



BC STUDENT OUTCOMES

**infographic report**

2016 BACCALAUREATE GRADUATES SURVEY

***The Class of 2014***

***Two Years After Graduation***

The 2016 Baccalaureate Graduates Survey Infographic Report: The Class of 2014 Two Years After Graduation has been prepared by BC Stats for the BC Student Outcomes Research Forum.

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# Introduction

The Baccalaureate Graduates Survey (BGS) is part of BC Student Outcomes, an ongoing research program that gathers information from former students for B.C.'s public post-secondary institutions and the Province of British Columbia. Since 1995, the BGS has been tracking baccalaureate graduates' outcomes, both two and five years post-graduation.

## About the Report

This report presents a summary of the 2016 survey of 2014 baccalaureate graduates. In 2016, 19 public post-secondary institutions in British Columbia participated in the BGS—11 universities, 6 colleges, and 2 institutes. Ninety percent of respondents were from universities, and graduates from the three largest universities made up 66 percent of respondents overall.

There were a total of 23,642 graduates who were eligible and invited to participate in the survey. Of these, 10,669 graduates completed the survey for an overall response rate of 45 percent.<sup>1</sup>

Baccalaureate programs were organized into 10 program areas based on Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes.<sup>2</sup> Four of these program areas—Social Sciences, Humanities, Biological Science & Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences & Math—fall under Arts & Sciences. Graduates were most likely to have taken Social Sciences or Business & Management programs.

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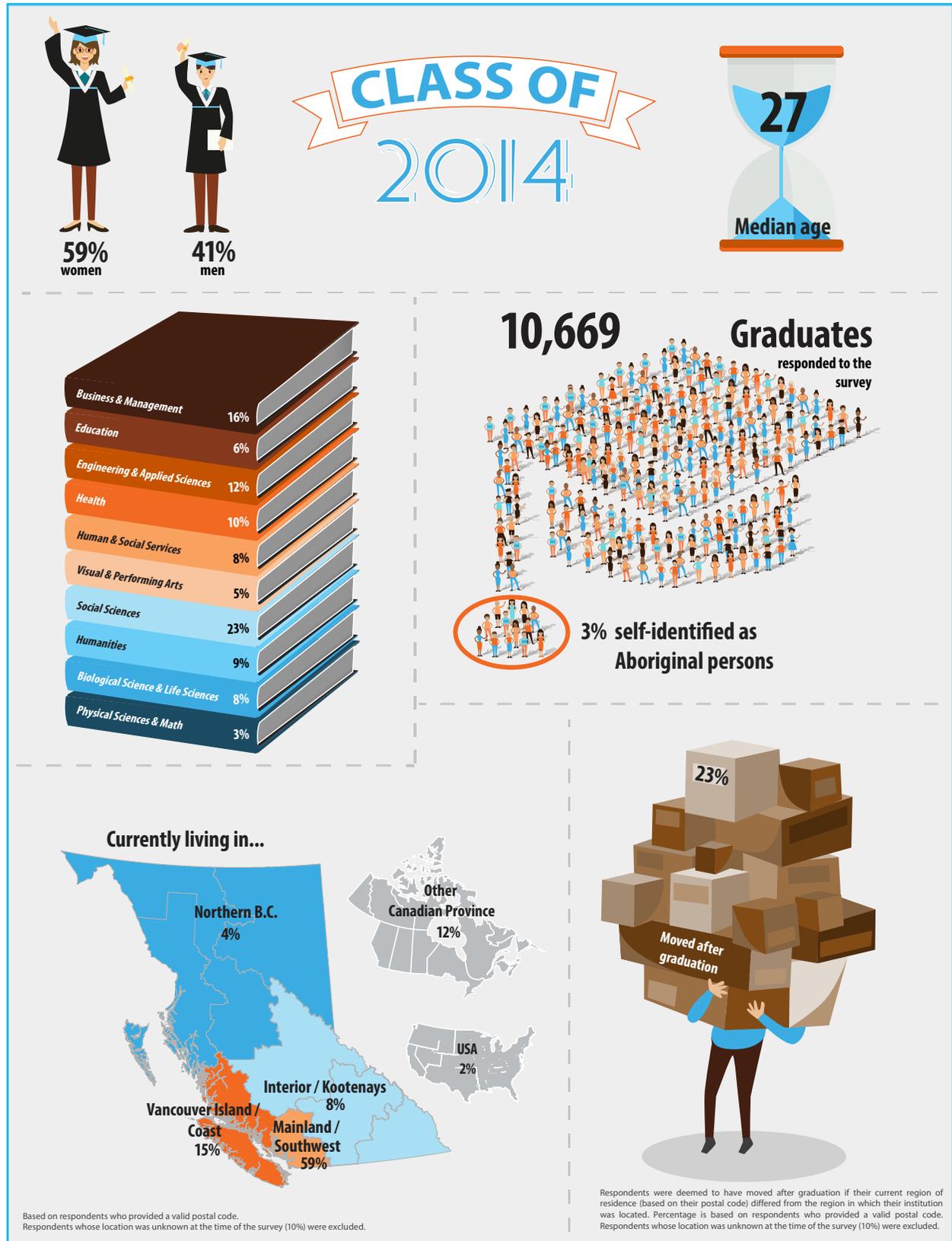
Program Areas	Program areas	
	Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Business & Management	1,685	16%
Education	657	6%
Engineering & Applied Sciences	1,279	12%
Health	1,112	10%
Human & Social Services	807	8%
Visual & Performing Arts	545	5%
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences:</b>		
Social Sciences	2,442	23%
Humanities	911	9%
Biological Science & Life Sciences	864	8%
Physical Sciences & Math	367	3%
<b>Total Graduate Respondents</b>	<b>10,669</b>	<b>100%</b>

