

Where did the 1998 B.Soc.Sc. -Politics & Public Administration 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 Social Sciences graduates with major in Politics & Public Administration :-

- 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 12 respondents who majored in Politics & Public Administration, 83% (or 10 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. Another 8.3% (or 1 graduate) went on for further studies. Nil unemployment was reported. (Table 1)

	B.Soc.Sc. - Politics & Public Administration						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>	12	100	23	100	6	100	11	100	6	100	12	100	2383	100	2272	100
<i>F/T employed</i>	10	83.3	19	82.6	5	83.3	8	72.7	5	83.3	11	91.7	1701	71.4	1829	80.5
<i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	3.9	37	1.6
<i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>	0	0	1	4.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8.3	157	6.6	53	2.3
<i>Further studies</i>	1	8.3	3	13.0	1	16.7	3	27.3	0	0	0	0	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	8.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16.7	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

The graduate who pursued postgraduate studies took up a M.Phil. programme in social sciences in a local tertiary institution. Table 2 shows the academic programme pursued & Table 3 shows the source of finance.

Field of Study	Academic Programme
	M.Phil.
Social Sciences	1

Table 2. Academic programme

Source of Finance	No. of Graduates
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1

Table 3. Source of finance for further studies

IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

Among those graduates who were in full-time employment, 80% secured their first job offer before the end of July. The figure increased to 100% by the end of September. (Figure 1)

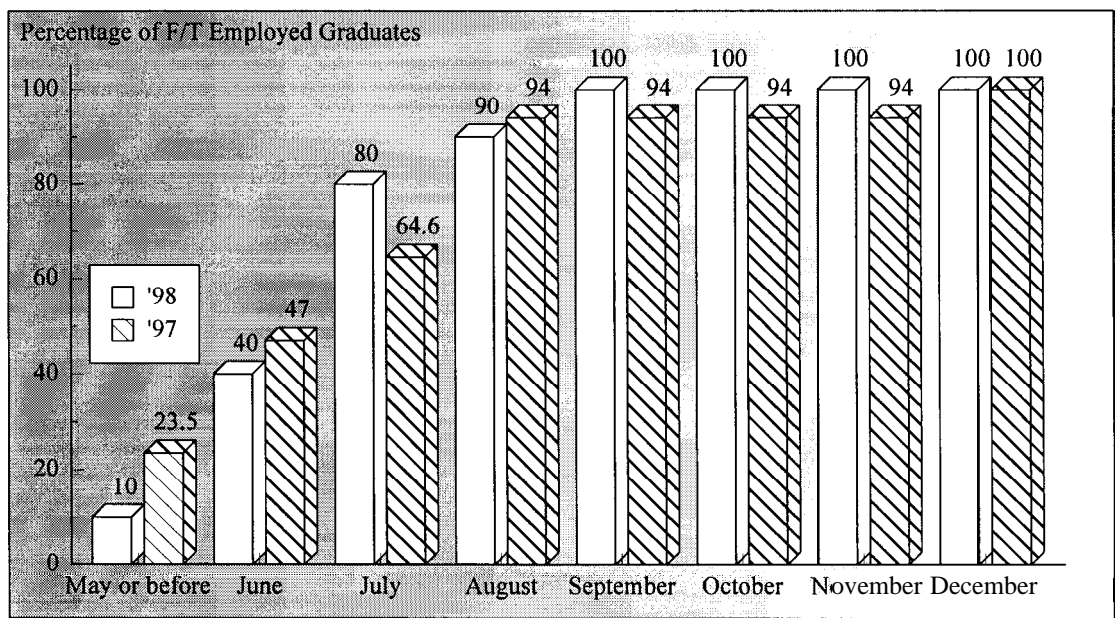


Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

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V. Employment Sectors

40% (or 4 graduates) of the Politics & Public Administration graduates were employed in commerce & industry, followed by 30% (or 3 graduates) in the civil service and 20% (or 2 graduates) in community, social & personal services. Another 10% (or 1 graduate) joined the education sector. (Figures 2 & 3)

