

## FFWS Covid-19 Survey Report

The FFWS contracted with the University of Wisconsin Survey Center to conduct a survey of current FFWS recipients to assess the impact of the Covid -19 pandemic on their academic plans. After spring break, all UW Campuses closed to in- person classes and moved to online education for the rest of the semester. The survey was sent to students on April 30<sup>th</sup>, with three reminder emails before closing on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

- 2096 students listed in the FFWS database
- 2025 students sent the survey
- 56% or 1137 students responded to the survey
  - 61% of females responded, 47% of males responded
  - Per cent of cohort responses
    - 15-16 38%
    - 16-17 51%
    - 17-18 59%
    - 18-19 61%
    - 19=20 55%

Introduction to students:

**Thank you in advance for completing this survey about your FFWS grant. We know that the Covid-19 pandemic is creating anxiety among many of you regarding your college plans. The FFWS is considering making some adjustments to help you, but we must receive your feedback before we make those changes. One change is that the FFWS grant is available for summer school this year, and this survey will help us to know how many of you will take advantage of it. Your responses are important to us. Your responses are voluntarily and you may feel free to skip any question you don't want to answer. However your participation is very important to help us make decisions about the FFWS grants for the summer. The survey should take a few minutes to complete. You can take the survey in parts if you wish and you can use the back button to go back to a previous response if you need to. In order to protect your confidentiality we have recruited the University of Wisconsin Survey Center (UWSC) to help us administer the survey. For any questions about the survey, please reach out to Mary Gulbrandsen, FFWS Executive Director at 608.238.2400, or your financial aid office or your FFWS mentor. Thank you for your time.**

**Findings from respondents:**

- Where taking courses:
  - **Main Campus 95.4%**
  - Branch campus 2.4%
  - Both 1.7%
- Year in school:
  - 1 25.5%
  - 2 22.7%
  - 3 25.6%
  - 4 20.7%
  - 5 4.7%
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- Credit Load:

Credits	Before Spring Break	Now	Will complete
0		.4%	.4%
1 to 6	.7%	.9%	2.5%
7 to 11	1.1%	2.8%	4.3%
12 to 15	<b>71.6%</b>	<b>70.5%</b>	<b>66.9%</b>
16 or more	26.3%	25.2%	25.7%

- Pursuing what degree:

- Baccalaureate **91.2%**
- Associate's Degree 2.9%
- Other 5.4%

- Per cent of classes requiring log in at specific times for lectures, discussions, or other real-time interactions:

- None 25.4%
- **A few 44.8%**
- Some 16.8%
- Most 10.2%
- All 2.5%

- Method of instruction for the courses in which enrolled **before spring break**

- Online courses only 1.8%
- Both online and in-person courses 29.1%
- **In-person courses only 68.8%**

- Faced any issues in the move to online instruction:

- **Yes 60.8%**
- No 38.9%
- Responses attached – **see Exhibit Q12**

- Before this semester, took classes that were taught completely online with no in-person contact:

- Yes, many times 11.3%
- Yes, but not many times 43.1%
- **No 45.4%**

- Comfort with online courses:

- Extremely comfortable 7.8%
- **Somewhat comfortable 27.5%**
- Slightly comfortable 17.9%
- Neither 9%
- Slightly uncomfortable 15.7%
- Somewhat uncomfortable 15.9%
- Extremely uncomfortable 6.1%

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- Ease of access to the following items or services:

q15	Not at all easy	Slightly easy	Somewhat easy	Very easy	Extremely easy	No data
Computer or tablet	1%	2.9%	8.8%	30.3%	<b>56.9%</b>	
Web cam	4.0%	7.9%	15.8%	29.9%	<b>41.8%</b>	
High speed internet	6.5%	14.5%	<b>33.0%</b>	27.3%	1.0%	
Relevant software	4.0%	13.7%	<b>34.2%</b>	28.1%	19.1%	
Video conferencing	1.4%	10.2%	20.5%	<b>34.9%</b>	32.4%	
Cloud services	1.8%	7.6%	20.7%	<b>37.4%</b>	31.7%	
Tech support	12.7%	20.7%	<b>38.0%</b>	18.5%	9.4%	
Other resources	4.4%	3.3%	12.0%	6.7%	6.3%	<b>67.3%</b>

- Ease of access to the following:

	Not at all easy	Slightly easy	Somewhat easy	Very easy	Extremely easy	No data
Course Materials, canvas or other platforms	0.5%	3.2%	14.7%	38.1%	<b>42.8%</b>	0.7%
Library resources	15.0%	18.0%	<b>32.0%</b>	21.9%	11.5%	1.6%
Your professors	2.2%	14.1%	<b>33.7%</b>	33.6%	15.6%	0.7%
Your TA's	8.8%	15.2%	<b>34.6%</b>	24.6%	13.0%	3.9%
Your RA's	10.2%	14.7%	<b>34.3%</b>	20.5%	11.2%	9.0%
Your advisors	2.9%	11.1%	28.4%	<b>36.5%</b>	20.3%	.8%
Your tutors or mentors	8.3%	14.8%	<b>33.5%</b>	25.0%	11.8%	6.5%
Your friends	5.1%	8.8%	21.6%	<b>34.9%</b>	28.8%	.8%

