

Where did the 1998 LL.B. 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 Laws 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 137 LL.B. graduates, 129 responded to our survey, representing a response rate of 94%. Of these, 6.2% (or 8 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. 91% (or 117 graduates) went on for further studies. Another 2.4% (or 3 graduates) were still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

	LL.B.										HKU Overall*					
	Total				Male				Female							
	'98		'97		'98		'97		'98		'97					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
<i>No. of respondents</i>	129	100	122	100	39	100	32	100	90	100	90	100	2383	100	2272	100
<i>F/T employed</i>	8	6.2	6	4.9	5	12.8	2	6.3	3	3.3	4	4.4	1701	71.4	1829	80.5
<i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i>	1	0.8	0	0	1	2.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	3.9	37	1.6
<i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>	2	1.6	1	0.8	1	2.6	0	0	1	1.1	1	1.1	157	6.6	53	2.3
<i>Further studies</i>	117	90.7	115	94.3	32	82.1	30	93.8	85	94.4	85	94.4	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	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.1	0	0	15	0.6	10	0.4

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

116 graduates pursued postgraduate studies in the same discipline as their first degree. One graduate took up a Master (coursework) programme in business administration/management. Of these, 110 graduates were enrolled in local tertiary institutions, 5 graduates went to U.K. and the others went to Australia and France. Table 2 shows the academic programmes pursued & Table 3 shows the source of finance.

Fields of Study	Academic Programmes	
	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate
Law	6	110
Business Administration/Management	1	

Table 2. Academic programmes

Source of Finance	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	81
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1
Full Scholarship	1
Government Grant & Loan	34

Table 3. Source of finance for further studies

IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

Among those who were in full-time employment, 88% secured their first job offer before the end of August. The figure increased to 100% by the end of October. (Figure 1)

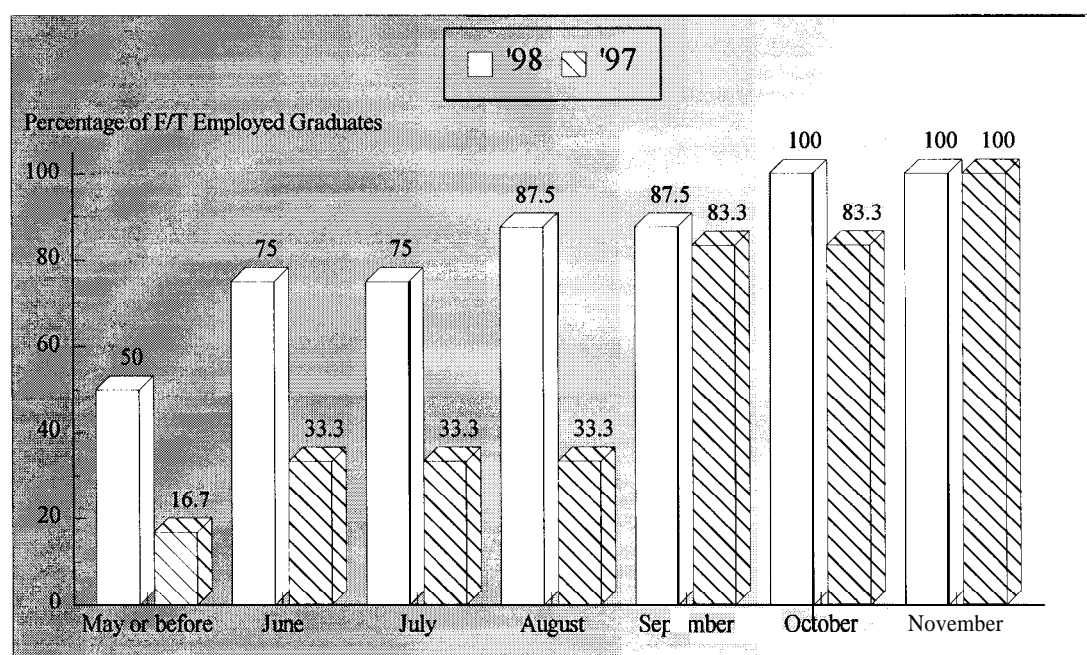


Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

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V. Employment Sectors

63% (or 5 graduates) of the LL.B. graduates were employed in commerce & industry, followed by 25% (2 graduates) in community, social & personal services. Another 13% (or 1 graduate) joined the education sector. (Figures 2 & 3)

