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ABSTRACT

A survey was conducted of 473 seniors in 33 secondary schools in Montana to determine how many were planning to continue their education beyond high school. The survey instrument used, a 131-item questionnaire, was a refined version of one developed by the American College Testing Program. Results of the survey, which are provided in 39 tables, showed 19 percent did not plan additional education after graduation. Of the other students, 23 percent were planning to attend a vocational school, and 77 percent planned to attend a college or university. Of those who planned to attend school, 36 percent indicated they would attend 2 years or less and 64 percent indicated they would attend 4 or more years. Appendixes present the Sample Frame Procedure, Letters and Instructions to Principals, the Questionnaire for High School Seniors, Letters to Parents, and a List of High Schools Surveyed. (DB)

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INTRODUCTION

The data used in this study were collected during March and April, 1974 from approximately 600 seniors across the state. The survey instrument, developed by the American College Testing Program, was refined by the staff of the Montana Commission on Post-Secondary Education in conjunction with Dr. Kenneth Tiahrt, Montana State University Statistical Laboratory.

The purpose of this study was to survey students planning to continue their education beyond high school. The research entailed:

- 1.) the gathering of information on the postsecondary educational programs which presently enrolled high school seniors wish to pursue,
- 2.) an assessment of the ability of the students' family to meet the costs associated with en-rollment, and
- 3.) an assessment of information available to students on educational and employment opportunities after high school.

The Commission was fortunate to obtain the services of Dr. Kenneth Tiahrt who prepared the statistical data, as well as the statistical analysis of this report and handled the administration of the questionnaire.

We acknowledge Dolores Colburg, Superintendent of Public Instruction, for her assistance in this study. Finally the cooperation of the principals and seniors of the high schools involved* made it possible to collect this information.



^{*}See Appendix E for the list of high schools surveyed.

I. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SAMPLE

A total of 473 seniors in 33 different secondary schools in the state responded to the questionnaire. Selected demographic characteristics of the respondents are given in the table on the following page.

Some seniors (19%) do not plan on any additional education after graduation. Of those remaining, 23% are presently planning to attend a vocational chool and 77% plan to attend a college or university. The students planning additional studies were also separated into two other categories; 36% are planning to attend school (either vocational, college, or university) for two years or less, and 64% are planning on four years or more of post-secondary studies.

Sample Frame

The sample was selected according to standard techniques for stratified sampling. Details of this procedure may be found in Appendix A.





Table 1 DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

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	Total Senior	No Further Education	Vocational School	College 77%	2 yrs or less of Study	h yrs or more of Study 64%
	Respondents	19%	238			
	18.7	1.14	56.8	9.84	58.3	1,6.1
A Female	51.3	58.9	43.2	51.4	41.[73:2
1	11.1	11.2	13.6	10.3	14.6	9.1
From Comm. Under 4000 Population	36.2	43.9	37.5	33.5	35.8	33.6
	52.7	6.44	48.9	56.2	49.6	57.3
TOTABLEGO F 000#	-		8.3	2.0	2.9	1.6
Married	ν α	5.4	1.1	2.7	2.2	2.5
% American Indian % White	94.5	92.1	9.96	94.5	95.7	9 4 6

of the type of information available from this table Examples

- 58.9% of the persons planning no further education are female. 58.3% of the persons planning on only two or fewer years of additional education 2) 2)
- 52.7% of the respondents were from communities over 4000 population but 57.3% of the persons planning on four or more years of study were from these communities. 3
 - 2.8% of the respondents were American Indian, but 1.5% of those persons planning no further education were American Indians. (7

Similar interpretations may be given other data items in this table.

*"Rural" refers to "Farm or open country", which was the wording contained in Item #1 of the questionnaire.

II. STUDENTS NOT PLANNING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Ninety-one students, or 19% of those surveyed, indicated they did not intend to continue their education beyond high school. Various characteristics of these students and their families are presented below. In each table, the actual count report is given (possibly not totaling 91 if data was ommitted). This count of students not planning additional education is also given as a percent of all students (including those who are planning additional education) responding to this question. The interpretive comments in this section are based primarily on the percentage columns in the tables.

Table 2*
Selected Student Chacteristics

Sex	Actual Count	<pre>% of Respondents</pre>
Male	37	16.1
Female	53	21.9

Table 2a##

Community	Actual Count	% of Respondents
Rural	10	19.2
Under 4000	39	23.2
Over 4000	40	16.3

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^{*} This table indicates that a greater proportion of females (21.9%) than males (16.1%) do not seek post-secondary education.

^{**} Of the students surveyed, those from communities under 4000 in size were most likely to stop their education at the high school level.

Table 2b#

Race	Actual Count	% of Respondents
American Indian White Other	82	30.8 18.5 23.0

The following table relating father's occupation indicates that students whose parents are clerical, service, or labor workers are least likely to seek additional education. Proprietors, sales, and professional workers' children have the greatest tendency to plan post-secondary education.

"able 3
Selected Family Characteristics

Father's Occupation	Actual Count	% of Respondents
Agriculture Clerical Forestry Government Labor Professional Proprietors Sales Service Transportation Other	20 3 4 21 7 4 2 4 5 8	18.9 37.6 21.0 19.0 26.0 12.7 8.5 9.1 33.3 19.2 24.2

^{*} Over 30% of the American Indians surveyed indicated they would not continue with any education after high school. It should be noted that only 13 Indians were included in the sample of students surveyed, so information regarding them and other non-white groups (there were also 13 other non-whites surveyed) may not accurately reflect the statewide population of persons in these groups.



Table 3a*

Parental Income	Actual Count	% of Respondents
Under 3000	8	38.1
3000 - 6000	8	23.6
6000 - 9000	13	16.5
9000 - 12000	17	18.3
12000 - 15000	14	18.2
15000 - 20000	16	19.3
over 20000	9	14.3

Table 4**

Dependent Siblings in Post-Secondary Education	Actual Count	% of Respondents
None	63	19.7
1 or more	28	18.3

^{*} The percentages shown in this table clearly indicate that children of lower income families are much less likely to continue education following high school.

^{**} It appears that students from families with other children in advanced education are more likely to also seek additional training.

Grades appear to be related in the traditional manner to plans for further education.

Table 5

High School Grades	Actual Count	% of Respondents
A's	6	7.1
B's	32	14.0
C's	37	27.0
D's & F's	7	58.4

Apparently, having information on advanced education is an important factor in motivating students to continue in school. It is possible that students not intending to continue successfully, avoid receiving this information.

Table 6

Information on Educ. Opportunities is Available	Actual Count	% of Respondents
Yes No	73 16	17.0

56.2% of the students planning to work in the Fall do not plan additional education, while the other 43.8% who are planning to work in the Fall expect to seek additional post-secondary education. Other table entries below may be interpreted similarly. For example, 57.2% of the students planning marriage do not expect to continue any education beyond high school.

Table 7

Fall Plans	Actual Count	<pre>% of Respondents</pre>
Work	59	56.2
Military	11	38.0
Marri age	8	57.2
Travel	7	41.2

The following table indicates that the majority of the students who do not plan to continue their education either sought or were provided with information relating to employment.

Table 8

Information on Jobs is Available	Actual Count	% of Respondents
Yes	59	19.3
No	29	18.5

The reasons for deciding not to continue education beyond high school have been ranked by the percent of students not planning additional education who rated the reasons as being of major importance (see Table 9).



Table 9

Reason	Major Importance	No Importance
Want to start working	45.5%	20.5%
want to Start working	47.7%	20.74
No interest in school	35.2%	28.4%
High school is enough	31.5%	25.8%
Can't afford education	19.3%	53.4%
Will get married	18.2%	67.0%
Joining Armed Forces	11.4%	67.0%
Grades too low	5.7%	65.9%
Help support family	3.4%	77.3%
Friends are not going	2.3%	92.0%

The following table indicates the type of postsecondary education these terminal high school students would choose if they changed their minds and continued their education.

Table 10

Choice of Institution	<pre>% of Respondents</pre>
2 or 4 yr. in-state college	34.0
Vocational-Tech School	28.6
Other trade or business school	28.6
Out-of-state college	8.8



III. STUDENTS PLANNING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Of the sampled students, 382 or 81%, indicated that they expected to continue with post-secondary education. This group of responses was examined in two ways. They were separated into those planning on attending a university, college, or junior college and those planning vo-tech or trade directed education. Seventy-seven percent of those seeking additional education were college bound and 23% were to attend vo-tech, business, or trade schools.

