

## Where did the 2003 Master of Social Work graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2003 to answer the following questions about Master of Social Work graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- 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 2003

Of the 24 graduates from this programme, 20 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSW				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	20	100%	18	100%	690	100%	505	100%
<b>Employed</b>	17	85%	18	100%	605	88%	455	90%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	9	1.3%	9	1.8%
<b>Further Studies</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	51	7.4%	29	5.7%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	1	5.0%	0	0%	8	1.2%	6	1.2%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	2	10%	0	0%	17	2.5%	6	1.2%

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### III 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	
	2003	2002
May or before	13%	0.0%
June	27%	5.6%
July	40%	44%
August	73%	83%
September	73%	94%
October	87%	94%
November	93%	94%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 2

### IV Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Community, Social & Personal Services	75%	94%
Educational Institutions	13%	0%
Commerce & Industry	13%	0%
Civil Service	0%	5.9%

No Response = 1

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### V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Social Work graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MSW		HKU Average*		MSW		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
<b>Mean</b>	\$13,969	\$16,202	\$16,502	\$18,081	\$13,969	\$16,202	\$16,825	\$18,265
<b>Median</b>	\$12,595	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$12,595	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$17,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$3,900	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$3,900	\$7,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$18,140	\$18,270	\$85,000	\$80,000	\$18,140	\$18,270	\$92,083	\$100,000

\* HKU Average refers to the figure for the HKU Taught Postgraduate Programme graduates.

### VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	10 (67%)
Two	4 (27%)
Four	1 (6.7%)

No Response = 2

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### VII Names of Employers and Job Titles


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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- John F. Kennedy Centre	- School Social Worker
- The University of Hong Kong	- Project Coordinator
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Caritas - Hong Kong	- Social Work Assistant
- Caritas (Caine Road)	- Social Worker Assistant
- Family Crisis Support Centre of Caritas - HK	- Crisis Care Worker
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	- Social Worker
- Society of Boy's Centres	- Registered Social Worker
- The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Development Officer
- The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Social Work Assistant
- The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Occupation's name not reported
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Case Worker
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Social Worker
- Organization name not disclosed	- Assistant Social Work Officer
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Harmony House Ltd	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Children and Youth Service	- Registered Social Worker

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2003 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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**VIII.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.  
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