Social Sciences was the most common program area.

- 1 There were 2,470 international students in the cohort (representing 10 percent of eligible graduates). Of these, 713 participated in the survey.
- 2 The [Classification of Instructional Programs \(CIP\)](#) is a standard taxonomy used to describe educational programs. A standard method of grouping CIP codes into CIP clusters has been developed for use by the B.C. public post-secondary system. CIP 2011 was used for this report.

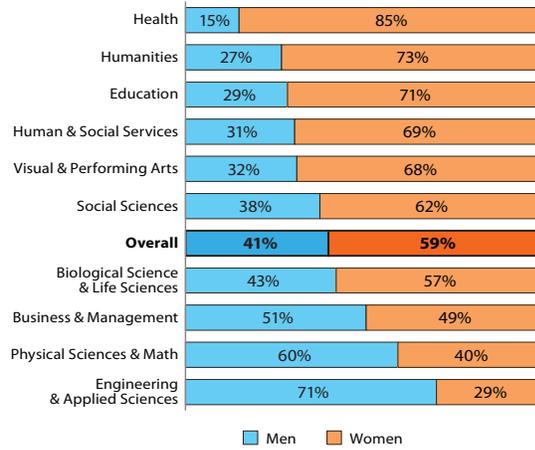
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# Who are the 2014 baccalaureate graduates?



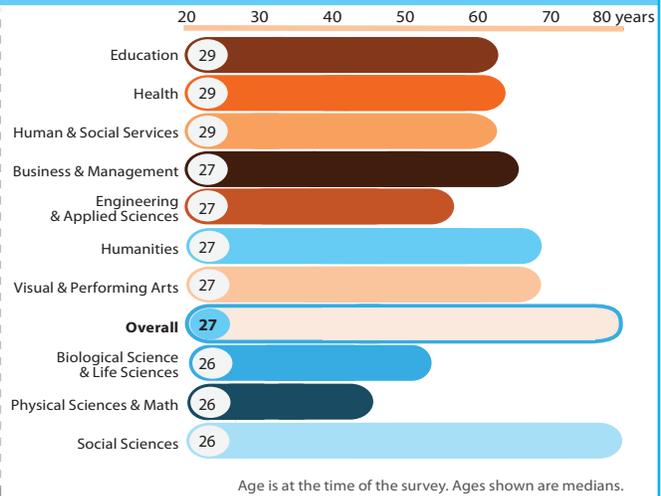
## Gender

Graduate respondents from most program areas were predominantly women.



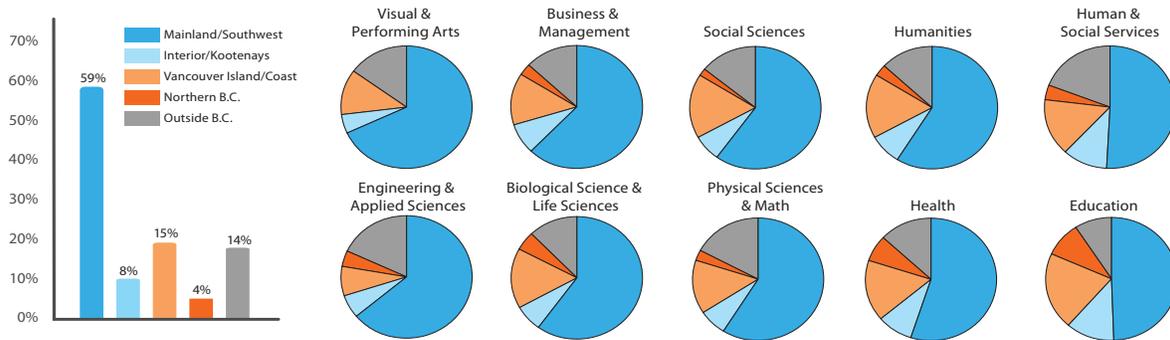
## Age

Graduate respondents' median age at the time of the survey was 27. The youngest were in their early 20s; the oldest were over 65.