The 382 students were also separated into two other groups, those planning four or more years of study (63.5%), and those planning two or less years (36.5%). The questionnaire did not allow a choice of three years of study so these persons would be in either the four year or two year category.

Various selected characteristics of these students have been itemized in the tables in the following section. Each of the tables show the actual count of responses, as well as the actual count expressed as a percent of the total number of responses from students planning additional education for the category being considered.





Table 11 SEX

		Atten	Attendance	Atten	Attendance	Years	SH	Ϋ́e	Years
	Total Senior Respondents	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Court	Percent
Male	193	143	74.1%	50	25.9%	112	58.0%	rl w	42.0%
Female	189	151	79.9%	38	20.1%	131	69.7%	(n)	30.7%

The percent of women who plan to attend college is greater than the percent of men who plan this sort of advanced education. Also, many more women plan four years than two years of education.



Table 12 COMMUNITY SIZE

	-	College	9 8 a	Vo-Tech	u o a	Four Years	H o	Two Years	S
	All Students	Actual Count	Percent	Actual	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent
Rural	75	30	71.4%	12	28.6%	22	52.5%	20	47.5%
Under 4000	130	97	74.5%	33	25.4%	81	62.3%	617	37.78
Over 4000	506	163	79.1%	1,3	20.9%	138	67.0%	89	33.0%

As community size (perhaps complexity of life) increases, the intent to attend college increases.

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		College	9 9 9	To-Tech	e c h	Four Years	h w	Two Years	S
	All Students	Actual	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent
American Indian	6	ω	88.9%	rl	11.1%	9	66.7%	, m	33.3%
White	361	276	76.5%	KV W	23.5%	\$228	63.2%	133	36.8%
Other	10	80	80.0%	. (V	20.08	-	70.0%	m	30.08

The data for American Indians and for other ron-white persons is based on only a smail response and may not be truly representative.



Table 14 FATHER'S OCCUPATION

		College	9 8 9	Vo-Tech	ech	rou. Years	1 W	Two Years	
	All	Actual		Actual	t	Actual	+ s 0 0 0 0	Actual	υ 0 2 2 4
	Students	Count	Percent	Count	rercent	2 1100	ב עד כ ב זו ר	2 11 00	7777
Agriculture	98	79	74.5%	22	25.5%	7.7	54.7%	39	45.3%
Clerical	5	72	100.0%	0	×0.0	7	80.0%	н	20.0%
Natural Res.	15	11	73.3%	77	26.7%	6	%o·09	9	40.0%
Government	27	78	88.9%	m	11.1%	21	77.8%	9	22.2%
Tabor Tabor	09	01	66.7%	20	33.3%	37	58.4%	26	41.6%
Professional	8 7	0 7	83.1%	8	16:6%	39	81.2%	6	18.8%
Proprietors	t 3	35	81.1%	ω.	18.6%	23	53.5%	20	46.5%
Sales	20	7.1	70.0%	9	30.0%	12	60.0%	ω.	40.04
Service	8	-	87.5%	Н	12.5%	-	87.5%	н	12.5%
["ansportation	21	. H	61.9%	ω	38.1%	12	57.2%	6	12.8%

Transportation, labor, and sales workers continued are whose here refers of study have reacheds. Greatest percentages of students planning four or more years of study have if students planning two or fewer years of study have fathers that are proprietors, agriculthe, transportation, labor, sales, or forestry workers. This seems to follow traditional Inamaportation, labor, and sales workers' children are those who seem to plan to attend rest-secondary education in general than children of white collar workers. fathers that are service, professional, clerical or government workers.



Table 16
PARENTAL INCOME

		College	e 6	Vo-Tech	ц u	Four Years	ur rs	Two Years	S
	All Students	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual	Percent	Actual	Percent
0-3000	13	12	92.3%	н	7.7%	8	61.5%	5	38.5%
3000-6000	56	16	61.5%	10	38.5%	12	16.2%	7.1	63.8%
6000-7500	56	18	69.2%	ω	30.8%	7.	53.8%	12	46.2%
7500-9000	0 7	29	72.5%	11	27.5%	72	60.0%	16	40.0%
9000-12000	. 91	58	76.3%	18	23.5%	14	61.8%	59	38.2%
12000-15000	63	61	77.8%	7.1	22.2%	01	63.5%	23	36.5%
15000-20000	29	26	83.6%	11	16.4%	20	74.7%	17	25.3%
Over 20000	5.4	517	83.4%	σ.	16.6%	36	66.7%	18	33.3%
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further education. The very low income levels and the higher income levels are the fam-This table shows interesting relationships between parental income and student plans for ilies which generate greater percentages of students intent on four or more years of college education. Greater percentages of students from families with income of 3000-7500 plan on vo-tech education or on two or fewer years of study than those from other income levels.

Table 15 MOTHER'S OCCUPATION

		College	9 9 9	Vo-Tech	ech	Four Years	ur rs	TWO	s
	A11	Actual	; ; ;	Actual	\$ 0 0 0	Actual	ф ф ф	Actual	+ s
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Agriculture	01	9	* 0 • 0 9	_ ⇒	% 0.04	^	%0.0¢	v	20.00
Clerical	55	36	65.5%	19	34.5%	32	58.2%	23	41.8%
Natural Res.	N	N	100.0%	0	% 0.0	н	50.0%	н	50.0%
Government	_	9	85.7%	H	14.3%	5	71.4%	N	28.6%
Labor	9	9	100.0%	0	% O · O	9	100.0%	0	0.0
Professional	14	₹€	82.9%	٢	17.1%	31	75.6%	10	84.42
Proprietors	12	11	91.7%	н	8.3%	∞	66.7%	ব	33.3%
Sales	וו	9	54.6%	2	45.4%	5	45.4%	9	24.6%
Service	50	41	70.0%	9	30.0%	13	65.0%	7	35.0%
Transportation	н	н	100.0%	0	0.0	н	100.0%	0	0.0



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Table 17 OTHER DEPENDENT SIBLINGS IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

		College	989	Vo-Tech	qoə	Four Years	Four ears	Two Years	S
	All Students	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent
None	257	189	73.5%	68	26.5%	152	59.1%	105	\$6.04
One or More	125	105	84.0%	20	16.0%	16	72.8%	34	27.2%

Students from families with other children in post-secondary education are more likely to continue beyond high school. They also are more likely to choose college over vo-tech and to plan more years of education.



Table 18 HIGH SCHOOL GRADES

		ק ק ק	Q b	Vo-Tech	์ นุ	X A	Four Years	Two Years	S
	All Students	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent
A s	78	69	88.5%	0,	11.5%	62	79.5%	16	20.5%
B s	197	152	77.2%	4.5	22.8%	124	62.9%	73	37.1%
ຮຸລ	95	99	69.5%	29	30.5%	52	24.7%	1,3	45.3%
D s	5	2	¥0.04	m	80.09	N	40.0%	m	60.0%
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Students with lower grades are more likely to plan for vo-tech study and for only one or two years beyond high school, while those with higher grades plan on college study and for four or more years in post-secondary institutions.

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Table 19 HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

		College	ege	Vo-Tech	e c 'n	K 90	Four	# 0; E+ 0;	47.
	All Students	Actual	Percent	Actual	0 د و	Actual	Δ 3 4 5	Actual	; ; ;
College Prep.		139	88.5%	18	11.5%	128	81.5%	11	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
General	711	. 48	73.7%	30	26.3%	63	55.3%	51	いた。なな
Business	59	17	58.6%	12	41.14	6	31.0%	20	20.69
Vo-Tech	18	, '\	27.8%	13	72.2%	70	27.8%	13	12 · 12 · 12 · 12 · 12 · 12 · 12 · 12 ·
Agriculture	۲	5	71.4%	N	28.6%	 С	28.6%	ľ	71.4%

Only the college prep program students have strong tendency toward four years of post-secondary education. Business, vo-tech and agricultural programs appear to produce students desiring only one or two years of additional training. The orientation of students in a vo-tech program is towards further education of that type, while the other programs seem to be primarily oriented toward further study in college.

