

Where did the 1998 B.Soc.Sc. - Social Work & Social 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 Social Work & Social 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 7 respondents who majored in Social Work & Social Administration, 29% (or 2 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. 57% (or 4 graduates) went on for further studies. Another 14% (or 1 graduate) was still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

	B.Soc.Sc. - Social Work & Social Administration						HKU Overall*	
	Total		Male		Female			
	'98		'98		'98		'98	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<i>No. of respondents</i>	7	100	3	100	4	100	2383	100
<i>F/T employed</i>	2	28.6	1	33.3	1	25.0	1701	71.4
<i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i>	1	14.3	0	0	1	25.0	94	3.9
<i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	6.6
<i>Further studies</i>	4	57.1	2	66.7	2	50.0	413	17.3
<i>Emigration/home country</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.1
<i>Not seeking F/T job</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0.6

Table I. 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

All the four graduates pursued postgraduate studies in the same discipline as their first degree. Of these, three graduates took up a M.Phil. programme and one took up a postgraduate certificate. All of them were enrolled in local tertiary institutions. Table 2 shows the academic programmes pursued & Table 3 shows the source of finance.

Fields of Study	Academic Programmes	
	M.Phil.	Postgraduate Certificate
Social Sciences	3	1

Table 2. Academic programmes

Source of Finance	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	3

Table 3. Source of finance for further studies

IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

Among those graduates who were in full-time employment, 50% secured their first job offer before the end of May. The figure increased to 100% by the end of June. (Figure 1)

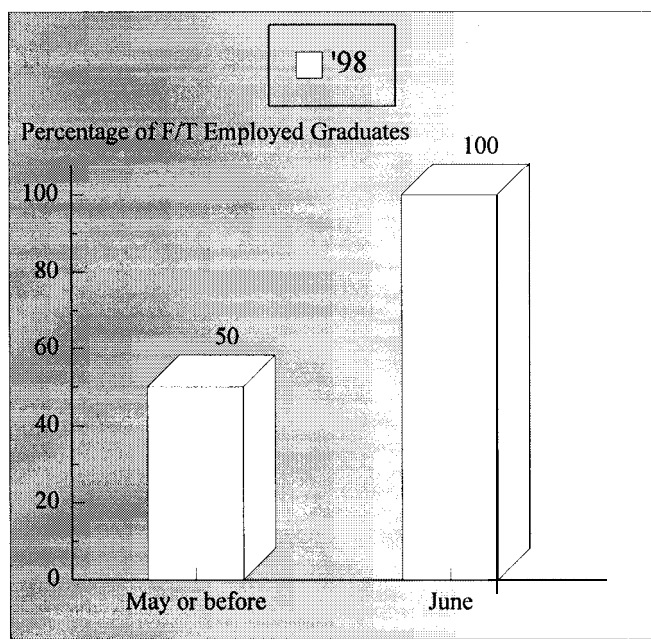


Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

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V. Employment Sectors

50% or (or 1 graduate) each of the Social Work & Social Administration graduates was employed in commerce & industry and the civil service. (Figures 2 & 3)

