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The annual statistics of those receiving degrees from universities and academic colleges are produced from administrative files obtained from the institutions attended. These files contain basic information regarding the degrees awarded, the subjects studied and the educational institutions attended. Data on the demographic characteristics of the degree recipients are copied from the Central Population Registry. In order to expand and deepen the existing information, surveys were conducted among those who received first degrees in ceremonies which took place in 1999/2000–2001/02 at the universities and colleges financed by the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education (the surveys were conducted approximately 2 years after the ceremonies).

The surveys, which were commissioned by the Planning and Budgeting Committee, added information about the graduates' opinions and level of satisfaction regarding subjects related to the process and framework of their studies, their integration into the labour force and their continuing studies towards advanced degrees.