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Table 20
REASONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

				Four	Two
		College	Vo-Tech	Years	Years
	A11				
	Students	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Career Career	67	3.4	2.7	₩. 8	0.5
Thrown Throme	6.7	3.1	4.8	3.6	1.9
יים אין ביין המין ומין	2.4	3.4	8.9	6.8	4.6
ALLER FOR CARON	8.6	8.1	0	8.3	8.9
r can carrect	7.0	8	6.0	2.1	8.1
ing incomming to	16.3%	49.1%	37.5%	50.48	39.6%
eet Interesting Pe	3.1	7.8	7.3	4.7	0.2
srents Encouragement	4.7	4.2	6.1	6.9	0.9
ortinue in Sports	8.1	N	5	1.2	6.
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It is of interest to note that parental encouragement is a far greater factor than There is a definite dividing line between the 8th and the 9th of these items, and the last six are of importance to only a relatively small percentage of students. The first and The reasons for continuing with post-secondary education have been ranked on the second of these reasons clearly received the rating of very important by a large cross-section of the students planning additional study. A strong motivation oriented toward career preparation and future earning ability is demonstrated. percent of all students rating the reason as being very important. ercouragement by high school counselors.

Table 21 ENROLLMENT STATUS

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Four

			College	еве	Vo-Tech	ech	Years	rs	Years	S
	All Students	Percent	Actual	Percent	Actual	Percent	Actual Count	Percent,	Actual Count	Percent
Full-Time	324	84.8%	262	80.98	62	19.1%	229	70.7%	95	0, 0, 0,
Part-Time	26	14.7%	30	53.5%	56	46.5%	12	21.12	7 7	78.03

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Most students expect to enroll full-time; however, of those who expect to be only part-time, most expect to complete only one or two years.

Table 22
PARENTS WILL CLAIM STUDENT AS TAX EXEMPTION

			College	ge	Vo-Tech	ech	rour Years	ur rs	Years	9
	All Students	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual	Percent	Actual	Percent	Actual Count	Percent
Yes	305	81.9%	241	¥0.67	† 9	21.0%	199	65.3%	901	34.7%
NO	67	18.1%	45	67.2%	22	32.8%	37	55.2%	30	44.8%

Over 80% of all students will be claimed as a dependent by their parents for tax purposes.

Table 23 STUDENTS' HOUSING PLANS

	_		College	ge	Vo-Tech	ech	Four Years	ង ស	Twc	
	All Students	Percent	Actual	Percent	Actual	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent
Dormitory	207	54.5%	185	89.5%	22	10.5%	165	79.7%	24	20.3%
Off Campus	76	24.7%	617	52.28	4.5	47.8%	37	39.4%	57	60.6%
At Home	73	19.2%	53	72.6%	20	27.1%	38	52.0%	35	18.0%
Other	9	1.6%	ζ.	83.4%	Н	16.6%	Н	16.6%	ľV	83.1%

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Of these, nearly 90% will enroll in Approximately 55% of the students plan on dormitory housing. colleges, and nearly 80% plan on four-year programs.

Approximately one out of five expect to live at nome, and about half of these plan on only one or two years of study.

OCCUPATIONAL CHOICE

Of the 36 students planning agricultural careers 27 - or 75% - are directed toward actual production and the remaining nine are directed toward agri-business (see Table 24 on the following page).

Seventy percent of the clerical workers intend to become secretarial workers.

Twelve of the 13 students in natural resources are directed toward forestry or fish and wildlife.

In the labor category, 50% will seek mechanic training and the other half are construction and building trade oriented.

Proprietors or managers, sales workers, and service workers do not show any particular grouping of interests.

Six of the eight students in the transportation category will seek training for airline employees.



Table 24 FIRST OCCUPATIONAL CHOICE

			College	e <i>g</i> e	Vo-Tech	ech	Four Years	ur rs	Two	S
	All		Actual		Actual		Actual		Actual	
	Students	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Agriculture	36	10.4%	7 2	66.7%	12	33.3%	17	38.9%	22	61.1%
Cterical	30	8.6%	15	50.0%	15	50.0%	α	6.7%	28	93.3%
Natural Res.	13	3.7%	12	92.3%	Н	7.7%	10	76.9%	m	23.1%
Government	15	1.1%	77	80.0%	Н	20.0%	ব	80.0%	Н	20.0%
Labor	77	6.9%	11	45.8%	13	54.2%	7	29.5%	17	70.8%
Professional	207	59.7%	175	84.5%	32	15.5%	164	79.2%	1,3	20.8%
Proprietors	11	3.2%	0	81.8%	C)	18.2%	10	%6.06	н	9.1%
Sales	5	7.48	77	80.0%	Н	20.0%	OI	40.04	m	60.0%
Service	ω	N . 33	7	62.5%	m	37.5%	N	25.0%	9	75.0%
Transportation	8	2.3%	7	62.5%	m	37.5%	ĸ	37.5%	7.	62.7%

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those planning on a career in natural resources or as professional or technical workers primarily plan on college educations. These broad categories of occupational choice are broken down in Students planning on becoming clerical or labor worker's tend to plan on vo-tech schooling while Appendix E. The "Professional" category is further detailed on the following page.

Table 25
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS

	Actual Count	Percen
Accounting	14	6.8%
Education College High School Elementary Administration	43 3 19 19 2	20.8% 7.0% 44.2% 44.2% 4.7%
Fine Arts Architecture Clergy Journalism Law Music, Art	36 4 2 2 12 16	17.4% 11.1% 5.6% 5.6% 33.3% 44.4%
Health Dentist Doctor Nurse Health Tech. Veterinarian	39 7 15 6 6 *	18.8% 12.8% 17.9% 38.5% 15.4% 15.4%
Science Engineering Scientist Industrial Tech.	41 31 3 7	19.8% 75.6% 7.3% 17.0%
Other	34	16.4%

IN-STATE INSTITUTIONAL CHOICE

The two major universities in the state account for the majority of the students in terms of where high school students wish to go and where they are most likely to go for additional study. (See Tables 26 and 27 on the following pages.) It should not be overlooked, however, that between 15 and 20% of the high school seniors who will attend state supported schools indicate that they will attend one of the other public four-year colleges in the state.

It should be noted that the number of students choosing some individual junior colleges and vo-tech schools is too small to provide good information regarding the role of these schools. This sort of information is available from other sources on overall school enrollment.



Table 26 INSTITUTIONAL CHOICE

	First Choice	First hoice	Sec	Second Choice	Most To A	Likely Attend
	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent	Actual Count	Percent
In-State College Public 4 years Private 4 years Public 2 years	205 174 19	54.7% 46.4% 5.1% 3.2%	215 173 26 16	58.3% 46.9% 7.0%	224 189 18	50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 5
<pre>0ut-of-State</pre>	111 62 21 28	29.6% 16.5% 7.6%	99 55 23 21	26.8% 14.9% 6.2% 5.7%	94 47 20 27	25.1% 12.6% 5.3%
In-State Vo-Tech Public Private	59 36 23	9.6%	30 25	14.9% 8.1% 6.8%	56 34 22	9.1%
Tot al	375		369		374	

In-state public post-secondary schools will receive between 60 and 65% of those students seeking additional education. Between 25 and 30% of the students expect to receive post-secondary education in out-of-state colleges. The instate colleges and public vo-tech schools are further detailed on the following



Table 27 IN-STATE INSTITUTIONAL CHOICE

	.H 일	rstice	Sec	Second Choice	Most To A	Likely ttend
	Actual	Percent	Actual	Percent	Actual	Percent
Year Institutions sity of Montana a State University	174 48 91	78. h% 21.6% 41.0%	173 57 72	79.0% 26.0% 32.9%	189 51 97	78.8% 21.3% 40.1%
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tutions	12	3.6%	16	₽ ₹ ₽ ₹	17	7.13
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FACTORS INFLUENCING INSTITUTIONAL CHOICE

Program strength as perceived by high school seniors is by far the major factor which influences their choice of institution for additional studies (see Table 28 on the following page).

Admission requirements receive a higher rating by vo-tech bound students probably because generally their high school grades are lover.

Items that are of major importance to only a few students include size of institution, religious affiliation, the possibility of living at home, sports and plans of their friends.