## Current Region of Residence

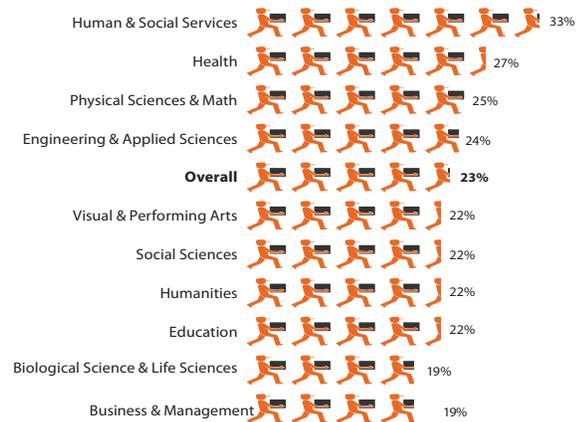
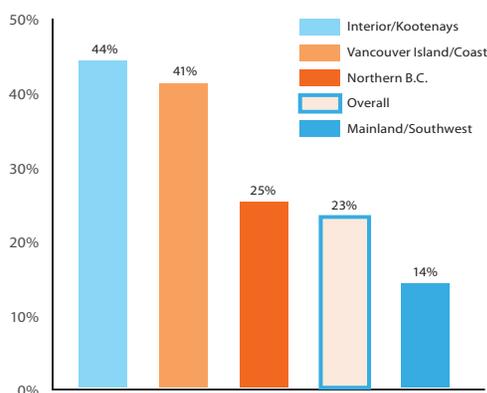
The Mainland/Southwest was a popular region of residence among graduate respondents.



Based on respondents who provided a valid postal code. Respondents whose location was unknown at the time of the survey (10%) were excluded.

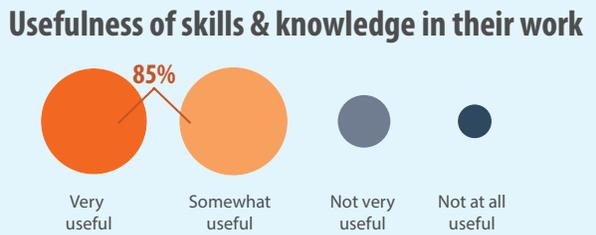
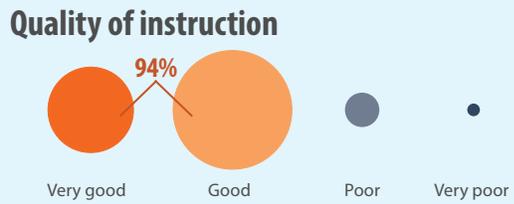
## Moved After Graduation

Those who studied in the Interior/Kootenays or Vancouver Island/Coast regions were most likely to move after graduation, as were those from Human & Social Services programs.

