

Where did the 2005 Bachelor of Social Work graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2005 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Social Work graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to get their first job offer?
- In which sectors were they employed?
- How much salary did they receive?
- How many job offers did they receive?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles?

II. Employment Situations in 2005

Of the 37 graduates from this programme, 32 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BSW				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	32	100%	37	100%	2273	100%	2361	100%
Employed	32	100%	37	100%	1786	79%	1787	76%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	12	0.5%	15	0.6%
Further Studies	0	0%	0	0%	457	20%	531	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	2	0.1%	7	0.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	16	0.7%	21	0.9%

* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B., B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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III. Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

By the end of	% of new graduates who have secured employment	
	2005	2004
May or before	16%	3.1%
June	35%	22%
July	55%	31%
August	81%	59%
September	97%	84%
October	97%	94%
November	100%	94%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 1

IV. Employment Sectors

The majority of Bachelor of Social Work graduates were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services, while others were employed in the Civil Service, Educational Institutions and Commerce & Industry.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Community, Social & Personal Services	70%	88%
Civil Service	20%	0%
Educational Institutions	6.7%	8.8%
Commerce & Industry	3.3%	2.9%

No Response = 2

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V. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Bachelor of Social Work graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	BSW		HKU Average*		BSW		HKU Average*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$12,877	\$11,781	\$13,322	\$12,550	\$12,909	\$11,847	\$14,121	\$13,374
Median	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$10,250	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$11,050	\$10,292
Minimum	\$9,800	\$8,000	\$5,400	\$3,000	\$9,800	\$9,000	\$5,500	\$3,500
Maximum	\$24,650	\$16,800	\$67,000	\$55,000	\$24,650	\$16,800	\$74,443	\$62,500

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VI. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Bachelor of Social Work graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	18 (58%)
Two	8 (26%)
Three	2 (6.5%)
Four	2 (6.5%)
Eight or more	1 (3.2%)

No Response = 1

VII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Bachelor of Social Work graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- Correctional Service Department	- CSD Officer
- Social Welfare Department	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Social Welfare Department	- Assistant Social Work Officer

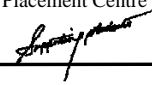
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- Social Welfare Department	- Contract Social Worker
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- Social Welfare Department	- Social Worker
Educational Institutions -	
- Caritas Lok Yi School	- Social Work Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Caritas Hong Kong	- Social Work Assistant
- Cheung Chua Rural Committee	- School Social Worker
- Ching Miu Piano Co.	- Piano Tutor
- Elchk Tin Shui Wai District Youth Outreaching Social Work Team	- Outreaching Social Worker
- Hong Chi Association	- Social Work Assistant
- Hong Kong Christian Service	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Evangelical Church Bradbury Sheung Shui Family Center	- Social Service Assistant
- Hospital Authority	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Mother's Choice Ltd.	- Social Worker
- Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	- Rehabilitation Worker
- S.K.H. Holy Carpenter Church Community Centre	- Social Worker
- SAGE	- Social Worker
- Salvation Army	- Social Worker
- St. James' Settlement	- Social Worker
- St. James' Settlement	- Social Worker
- St. James' Settlement	- Social Worker
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church	- Social Worker
- The Salvation Army	- Social Worker
- The Salvation Army Tuen Mun East Integrated Service	- Registered Social Worker
- Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	- Social Worker
- Organization's name not reported	- Assistant to Social Worker
Commerce and Industry -	
- Skys Printing Corporation Limited	- General Manager
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Social Worker

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2005 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.

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VIII. Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.
Please contact the CePc for further details.

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