Table 28
FACTORS INFLUENCING INSTITUTIONAL CHOICE

		College	Vo-Tech	Four Years	Two Years
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	Students	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
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O H	1.9	m.0	7.3	N . T	о. 1
Facilities	3.0	0.0%	2.3	2.8	3.5
General Impression	4.6	6.2	9.5	8.7	
ost	34.3%	33.9%	36.8%	31.4%	
Faculty	2.7	3.1	1.8	2.5	ж. ж.
Financial Aid	ተ : 0	2.1	5.0	5.8	1.0
Social Climate	4.9	7.3	3.9	8.1	3.2
Admission Requirements	6.0	1.8	9.8	1.4	34.1%
istance F	5.5	7.6	4.8	2.2	1.2
Reputation	5.0	2.3	4.1	2.2	9.7
•H	2.6	2.7	2.5	3.6	9.0
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Live At Home	0.8	9.0	ď	9	12.3%
Sports	10.5%	2.7	₹.	9	۲.
Friends Plans	7.9%	9.	7.	φ.	0
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The table has been ranked on the percent of all students rating the item as of major influence.



Table 29 SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR

	All St	udents
	Actual Count	Percent
Strength of Program	164	42.9%
Cost	43	11.3%
Financial Aid	26	6.8%
General Impression	17	4.5%
Social Climate	12	3.1%
Distance From Home	12	3.1%
Live At Home	11	2.9%
General Reputation	10	2.6%
Sports	10	2.6%
Facilities	9	2.4%
Size	: 9	2.4%
Religious Affiliation	7	1.8%
Faculty	6	1.6%
Admission Requirements	5	1.3%

This table has been ranked on the number of responses listing a given factor as the single most important factor in choosing an institution for advanced study. The only factor which is meaningful here is that strength of program is ranked as much more important than any others. The remaining factors are so close that they cannot be clearly distinguished except that possibly cost is a second most important single factor. This table does not agree with the preceding one and the only explanation is that the students themselves are inconsistent.



Table 30 WILL YOU WORK WHILE IN COLLEGE

		College	Vo-Tech	Four Years	Two
	A11 Students	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Yes	76.9%	75.4%	81.6%	%L·7L	80.7%
ON	23.1%	24.6%	18.4%	25.3%	19.3%

all responses for students of the type indicated at the top of the column, i.e., 75.4% of college bound students expect to work, and 81.6% of vo-tech bound students expect to work. This difference is also expressed in the columns labeled as four years or more of In this table the responses have been expressed as a percent of study and two years or less of study.

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Table 31 HOURS OF WORK EACH WEEK

			ָם פּפּ	0	Vo-Tech	<u>ج</u> ن ف	Four	Fi w	TWO	0 H
				20	Actual		Actual		Actual	
	Students	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
None	80	20.9%	65	81.3%	15	18.7%	55	68.8%	25	31.2%
1-10	50	13.1%	77	88.0%	9	12.0%	36	72.0%	7.1	28.0%
11-20	118	30.9%	89	75.4%	29	24.6%	16	64.4%	75	35.6%
21-30	89	23.3%	63	70.1%	56	29.9%	50	56.2%	39	43.8%
Over 30	32	¥ ∴ 3. 8	22	68.8%	10	31.2%	19	29.4%	13	40.6%
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This table indicates that about 21% of the students do not expect to work. Of these, 81.3% will be college students, or looked at differently, 68.8% will be planning on four years of study. It should be noted that very few students expect to work over 30 hours each week, but also that nearly 55% of them expect to work between 11 and 30 hours weekly. Of these 55%, approximately 60% will be on at least four-year programs, and about 40% will be on one or two-year programs.

Table 32
PARENTS' FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

		College	Vo-Tech	Four Years	Two Years
	All Students	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
None	19.9%	8.1	6.2%	9.8	0.1
Up to 250	14.0%	12.9%	17.9%	13.1%	15.7%
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In this table the responses in each column are expressed as a percent of the total responding in that column. Thus, overall 19.9% of students expect no aid from parents. 18.1% of college bound students and 26.2% of vo-tech bound students will receive no aid. Other rows and columns may be interpreted similarly.



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PERCENT OF STUDENTS EXPECTING FINANCIAL AID FROM GIVEN SOURCE Table 33

				Four	Two
		College	Vo-Tech	Years	Years
	A11				
	Students	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Job		2.9	2.1	2.7	2.7
Savings	0	3.7	9.0	5.4	8.7
chol	.	₹. 8	7.2	2.1	8.8
Loans	0.	6.3	4	7.1	۲.
th	0.	0	2.2	5	5.1
Social Security	0.	1.7	9	1.6	9
A Bere	8.6%	8.2%	×6.6	9.1%	7.7%
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id	56.3%	57.9%	55.3%	63.3%	46.7%

year students. However, in addition, a much greater percentage (63.3% vs. 46.7%) of the four-year students expect to apply for financial aid. This The most notable difference shown above is that a much greater percentage of college bound students expect to receive aid from scholarships than do students that are planning on vo-tech education. This is, of course, due difference may be partly due to the generally lower high school grades of however, that a greater percentage of vo-tech students expect to receive loans. The same sort of differences are seen between four-year and twoto the fact that vo-tech schools do not have scholarship programs. two-year students.

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Table 34
PERCENT OF STUDENTS THAT HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION
ON FINANCIAL AID FROM GIVEN SOURCE

Two Years	Percent	%1. यम	т. П	38.6%	28.8%	30.8%	22.3%	9.8	ν̈́a	10.00 10.00	Ġ
Four Years	Percent	45.8%	δ. Θ	46.2%	30.9%	23.3%	23.7%	8.2	٦. د د د		ц. 0
Vo-Tech	Percent	12.2%	o. 0	37.3%	34.9%	35.4%	25.6%	3.2	'nΑ		0,
College	Percent	46.3%	6.5	45.3%	28.8%	23.2%	22.5%	7.3	4,	0	00
	All Students	# 10 mm m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m	⊅	43.5%	30.2%	26.0%	₩ a • •	8.6	2. 2. 4	10.01	₹ 0
		holar	Lottege work Study Institutional	Financial Aid Basic Educational	Opportunity Grant Federal Insured	Student Loan National Direct	Student Loan Supplemental Educa- tional Opportunity	Grant	VA Benefits Social Security	orcement	Health Program Loan

The availability of information regarding financial aid appears to be very similar regardless of type of institution or duration of program. Actually the most important fact is that such small percentages of students had received information on many of these sources of educational funds. The following is a two-way table which shows the relationship between where students will live and the importance they place on living at home.

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Table 35

	Major Importance	Some Importance	No Importance
Dormitory	2.4%	4.9%	92.7%
Off Campus	2.1%	12.8%	85.1%
At Home	47.2%	31.9%	20.8%

The following table shows the percentages of students from the whole sample who will live in a certain place compared to the importance they give living at home.

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	Major Importance	Scme Importance	No Importance
Dormitory	1.3%	2.7%	51.3%
Off Campus	0.5%	3.2%	21.5%
At Home	9.1%	6.2%	4.0%
Total	10.9%	12.1%	76.8%

From this table it may be observed that approximately 11% of the students feel it is of major importance to live at home, and 23% give this factor some degree of importance. However, of this 23%, only 15% (approximately) really expect to live at home while in post-secondary education. Out of a population of 15,000 students, this would mean over 2,000 who would live at home.

Table 37 COMPARISON OF FALL PLANS WITH PARENTAL INCOME

	Work	College	Work & College	Military	Marriage	Travel	Other
Under 7500	25.2%	38.0%	25.2%	4.3%	₩. 4	3.2%	% 0.0
7500-15000	24.2%	33.8%	24.8%	8.1.8	2.1%	4.3%	2.7%
Over 15000	18.7%	54.7%	17.8%	3. tr	2.5	2.2	0.6%

attend college without working are from families with income over 15000 (54.7% compared to 38% or 33.8%). The largest percentage of students who expect to marry are from families with income under 7500. The largest percentages of students who expect to immediately enter the work force come from families with incomes under 15000. Other similar observations can This table indicates that the greatest percentage of students who plan to be made. This table relates family income and amount of post-secondary education a student has planned.

Table 38

	No Education	Two Years Or Less	Four Years Or More
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Under 7500	23.8%	35.7%	40.5%
7500-15000	18.3%	30.3%	51.4%
Over 15000	17.2%	22.8%	60.0%

This table indicates that students from families with income under 7500 are most likely not to seek additional education (approximately 24% vs. 18%). Also, students from lower income levels are less likely than students from higher income levels to plan four years of education, and more likely to plan only two years (scan the last two columns of the table).

The following table relates choice of living facility to the single factor which students feel is most important in choosing a post-secondary educational institution. Data is given in percent.