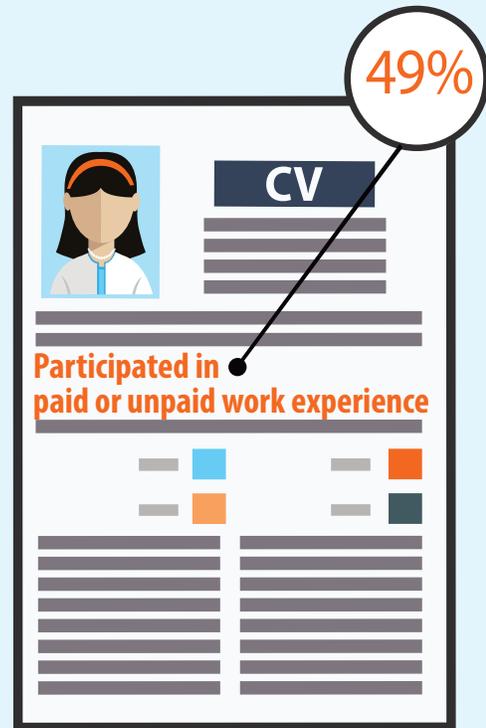
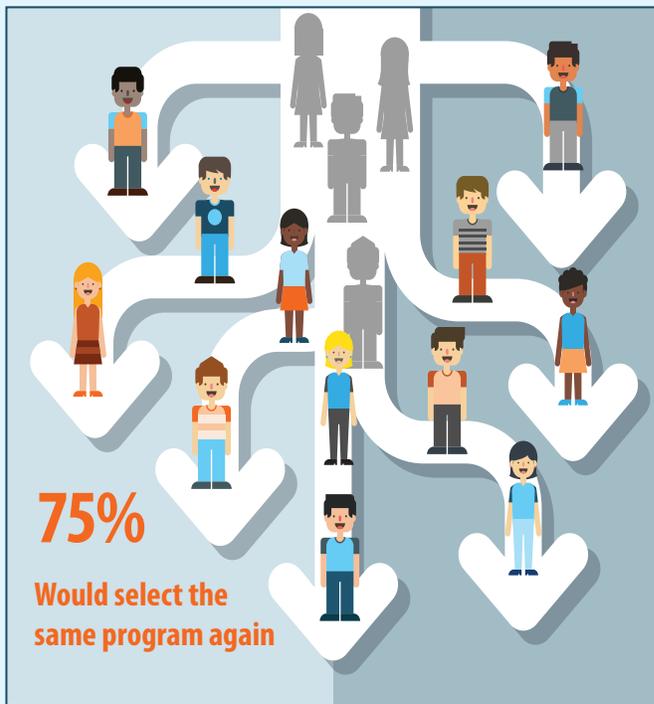


Respondents were deemed to have moved after graduation if their current region of residence (based on their postal code) differed from the region in which their institution was located. Percentages are based on respondents who provided a valid postal code. Respondents whose location was unknown at the time of the survey (10%) were excluded.

# What did they say about their education?

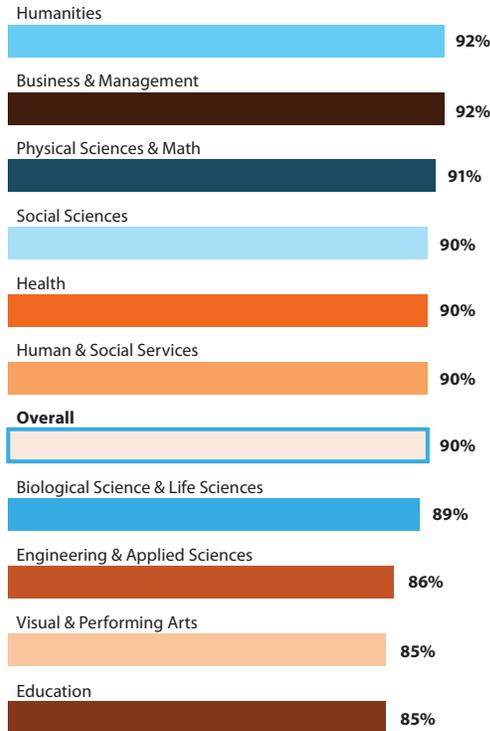


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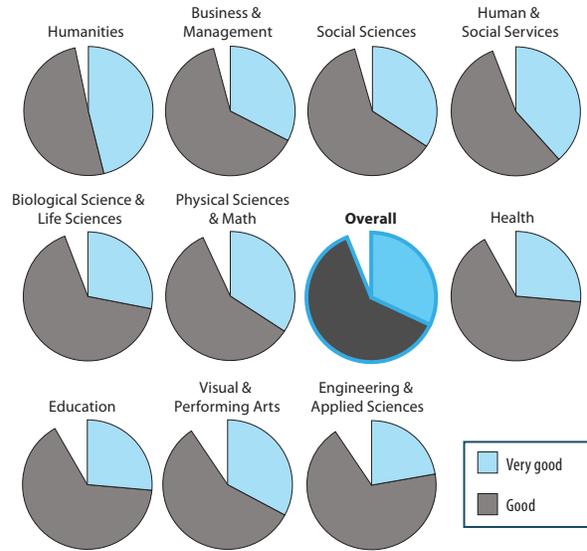
## Quality of core program

In each program area, the majority said their core courses provided a comprehensive understanding of their field of study.



