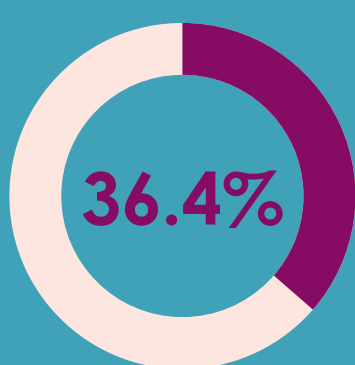


# Starting a business after PhD

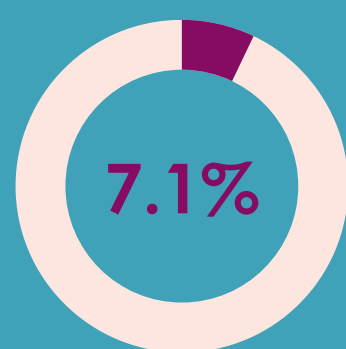


This infographic is based on the insights of 1,387 doctorate holders from the "Future of Doctorate Holders" survey, conducted in 2022. It provides a quick overview of the perceptions of PhD holders regarding their skills for starting a business (self-employed or company) or a start-up, the encouragement they received, and their initiatives in engaging in such ventures. Additionally, it examines the demographics of those who became entrepreneurs.

## Skills



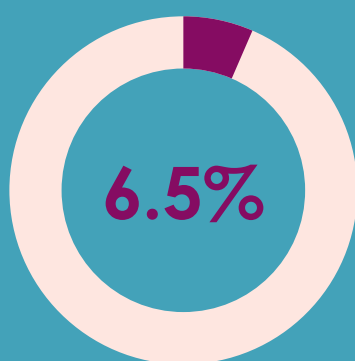
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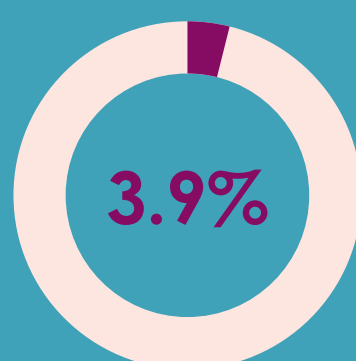
of PhD holders (n = 505) think that they have the necessary skills to start a business or a start-up.

of PhD holders (n = 98) agreed that they were encouraged to optimise the results of their research by starting a business or a start-up.

## Do PhD holders start a business or a start-up after PhD?



of PhD holders (n = 90) declared that they started a business (self-employed or company) or a start-up after their PhD, alone or with others.



of PhD holders (n = 59) declared to be self-employed full-time at the time of the survey.

## Who starts a business or a start-up after PhD?

Among 90 PhD holders who started a business (self-employed or company) or a start up, we find the following distribution:



42.2% from Social Sciences and Humanities



40.0% from Exact and Natural Sciences



17.8% from Life and Health Sciences

41.6% female



53.3% Belgian



54.7% working in Belgium



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