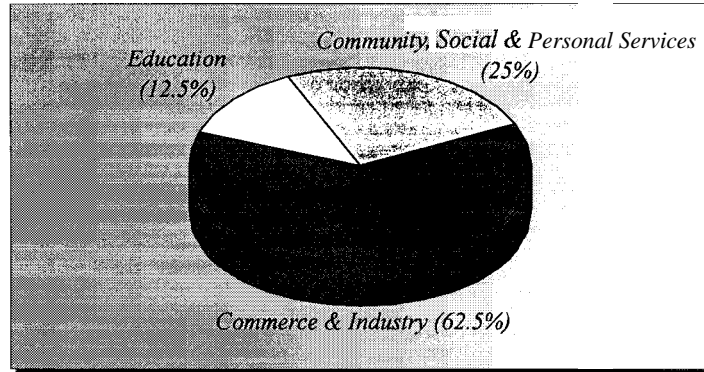


Figure 2. Employment sectors

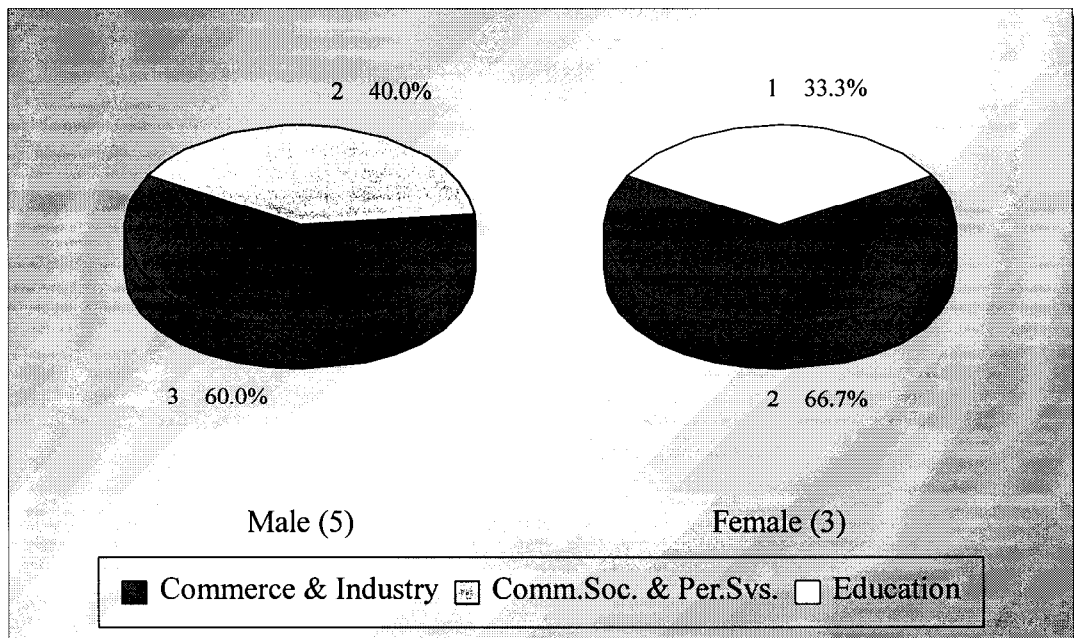


Figure 3. Employment sectors by sex

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	<i>Basic Salary</i>				<i>Gross Income</i>			
	LL.B.		HKU Average*		LL.B.		HKU Average*	
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97
<i>Mean</i>	\$18,418	\$19,943	\$15,496	\$15,749	\$19,445	\$22,308	\$16,557	\$17,552
<i>Median</i>	\$16,500	\$20,000	\$12,300	\$12,500	\$17,875	\$22,913	\$13,325	\$14,521
<i>Minimum</i>	\$9,000	\$11,000	\$1,000	\$4,400	\$9,400	\$12,833	\$5,000	\$5,000
<i>Maximum</i>	\$35,000	\$33,355	\$58,000	\$59,000	\$37,917	\$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, 50% of the graduates had more than one job offer. 38% reported having received five to eight or more job offers. On average, each graduates received 3.4 job offers. (Figure 4)

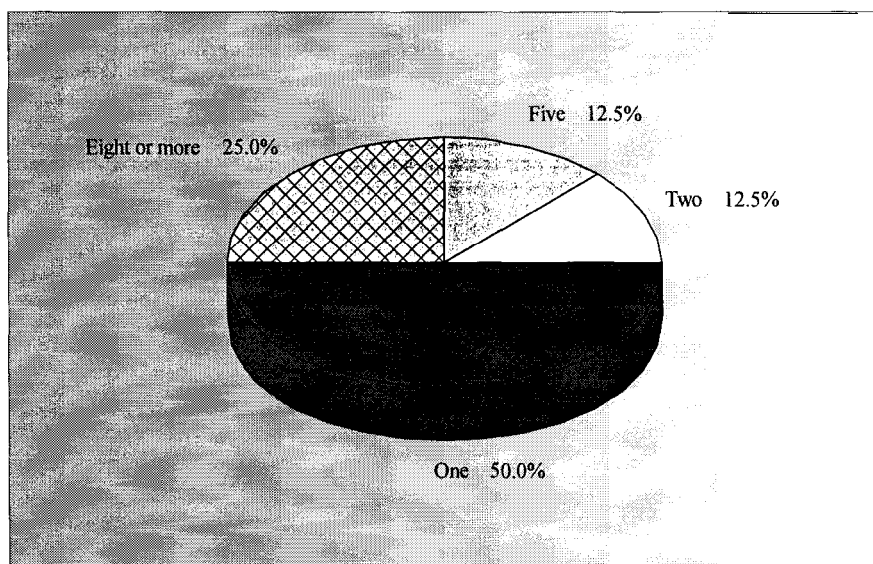


Figure 4. No. of full-time job offers

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of the LL.B. 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>
COMMUNITY, SOCIAL & PERSONAL SERVICES -	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Legislative Councillor. Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Legislative Councillors Assistant. Personal Data Officer
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY -	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Fairbairn Cattey, Law & Kwok. HongkongBank. Liu Chong Hing Bank Ltd. Pace Publishing Ltd. Organization's name not reported	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Trainee Solicitor. Instructor. Clerk. Assistant Editor. Trainee Solicitor

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.

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- IX.** 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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