This infographic gives a breakdown for the highest level of education students wished and expected to complete.

What is the highest level of education you WISH to complete?

- Bachelor's Degree: 24% in Wave 1, 28% in Wave 2
- Master's Degree: 33% in Wave 1, 29% in Wave 2
- Doctorate or Professional Degree: 42% in Wave 1

What is the highest level of education you EXPECT to complete?

- Bachelor's Degree: 26% in Wave 1, 23% in Wave 2
- Master's Degree: 24% in Wave 1, 25% in Wave 2

65% of Wave 1 participants indicated there was a difference between their wish and expected highest level of education to complete.

70% of Wave 2 participants indicated there was a difference between their wish and expected highest level of education to complete.

What are some common reasons for these differences?

"I can't really predict the future per se, at some point I will have to think about money and where to live. I don't want to burden my parents with any more years of student loans than is needed. Perhaps when I'm able to sustain myself, I will consider achieving the level of education I want."

"Although my answers are the same, current situations has let me to believe that I may not be able to afford the costs of completing my degree. I answered the same because I want to believe I can still do it regardless."

"Some of the barriers, include my own fear as well as self-doubt. Furthermore, the amount of years that it takes to complete a Doctorate degree is also something to consider. Lastly, it is an expensive degree, and I am afraid I will not be ready or good enough for it."