

# Where did the 1998 B.A. - History graduates go ?

## I. Introduction

The information contained in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 1998 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Arts graduates with major in History : -

- How were they employed six months after graduation ?
- Of those who pursued further studies, what programmes did they follow ?
- Of those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to secure their first job offer ?
- In which sectors were they employed ?
- How much did they receive in salary ?
- How many job offers did they receive ?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles ?

## II. Employment Situation in 1998

Of the 31 respondents who majored in History, 71% (or 22 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. 13% (or 4 graduates) went on for further studies. Another 13% (or 4 graduates) were still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

	B.A. - History						HKU Overall*									
	Total		Male		Female											
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97						
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%						
<i>No. of respondents</i>	31	100	37	100	9	100	10	100	22	100	27	100	2383	100	2272	100
<i>F/T employed</i>	22	71	30	81.1	7	77.8	6	60.0	15	68.2	24	88.9	1701	71.4	1829	80.5
<i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i>	2	6.5	2	5.4	0	0	1	10.0	2	9.1	1	3.7	94	3.9	37	1.6
<i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>	2	6.5	1	2.7	1	11.1	1	10.0	1	4.5	0	0	157	6.6	53	2.3
<i>Further studies</i>	4	12.9	4	10.8	1	11.1	2	20.0	3	13.6	2	7.4	413	17.3	339	14.9
<i>Emigration/home country</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.1	4	0.2
<i>Not seeking F/T job</i>	1	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.5	0	0	15	0.6	10	0.4

Table 1. Employment situation

\* 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. Further Studies

Four graduates pursued postgraduate studies. Of these, two took up a M.Phil. programme in arts, one each enrolled for a master (coursework) programme in urban planning and a postgraduate certificate programme in education. Table 2 shows the academic programmes pursued & Table 3 shows the sources of finance.

Fields of Study	Academic Programmes		
	M. Phil.	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate
Arts	2		
Urban Planning		1	
Education			1

Table 2. Academic programmes

Sources of Finance	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1
Full Scholarship	1
Government Grant & Loan	1

Table 3. Source of finance for further studies

### IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

Among those graduates who were in full-time employment, 73% secured their first job offer before the end of August. The figure increased to 100% by the end of December. (Figure 1)

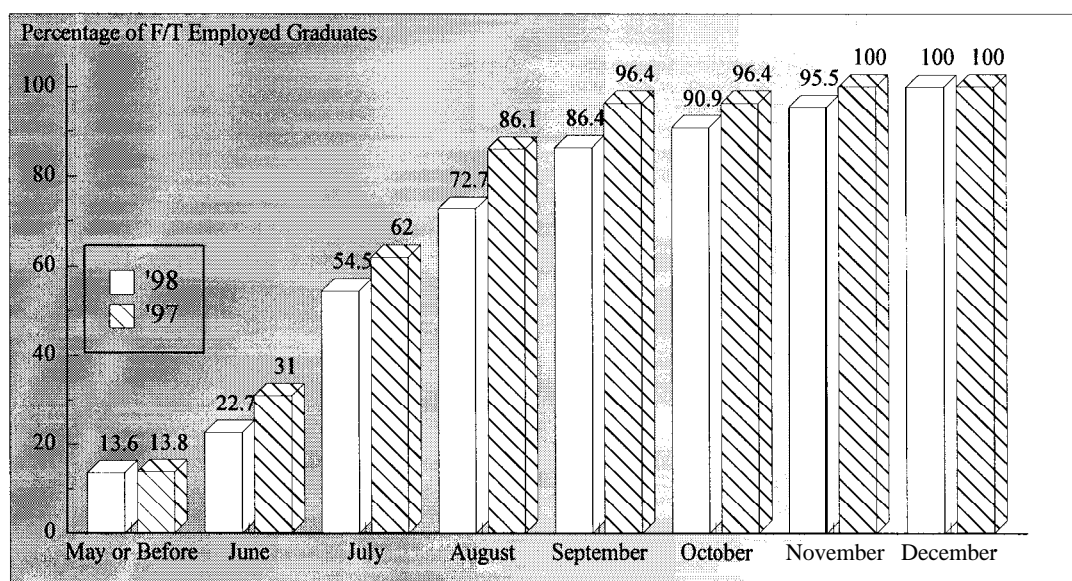


Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

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### V. Employment Sectors

46% (or 10 graduates) of the History graduates were employed in commerce & industry, followed by 27% (or 6 graduates) in education and 23% (or 5 graduates) in community, social & personal services. The remaining 4.5% (or 1 graduate) joined the civil service. (Figures 2 & 3)

