

# Where did the 2001 Bachelor of Economics graduates go?

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## I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2001 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Economics graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who pursued further studies, what programmes were they enrolled in?
- Among those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to get their first job offer?
- In which sectors were they employed?
- How much salary did they receive?
- How many job offers did they receive?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles?

## II. Employment Situations in 2001

Of the 22 graduates from this programme, 22 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BEcon				HKU Overall*			
	2001		2000		2001		2000	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	22	100%	49	100%	2356	100%	2575	100%
<b>Employed</b>	16	73%	35	71%	1775	75%	2030	79%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	1	2.0%	83	3.5%	59	2.3%
<b>Further Studies</b>	6	27%	12	25%	473	20%	461	18%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0%	0	0%	1	0.1%	2	0.1%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	1	2.0%	24	1.0%	23	0.9%

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### III. Further Studies

6 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes that they pursued and their sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme	
	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate
Arts	1	-
Education	-	3
Social Work	1	-
Others	1	-

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	5
Government Grant + Loan	1

### IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

By the end of	% of new graduates who have secured employment	
	2001	2000
May or before	29%	29%
June	29%	55%
July	43%	71%
August	57%	94%
September	57%	100%
October	100%	100%

No Response = 9

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### V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Economics graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in the Community, Social & Personal Services.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2001	2000
Commerce & Industry	86%	80.0%
Community, Social & Personal Services	14%	10.0%
Educational Institutions	0%	6.7%
Civil Service	0%	3.3%

No Response = 9

### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Economics graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	BEcon		HKU Average*		BEcon		HKU Average*	
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000
<b>Mean</b>	\$10,344	\$12,142	\$15,327	\$14,125	\$10,859	\$14,282	\$16,152	\$15,448
<b>Median</b>	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$12,200	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$12,426	\$13,217	\$13,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$1,300	\$9,750	\$8,550	\$5,000	\$3,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$12,210	\$32,000	\$45,000	\$58,000	\$13,228	\$62,167	\$49,000	\$74,967

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### VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Economics graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	2 (29%)
Two	3 (43%)
Three	2 (29%)

No Response = 9

### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Economics graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Community, Social and Personal Service -</b> - Science Workshop	- Administrative & Marketing Officer
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b> - CHI International Ltd - Citic Ka Wah Bank - HSBC Broking Services (Asia) Ltd - KPMG - KPMG - M1 Telecom	- Administration Officer - Service Officer - Account Executive Trainee - Staff Accountant - Tax Consultant - Sales and Marketing Executive

No Response = 9

Note: Some of the 2001 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.

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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library. Please contact the CePc for further details.

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