

## Where did the 1998 B.Sc.(Surv.) 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 in Surveying graduates : -

- 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

Out of 50 B.Sc.(Surv.) graduates, 46 responded to our survey, representing a response rate of 92%. Of these, 94% (or 43 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. 2.2% (or 1 graduate) went on for further studies. Another 4.4% (or 2 graduates) were still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

|                                     | B.Sc.(Surv.) |      |      |      |        |      | HKU Overall* |     |     |     |    |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------|------|------|--------|------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                     | Total        |      | Male |      | Female |      |              |     |     |     |    |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                     | '98          | '97  | '98  | '97  | '98    | '97  |              |     |     |     |    |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                     | No.          | %    | No.  | %    | No.    | %    | No.          | %   | No. | %   |    |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>No. of respondents</i>           | 46           | 100  | 46   | 100  | 24     | 100  | 27           | 100 | 22  | 100 | 19 | 100  | 2383 | 100  | 2272 | 100  |
| <i>F/T employed</i>                 | 43           | 93.5 | 45   | 97.8 | 21     | 87.5 | 27           | 100 | 22  | 100 | 18 | 94.7 | 1701 | 71.4 | 1829 | 80.5 |
| <i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i> | 1            | 2.2  | 0    | 0    | 1      | 4.2  | 0            | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 94   | 3.9  | 37   | 1.6  |
| <i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>   | 1            | 2.2  | 0    | 0    | 1      | 4.2  | 0            | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 157  | 6.6  | 53   | 2.3  |
| <i>Further studies</i>              | 1            | 2.2  | 0    | 0    | 1      | 4.2  | 0            | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    | 413  | 17.3 | 339  | 14.9 |
| <i>Emigration/home country</i>      | 0            | 0    | 1    | 2.2  | 0      | 0    | 0            | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 5.3  | 3    | 0.1  | 4    | 0.2  |
| <i>Not seeking F/T job</i>          | 0            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0            | 0   | 0   | 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.

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### III. Further Studies

The one graduate who pursued postgraduate studies took up a M.Phil. programme in the same discipline as his first degree 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.            |
| Quantity Surveying/Surveying | 1                  |

Table 2. Academic programme

| Source of Finance                  | No. of Graduate |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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, 81% secured their first job offer before the end of July. The figure increased to 100% by the end of September. (Figure 1)