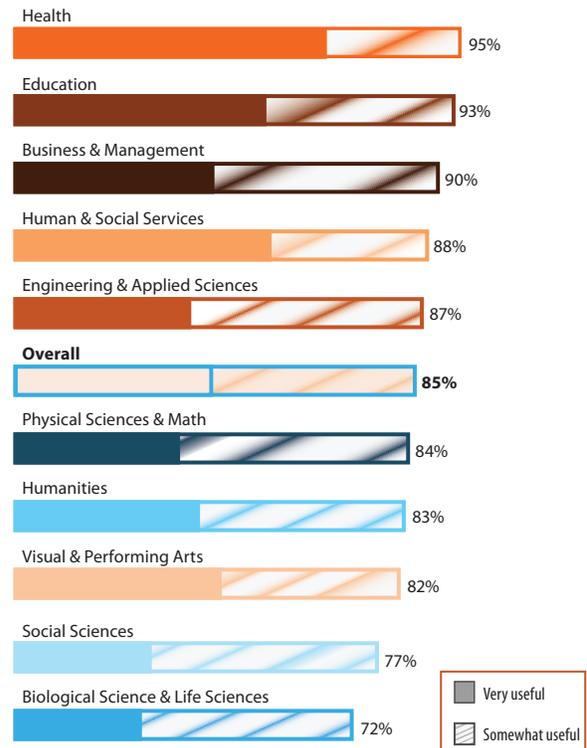
## Quality of instruction

Across program areas, more than 9 out of 10 gave high ratings to the quality of course instruction.



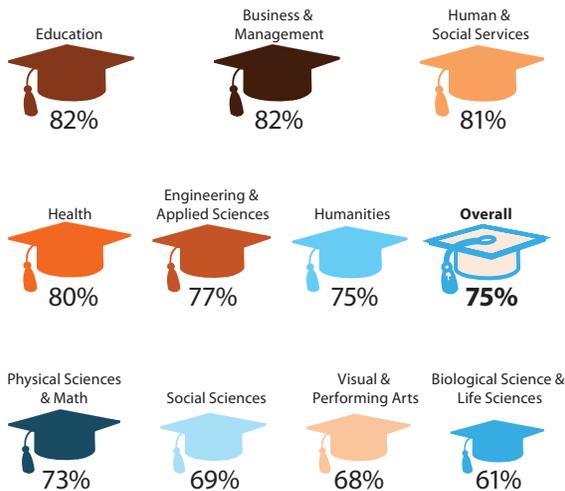
## Usefulness of skills & knowledge in work

Those from Health programs were most likely to say that the skills and knowledge they acquired are useful in performing their jobs.