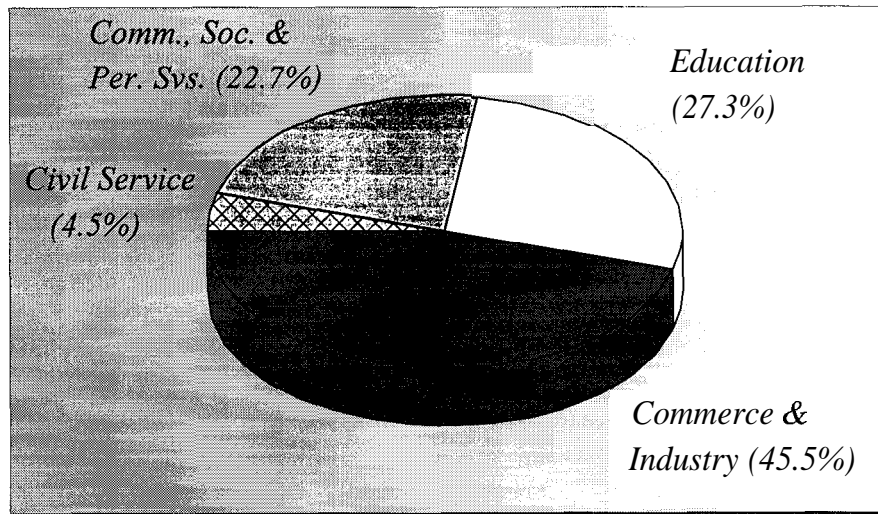


Figure 2. Employment sectors

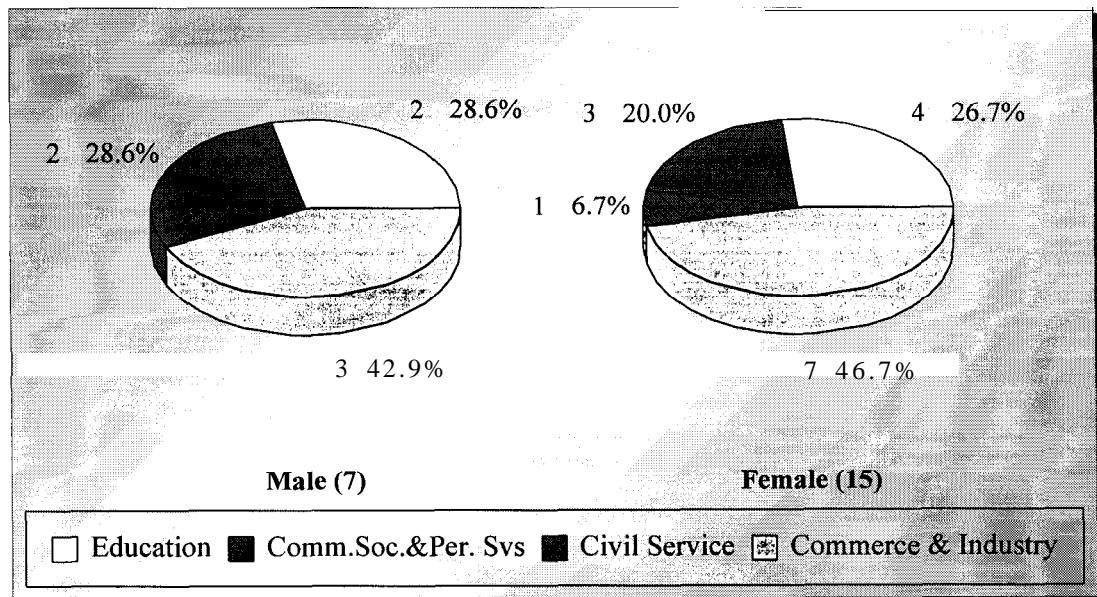


Figure 3. Employment sectors by sex

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### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by the History graduates is shown in Table 4.

