



County Name	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Nicholas / County	Parent Survey Grade 12	12	109

County-Level Response Rates

Surveys Administered	259
Surveys Received	109
County Response Rate (%)	42.1%

Results (Percentages) by Survey Questionⁱ

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	21.1%
Female	78.9%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

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

	(%)
Parent	74.3%
Legal guardian	15.6%
Step or foster parent	11.0%
Grandparent	1.8%
Other	0.0%
No Response	-2.8%

*Table above includes all possible responses so total may exceed 100%.

3. What is your race?

	(%)
White	96.3%
Black or African American	0.9%
Asian	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	0.0%
Other	0.0%
No Response	1.8%

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4. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	0.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	94.5%
Other	0.0%
No Response	4.6%

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

	(%)
English	92.7%
Spanish	0.9%
Other	0.0%
No Response	6.4%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	8.3%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	11.9%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	13.8%
\$100,001 or more	2.8%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	60.6%
No Response	2.8%

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

	(%)
Some high school	6.4%
High school diploma/GED	48.6%
Some college	18.3%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	1.8%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	17.4%
Master's degree	2.8%
Ph.D. or higher	1.8%
Don't know	0.9%
No Response	1.8%

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

	(%)
0	73.4%
1	16.5%
2	0.9%
3	0.9%
4	0.0%
5 or more	0.0%



I don't have other children.	7.3%
No Response	0.9%

9. Have you talked with your student about attending college?

	(%)
Yes	86.2%
No	13.8%
No Response	0.0%

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

	Strongly Disagree (%)	Disagree (%)	Agree (%)	Strongly Agree (%)	No Response (%)
Attending college is important to my student's career goals and future	0.9%	11.9%	58.7%	24.8%	3.7%

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

	Like your student to get? (%)	Expect your student to get? (%)
High school or less	19.3%	31.2%
Some college	21.1%	19.3%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	8.3%	10.1%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	45.0%	36.7%
More than a 4-year college degree	6.4%	2.8%
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?	52.3%	44.0%	3.7%
Availability of Financial Aid?	63.3%	33.0%	3.7%

13. How, if at all, has your ability to gather information about options for your student's education after high school been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

	(%)
I and/or my student have not been able to visit colleges	59.6%
I and/or my student have not been able to speak with anyone from colleges they are interested in	17.4%
It is more difficult to speak with GEAR UP or someone at my student's school about education after high school	11.9%



My student can't get hard copies of applications or information for colleges and scholarships	6.4%
I and/or my student have had trouble accessing information online	8.3%
My ability to gather information has not been affected	31.2%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

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14. 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 Not	4.6%	1.8%	0.9%
Probably Not	7.3%	4.6%	2.8%
Not Sure	37.6%	33.9%	33.0%
Probably	33.9%	44.0%	38.5%
Definitely	9.2%	9.2%	16.5%
No Response	7.3%	6.4%	8.3%

15. 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 Public University or College (%)	2-year Public Community or Technical College (%)
Up to \$3,000	0.0%	8.3%
\$3,001 - \$6,000	1.8%	60.6%
\$6,001 - \$10,000	64.2%	7.3%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	11.9%	4.6%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	0.9%	2.8%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	5.5%	1.8%
More than \$25,000	4.6%	0.0%
No response	11.0%	14.7%

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

16. 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	62.4%
\$1 - \$2,000	8.3%
\$2,001 - \$4,000	7.3%
More than \$4,000	5.5%
No Response	16.5%

17. How aware are you about the following topics?

	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	8.3%	29.4%	42.2%	8.3%	11.9%
ACT/SAT	8.3%	34.9%	31.2%	11.9%	13.8%
WV Higher Education Grant	3.7%	24.8%	38.5%	18.3%	14.7%
WV Invests Grant	3.7%	22.0%	42.2%	19.3%	12.8%
Federal Pell Grants	2.8%	22.9%	41.3%	19.3%	13.8%
Federal Student Loans	9.2%	25.7%	33.9%	17.4%	13.8%
Federal Work-Study	2.8%	22.9%	41.3%	18.3%	14.7%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	7.3%	27.5%	38.5%	13.8%	12.8%
Requirements for College Acceptance	7.3%	26.6%	39.4%	11.9%	14.7%
The Importance/Benefit of a College Education	11.9%	36.7%	27.5%	10.1%	13.8%
High School Graduation Requirements	15.6%	28.4%	31.2%	11.0%	13.8%

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 (%)	PROMISE Scholarship (%)
Up to \$1,000	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%
\$1,001- \$2000	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%
\$2,001-\$3,000	6.4%	51.4%	2.8%
\$3,001-\$4,000	5.5%	7.3%	2.8%
\$4,001-\$5,000	5.5%	11.0%	67.0%
\$5,001-\$6,000	19.3%	8.3%	3.7%
\$6,001-\$7,000	46.8%	3.7%	3.7%
More than \$7,000	1.8%	1.8%	4.6%
No Response	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.



19. 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	11.0%	35.8%	30.3%	7.3%	15.6%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	5.5%	30.3%	33.9%	13.8%	16.5%
Other college planning websites	5.5%	33.0%	32.1%	9.2%	20.2%
College fairs (virtual or in person)	3.7%	33.9%	32.1%	9.2%	21.1%
Television	2.8%	33.9%	32.1%	11.0%	20.2%
Radio	1.8%	26.6%	35.8%	14.7%	21.1%
Direct mail	6.4%	37.6%	29.4%	7.3%	19.3%
E-mail	9.2%	34.9%	26.6%	10.1%	19.3%
Brochures and pamphlets	7.3%	38.5%	24.8%	8.3%	21.1%
Magazines/newspapers	3.7%	30.3%	31.2%	16.5%	18.3%
Signs, posters, or billboards	2.8%	33.0%	30.3%	12.8%	21.1%
Text messages	5.5%	30.3%	33.9%	11.0%	19.3%
School counselor	9.2%	34.9%	32.1%	6.4%	17.4%
Family members	12.8%	33.9%	31.2%	6.4%	15.6%
GEAR UP staff	7.3%	33.0%	28.4%	11.9%	19.3%
College admissions representatives	10.1%	33.0%	30.3%	8.3%	18.3%
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	10.1%	36.7%	26.6%	8.3%	18.3%

20. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be completed as early as October 1, 2020.
Have you completed your FAFSA yet?

	(%)
No, I do not and my student does not plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year.	28.4%
No, but I am planning or my student is planning to complete the FAFSA during this academic year.	50.5%
I'm not sure.	10.1%
Yes, I have or my student has completed the FAFSA this year.	11.0%
No Response	0.0%

21. If you answered "No, I do not and my student does not plan to complete the FAFSA this academic 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	22.6%
I'm not sure what the FAFSA is	77.4%
I do not believe my student will be eligible for financial aid	0.0%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

ⁱ Tables above may not total 100% due to rounding.