

Where did the 1998 B.Sc. - Food & Nutritional Science 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 Science graduates with major in Food & Nutritional Science :-

- 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 34 respondents who majored in Food & Nutritional Science, 59% (or 20 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. 18% (or 6 graduates) went on for further studies. Another 21% (or 7 graduates) were still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

	B.Sc. - Food & Nutritional Science						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>	34	100	41	100	9	100	8	100	25	100	33	100	2383	100	2272	100	
<i>F/T employed</i>	20	58.8	34	82.9	6	66.7	7	87.5	14	56.0	27	81.8	1701	71.4	1829	80.5	
<i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i>	2	5.9	1	2.4	1	11.1	0	0	1	4.0	1	3.0	94	3.9	37	1.6	
<i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>	5	14.7	1	2.4	1	11.1	0	0	4	16.0	1	3.0	157	6.6	53	2.3	
<i>Further studies</i>	6	17.6	5	12.2	1	11.1	1	12.5	5	20.0	4	12.1	413	17.3	339	14.9	
<i>Emigration/home country</i>	0	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	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.0	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.

Where did the 1998 B.Sc. - Food & Nutritional Science graduates go ?

III. Further Studies

Five graduates pursued postgraduate studies in the same discipline as their first degree while one graduate studied medical science. Table 2 shows the academic programmes pursued & Table 3 shows the source of finance.

Fields of Study	Academic Programmes	
	M.Phil.	Master (Coursework)
Science	2	3
Medical Science	1	

Table 2. Academic programmes

Source of Finance	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	2
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	3
Scholarship & 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, 75% secured their first job offers before the end of September. The figure increased to 100% by the end of November. (Figure 1)

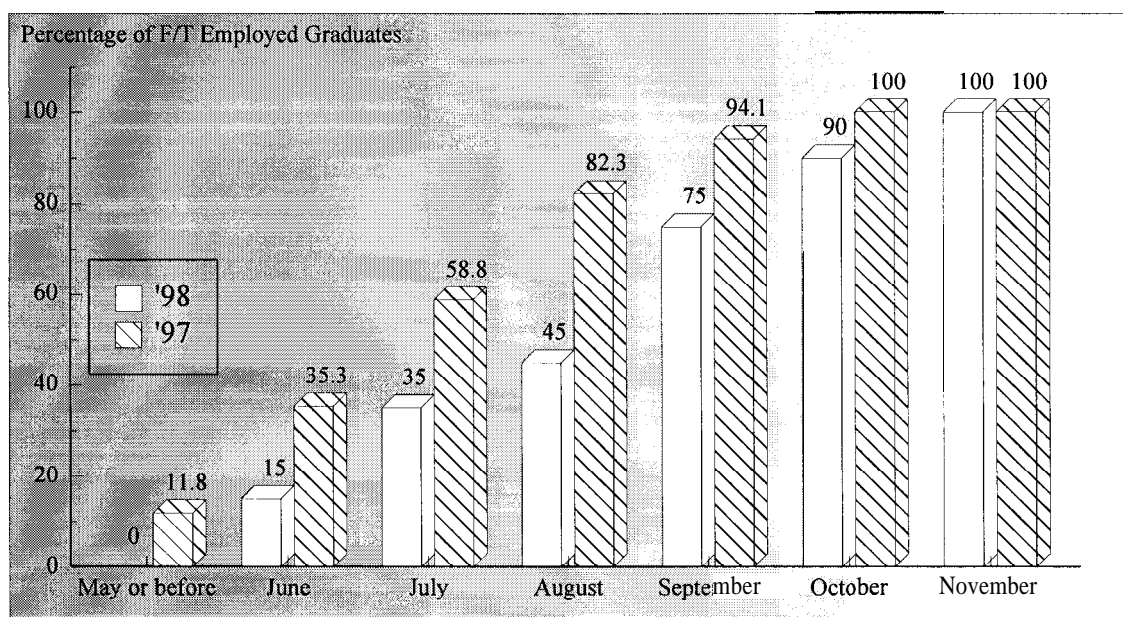


Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

Where did the 1998 B.Sc. - Food & Nutritional Science graduates go ?

