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## 'Burnout' Study: Many Journalists Intend to Leave Profession

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**NEW YORK** A high percentage of newspaper journalists say they intend to get out of the profession, according to a [new study](#) conducted by a Ball State University professor.

Among the biggest reasons for the high rate of burnout were low salaries, long and undesirable hours, and stress.

In a survey of 770 journalists, 25.7% said they intended to leave newspaper journalism and 36.2% responded that they didn't know if they would leave. The numbers were even higher for younger journalists (under the age of 34), with 31% intending to leave and 43.5% saying they don't know.

The survey was designed to examine what factors affected burnout, such as age, job title, and circulation of the paper. According to the findings, many of which were published today at [bloggasm.com](#), copy editors at smaller papers experienced the highest rate of burnout.

Journalists from all parts of the newsroom responded to the survey, though the majority were reporters. The average respondent was 41.6 years old, made \$48,493, and had worked 17.8 years in the industry.

Journalists who say they intend to leave newspapers aren't necessarily leaving the media industry. Some speculate that they will freelance or enter public relations, according to Scott Reinardy, who conducted the study. Others contemplate moving into academia or returning to school

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This is just the beginning of Reinardy's studies about journalist burnout, he told bloggasm's Simon Owens. Reinardy intends to conduct a series of studies about the trend, starting with in depth interviews of 100 journalists about their dissatisfaction with their jobs.

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