

# Life Outcomes of Male Graduates (Ages 46 to 58) from BYU and Other Universities (Exploratory Study)



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# Overview

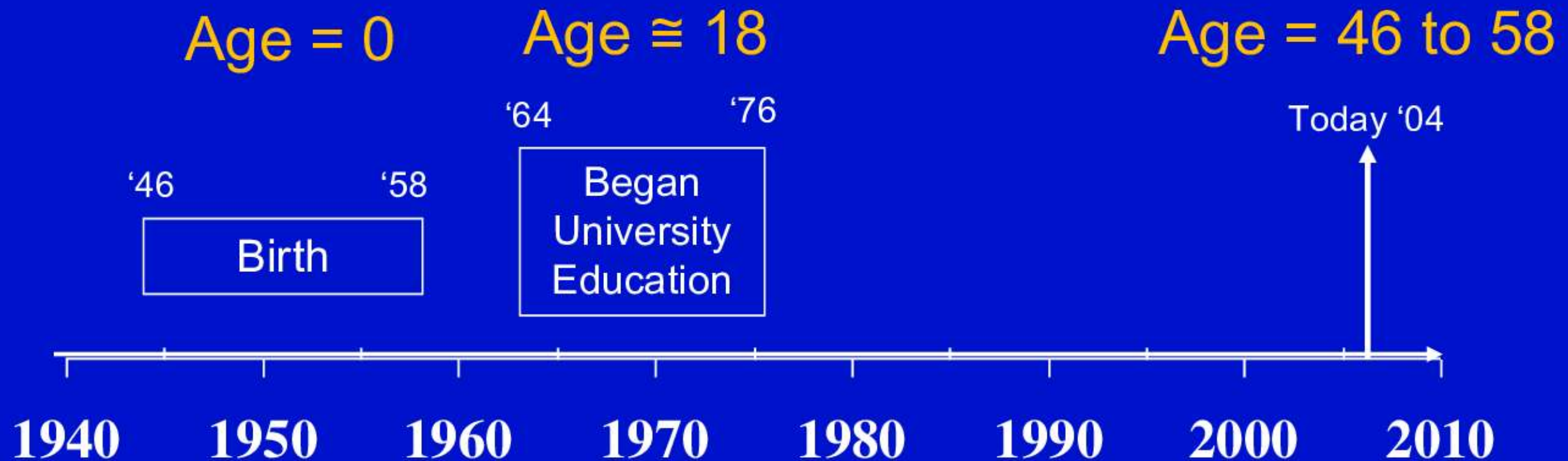
- This study is intended to describe and compare the characteristics of male members (ages 46-58):
  - (1) BYU graduates who were presidential scholars,
  - (2) graduates from BYU,
  - (3) graduates of other universities, and
  - (4) similar-aged Church members who did not graduate from college.
- This study is not intended to be a comprehensive evaluation designed to measure the impact of the “BYU experience” nor is it a study of its cost effectiveness.

# A Word of Caution

- This exploratory study simply describes the characteristics of these groups.
- There is no single explanation for why the groups differ on any given outcome.
- Therefore, the conclusion cannot be drawn that the “BYU experience” was the reason for any specific outcome under consideration.

# Who Did We Survey?

1. Male BYU Presidential Scholars
2. Male BYU graduates
3. Male graduates of other universities
4. Male non-graduates of universities



Source: Research Information Division, *Exploratory Study of BYU Graduates*, 2004; U.S. Census, 2000.