Table 39 CHOICE OF LIVING FACILITY

	Dormitory	Off Campus	At Home
Friends	0.5%	0.0%	3.1%
Facilities	3.1%	1.2%	3.1%
Religious Affiliation	2.6%	1.2%	1.5%
General Impression	6.7%	3.7%	1.5%
Program Strength	55.0%	48.7%	26.2%
Admission Requirements	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
General Reputation	3.1%	1.2%	3.1%
Live At Home	0.0%	0.0%	16.9%
Distance From Home	1.6%	2.5%	10.8%
Social Program	3.6%	2.5%	3.1%
Faculty	2.1%	1.2%	1.5%
Financial Aid	8.3%	8.7%	3.1%
Sports	3.6%	2.5%	1.5%
Cost	6.2%	20.0%	21.6%
Size	2.1%	5.0%	1.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

From this table it is evident that cost is a factor in the student's decision to live off campus or at home. Financial aid is less important to a student living at home. Distance from home is naturally important to students living at home. Strength of program is less important to students living at home than others. This is probably because those planning to live at home have this living aspect as their primary consideration.

APPENDICES



APPENDIX A SAMPLE FRAME PROCEDURE



SAMPLE FRAME

than 1000 students, between 400 and 1000 students, between 100 and 400 students of and those having fewer than 100 students. The sample size in each strata was chosen These classe's -18 45 Four strata (groups) of secondary schools were identified; schools with more to be proportional to the total number of students in all schools in the strata. In each school sampled, the questionnaires were administered to a random are not sectioned by ability or program and are required of all seniors. selection of seniors from a class in American History or Government.

	No. Schools in Strata	Enrollment in Strata	No. Schools Sampled	No. Schools Responding	No Question- naire Mailed	No Responses Received
Over 1000 enrollment	11	19000	11	11	220	210
400 - 1000 enrollment	19	11000	10	7	150	102
100 - 100 enrollment	1	14000	П	11	165	130
Under 100 enrollment	58	3300	4	7	09	टम

Of the three schools not responding, two were willing to cooperate but had lost or misplaced the questionnaires and one refused to take part in the survey.



APPENDIX B LETTERS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO PRINCIPALS



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March 1, 1974

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DOLORES COLBURG

To:

Selected High School Principals*

From:

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The Montana Commission on Post-Secondary Education is concerned with the opportunities of Montana residents who wish to pursue post-secondary educational programs. In this connection, the Commission wishes to conduct research on post-secondary student financial aid and other possible barriers to post-high school education in Montana. The staff of the Commission has requested me to seek your cooperation in this research.

An essential element of this research requires: (1) the gathering of information on the post-secondary educational programs which presently-enrolled high school seniors wish to pursue, (2) an assessment of the ability of the student's family to meet the costs associated with enrollment, and (3) an assessment of information available to students on educational and employment opportunities after high school.

The enclosed survey instrument was developed by the American College Testing Program and refined by the staff of the Montana Commission on Post-Secondary Education. It is to be administered to a sample of Montana high school seniors. Your school has been selected for participation in this survey. I encourage you to assist the Commission on Post-Secondary Education by administering this questionnaire to that portion of your senior class indicated on the instructional sheet.

Please assure the students that all their responses will be confidential and stress the importance of providing accurate information. Reliable data gathered as a result of your efforts will be of substantial value to the members of the Commission and to others who are concerned with post-secondary educational program opportunities.

If you have questions, please communicate with Mr. Patrick M. Callan, Staff Director, Commission on Post-Secondary Education, Suite 5, 201 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601.

Enclosures:

Guestionnaire
Instruction Sheet
Answer Sheet

*Selected by the Commission



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Dear Principal:

Attached you will find the necessary instructions for administration of the survey of post-secondary aspirations and expectations mentioned in Mrs. Colburg's letter. Please review the instructions, and if you have any questions concerning the survey, please contact Beth Richter of my staff at the above telephone number.

Your prompt administration of this survey is extremely important to the Commission on Post-Secondary Education as it attempts to examine the opportunities for students wishing to pursue post-secondary educational programs.

We very much appreciate your cooperation and assistance with this project.

Sincerely,

PATRICK M. CALLAN

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Director



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Department of Mathematics

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INSTRUCTIONS TO PRINCIPAL

Please follow the itemized procedure below in administering this survey to a portion of the seniors at your school.

1. Selecting the class:

Select one senior class in American History and/or Government.

2. Selecting the students:

Several statistical considerations prevent us from surveying all the seniors in the selected class. Using an alphabetical listing of the students in the class selected above, please select every other student for the survey. (Please take students as they come without attempting to sort them in any way.) If you do not have students selected in this manner go back and select the previously skipped students until you have a total of . (If necessary, use two classes.) (If you have fewer seniors than questionnairs, leave some unused.)

3. Parents letter:

At least one day prior to the day vou administer the survey, each student selected in step 2 should receive a copy of the "Dear Parents" letter. Please encourage the students to read the letter and discuss it with their parents.

4. Administering the Ouestionnaire:

- a) Distribute one survey questionnaire and one answer sheet to each student.
- b) There is no time limit.
- c) There is no reason for conversation among the survey participants.
- d) Read the instructions at the top of the survey questionnaire to the participants to insure they all understand the method of coding their responses.
- e) Demonstrate the use of the answer sheet and code lists by assisting the group with the first three items.
- f) Have each student return the answer sheet to vou when they have completed the survey. (We encourage written comments on the reverse side of the answer sheet but do not wish them to include their names or identification.)

5. Returning answer sheets:

You may return the answer sheets in the enclosed addressed envelope to Dr. Kenneth Tiahrt at Montana State University as soon as possible. The questionnaires may be destroyed, used, or recycled as you desire.

6. Questions:

If you have any questions concerning these instructions, please call collect, Dr. Kenneth Tiahrt, Montana State University Statistical Laboratory, (406) 994-3601.



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WILLIAM WARFIELD

Dear Parents:

The Commission on Post-Secondary Education is currently involved in a comprehensive examination of post-secondary educational opportunities available to Montana residents. As part of the Commission's study, approximately 600 seniors across the state are being asked to complete a questionnaire about their future plans and their financial abilities to carry out those plans. Your son or daughter has been selected as one of the students to participate in this project.

Since the Commission will use the results of this survey to plan for the needs of all students planning to continue their educations beyond high school, the accuracy of your son's or daughter's responses is extremely important. In order to get the most accurate information possible, we are requesting that you discuss certain financial matters with your son or daughter before he (she) is given the questionnaire to complete.

The financial information covered in the questionnaire concerns, a) whether or not you plan to continue to claim your son or daughter as an income tax deduction if he (she) continues his (her) education beyond high school; b) how much financial help will you be able to give your son or daughter for his (her) first year of post-secondary education; and c) what is your approximate combined income (both father's and mother's). For your information, the exact content of these items from the questionnaire are contained on the attached sheet.

Again, please be assured that the Commission's interest is solely in the accuracy of responses. Your son's or daughter's responses will be entered on an answer sheet exactly like that of the other students participating in the survey. None of the answer sheets will have names, addresses, or any other kind of information which would identify individual students. No attempt will be made to identify individuals. The Commission is interested only in summary totals.

Your cooperation on this project will be appreciated and will do much to enable state government to meet the needs of Montana's young people.

Sincerely,

PATRICK M. CALLAN

Director

What is the best estimate of your parents' combined income? (Indicate total before taxes)

- 1) Less than \$1500/year (less than \$125/month or less than \$30/week)
- 2) \$1501-\$3000/year (about \$126-250/month or about \$31-58/week)
- 3) \$3001-\$6000/year (about \$251-500/month or about \$59-115/week)
- 4) \$6001-\$7500/year (about \$501-625/month or about \$116-144/week)
- 5) \$7501-\$9000/year (about \$626-750/month or about \$145-173/week)
- 6) \$9001-\$12,000 year (about \$751-1000/month or about \$174-231/week)
- 7) \$12,001-\$15,000/year (about \$1001-1250/month or about \$232-289/week)
- 8) \$15,001-\$20,000/year (about \$1251-1667/month or about \$290-385/week)
- 9) Over \$20,000/year (over \$1667/month or over \$385/week)

Will your parents claim you as an income tax exemption during your first year of post-secondary education?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

About how much financial assistance do you expect from your parents during your first year of post-secondary education?