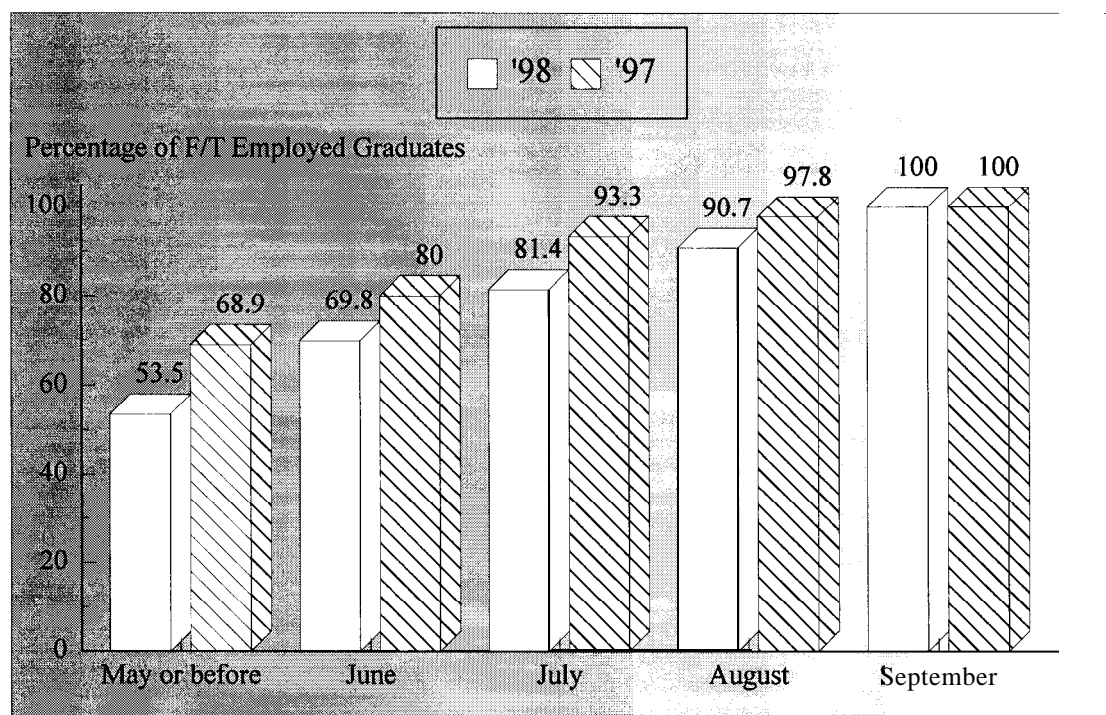


Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

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### V. Employment Sectors

Most (74% or 32 graduates) of the B.Sc.(Surv.) graduates were employed in commerce & industry. The remaining 26% (or 11 graduates) joined the civil service. (Figures 2 & 3)

