

Where did the 1998 P.C.LL.(S.P.A.C.E.) 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 Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (S.P.A.C.E.) 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 89 P.C.LL.(S.P.A.C.E.) graduates, 64 responded to our survey, representing a response rate of 72%. Of these, 72% (or 46 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. 6.3% (or 4 graduates) went on for further studies. Another. 17% (or 11 graduates) were still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

	P.C.LL.(S.P.A.C.E.)										HKU Overall					
	Total				Male				Female		(Postgraduate Diploma/Certificate)					
	'98		'97		'98		'97		'98		'97		'98		'97	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<i>No. of respondents</i>	64	100	59	100	29	100	42	100	35	100	17	100	357	100	327	100
<i>F/T employed</i>	46	71.9	54	91.5	20	69.0	37	88.1	26	74.3	17	100	242	67.8	250	76.5
<i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i>	3	4.7	1	1.7	2	6.9	1	2.4	1	2.9	0	0	12	3.4	13	4.0
<i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>	8	12.5	1	1.7	4	13.8	1	2.4	4	11.4	0	0	25	7.0	9	2.8
<i>Further studies</i>	4	6.3	2	3.4	3	10.3	2	4.8	1	2.9	0	0	68	19.0	43	13.1
<i>Emigration/home country</i>	1	1.6	1	1.7	0	0	1	2.4	1	2.9	0	0	2	0.6	2	0.6
<i>Not seeking F/T job</i>	2	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5.7	0	0	8	2.2	10	3.1

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III. Further Studies

Three graduates who pursued postgraduate studies took up a master (coursework) programme in law in local tertiary institutions, while the other one took up a postgraduate certificate programme in China. Table 2 shows the academic programmes pursued & Table 3 shows the source of finance.

Field of Study	Academic Programmes	
	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate
Law	3	1

Table 2. Academic programme

Source of Finance	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	4

Table 3. Source of finance for further studies

IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

Among those graduates in full-time employment, 87% secured their first job offer before the end of September. The figure increased to 100% after December 1998. (Figure 1)

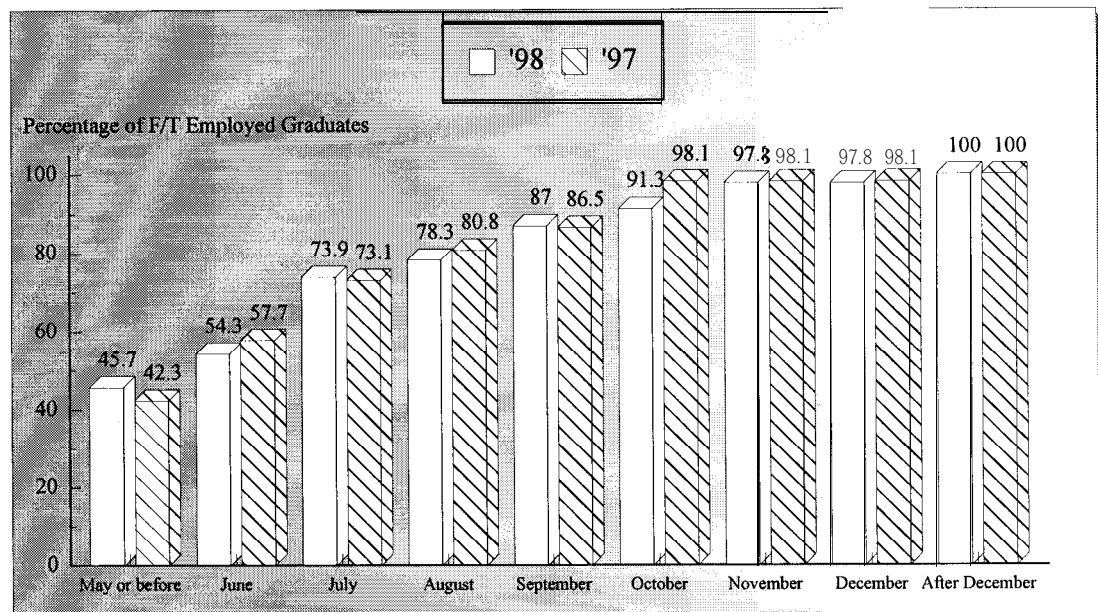


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V. Employment Sectors

Most (94% or 43 graduates) of the P.C.LL.(S.P.A.C.E.) graduates were employed in commerce & industry, followed by 6.5% (or 3 graduates) in the civil service. (Figures 2 & 3)