01)	None	07)	\$1251-1500
02)	\$1 - 250	08)	\$1501-1750
93)	\$251-500	09)	\$1751-2000
04)	\$501-750	10)	\$2001-2250
05)	\$751-1000	11)	\$2251-2500
06)	\$1001-1250	12)	Over \$2500



APPENDIX D QUESTIONNAIRE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



ANSWER SHEET INSTRUCTIONS

DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME

Responding to the items in this questionnaire is quite simple and will require little time. You will note the possible responses following each item on the questionnaire are numbered. All you need to do is choose the number of the most appropriate response to each item and print the number in the space provided on this ancwer sheet. As an example of the way to respond to most items, take the first item in Section I of the questionnaire:

1. What is the approximate size of the community in which you live?

If you live in a city or town with a population between 1,000 and 2,999, you should respond by entering the numeral 4 in the space provided on the answer sheet.

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Other items refer you to code lists which are attached to the questionnaire. For example, take the second item in Section I of the questionnaire:

2. What is the county you live in?

If you live in Beaverhead County, you would refer to the County Code List on page 7 and enter the numeral 1 in the spaces provided on this answer sheet:

2. 1

Make sure your response is legible. If you do not understand an item or how to record your response, ask for assistance. Your cooperation is appreciated. Please begin with Section I.

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7.mother	33	59• —— -	86. ——	113. ——
8.father	34	60	87	114
8.mother	35· <u> </u>	61	88	115
9	36	62	89	116. ———
10	37. ——	63. ——	90	117
11	38	64	91	118
12	39• ———	65	92	119
13	40	66	93. ——	120.
14	41	67	94	121
15	42	68.	95. ——	122.
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17	44	70. ——	97•	124.
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MONTANA COMMISSION ON POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

PURPOSE AND INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this study is to collect information on the aspirations and expectations of currently enrolled high school seniors. It is hoped that the results will help colleges, universities, vocational-technical schools, other post-secondary institutions and state agencies to plan and initiate academic, training, and financial aid programs which meet your needs. The information needed can be collected only from students. We will be grateful for your cooperation.

You are not asked to provide your name or other identifying data and your responses will be completely confidential.

Please enter your response to each item by recording the response number in the appropriate space on the answer sheet. Several items require your reference to code lists attached to this questionnaire. If you need help with these items, ask for assistance. Please begin with Section I.

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	SECTION I
	What is the approximate size of the community in which you live? 1) Farm or open country Town or city of: 2) Less than 200 population 3) 200 - 499 population 7) Over 4000 population
2.	In what county do you live? (Please refer to the County Code List attached as page 7 to this questionnaire.)
3.	I am: 1) Female 2) Male
4.	Are you married? 1) Yes 2) No
5.	I am a(n): 1) American Indian 2) Black/Afro-American 3) Oriental American 4) Spanish American 5) White/Caucasian 6) Other
6.	What is your parents' marital status? 1) Married 2) Divorced 3) Separated 4) Mother living, father deceased 5) Father living, mother deceased 6) Both deceased
7.	Give the actual ages of your parents or guardians (if deceased leave blank).
	Indicate the occupation of your parents or guardians. (Please refer to the Occupational Code List attached as page 7 to this questionnaire.)
9.	What is the best estimate of your parents! combined income? (Indicate total before taxes) 1) Less than \$1,500/year (less than \$125/month less than \$30/week) 2) \$1,501-3,000/year (\$126-250/month \$31-58/week) 3) \$3,001-6,000/year (\$251-500/month \$59-115/week) 4) \$6,001-7,500/year (\$501-625/month \$116-144/week) 5) \$7,501-9,000/year (\$626-750/month \$145-173/week) 5) \$9,001-12,000/year (\$751-1,000/month \$174-231/week) 7) \$12,001-15,000/year (\$1,001-1,250/month \$232-289/week) 9) Over \$20,000/year (over \$1,667/month over \$385/week)
10.	How man, of your brothers and sisters are financially dependent on your parents? O) None 1) One 4) Four 7) Seven 7) Two 5) Five 8) Eight or more
11.	How many of your brothers and sisters who are financially dependent on your parents are full-time of normal students in some kind of post-secondary education this year? Once 2) Two 4) Four 5) Five or more
17.	What is the best description of the program in which you are enrolled in your high school? 1) College Preparatory 2) Vocational-Technical 3) General or Combined 4) Pusiness or Commercial 5) Agricultural, Farming 6) Other 7) There is no distinction among programs
l v.	What is the size of your high school graduating class? 1)



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14. What is your overall high school average?
          90 - 100 (mostly A's)
80 - 89 (mostly B's)
      1)
                                                                Below 60 (mostly F's)
                                                                My high school does not provide grade averages
          70 - 70
                    (mostly C's
                                                                I do not know
                    (mostly D's)
          60 - 69
15. What is your best estimate of your own rank in your high school class
3) Third 25% 4) Fourth 25%
     How many individual conferences have you had with your school counselor this year?
                                                                3 or 4
          None
      1١
                                                                More than 4
      2
          2
     Is it easy to get in to see a counselor if your want?
          Yes
     Do you have information on further educational opportunities available to you after graduation?
19. Do you know what steps a person needs to take in order to continue his or her education beyond high
     school?
      1) Yes
      2) No
20. Are you able to get information concerning scholarships, grants, loans, etc., with which to continue
     your education?
1) Yes
      25
          No
    Does your school have material available which tells what kind of training is required for a particular
     job such as auto mechanic, cosmetologist, computer programmer, medical laboratory technician, etc.?
      1) 2)
          Yes
          No
22. Do you have access to information about job opportunities which may be available to you after
     graduation?
      1) Yes
2) No
          Yes
    Do you know how to go about applying for a job?
      1) Yes
2) No
     What are your plans for the fall following completion of high school? (Choose only one)
          Work
                                                                Work full-time and school full-time
                                                            83
      2)
          School or college (post-secondary education)
                                                                Work full-time and school part-time
          Military service
                                                            9
                                                                Work full-time and school by correspondence
          Marriage (homemaking)
Marriage and school
                                                           10)
                                                                Travel
                                                                Other
         Work part-time and school full-time
     What is the highest level of formal education you expect to complete beyond high school?
          I plan no further education beyond high school
                                                                5}
                                                                    Four year degree
          Less than one year program
                                                                    Master's degree
          One year program
Two year degree or equivalent
                                                                    Ph.D. or professional degree
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IF YOU ANSWERED QUESTION NO. 25 ABOVE WITH RESPONSE 1, CONTINUE WITH SECTION II.

IF YOU ANSWERED QUESTION NO. 25 ABOVE WITH RESPONSE 2 THROUGH 7, SKIP TO SECTION III (PAGE 4).

SECTION II

Use the responses below to indicate the importance of each of the following items (26-35) as reasons for 1) Reason of major importance and education beyond high school:

- 1) Reason of major importance 2) Reason of some importance 3) Reason of no importance
- 26. I anticipate joining the armed forces.
- 27. High school is enough education for what I want to do.
- 28. I cannot afford to continue my education beyond high school.
- 29. My grades are not high enough to go to a college or vocational-technical school.
- 30. I am no longer interested in going to school.
- 31. I want to start working right away.
- 32. My friends will not be going to school.
- 33. I will have to work to help support my family.
- 34. I plan to get married.
- 35. I may change my mind and enroll in a college or vocational-technical school later on.
- 36. What occupation are you most likely to enter after completing your high school education? (Please refer to the Occupational Code List attached as page 7 to this questionnaire.)
- 37. If, for any reason, you changed your mind and decided to continue your education beyond high school, which educational institution would you be most likely to attend? (Please refer to the <u>Institution</u> <u>Code List</u> attached as page 8 to this questionnaire.)

Estimate the cost of items 38 - 44 during the first year at the institution selected in response to item 37. Use the responses below to estimate the cost of each item (38 - 44).

1) 2) 3) 4)	No cost \$1 - 49 \$50 - 99 \$100 - 199	5) \$200 6) \$300 7) \$400 8) \$500	- 200 - 399 - 499 - 749	9) 10) 11)	\$750 - 999 \$1,000 - 1,249 \$1,250 - 1,499 \$1,500 - 1,999	13) 14) 15)	\$2,000 - 2,499 \$2,500 - 2,999 \$3,000 - 3,499 \$3,500 or more
,	+ - 55	0) \$500	- 749	12)	\$1,500 - 1,999	16)	\$3,500 or more

- 38. Tuition and fees
- 39. Books and supplies
- 40. Food and housing
- 41. Medical expenses
- 42. Travel or transportation
- 43. Clothing
- 44. Other personal expenses (miscellaneous entertainment, etc.)