V. Employment Sectors

60% (or 12 graduates) of the Food & Nutritional Science graduates were employed in the civil service, followed by 20% (or 4 graduates) in commerce & industry and 15% (or 3 graduates) in community, social & personal services. Another 5% (or 1 graduate) joined the education sector. (Figures 2 & 3)

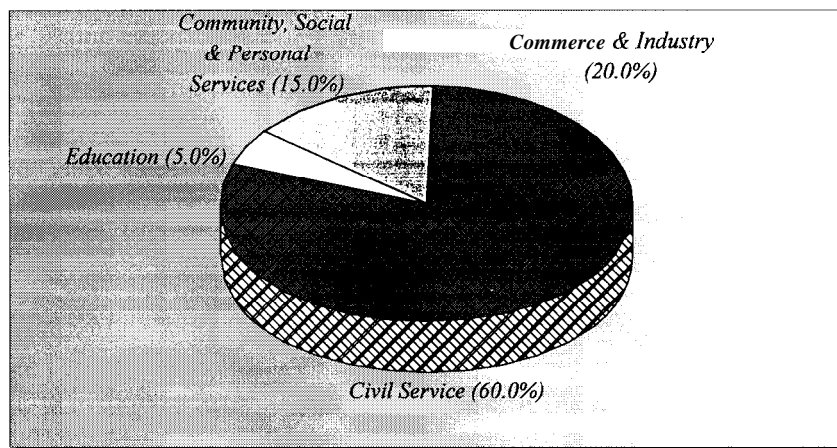


Figure 2. Employment sectors

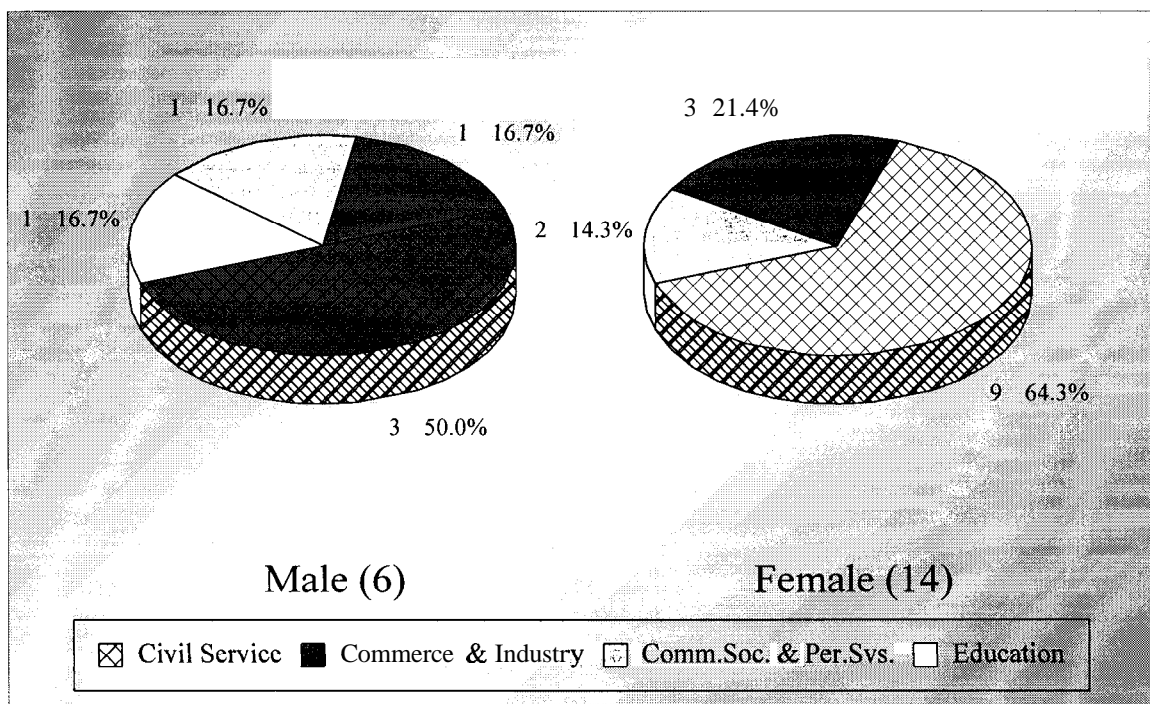


Figure 3. Employment Sectors by Sex

Where did the 1998 B.Sc. - Food & Nutritional Science graduates go ?