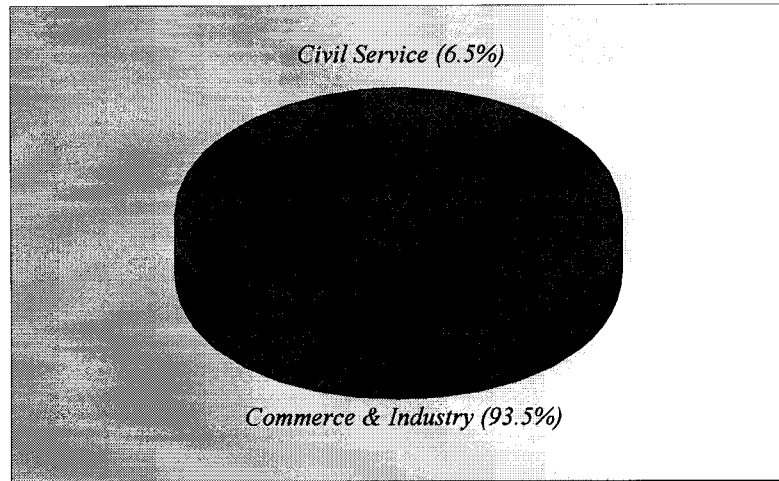
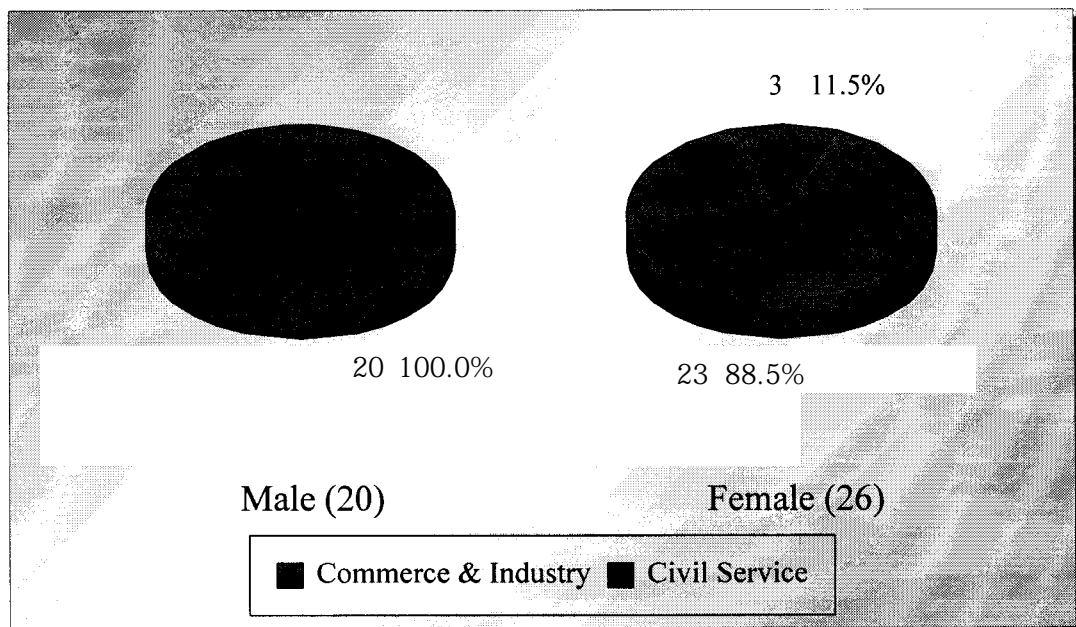


Figure 2. Employment sectors



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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by the P.C.LL.(S.P.A.C.E.) graduate is shown in Table 4.

	<i>Basic Salary</i>				<i>Gross Income</i>			
	P.C.LL.(S.P.A.C.E.)		HKU Average*		P.C.LL.(S.P.A.C.E.)		HKU Average*	
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97
<i>Mean</i>	\$15,734	\$17,880	\$20,628	\$19,306	\$16,544	\$19,623	\$21,336	\$20,326
<i>Median</i>	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$12,000	\$15,783	\$20,000	\$19,500
<i>Minimum</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Maximum</i>	\$99,999	\$75,000	\$99,999	\$75,000	\$108,332	\$75,000	\$108,332	\$75,000

Table 4. Basic salary and gross income

* HKU average refers to the income received by postgraduate diploma/certificate graduates,

VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

Of those in full-time employment, 46% of the graduates had more than one job offer. 35% reported having received three to six job offers. On average, each graduate received 2.1 job offers. (Figure 4)

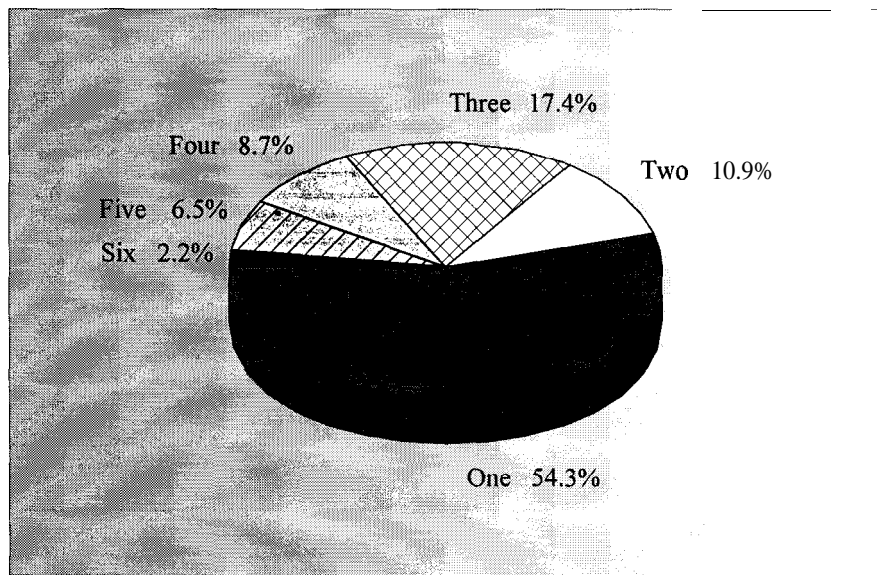


Figure 4. No. of full-time job offers

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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.

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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