There are a variety of financial aid programs in existence to help students finance their education beyond high school. Use the responses below to indicate if you have ever received information about each program listed (Items 45-55).

1) Yes 2) No

- 45. Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG)
- 46. College Work Study Program (CWS)
- 47. National Direct Student Loan Program (NDSL)
- 48. Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants Program
- 49. A scholarship program within your state (government or private) which provides student assistance
- 50. Federally Insured Student Loan Program (FISL)
- 51. Nursing or health professions scholarship or loans
- 52. Law Enforcement Education Program
- 53. Social Security for post-secondary education
- 54. Veterans Administration (VA) Benefits for post-secondary education
- 55. Individual institutional financial aid programs

IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SECTION III. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.



SECTION III

Use the following responses to indicate the importance of each of the reasons (Items 56-69) for your decision to continue your formal education beyond high school:

1) Very important

- Somewhat important Not very important 2)
- Not important
- 56. Continuing my education will help me to meet and converse with interesting people.
- 57. Continuing my education will help me to find a husband or wife.
- 58. My parents encouraged me to continue my education.
- 59. Continuing my education will give me the opportunity to have a good time.
- 60. My high school counselor encouraged me to continue my education.
- 61. Continuing my education is a way to avoid going to work immediately out of high school.
- Continuing my education will help me locate a suitable career.
- 63. Continuing my education will help me to earn a good income.
- 64. Continuing my education will help me to guide and educate my own children.
- Continuing my education will help me to become more broadminded, concerned about others and more tolerant. 65.
- 66. Continuing my education will allow me to continue to participate in sports.
- 67. My friends are continuing their education.
- 68. A high school diploma does not qualify me for my chosen career.
- 69. I cannot find a meaningful job with only a high school education.
- I would like to attend a post-secondary school or college with a full-time undergraduate enrollment of:

 1) Under 1,000 students
 2) 1,000 5,000 students
 5) Over 20,000 students
 5) Over 20,000 students 70.

- 5,000 10,000 students
 - How soon after high school do you plan to enter the post-secondary school or college of your choice? Immediately after high school
 - I plan to work or travel in the summer and enroll in the fall.
 - I plan to work or travel for about six months and then go to school.
 - I plan to work or travel for about a year and then go to school.
 - Other
- Do you plan to enroll as a:
 - Full-time student
 - Part-time student
- You will attend classes primarily during the:
 - Daytime
 - 2 Evening
- Will your parents claim you as an income tax exemption during your first year of post-secondary education? 1) Yes
 - No
- Where do you expect to live during your first year of post-secondary education?
 - Dormitory Married student housing

- At home with family or relative 5) Fraternity or sorority
- Off-campus room or apartment
- 76. What occupation are you most likely to enter after completing your formal education AS YOUR FIRST CHOICE. (Please refer to the Occupational Code List attached as page 7 to this questionnaire.)
- What occupation are you most likely to enter after completing your formal education AS YOUR SECOND CHOICE. (Please refer to the Occupational Code List attached as page 7 to this questionnaire.)
- Which of the following is the type of post-secondary institution you would like to attend?

 1) Public college or university (4-year) 5) Public vocational-technical school
 - 5) Private college or university (4-year)

 'Lic community or junior college (2-year) Private vocational, trade or technical school
 - 3 School of nursing vate junior college (2-year) Other
- Indicate the code of the school, college or university that you would prefer to attend AS YOUR FIRST CHOICE. (Please refer to the <u>Institution Code List</u> attached as page 8 of this questionnaire.)
- Indicate the code of the school, college or university that you would prefer to attend AS YOUR SECOND CHOICE. (Please refer to the <u>Institution Code List</u> attached as page 8 of this questionnaire.)



81. Indicate the code of the school, college or university that you are most likely to attend. (Please refer to the Institution Code List attached as page 8 of this questionnaire.) The next 15 items are factors which may have influenced your choice of a post-secondary school, college or university. Use the following responses to indicate their importance to you: Factor of some importance Factor of no importance 82. Size of institution (number of students) 83. Inexpensive 84. Athletic program 85. Offer of scholarship or other financial aid 86. Reputation of faculty 87. Social climate and activities program 88. Distance from my home town 89. Close enough so that I can continue to live with my parents 90. General reputation or prestige 91. Admissions requirements 92. Strength of program in which I am interested 93. General impression of campus and students 94. Religious affiliation 95. Facilities available 96. Friends were to attend here 97. From the preceding 15 items (numbers 82-96) select the one MOST IMPORTANT factor in making your choice of a post-secondary institution. Indicate the maximum tuition and fees you would expect to pay annually at the post-secondary school or college you are most likely to attend. (Do not include food or housing.)

1) Under \$500

2) Under \$1,000

4) Under \$3,000

5) Under \$2,500

Under \$3,000 Under \$3,500 Under \$4,000 liow many of your brothers and sisters who are dependent on your parents or guardians for financial support will be full-time students at a post-secondary school or college during your first year of post-secondary education? O) None Two Four 1) One Three Five or more 100. Do you expect to work while in college? Yes If you are going to work while in college, about how many hours per week do you plan to work? 101. None 21 - 30 1 - 10 31 or more 11 - 20 About how much financial assistance do you expect from your parents during your first year of post-102. secondary education? 1) None \$501 - 750 \$751 - 1,000 \$1,001 - 1,250 7) \$1,251 - 1,500 8) \$1,501 - 1,750 9) \$1,751 - 2,000 \$2,001 - 2,250 \$2,251 - 2,500 21 \$1 - 250 \$251 - 500 Over \$2,500 Do you contribute money to your parents to help them pay bills or provide for your brothers and sisters?

1) No

Yes, how much per month?

5) \$61 - 80

81 - 100 \$1 - 20 \$21 - 40 \$41 - 60 Over \$100

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About how much do you expect to receive from each of the sources indicated in items 104 to 112 to help
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                                                                $501 - 600
$601 - 700
$701 - 800
16 -. Scholarships, Grants (from state, federal, or local government)
los. Loans
106. Job (your employment)
107. Your savings
108. Veterans Administration (VA) Benefits
109. Social Security
110. Welfare
111. Income from spouse (if married)
112. Other (gifts, etc.)
      Do you expect to apply for financial aid to help meet your college expenses?
113.
           Yes
       2)
           No
Estimate the cost of items 114 to 120 during your first year of post-secondary education at the school, college
or university you will most likely attend. Use the responses below to estimate the cost of each item.

1) No cost
2) $1 - 49
6) $300 - 399
10) $1,000 - 1,249
14) $2,500 - 2,9
3) $50 - 99
7) $400 - 499
11) $1,250 - 1,499
15) $3,000 - 3,4
                                                                    $750 - 999
$1,000 - 1,249
$1,250 - 1,499
$1,500 - 1,999
                                                                                                  $2,000 - 2,499
$2,500 - 2,999
$3,000 - 3,499
                                                                                                   $3,500 or more
114. Tuition and fees
115. Books and supplies
116. Food and housing
117. Medical expenses
118. Transportation and travel
119. Clothing
120. Other personal expenses (miscellaneous, entertainment, etc.)
There are a variety of financial aid programs in existence to help students finance their education beyond
high school. Use the responses below to indicate it you have ever received information about each program
listed (121 to 131).

1) Yes
           Yes
          No
121. Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG)
122. College Work Study Program (CWS)
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- 123. National Direct Student Loan Program (NDSL)
- 124. Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants Program
- 125. A scholarship program within your state (government or private) which provides student assistance.
- 126. Federally Insured Student Loan Program (FISL)
- 127. Nursing or health professions scholarship or loan
- 128. Law Enforcement Education Program
- 129. Social Security for post-secondary education
- 130. Veterans Administration (VA) Benefits for post-secondary education
- 131. Individual institutional financial aid programs

Please put any written comments on the back of the answer sheet.