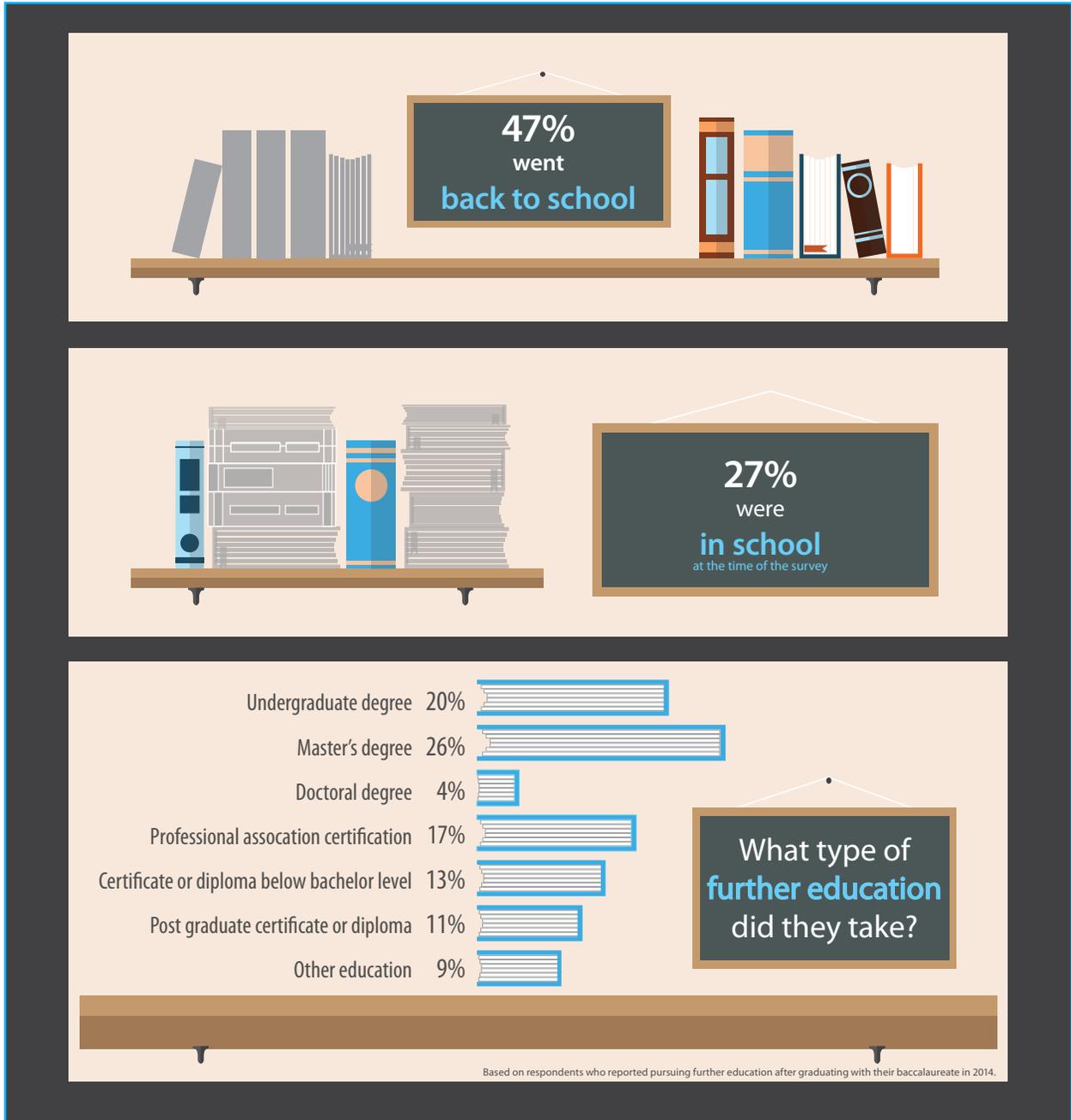
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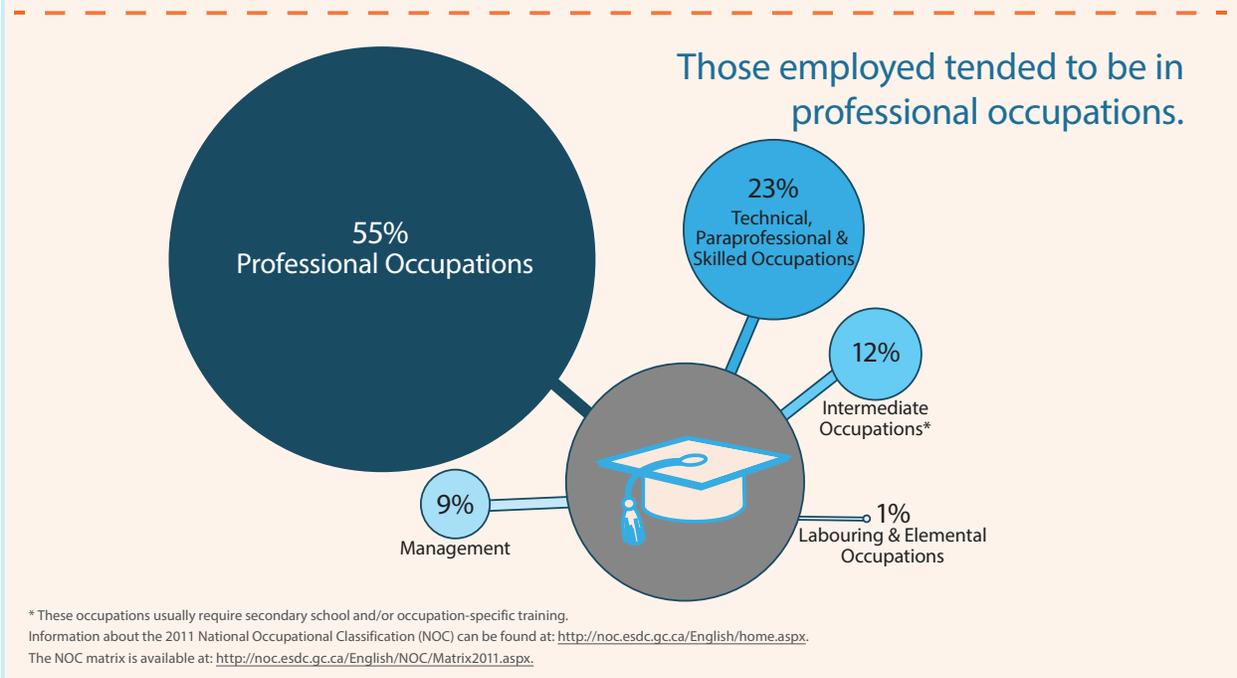
