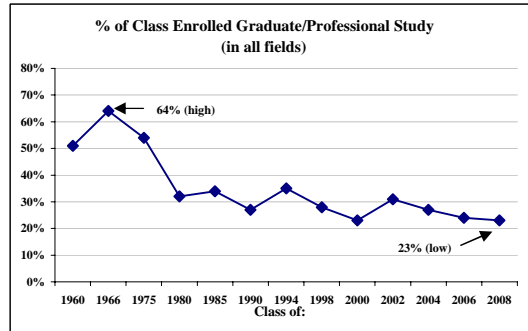


Highlights of:
**Yale College Class of 2008—A Study of Their Activities
One Year After Graduation**

- The percentage of graduates who entered any kind of **graduate/professional study** the first year after graduation continues to decline. For the Class of 2008 (and 2000), it was the lowest in the study's nearly fifty-year history.

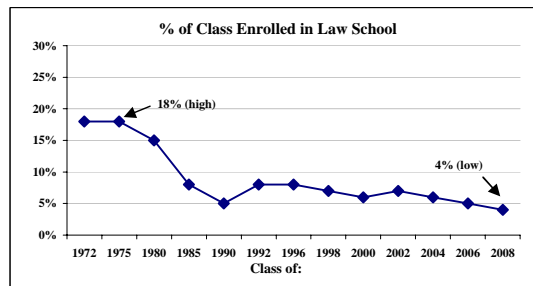
<u>1960</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
51%	64%	54%	32%	34%	27%	35%	28%	23%	31%	27%	24%	23%



Note: Percentages for the Classes of 1975 and 1980 may be inflated because they include students who deferred graduate/professional study one year.

- The percentage of graduates who entered **law school** immediately after college was at its lowest for the Class of 2008. Since the mid-1980's, these percentages have been consistently under 10%. However, many Yale graduates do eventually go onto to law school, but it is now more often delayed by several years:

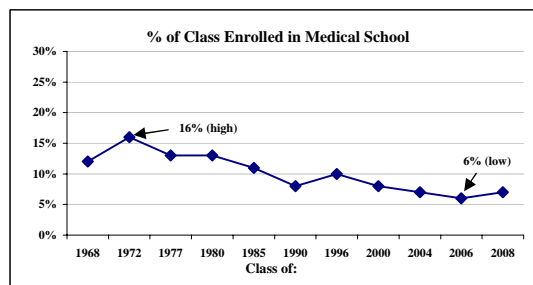
<u>1972</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
18%	18%	15%	8%	5%	8%	8%	7%	6%	7%	6%	5%	4%



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- The percentage of graduates who entered **medical school** the year immediately following graduation has ranged between 16% and 6%, and has been on the decline since the mid-1990's. Similar to law school, larger numbers of Yale graduates eventually go onto medical school, but only after taking some time off:

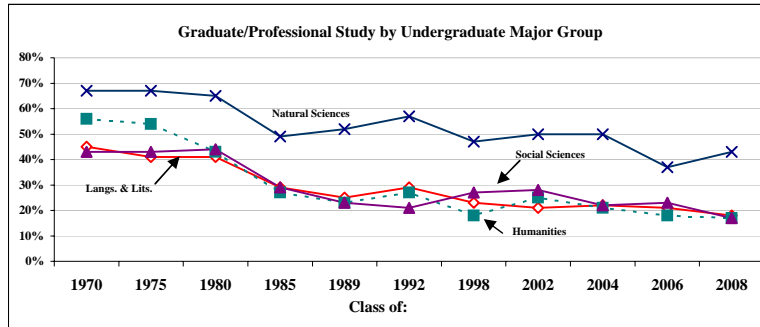
<u>1968</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
12%	16%	13%	13%	11%	8%	10%	8%	7%	6%	7%



Note: Percentages for the Classes of 1977 and 1980 may be inflated because they include students who deferred graduate/professional study one year.

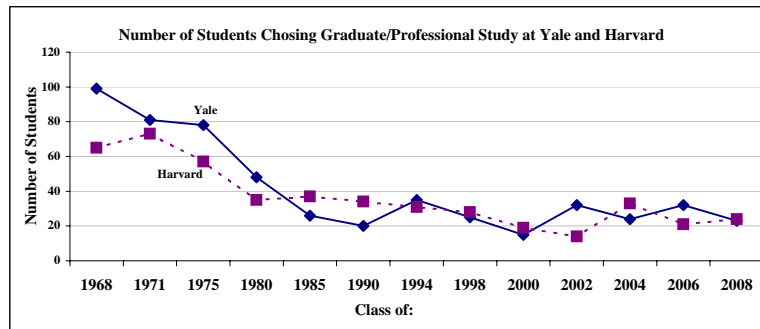
- Graduates who majored in the **natural sciences** went into graduate and/or professional school the year following graduation in greater numbers than students who majored in other areas of study:

