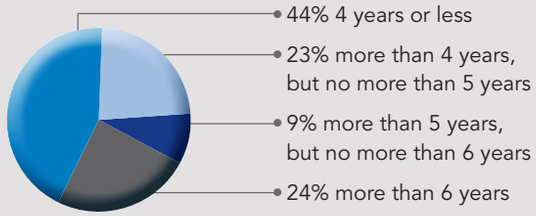
What has been learned from previous studies?

College graduates who received bachelor's degrees in 2007-08 were interviewed again in 2009. A few selected findings from the first follow-up are presented below.

Time to complete degree



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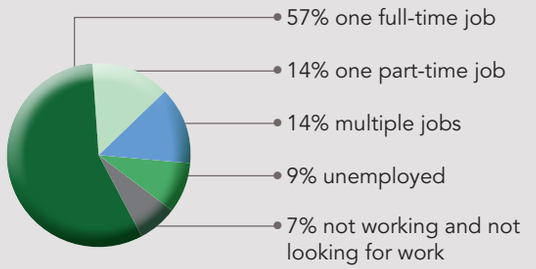

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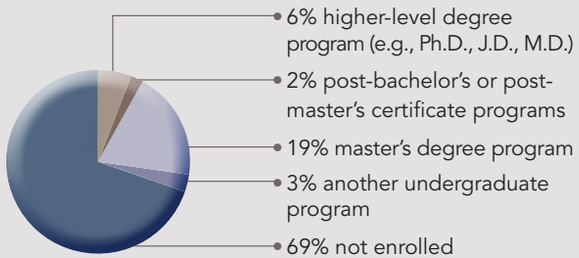

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2008/09 Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B:08/09).

To see more results, go to
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What is B&B?

The Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B) will survey about 17,000 graduates from U.S. colleges and universities, to find out about their experiences approximately 4 years after earning a bachelor's degree.

The survey will collect information on graduate and other education, experiences in the labor market, earnings and expenses, family status, and personal and professional goals. In addition to survey responses, we collect related information from sources such as student loan and enrollment databases. There is a particular focus on careers in teaching and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

B&B is sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Institute of Education Sciences (IES). The study is conducted under contract by RTI International, a nonprofit research organization based in North Carolina.

Why was I asked to participate?

You have been asked to participate in B&B because you completed a bachelor's degree in the 2007-08 academic year. You may have also participated in previous studies, such as the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) and the first B&B follow-up study in 2009. You are one of approximately 17,000 individuals selected as part of the 2012 sample.

When will the study be conducted?

Beginning in summer 2012, a sample of 2007-08 baccalaureate recipients will be contacted to complete a B&B survey online or by telephone with a professionally trained interviewer.

RTI International is a trade name of Research Triangle Institute.

How long will it take?

On average, the survey lasts 35 minutes. Your time will vary, depending on your answers and your internet connection speed, if completing online.

Are there any benefits or risks?

The risk of participation in this study relates to data security. Given the strict security procedures in place, risks to participation are minimal.

While there are no specific benefits to you for participating in B&B, your participation will help ensure the success of the study and help educators, researchers, and policymakers better understand the experiences of recent bachelor's degree recipients.

How can I get a copy of the results?

Publications from previous studies are available free of charge on the B&B website at **http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/b&b/**. Results from the current study are scheduled to be released in spring 2014 and will be posted on the B&B website as soon as they are available.

How will my information be protected?

Federal law requires that we protect your privacy. Your responses may be used only for statistical purposes and will not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose, except as required by law (20 U.S.C. § 9573).

Data security procedures are reviewed and approved by NCES/IES and ED data security staff and by RTI's Institutional Review Board in the Office of Research Protection. Your answers are secured behind firewalls and are encrypted during internet transmission using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol. All data entry modules are password protected and require the user to log in before accessing confidential data. Project staff are subject to large fines or imprisonment if individual responses are disclosed.

The 2008/12 Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B:08/12) is conducted under the authority of the Education Sciences Reform Act (ESRA) of 2002 (20 U.S.C. § 9512), which authorizes NCES to collect and disseminate information about education in the United States. Collection is most often done through surveys.

NCES is required to follow strict procedures to protect the confidentiality of persons in the collection, reporting, and publication of data. All individually identifiable information supplied by individuals or institutions to NCES may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose, unless otherwise compelled by law (20 U.S.C. § 9573).

How do I participate?

You may complete the B&B survey in one of two ways:

1. Online.

Go to the study website at **https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/bb/**. Then, simply enter your Study ID and password and select login.

2. By telephone.

If you prefer to complete the B&B survey by telephone, call the B&B Help Desk at **1-877-262-4440** to speak with a professionally trained interviewer.

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Your participation is very important to the success of B&B.