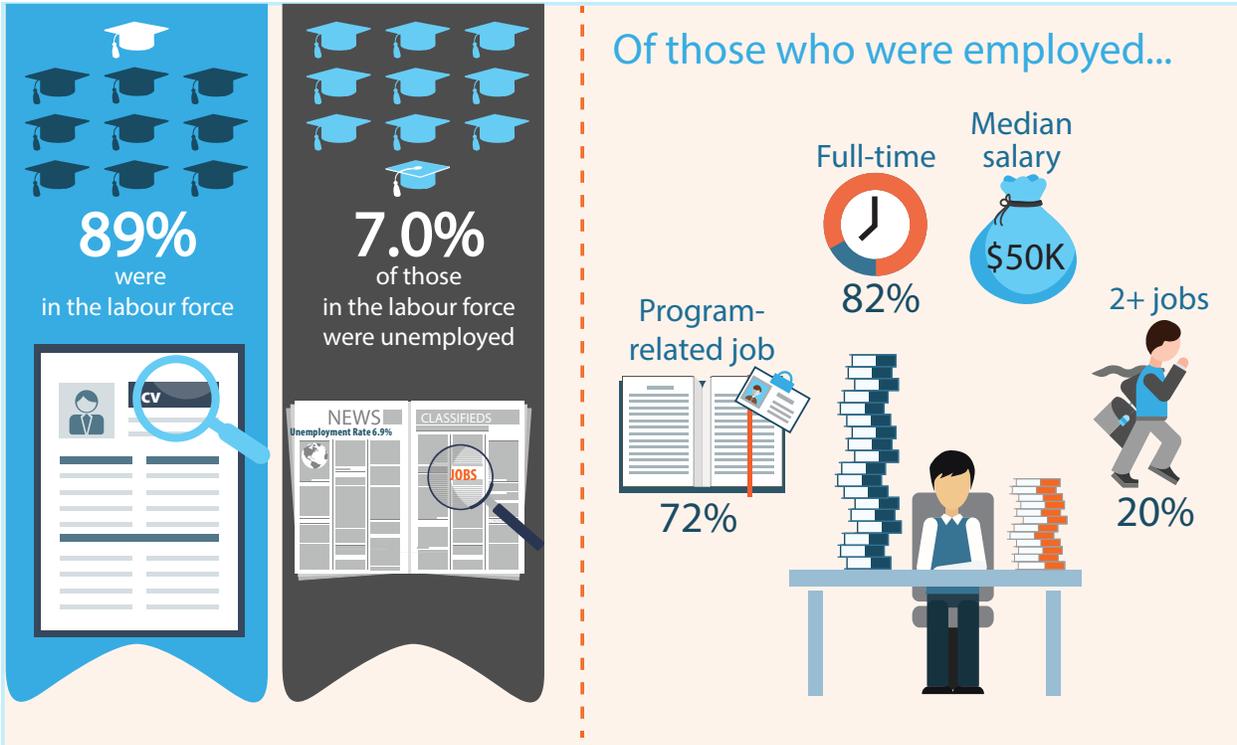
In a majority of program areas, at least three-quarters of graduate respondents said they would choose the same program again.