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
Langs. & Lits.:	45%	41%	41%	29%	25%	29%	23%	21%	22%	21%	18%
Humanities:	56%	54%	43%	27%	23%	27%	18%	25%	21%	18%	17%
Social Sciences:	43%	43%	44%	29%	23%	21%	27%	28%	22%	23%	17%
Natural Sciences:	67%	67%	65%	49%	52%	57%	47%	50%	50%	37%	43%



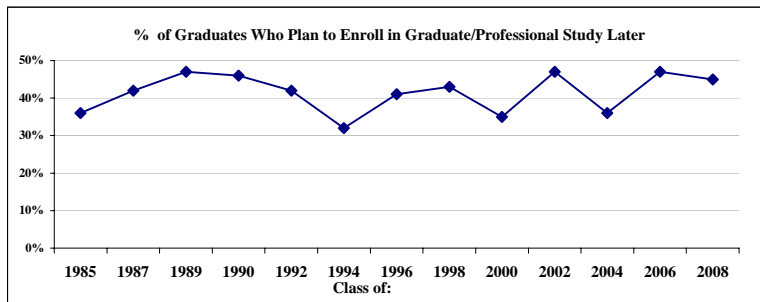
- **Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Cambridge, and Columbia** were the schools most frequently chosen for graduate/professional study by the Class of 2008. Predictably, Yale and Harvard were almost always the top two schools chosen for graduate study, each taking turns as the number one choice:

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
Yale:	99	81	78	48	26	20	35	25	15	32	24	32	23
Harvard:	65	73	57	35	37	34	31	28	19	14	33	21	24



- In addition to the 23% of the Class of 2008 who were studying in 2008-09, another 45% of the Class expect to go on to some kind of **graduate/professional study in the next two years or so**. Graduates may not be entering graduate/professional study in large numbers directly out of Yale, but it is clear that graduate study is a goal for many of them:

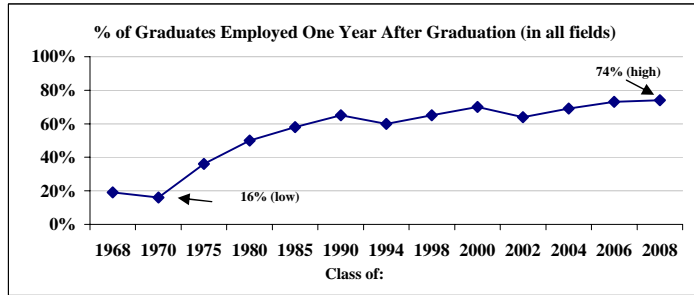
<u>1985</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
36%	42%	47%	46%	42%	32%	41%	43%	35%	47%	36%	47%	45%



Note: The question requesting information about "later study" was added to the survey in 1985.

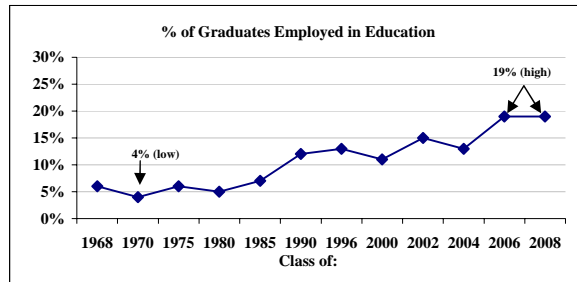
• The Class of 2008 had the largest percentage of graduates **employed** the first year after college compared to all other previous classes surveyed. For the Class of 1968, fewer than 20% of graduates went into jobs right after graduation. Today, that percentage is nearly 75%:

<u>1968</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
19%	16%	36%	50%	58%	65%	60%	65%	70%	64%	69%	73%	74%



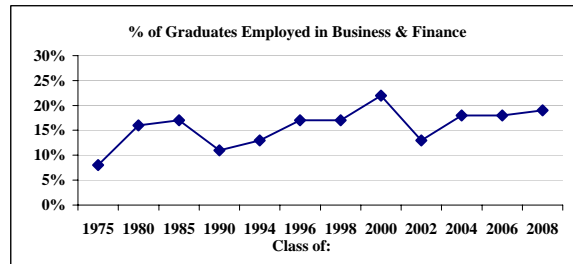
• The percentage of graduates who went into **jobs in education** (instruction and non-instruction) was at an all-time high at 19% for the last two Classes surveyed. "Teach for America" was chosen by approximately 11% of those employed in education:

<u>1968</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
6%	4%	6%	5%	7%	12%	13%	11%	15%	13%	19%	19%



• Employment in areas of **business and finance** continued to attract graduates in large numbers, with 16% being the average over this 30-year period. With the recent economic downturn, it will be interesting to see if that trend continues for the next class surveyed:

<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
8%	16%	17%	11%	13%	17%	17%	22%	13%	18%	18%	19%



Note: Prior to 1975, this category included "industry", so those years' data are not reported here.

• The percentage of students who entered jobs in **industry** remained fairly constant over the last 30 years:

<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
8%	8%	9%	8%	6%	8%	8%	10%	5%	7%	7%	7%

