

Where did the 2004 Bachelor of Social Work graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2004 to answer the following questions about Bachelor 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 2004

Of the 40 graduates from this programme, 37 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BSW				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	37	100%	45	100%	2361	100%	2364	100%
Employed	37	100%	44	98%	1787	76%	1712	72%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	15	0.6%	7	0.3%
Further Studies	0	0%	1	2.2%	531	22%	625	26%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	7	0.3%	3	0.1%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	21	0.9%	17	0.7%

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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	
	2004	2003
May or before	3.1%	4.9%
June	22%	17%
July	31%	39%
August	59%	63%
September	84%	85%
October	94%	93%
November	94%	95%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 4

IV. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Community, Social & Personal Services	88%	90%
Educational Institutions	8.8%	9.5%
Commerce & Industry	2.9%	0.0%

No Response = 2

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V. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	BSW		HKU Average*		BSW		HKU Average*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Mean	\$11,781	\$12,106	\$12,550	\$12,545	\$11,847	\$12,106	\$13,374	\$13,470
Median	\$12,000	\$12,595	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$12,000	\$12,595	\$10,292	\$10,000
Minimum	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$3,000
Maximum	\$16,800	\$18,000	\$55,000	\$60,000	\$16,800	\$18,000	\$62,500	\$60,000

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VI. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	13 (41%)
Two	11 (34%)
Three	4 (13%)
Four	3 (9.4%)
Six	1 (3.1%)

No Response = 4

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VII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- Gold And Silver Exchange Society School	- Student Guidance Personnel
- Tai Po Government Primary School	- Learning Support Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Caritas Hong Kong	- Crisis Care Worker
- Caritas Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- Caritas Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- Community Services Division, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Social Worker
- Fanling Assembly of God Church	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Occupation's name not reported
- Hong Kong Free Methodist Church	- Social Work Assistant
- Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor	- Project & Administration Officer
- Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service	- Social Work Assistant
- Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service	- Social Work Assistant
- Hong Kong Sheung Kung Hui Welfare Council	- School Guidance Personnel
- International Social Services Hong Kong Branch	- Social Worker
- Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	- Youth Social Worker
- Neighbourhood Action Advised Council	- Social Worker
- Salvation Army	- Social Worker
- Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin	- Social Worker
- St James' Settlement	- Social Worker
- St James' Settlement	- Social Worker 3
- The Boy's and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	- Project Manager
- The Boy's and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church	- Social Worker
- The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Youth Work Officer
- Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Social Worker
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Social Worker
- TWGHs Jockey Club Shatin Integrated Service Centre	- Social Worker
- United Centre of Emotional Health and Positive Living	- Project Coordinator
- Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	- Registered Social Worker
- YMCA of Hong Kong	- Programme Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Registered Social Worker



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Commerce and Industry -

- HeterMedia Services Limited
- Customer Services Executive

Others -

- Organization's name not reported
- Social Worker

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2004 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.
Please contact the CePc for further details.

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