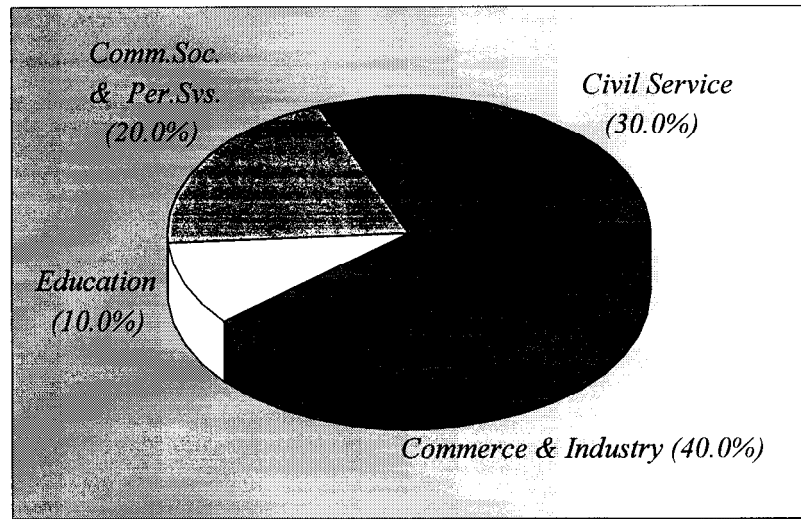


Figure 2. Employment sectors

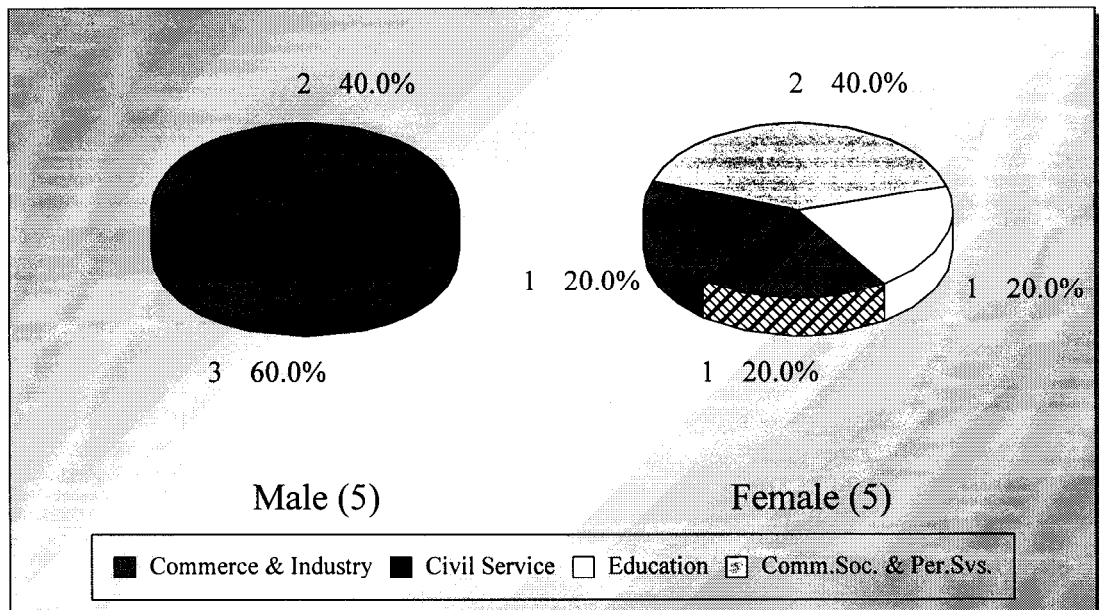


Figure 3. Employment sectors by sex

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

In general, the average income of the Politics & Public Administration graduates was higher than that of their predecessors in the previous year. (Table 4)

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	B.Soc.Sc. - Politics & Public Administration		HKU Average*		B.Soc.Sc. - Politics & Public Administration		HKU Average*	
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97
<i>Mean</i>	\$16,705	\$14,765	\$15,496	\$15,749	\$17,418	\$17,256	\$16,557	\$17,552
<i>Median</i>	\$18,760	\$11,843	\$12,300	\$12,500	\$18,760	\$15,941	\$13,325	\$14,521
<i>Minimum</i>	\$7,500	\$8,000	\$1,000	\$4,400	\$8,625	\$10,833	\$5,000	\$5,000
<i>Maximum</i>	\$30,000	\$30,600	\$58,000	\$59,000	\$30,000	\$30,600	\$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, 40% of the graduates had more than one job offer. 20% reported having received three or four job offers. (Figure 4)

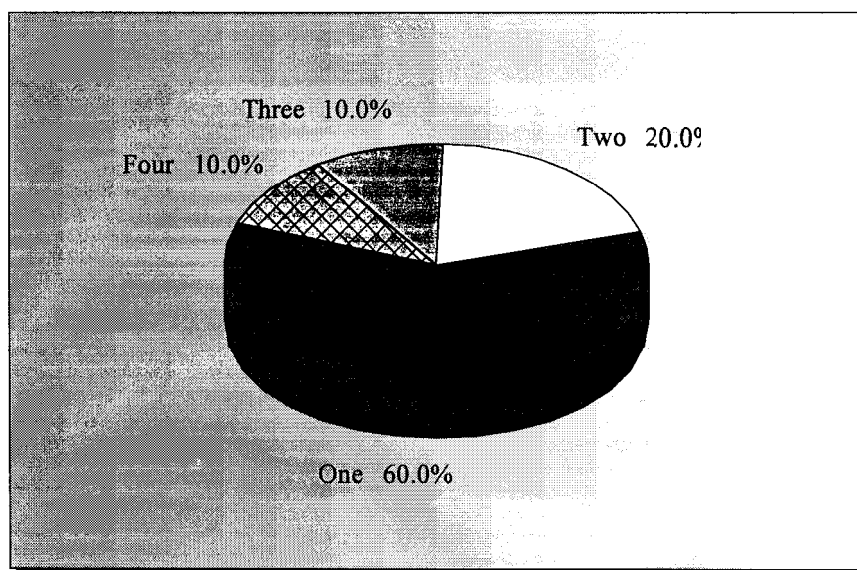


Figure 4. No. of full-time job offers

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of the Politics & Public Administration graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers :</u>	<u>Job Titles :</u>
CIVIL SERVICE -	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HKSAR - Environmental Protection Department• HKSAR - Hong Kong Police Force• HKSAR - Labour Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Officer• Inspector• Assistant Labour Officer
EDUCATION -	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Joseph's Anglo-Chinese School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate Master
COMMUNITY, SOCIAL & PERSONAL SERVICE -	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jumpin Gym (USA) Ltd• Trade Development Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shop Management Trainee• Marketing Officer
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY -	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kwan Cheong Ho Co Ltd• Sui Wo Timber Co Ltd• Target Promotion Co• The Prudential Assurance Co Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sales Representative• Administrative Assistant• Business Development Executive• Insurance Consultant

Table 5. List of employers and job titles

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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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines of study is available for reference in the Careers Library. Please enquire with the CEPC.

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