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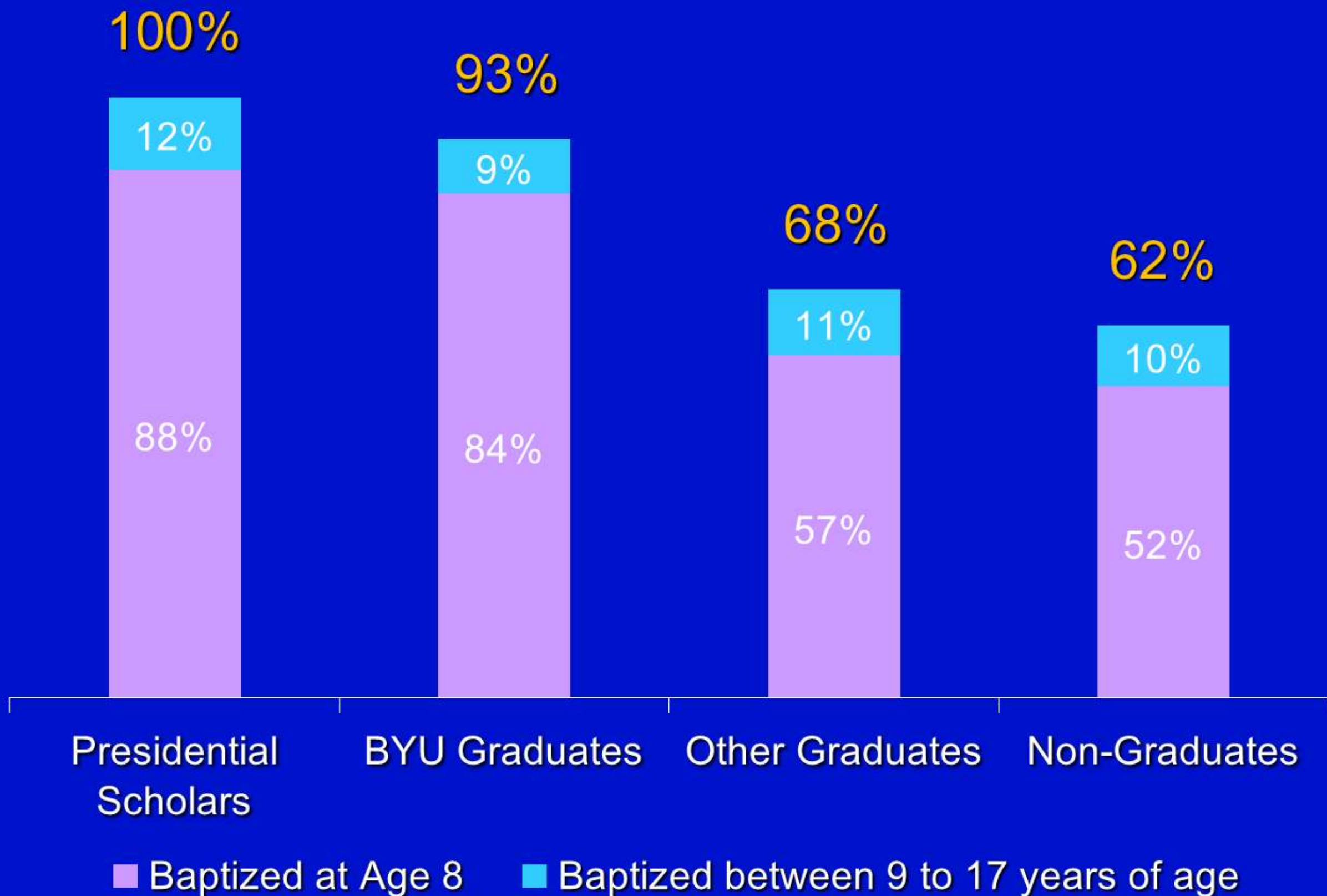
# Summary Findings

1. **Former *Presidential Scholars* and *BYU graduates* were more likely than those who graduated from other universities and those who did not graduate from a university to:**
  - Be baptized at age 8
  - Have attained more advanced degrees
  - Be currently employed
  - Have higher personal income
  - Have stable marriages (still in first marriage)
  - Have more children
  - Have served as a missionary
  - Have held more leadership callings
  - Be currently active, participating members

# Summary Findings

2. Compared to graduates of other universities who did not attend institute, *those who did attend institute* had more favorable outcomes in some areas. They were more likely to:
  - Have served as a missionary
  - Have stable marriages (still in first marriage)
  - Have held leadership callings in the elders quorum presidency, high priest group leadership, and the bishopric.

# Age at Baptism



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# Nationwide Comparison of Educational Attainments

**LDS Men**  
(Age 45 – 58)

**US Men**  
(Age 45 – 58)

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Some College /  
Technical Training

**41%**

**20%**

BS/BA

**24%**

**16%**

Graduate Degree

**18%**

**13%**



# Highest Educational Attainment

Degree	Presidential Scholars	BYU Graduates	Other Graduates
BS/BA	8%	50%	64%
Advanced Degrees	92%	50%	36%

# Employment

A higher percentage of *Presidential Scholars* (95%) and *BYU Graduates* (93%) are currently employed, as compared to *Other Graduates* (86%) and *Non-Graduates* (80%).