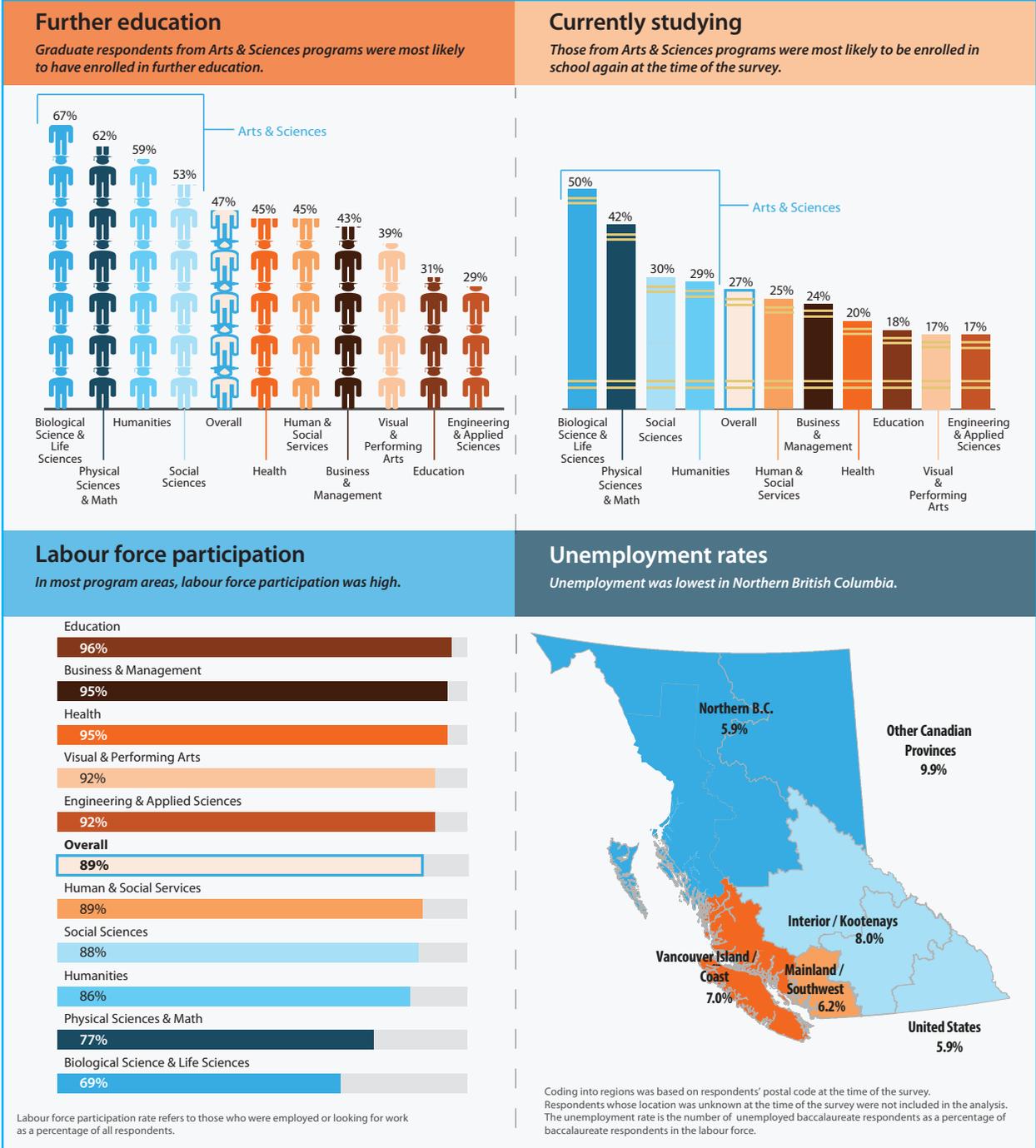


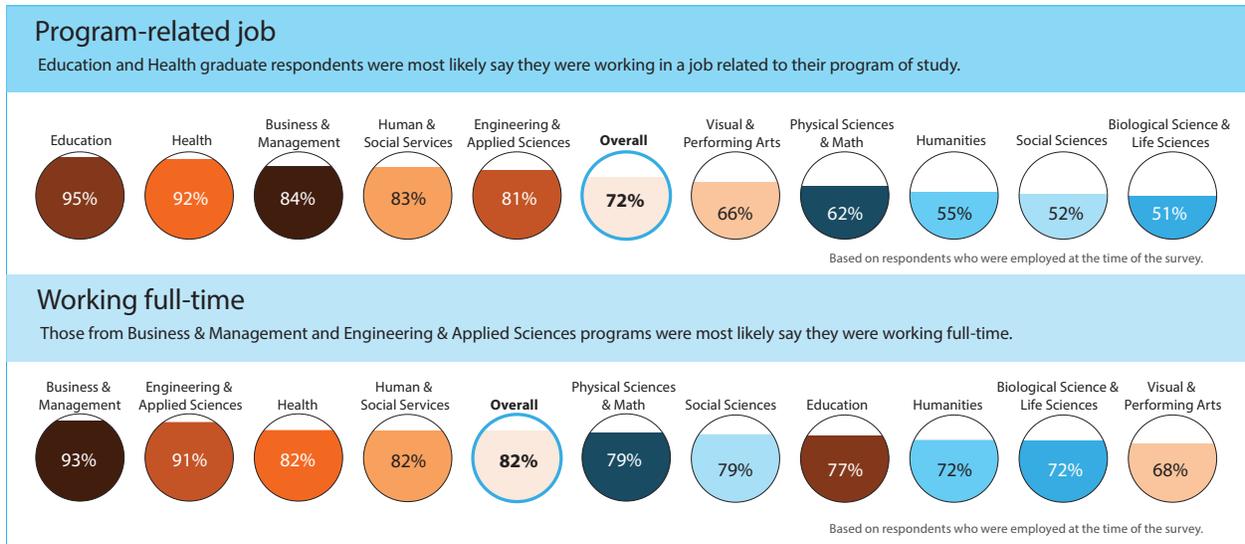
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# What are they doing now?









## About BC Student Outcomes

The annual Baccalaureate Graduates Survey (BGS) is one of the BC Student Outcomes surveys that collects information from former post-secondary students. Those who respond are asked to evaluate their educational experiences and to talk about their employment and further education. For more information, see the [BC Student Outcomes website](#).

## Methodology

Click [here](#) for a description of the survey methodology employed for the Baccalaureate Graduates Survey.



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Go to the [BC Student Outcomes](#) website for more information on the [Baccalaureate Graduates Survey](#).