

→ **Fast Facts**

→ **Internet blackouts**

“At least 35 countries have restricted access to the [I]nternet or social media platforms at least once since 2019, according to Netblocks, a group (that) tracks [I]nternet freedom. Authorities have used the outages to reduce or prevent unrest—or to hide it from public view.”

Sara Fischer, “Axios Media Trends,” Axios, February 2, 2021, <https://www.axios.com/newsletters/axios-media-trends-980eaff9-01b3-441b-8983-58dd9301fe59.html> (retrieved February 5, 2021).

→ **Outcomes of higher education**

“During 2018, about 10 years after completing the 2007-08 bachelor’s degree, 63 percent of graduates owned a home and 86 percent had a retirement account. Forty-three percent of 2007-08 bachelor’s degree recipients had completed another degree or certificate program as of 2018. Among 2007-08 bachelor’s degree recipients who were working in 2018 . . . 85 percent were employed full time.”

Melissa Cominole, Erin Thomsen, Mihaela Henderson, Erin Dunlop Velez, and Jennifer Cooney, *Baccalaureate and Beyond (B&B:08/18): First Look at the 2018 Employment and Educational Experiences of 2007–08 College Graduates* (NCES 2021-241), U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics, January 2021, <https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2021241> (retrieved February 5, 2021).

→ **Freedom of Information Act requests**

“More Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests were filed during the past four years than at any time in American history, per the FOIA Project, a non-profit project that gathers comprehensive information on federal FOIA decisions. During the Trump administration, the media filed a total of 386 FOIA cases. That’s more than all of the FOIA cases filed by the media during the 16 years of the Bush and Obama administrations combined.”

Sarah Fischer, “Axios Media Trends,” January 19, 2021, <https://www.axios.com/newsletters/axios-media-trends-13b9540a-ea69-4942-95cc-3c80d6682783.html> (retrieved January 19, 2021).

→ **Digitized presidential collections**

“The Library of Congress has completed a more than two decade-long initiative to digitize the papers of nearly two dozen early presidents. The Library holds the papers of 23 presidents from George Washington to Calvin Coolidge, all of which have been digitized and are now available online.”

“Library of Congress Completes Digitization of 23 Early Presidential Collections,” BCTV, December 23, 2020, <https://www.bctv.org/2020/12/23/library-of-congress-completes-digitization-of-23-early-presidential-collections> (retrieved February 5, 2021).

→ **College students amid COVID-19**

“A third of all currently enrolled students pursuing their bachelor’s degree in the fall of 2020 [reported] they [had] considered stopping their coursework in the [previous] six months. Among these students, 15 percent say they considered stopping because the education they were receiving was low quality. However, quality is not a top concern; COVID-19 (51 percent), emotional stress (42 percent) and cost of attendance (33 percent) are the most frequently cited reasons.”

Stephanie Marken, “College Students Report Quality Experience Amid COVID-19” Gallup.com, December 15, 2020, <https://news.gallup.com/opinion/gallup/327713/college-students-report-quality-experience-amid-covid.aspx> (retrieved February 5, 2021).

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