# Occupation

	Presidential Scholars	BYU Graduates	Other Graduates	Non- Graduates
Professional	<b>70%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>2%</b>
Managers, Officials, Proprietors	<b>23%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>28%</b>
Clerical and Sales	<b>7%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>16%</b>
Blue Collar, Service, Farmer	<b>0%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>54%</b>

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# Average Hours Per Week Working for Pay

	Presidential Scholars	BYU Graduates	Other Graduates	Non- Graduates
Husband	48	45	46	44
Wife	9	18	20	24
Both	57	63	66	68

# Wives Working for Pay

Presidential  
Scholars

37%

BYU  
Graduates

62%

Other  
Graduates

64%

Non-  
Graduates

70%

# Nationwide Income Comparison

	LDS Men (Age 45 – 58)	US Men (Age 45 – 58)
\$20,000 or Less	13%	31%
\$20,001 to \$40,000	24%	27%
\$40,001 to \$60,000	28%	20%
\$60,001 to \$80,000	16%	10%
\$80,001 or More	19%	12%

# Personal Income

	Presidential Scholars	BYU Graduates	Other Graduates	Non- Graduates
\$20,000 or Less	<b>1%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>14%</b>
\$20,001 to \$40,000	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>31%</b>
\$40,001 to \$60,000	<b>5%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>28%</b>
\$60,001 to \$80,000	<b>6%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>12%</b>
\$80,001 to \$100,000	<b>25%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6%</b>
\$100,001 or More	<b>60%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>9%</b>

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# Current Marital Status

	Presidential Scholars	BYU Graduates	Other Graduates	Non- Graduates
Never Married	1%	1%	5%	6%
1 <sup>st</sup> Marriage	94%	91%	77%	67%
2 <sup>nd</sup> + Marriage	4%	6%	16%	19%
Divorced	1%	2%	2%	7%
Widowed	0%	0%	0%	1%

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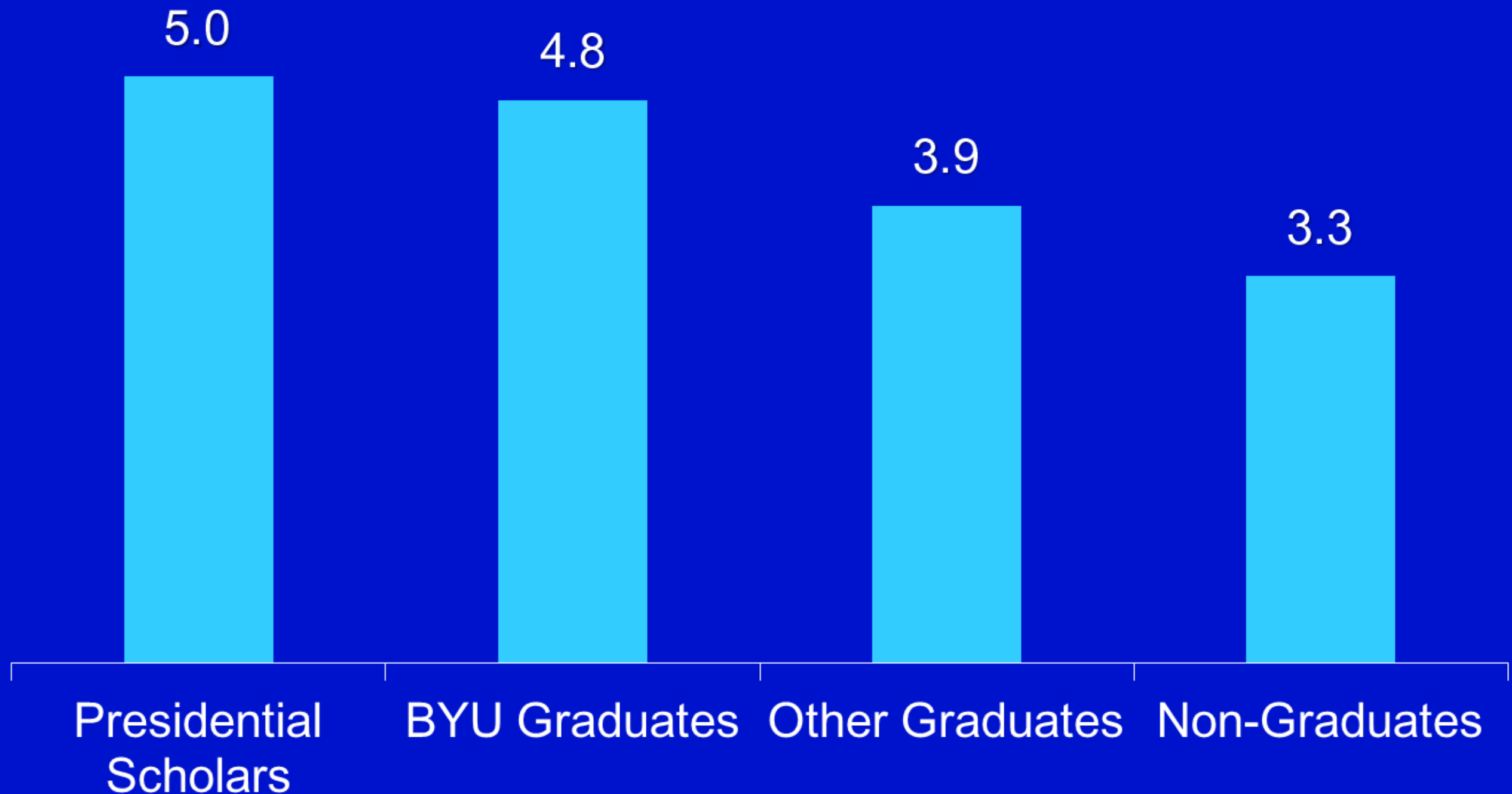


