

FIGURE 1

## Rotating panel design and sample sizes for the National Survey of College Graduates: 2010–21

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ACS = American Community Survey; NSCG = National Survey of College Graduates; NSRCG = National Survey of Recent College Graduates.

**Note(s):**

During a panel's second survey cycle (in which it is part of the returning sample for the first time), its members include individuals who responded or who were temporarily ineligible during the first cycle. During a panel's third and fourth cycles, its members include all respondents, nonrespondents, and temporarily ineligible cases from the preceding cycle. Beginning in 2013, the NSCG transitioned to a design that includes an oversample of young graduates to improve the precision of estimates for this important population.

**Source(s):**

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation, National Survey of College Graduates.