

Where did the 2001 Bachelor of Social Work 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 Social Work 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 69 graduates from this programme, 52 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BSW				HKU Overall*			
	2001		2000		2001		2000	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	52	100%	76	100%	2356	100%	2575	100%
Employed	48	92%	69	91%	1775	75%	2030	79%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	2	3.8%	3	3.9%	83	3.5%	59	2.3%
Further Studies	1	1.9%	2	2.6%	473	20%	461	18%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	1	1.9%	0	0%	1	0.1%	2	0.1%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	2	2.6%	24	1.0%	23	0.9%

* 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

1 graduate proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programme that he/she pursued and the sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme
	Ph.D.
Social Work	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	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	11%	13%
June	20%	27%
July	38%	44%
August	60%	59%
September	73%	84%
October	84%	95%
November	98%	97%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 3

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Social Work graduates were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services, while others were employed in Educational Institutions, Commerce & Industry and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2001	2000
Community, Social & Personal Services	80%	67%
Educational Institutions	11%	3.0%
Commerce & Industry	4.4%	27%
Civil Service	4.4%	3.0%

No Response = 3

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Social Work graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	BSW		HKU Average*		BSW		HKU Average*	
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000
Mean	\$14,011	\$12,809	\$15,327	\$14,125	\$14,104	\$13,068	\$16,152	\$15,448
Median	\$12,595	\$12,562	\$12,200	\$12,000	\$12,595	\$12,595	\$13,217	\$13,000
Minimum	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$1,300	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$3,000
Maximum	\$25,000	\$18,140	\$45,000	\$58,000	\$25,000	\$18,140	\$49,000	\$74,967

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	23 (51%)
Two	15 (33%)
Three	6 (13%)
Four	1 (2.2%)

No Response = 3

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR - Social Welfare Department	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- HKSAR - Social Welfare Department	- Assistant Social Work Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	- Assistant Student Affairs Officer
- The Ka Ping Primary School	- Student Guidance Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong - Centre on Ageing	- Administrative Officer
- The University of Hong Kong - Centre on Ageing	- Research Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- Teaching Assistant
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Au Tau Youth Center/The Society for AIDS and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers	- Teacher
- Caritas HK	- Social Work Assistant
- Christian Action	- Assistant Officer
- End Child Sexual Abuse Foundation	- Project Officer
- HK Children & Youth Services	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Hong Chi Association	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Christian Service	- Social Work Assistant
- Hong Kong Council of Social Services	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association	- Placement Officer

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- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- Social Work Assistant
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Youth Work Officer
- Hong Kong Retinitis Pigmentosa Society	- Centre-in-charge
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	- Social Work Assistant
- Hospital Authority - United Christian Hospital	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Hutheran Elderly Home	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- International Social Services (HK Branch)	- Social Worker
- Ka To Home for The Aged	- Social Worker
- Legislative Councillor, Emily Lau Wai Hing	- Councillor Assistant
- Playright Children's Playground Association	- Play Worker
- Save the Children Hong Kong	- Programme Officer
- SKH	- Social Worker
- The Boys and Girls Club Association	- Program-in-charge
- The Boys and Girls Club Association	- Project-in-charge
- The Boys and Girls Club Association	- Social Worker
- The Hong Kong Bank Foundation Hong Chi Fung Tak Center	- Social Work Assistant
- The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	- Social Work Assistant
- The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	- Vocational Counsellor
- The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	- Center-in-charge
- The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	- Social Worker
- The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	- Social Worker
- The Spastics Association of Hong Kong	- Assistant Superintendent
- Tuen Mun Hospital - EQ Ambassador Project	- Student Counselor
- Tung Wah Hospital Medicine Social Service	- Medical Social Worker
- Organization's name not reported	- Instructor
- Organization's name not reported	- SWA
Commerce and Industry -	
- Colliers Jardine (HK) Ltd	- Assistant Property Officer
- Hong Kong Action and Aventure Consultant Ltd	- Manager

No Response = 2

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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