- Transition to online learning:

q17	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	Very	Extremely	Missing
Classes compatible to online teaching	11.2%	26.8%	<b>43.5%</b>	13.7%	4.3%	.5%
Professors willing to accommodate difficulties due to tech	1.7%	10.8%	29.5%	<b>39.7%</b>	17.6%	.7%
TA's willing to accommodate to difficulties by tech	3.6%	10.2%	<b>34.1%</b>	31.6%	14.3%	6.2%
RA's willing to accommodate to difficulties by tech	4.0%	10.3%	<b>34.4%</b>	27.5%	12.7%	11.2%

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- **PLANS for summer – BEFORE pandemic started and currently**

q18 & 19	Before Covid outbreak:			Now:		
	YES	NO	Missing	YES	NO	Missing
Taking in-person classes at current school	23.3%	<b>75.7%</b>	1.1%	35.6%	<b>62.9%</b>	1.5%
Taking online classes at current school	30.6%	<b>68.3%</b>	1.1%			
Taking in-person classes at a different school	4.6%	<b>93.6%</b>	1.8%	3.8%	<b>93.9%</b>	2.3%
Taking online classes at another school	4.3%	<b>93.8%</b>	1.9%			
Studying abroad	8.8%	<b>89.0%</b>	2.2%	1.5%	<b>96.0%</b>	2.5%
Completing an unpaid internship	10.8%	<b>87.5%</b>	1.7%	4.6%	<b>92.8%</b>	2.6%
Completing a paid internship	20.9%	<b>77.3%</b>	1.8%	11.5%	<b>86.0%</b>	2.5%
Graduating	12.9%	<b>85.4%</b>	1.7%	11.4%	<b>85.9%</b>	2.7%
Starting a grad or prof degree	4.0%	<b>93.8%</b>	2.2%	2.9%	<b>94.7%</b>	2.4%
Working	<b>95.5%</b>	4.1%	40.0%	<b>84.7%</b>	13.9%	1.4%
Taking some time off	29.0%	<b>68.1%</b>	2.9%	29.5%	<b>67.3%</b>	3.2%
Something else	6.3%	<b>65.8%</b>	27.8%	4.7%	<b>75.4%</b>	19.8%

- Plan to accept the FFWS supplemental summer school grant:

**Yes                    38.5%**  
 No                      28%  
 Not Sure              33.3%

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- Academic **PLANS** for fall

	Before pandemic	Now
q21 & q22		
Taking only in-person classes @current school	61.8%	44.2%
Taking only online classes @ current school	2.3%	3.2%
Taking both in-person & inline classes @ current school	22.2%	24.2%
Taking only in-person classes @ different school	3.4%	2.1%
Taking only online classes @ different school	60.0%	20.0%
Taking both in-person & online classes @ a different school	1.5%	1.6%
Too early to know		16.9%
NO data	8.2%	7.6%

- Additional plans for fall:

q23 & q24	Before pandemic			Currently		
	Yes	No	No data	Yes	No	No data
Study abroad	5.7%	<b>90.3%</b>	4.0%	1.9%	<b>92.8%</b>	5.3%
Complete an internship	18.4%	<b>77.5%</b>	4.0%	11.9%	<b>83.6%</b>	4.5%
Graduate	11.4%	<b>84.8%</b>	3.8%	10.6%	<b>84.6%</b>	4.7%
Work	<b>83.1%</b>	14.7%	2.3%	<b>76.0%</b>	21.3%	2.6%
Take time off	5.1%	<b>89.0%</b>	5.9%	5.2%	<b>88.7%</b>	6.1%
Something else?	6.1%	<b>63.5%</b>	30.5%	5.2%	<b>65.6%</b>	29.2%

*"Something else"* comments in **Q23 & Q24** exhibit.

Effect on ability to graduate on time

- Not at all      30%
- A little        30.8%
- Somewhat      28%
- Quite a bit    8.3%
- A great deal   2.6%
- No data        .3%

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- Living arrangements:

	Before pandemic			When completing survey			Fall
	Yes	No	No data	Yes	No	No data	
Living on campus	46.4%	<b>47.6%</b>	5.9%	4.7%	<b>84.5%</b>	10.7%	29.5%
Living off campus w family	18.3%	<b>72.5%</b>	9.2%	<b>67.5%</b>	27.8%	4.7%	19.4%
Living off campus, not w family	35.2%	<b>57.7%</b>	7.1%	28.3%	<b>63.8%</b>	7.9%	<b>49.3%</b>

- Personal financial situation because of pandemic:
  - A lot worse 24.1%
  - Slightly worse 30.6%
  - A little worse 20.9%
  - Neither worse nor better 19.7%
  - A little better 2.5%
  - Slightly better 1.0%
  - A lot better .6%
  - No data .7%
- Applied for & received any financial assistance programs because of pandemic?

	Applied?	Received?	Used Food Banks?
Yes	31.9%	10.6%	12.2%
No	67.3%	88.3%	87.1%
No data	.9%	1.1%	.7%

Service or institution from where received financial assistance – **Q 33 exhibit**

- Family's financial situation since pandemic
  - A lot worse 17.2%
  - Slightly worse 26.3%
  - A little worse 29.6%
  - Neither worse nor better 24.0%
  - A little better 1.1%
  - Slightly better .3%
  - A lot better .2%
  - No data 1.3%
- Concerns regarding the pandemic and academic plans – **Exhibit Q36**
- Suggestions to FFWS board of ways to support FFWS recipients during pandemic – **Exhibit Q37**