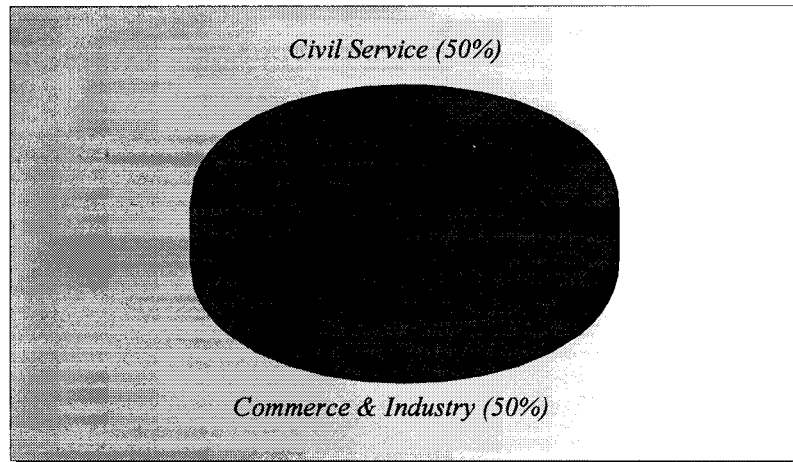


Figure 2. Employment sectors

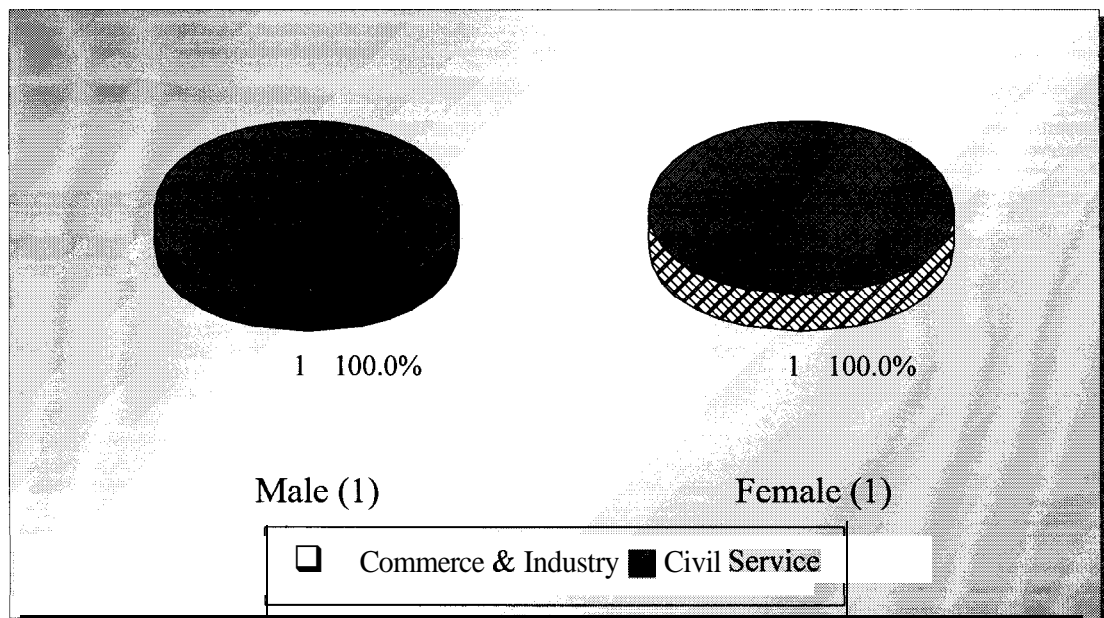


Figure 3. Employment sectors by sex

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by the Social Work & Social Administration graduates is shown in Table 4.

	<i>Basic Salary</i>		<i>Gross Income</i>	
	B.Soc.Sc. - Social Work & Social Administration	HKU Average*	B.Soc.Sc. - Social Work & Social Administration	HKU Average*
	'98	'98	'98	'98
<i>Mean</i>	\$18,255	\$15,496	\$18,901	\$16,557
<i>Median</i>	\$18,255	\$12,300	\$18,901	\$13,325
<i>Minimum</i>	\$15,500	\$1,000	\$16,792	\$5,000
<i>Maximum</i>	\$21,010	\$58,000	\$21,010	\$59,000

Table 4. Basic salary and gross income

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

Of those in full-time employment, 50% of the graduates reported having received four job offers. (Figure 4)

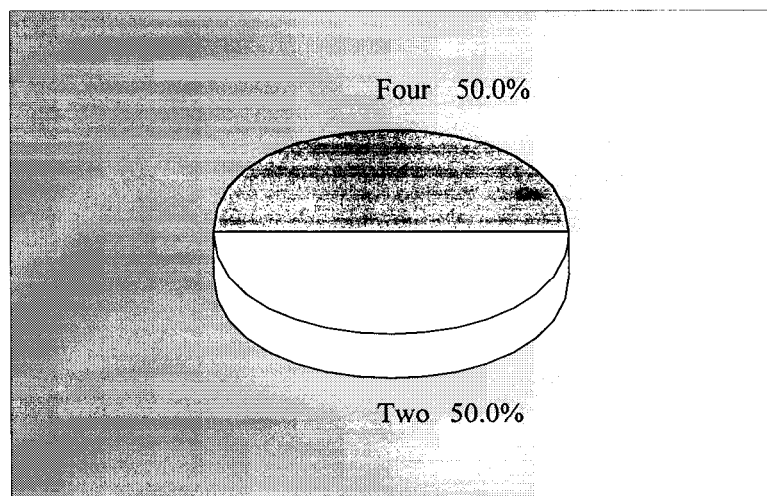


Figure 4. No. of full-time job offers

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u><i>Employers :</i></u>	<u><i>Job Titles :</i></u>
CIVIL SERVICE -	
• HKSAR - Management Services Agency	• Management Services Officer
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY -	
• Diarv Farm	• Management Trainee

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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