# Current Marital Status

	BYU Graduates	Other Graduates (Attended Institute*)	Other Graduates (No Institute)	Non- Graduates
1 <sup>st</sup> Marriage	91%	84%	71%	67%

\*N=125

# Average Number of Children



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# Church Callings: Past or Present

	Presidential Scholars	BYU Graduates	Other Graduates	Non- Graduates
Full-Time Missionary	98%	84%	44%	24%
Elders Quorum Presidency	72%	74%	60%	43%
High Priests Group Ldrship	40%	46%	35%	23%
High Councilor	57%	50%	29%	12%
Bishopric	87%	68%	44%	28%
Stake Presidency	18%	10%	3%	2%

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# Church Callings: Past or Present

	Presidential Scholars	BYU Graduates	Other Graduates (Attended Institute)	Other Graduates (No Institute)	Non- Graduates
Full-Time Missionary	98%	84%	81%	31%	24%
Elders Quorum President	72%	74%	71%	51%	43%
High Priests Group Leadership	40%	46%	45%	25%	23%
High Councilor	57%	50%	31%	28%	12%
Bishopric	87%	68%	54%	36%	28%
Stake Presidency	18%	10%	4%	2%	2%

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# Temple Ordinances

	Presidential Scholars	BYU Graduates	Other Graduates (Attended Institute)	Other Graduates (No Institute)	Non- Graduates
Temple Endowed	99%	99%	<b>97%</b>	<b>91%</b>	73%
Temple Marriage or Sealed Later	99%	98%	<b>97%</b>	81– 96%	74 – 95%

\* Incurred a refusal rate of 9%

\*\* Incurred a refusal rate of 33%

Lower % reflect results if all refusals were “no”.

# Current Religiosity

	Presidential Scholars	BYU Graduates	Other Graduates (Attended Institute)	Other Graduates (No Institute)	Non- Graduates
Attends Sacrament Meetings Almost Weekly	95%	95%	92%	73%	58%
Currently Holds a Church Calling	96%	94%	90%	75%	58%
Holds Current Temple Recommend	92%	93%	92%	78%	54– 75%

\* Incurred a refusal rate of 6%.

\*\* Incurred a refusal rate of 28%. Lower % reflects results if all refusals were “no.”

# Conclusion

Many factors in life (before, during, and after college years) influence one's current situation and accomplishments. Our exploratory study does not allow us to conclude that attending BYU or Institute *caused* any of the reported outcomes.