	<i>Basic Salary</i>				<i>Gross Income</i>			
	<b>B.A. -History</b>		<b>HKU Average*</b>		<b>B.A. -History</b>		<b>HKU Average*</b>	
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97
<i>Mean</i>	\$12,094	\$15,831	\$15,496	\$15,749	\$13,697	\$16,416	\$16,557	\$17,552
<i>Median</i>	\$10,000	\$14,758	\$12,300	\$12,500	\$10,917	\$15,489	\$13,325	\$14,521
<i>Minimum</i>	\$8,000	\$8,500	\$1,000	\$4,400	\$8,000	\$8,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
<i>Maximum</i>	\$22,000	\$33,355	\$58,000	\$59,000	\$25,833	\$33,355	\$59,000	\$74,000

Table 4. Basic salary and gross income

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

### VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

Of those in full-time employment, 59% of the graduates had more than one job offer. 41% reported having received three to five job offers. (Figure 4)

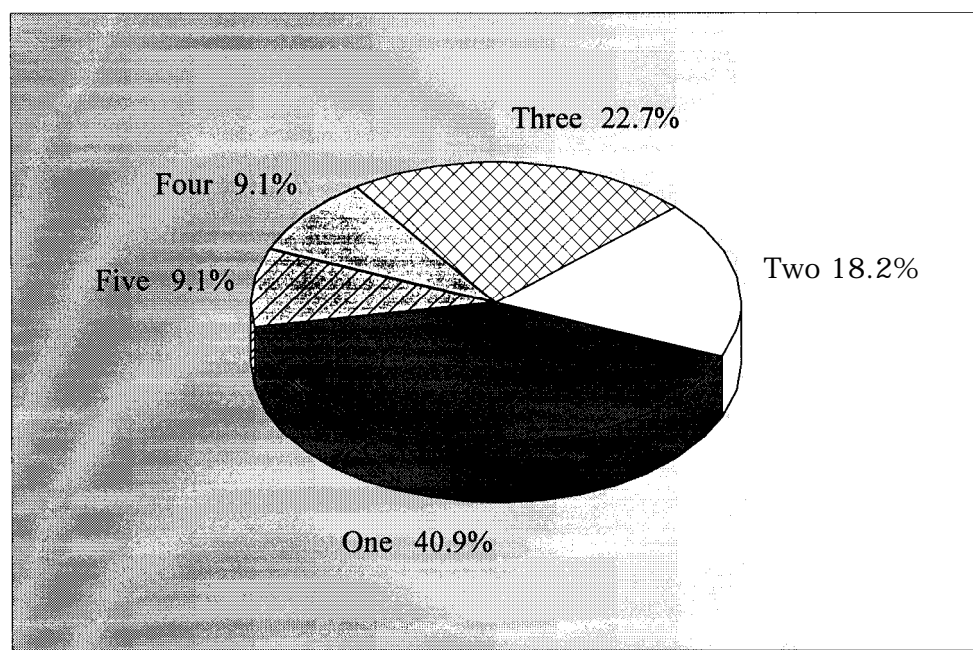


Figure 4. No. of full-time job offers

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### **VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles**

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

<b><u>Employers :</u></b>	<b><u>Job Titles :</u></b>
<b>CIVIL SERVICE -</b>	
• HKSAR - Civil Aviation Department	• Air Traffic Flight Services Officer
<b>EDUCATION -</b>	
• City College	• Tutor
• HK College of Management	• Tutor
• Jockey Club Ti-I College	• Certificate Master
• Kowloon Tong Secondary School	• Graduate Master
• Shi Hui Wen Secondary School	• Graduate Master
• St Gloria College	• Graduate Master
<b>COMMUNITY, SOCIAL &amp; PERSONAL SERVICES -</b>	
• Albert Ho Chun Yan's Office	• Case Worker
• Brilliant Learning Centre	• Tutor
• Hans Andersen Club Diana Boyd Wilson Centre	• Welfare Worker
• International Association of Theatre Critics	• Programme Assistant
• Suen Mei Speech & Hearing Centre for the Deaf	• Administrative Assistant
<b>COMMERCE &amp; INDUSTRY -</b>	
• Diana (HK) Co Ltd	• Assistant Body Shaping Counsellor
• First Pacific Davies Property Management Ltd	• Property Officer
• Great Kingdom Co Ltd	• Customer Services Officer
• Hong Kong Daily News	• Reporter
• Hong Kong Sales (Knitwear) Ltd	• Assistant Merchandiser
• Hong Kong Telecom I M S Ltd	• Customer Services Representative
• Izumi Manufacturing Ltd	• Officer Trainee
• Marks & Spencer	• Management Trainee
• Simon Marketing Co Ltd	• Marketing Assistant
• Sun Times Publishing Ltd	• Assistant Editor

Note: Some alumni have indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Their contact telephone number can be obtained from counsellors at CEPC.

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