(for question 2)

1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6) 7, 8) 9) 10) 11) 12) 13) 14)	Beaverhead Big Horn Blaine Broadwater Carbon Carter Cascade Chouteau Custer Daniels Dawson Deer Lodge Fallon Fergus	15) 16) 17) 18) 19) 20) 21) 22) 23) 24) 25) 26) 27) 28)	Flathead Gallatin Garfield Glacier Golden Valley Granite Hill Jefferson Judith Basin Lake Lewis & Clark Liberty Lincoln Madison	29) 30) 31) 32) 33) 34) 35) 37) 38) 40) 41)	McCone Meagher Mineral Missoula Musselshell Park Petroleum Phillips Pondera Powder River Powell Prairie Ravalli Richland	43 445 445 445 445 445 445 445 455 51 52 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 56	Roosevelt Rosebud Sanders Sheridan Silver Bow Stillwater Sweet Grass Teton Toole Treasure Valley Wheatland Wibaux Yellowstone
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OCCUPATIONAL CODE LIST

(for questions 8, 36, 76 and 77)

AGRICULTURE

1)	Farm or Ranch Owner
2)	Feed Mill or Grain Warehouse
21	D-4

Dairy Meat Packing Feed Store 5678 Fertilizer Plant

Farm Implements Nursery Landscaping

Farm or Ranch Worker 11) Other Agriculture

CLERICAL

Bookkeeper

13 Typist, Secretary Postal or Bank Worker 15) Other Clerical Worker

FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Sawmill

17 18 Wood Products Plant

Lumberjack

19) Fish and Wildlife Forest Service

21) Other

GOVERNMENT

State Employment Federal Employment 23

Politics

Other Government Work

LABOR

Craftsman 27 28 Electrician Foreman 29 Machinist 30 Mechanic Construction

31 32 Laundry and Dry Cleaning

33 34 Mine Worker Factory Worker Other Labor 35)

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL

Accountant 37 38 Architect Author 39 Clergyman

College Professor College Administrator

42 Dentist Doctor Draftsman

45 46 Engineer Journalist 47 Lawyer

48) Musician, Artist Nurse 49

50 Pharmacist

School Administrator (elementary/secondary)

52) Scientist

53 54 Teacher (elementary)
Teacher (secondary) 55 56 57 58 Technician (health fields) Technician (industrial)

Veterinarian Other Professional

Other Technical

PROPRIETORS, MANAGERS

Business Owner Business Manager (salaried) 60) 61 62 Other Salaried Manager

SALES WORKERS

63 Insurance Real Estate 65) 66) 67) Retail Sales Wholesale Sales Other Sales Work

SERVICE WORKERS

68) Barber Cosmetologist

69 70 71 72 73 74 Cook Fireman Policeman

Janitor Waiter Bartender

75) 76) Other Service Worker

TRANSPORTATION

77) 78) Airlines | Railroads 79) 80)

Driver (truck)
Driver (taxi, etc.)
Other Transportation Worker 81)

OTHER

82) Not Elsewhere Specified on this list



INSTITUTION CODE LIST

(for questions 37, 39, 80 and 81)

CCLLEGES AND UNITERSITIES

- 1) University of Montana
- 2) Montana State University
- 3) Montana College of Mineral Science & Technology
- 4) Eastern Montana College
- 5) Northern Montana College
- 6) Western Montana College
- 7) Carroll College
- 8) College of Great Falls
- 9) Rocky Mountain College
- 10) Dawson College
- 11) Flathead Valley Community College
- 12) Miles Community College

I plan to attend a four-year college in:

- 13) Colorado
- 14) Idaho
- 15) North Dakota
- 16) South Dakota
- 17) Utah
- 18) Washington State
- 19) Other

I plan to attend a two-year college in:

- 20) Colorado
- 21) Idaho
- 22) North Dakota
- 23) South Dakota
- 24) Utah
- 25) Washington State
- 26) Other

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

- 27) Billings Vo-Tech Center
- 28) Butte Vo-Tech Center
- 29) Great Falls Vo-Tech Center
- 30) Helena Vo-Tech Center
- 31) Missoula Vo-Tech Center
- 32) Bozeman Vo-Tech School
- 33) I plan to attend a vocationaltechnical school outside Montana.

BUSINESS COLLEGES AND OTHER TRADE/ TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

- 34) Western College of Auctioneering
- 35) Billings Automotive Training Center
- 36) Montana Auto College, Great Falls
- 37) Montana Institute of the Bible
- 38) Billings Business College
- 39) Butte Business College

BUSINESS COLLEGES AND OTHER TRADE/ TECHNICAL SCHOOLS (Cont'd)

- 40) Great Falls Commercial College
- 41) Modern Business College, Missoula
- 42) Acme Beauty College, Billings
- 43) Beauty College of Montana, Great Falls
- 44) Butte Academy of Beauty Culture
- 45) C & C Beauty College, Kalispell
- 46) College of Beauty Careers, Anaconda
- 47) College of Coiffure Art, Billings
- 48) Dahl's College of Beauty, Great Falls
- 49) Hollywood Beauty College, Inc., Billings
- 50) Maddio's Capitol City Reauty College
- 51) Miles City College of Beauty
- 52) Modern Beauty School, Missouls
- 53) Bozeman Beauty College
- 54) Mr. Rich's Beauty College, Missoula
- 55) H & R Block Income Tax Preparation, Helena
- 56) H & R Block Income Tax Preparation, Missoula
- 57) H & R Block Income Tax Preparation, Kalispell
- 58) H & R Block Income Tax Preparation, Billings
- 59) St. Patrick School of Nursing, Missoula
- 60) Outfitters & Guides School, Hamilton
- 61) School of Medical Technology, Deaconess Hospital, Great Falls
- 62) School of Medical Technology, Columbus Hospital, Great Falls
- 63) School of Radiologic Technology, Columbus Hospital, Great Falls
- 64) School of Radiologic Technology, Deaconess Hospital, Billings
- 65) School of Radiologic Technology, Deaconess Hospital, Great Falls
- 66) School of Radiologic Technology, St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula
- 67) School of Radiologic Technology, St. Vincent's Hospital, Billings
- 68) Montana Real Estate Institute, Helena
- 69) Holman Aviation, Great Falls
- 70) Northern Aviation, Great Falls
- 71) Skymart Aviation, Great Falls
- 72) Morrison Flying Service, Helena
- 73) Butte Aero
- 74) I plan to attend a Business College or Trade/ Technical School outside Montana
- 75) I plan to attend a Barber School outside Montana
- 76) I plan to attend a Funeral Directing and Embalming School outside Montana
- 77) I plan to attend a Data Processing School outside Montana
- 78) I plan to attend a Bible College or Theological School outside Montana
- 79) I plan to attend a Hospital School of Nursing outside Montana



APPENDIX E
LIST OF HIGH SCHOOLS SURVEYED





HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SURVEY

Size of Sample	Name of School	Number of Students	Number of Seniors
20	Great Falls High School Great Falls	2127	618
20	C.M.Russell High School Great Falls	2210	629
20	Flathead High School Kalispell	1506	450
20	Bozeman High School Bozeman	1068	348
20	Havre High School Havre	1164	268
20	Helena Senior High School Helena	1292	640
20	Miligate High School Missoula	1932	405
20	Sentinel High School Missoula	1988	431
20	Butte High School Butte	1975	558 .
20	Billings Senior High School Billings	2306	665
20	Billings West High School Billings	2291	748 .
15	Beaverhead County High School Dillon	568	125
15	Custer County High School Miles City	637	184
15	Fergus High School Lewistown	662	159
. 1 5	Browning High School Browning	330	103
, 15	Libby High School Libby	685	205
15	Hamilton High School Hamilton	498	127



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Size of Sample	Name of School		Number of Students	Number of Seniors
15	Glendive High School Glendive		928	,
15	Sidney High School Sidney		441	147
15	Shelby High School Shelby		402	111
15	Glasgow High School Glasgow		472	147
15	Lodge Grass High School Lodge Grass		163	133 '
15	Bridger High School Bridger		113	33
15	Carter County High School Ekalaka		104	29 .
15	Sacred Heart High School (Priv	rate)	203	50
15	Scobey High School Scobey		196	35
15	Manhattan Christian High Schoo Manhattan	1	124	30
15	Garfield County High School Jordan		145	26
15	White Sulphur Springs High Sch White Sulphur Springs	col	142	34 ***:
15	Thompson Falls High School Thompson Falls		195	را. معلم ال
15	Sweet Grass County High School Big Timber		217	55
15	Choteau High School Choteau		235	57
10	Geraldine High School Geraldine	UNIVERSITY OF CALIF. LOS ANGELES	90	25
15	West Yellowstone High School West Yellowstone	CCT 4 1974	64	15
13	Ryegate High School Ryegate	CLEARINGHOUSE FOR JUNIOR COLLEGE INFORMATION	41	13
14	Saco High School		66	14
O C		65		•• ••

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