$4,000	35.4%
More than \$4,000	16.3%
No Response	0.6%





**22. How important have the following resources, individuals, or tools been in gathering information about your options for college?**

	<b>Extremely (%)</b>	<b>Moderately (%)</b>	<b>Slightly (%)</b>	<b>Not at All (%)</b>	<b>No Response (%)</b>
College or university websites	32.0%	48.9%	16.3%	2.8%	0.0%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	28.1%	46.6%	18.0%	7.3%	0.0%
Other college planning websites	14.6%	49.4%	23.0%	11.8%	1.1%
College fairs	23.6%	54.5%	16.3%	4.5%	0.0%
Television	12.4%	35.4%	29.2%	23.0%	0.0%
Radio	11.2%	31.5%	22.5%	34.8%	0.0%
Direct mail	22.5%	39.3%	23.6%	14.6%	0.0%
E-mail	21.9%	47.2%	19.1%	11.8%	0.0%
Brochures and pamphlets	15.2%	51.7%	20.8%	12.4%	0.0%
Magazines/newspapers	11.2%	33.7%	26.4%	28.7%	0.0%
Signs, posters, or billboards	11.2%	38.8%	26.4%	23.6%	0.0%
Text messages	20.8%	43.3%	21.3%	14.6%	0.0%
School counselor	39.3%	44.9%	11.8%	3.9%	0.0%
Family members	28.1%	49.4%	19.1%	3.4%	0.0%
GEAR UP staff	27.0%	47.2%	21.3%	4.5%	0.0%
College admissions representatives	27.5%	49.4%	18.5%	4.5%	0.0%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	19.7%	47.8%	14.6%	18.0%	0.0%

**23. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be completed as early as October 1, 2019. Have you completed your FAFSA yet?**

	<b>(%)</b>
No, and I do not plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year.	11.2%
No, but I plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year.	50.6%
Yes.	38.2%
No Response	0.0%

**24. If you answered "No, and I do not plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year," what are the main reasons you do not plan to do so? Select all that apply.**

	<b>(%)</b>
I do not plan to continue my education after high school	50.0%
I'm not sure what the FAFSA is	35.0%
I do not believe I will be eligible for financial aid	20.0%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

\*Total may exceed 100% because respondents were able to select multiple items.



25. Have you participated in SAT or ACT test prep this school year (2019-20)?

	(%)
Yes	46.6%
No	53.4%
No Response	0.0%

25b. If you answered yes to question 25, how helpful do you think these test prep resources have been for your SAT or ACT prep?

	Did not participate (%)	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
Khan Academy	36.1%	10.8%	18.1%	21.7%	10.8%	2.4%
Testive	50.6%	8.4%	12.0%	20.5%	6.0%	2.4%
Other online resources/websites	31.3%	12.0%	24.1%	25.3%	4.8%	2.4%
Other (see below for responses)	38.6%	9.6%	18.1%	13.3%	8.4%	12.0%

If you selected "Other" please write in type

Other: Aleks; Books; GEAR UP; YouTube
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26. How many times have you taken the SAT and ACT tests?

	SAT (%)	ACT (%)
0	3.4%	46.1%
1	86.0%	32.0%
2	8.4%	9.6%
More than 2	2.2%	3.9%
No response	0.0%	8.4%



**27. Do you plan to take/retake the SAT this year (2019–20)?**

	(%)
Yes	22.5%
No	75.8%
No Response	1.7%

**28. Do you plan to take/retake the ACT this year (2019–20)?**

	(%)
Yes	48.3%
No	50.0%
No Response	1.7%

**29. How many college applications have you completed?**

	(%)
0, and I do not plan to complete any this academic year.	10.1%
0, but I plan to complete one or more this academic year.	24.2%
1	24.2%
2 or more	41.6%
No Response	0.0%