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

In general, the average income of the Food & Nutritional Science graduates was higher than that of their predecessors in the previous year. (Table 4)

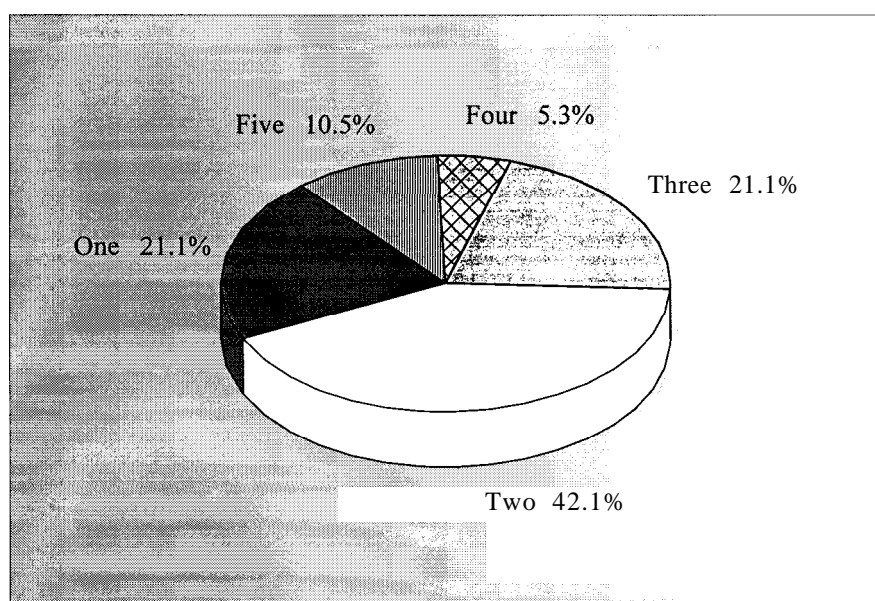
	<i>Basic Salary</i>				<i>Gross Income</i>			
	B.Sc. - Food & Nutritional Science		HKU Average*		B.Sc. - Food & Nutritional Science		HKU Average*	
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97
<i>Mean</i>	\$15,444	\$11,002	\$15,496	\$15,749	\$16,691	\$13,584	\$16,557	\$17,552
<i>Median</i>	\$19,000	\$10,000	\$12,300	\$12,500	\$19,025	\$11,917	\$13,325	\$14,521
<i>Minimum</i>	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$1,000	\$4,400	\$8,667	\$9,833	\$5,000	\$5,000
<i>Maximum</i>	\$19,055	\$18,010	\$58,000	\$59,000	\$22,188	\$37,933	\$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, 79% of the graduates had more than one job offer. 37% reported having received three to five job offers. (Figure 4)



No Response = 1

Figure 4. No offull-time job offers

Where did the 1998 B.Sc. - Food & Nutritional Science graduates go ?

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of the Food & Nutritional Science graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers :</u>	<u>Job Titles :</u>
CIVIL SERVICE -	
• HKSAR - Regional Services Department	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - Regional Services Department	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - Regional Services Department	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - The Provisional Regional Council	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - The Provisional Urban Council	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - Urban Services Department	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - Urban Services Department	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - Urban Services Department	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - Urban Services Department	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - Urban Services Department	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - Urban Services Department	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - Urban Services Department	• Health Inspector
• HKSAR - Urban Services Department	• Health Inspector
EDUCATION -	
• The University of Hong Kong	• Teaching Assistant
COMMUNITY, SOCIAL & PERSONAL SERVICES -	
• Hospital Authority	• Clerk
• Wiser Club Ltd	• Health Care Consultant
• Wiser Club Ltd	• Health Care Consultant
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY -	
• Astra Pharmaceuticals (HK) Ltd	• Medical Representative
• Hong Kong Sales (Knitwear) Ltd	• Merchandising Assistant
• Servier (HK) Ltd	• Medical Representative

No Response = 1

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.

Where did the 1998 B.Sc. - Food & Nutritional Science graduates go ?

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

Careers Education and Placement Centre
3/F Wong Chuang Lai Wah Building
Meng Wah Complex
The University of Hong Kong
Pokfulam Road
Hong Kong

Telephone : 28592314
Fax : 2559 5238
E-Mail : CEPC@HKUCC.HKU.HK
Homepage : <http://www.hku.hk/cepc>

Opening Hours : Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)
Saturday (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Cindy Chan

August, 1999

The analysis is based on information provided by the respondents, and the Careers Education & Placement Centre should not be held responsible for any errors arising therefrom.

No part of this report may be reproduced in any form or by whatever means,
without written permission from the Director of the Careers Education and Placement Centre,
The University of Hong Kong