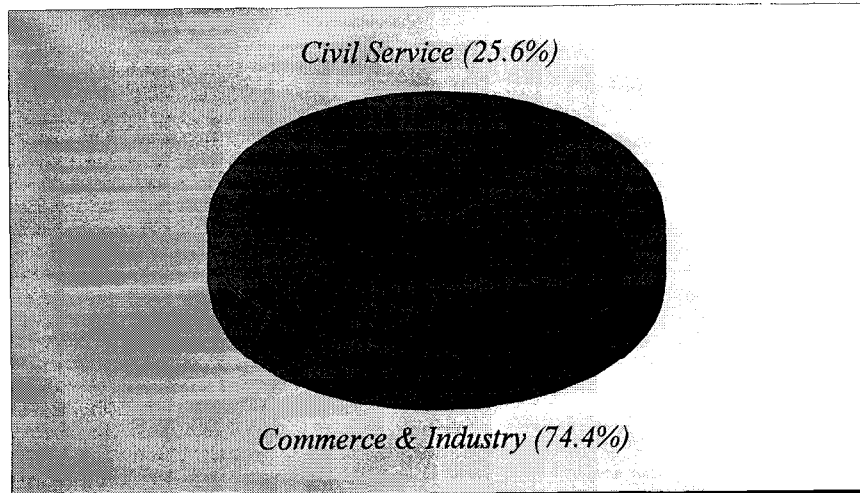


Figure 2. Employment sectors

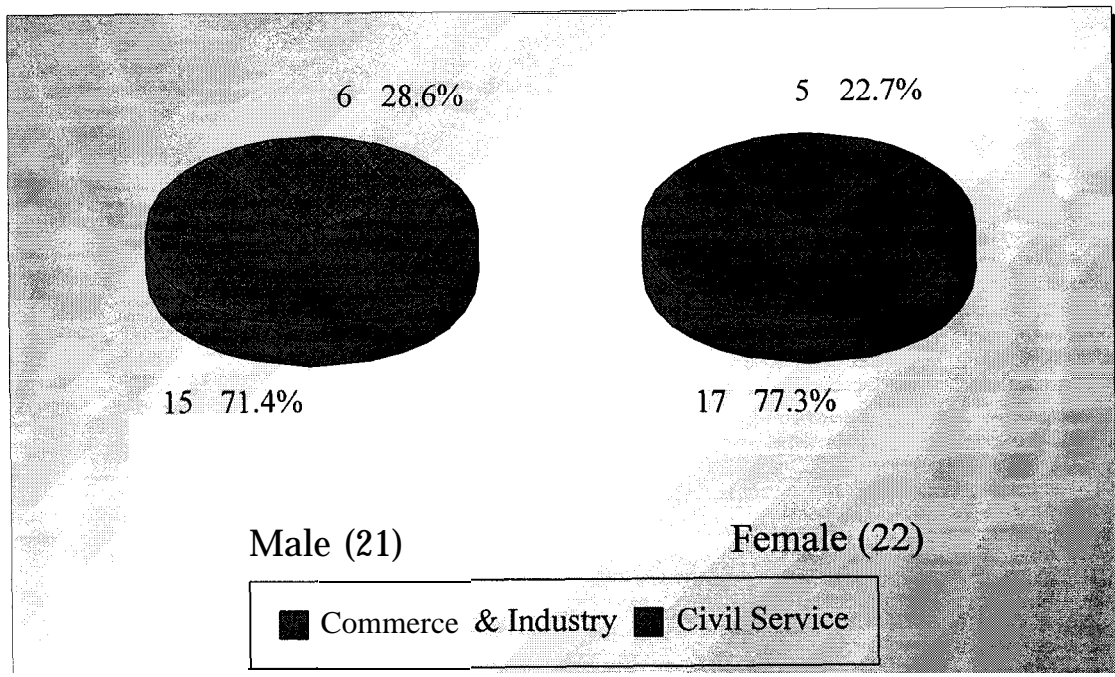


Figure 3. Employment sectors by sex

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### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by the B.Sc.(Surv.) graduates is shown in Table 4.

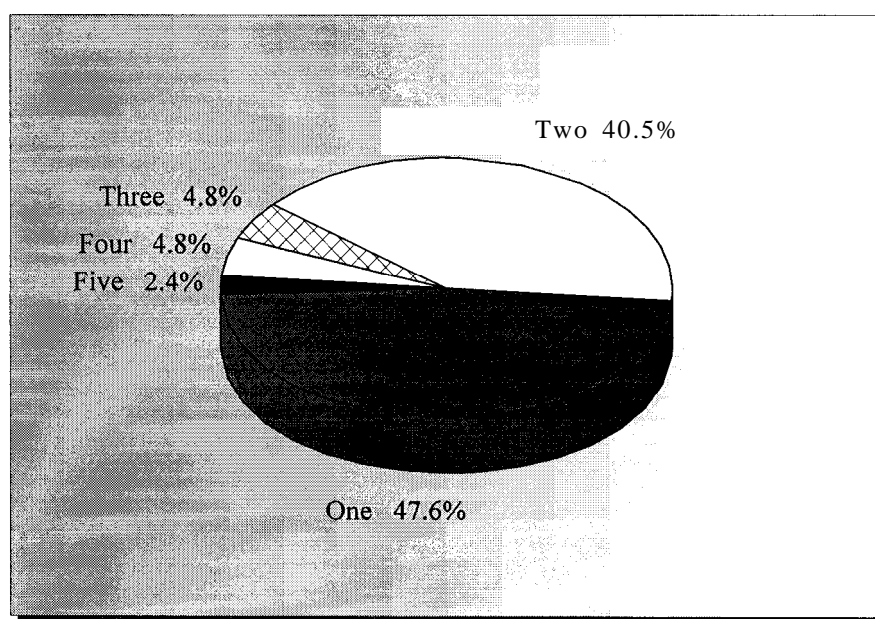
|                | Basic Salary |          |              |          | Gross Income |          |              |          |
|----------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|
|                | B.Sc.(Surv.) |          | HKU Average* |          | B.Sc.(Surv.) |          | HKU Average* |          |
|                | '98          | '97      | '98          | '97      | '98          | '97      | '98          | '97      |
| <b>Mean</b>    | \$12,859     | \$12,785 | \$15,496     | \$15,749 | \$13,420     | \$14,254 | \$16,557     | \$17,552 |
| <b>Median</b>  | \$11,300     | \$11,300 | \$12,300     | \$12,500 | \$11,917     | \$13,875 | \$13,325     | \$14,521 |
| <b>Minimum</b> | \$9,000      | \$9,500  | \$1,000      | \$4,400  | \$9,000      | \$10,292 | \$5,000      | \$5,000  |
| <b>Maximum</b> | \$17,460     | \$16,505 | \$58,000     | \$59,000 | \$17,460     | \$21,242 | \$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, 52% of the graduates had more than one job offer. 12% reported having received three to five job offers. On average, each graduate received 1.7 job offers. (Figure 4)



No Response = 1

Figure 4. No. of full-time job offers

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### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of the B.Sc.(Surv.) graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

| <u>Employers :</u>   | <u>Job Titles :</u>   |
|--|---|
| <b>CIVIL SERVICE -</b>   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HKSAR - Architectural Services Department</li> <li>• HKSAR - Highways Department</li> <li>• HKSAR - Lands Department</li> <li>• HKSAR - Lands Department</li> <li>• HKSAR - Lands Department</li> <li>• HKSAR - Lands Department</li> <li>• HKSAR - Lands Department</li> <li>• HKSAR - Lands Department</li> <li>• HKSAR - Lands Department</li> <li>• HKSAR - Rating &amp; Valuation Department</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantity Surveyor Graduate</li> <li>• Survey Officer</li> <li>• Estate Surveying Graduate</li> <li>• Estate Surveying Graduate</li> <li>• Estate Surveying Graduate</li> <li>• Estate Surveying Graduate</li> <li>• Estate Surveying Graduate</li> <li>• Estate Surveying Graduate</li> <li>• Estate Surveying Graduate</li> <li>• Valuation Surveying Graduate</li> </ul>   |
| <b>COMMERCE &amp; INDUSTRY -</b>   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anwell Building Construction Company Ltd</li> <li>• B &amp; C Ltd</li> <li>• Bridge Water &amp; Coulton Ltd</li> <li>• Chun Wo Construction &amp; Engineering Co Ltd</li> <li>• Davis Langdon (HK) Ltd</li> <li>• Dragages ET</li> <li>• Franklin's Co</li> <li>• Hip Yick Construction Co Ltd</li> <li>• Kumagai Gumi (HK) Ltd</li> <li>• Levett &amp; Bailey Chartered Quantity Surveyors</li> <li>• Levett &amp; Bailey Chartered Quantity Surveyors</li> <li>• Levett &amp; Bailey Chartered Quantity Surveyors</li> <li>• Levett &amp; Bailey Chartered Quantity Surveyors</li> <li>• Levett &amp; Bailey Chartered Quantity Surveyors</li> <li>• Levett &amp; Bailey Chartered Quantity Surveyors</li> <li>• Levett &amp; Bailey Chartered Quantity Surveyors</li> <li>• Levett &amp; Bailey Chartered Quantity Surveyors</li> <li>• Levett &amp; Bailey Chartered Quantity Surveyors</li> <li>• Multiple Surveyors Ltd</li> <li>• Multiple Surveyors Ltd</li> <li>• Swire Properties Ltd</li> <li>• Swire Properties Ltd</li> <li>• Swire Properties Ltd</li> <li>• Swire Properties Ltd</li> <li>• Swire Properties Ltd</li> <li>• Widnell Limited</li> <li>• Yim &amp; Associates Ltd</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Trainee</li> <li>• Assistant Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Assistant Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Management Trainee</li> <li>• Assistant Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Assistant Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Assistant to Managing Director</li> <li>• Project Coordinator</li> <li>• Assistant Site Engineer</li> <li>• Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Assistant Building Surveyor</li> <li>• Assistant Surveyor</li> <li>• Management Trainee</li> <li>• Management Trainee</li> <li>• Management Trainee</li> <li>• Management Trainee</li> <li>• Management Trainee</li> <li>• Assistant Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>• Assistant Quantity Surveyor</li> </ul> |

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|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| • Organization's name not reported | • Assistant Valuer |
| • Organization's name not reported | • Property Officer |

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.

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

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