

## Where did the 2004 Master 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 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 2004

Of the 27 graduates from this programme, 24 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSW				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	24	100%	20	100%	707	100%	690	100%
<b>Employed</b>	23	96%	17	85%	642	91%	605	88%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	0	0%	8	1.1%	9	1.3%
<b>Further Studies</b>	0	0%	0	0%	30	4.2%	51	7.4%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0%	1	5.0%	14	2.0%	8	1.2%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	1	4.2%	2	10%	13	1.8%	17	2.5%

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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	35%	13%
June	40%	27%
July	70%	40%
August	80%	73%
September	100%	73%
October	100%	87%
November	100%	93%
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.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Community, Social & Personal Services	82%	75%
Educational Institutions	18%	13%
Commerce & Industry	0%	13%

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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*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
<b>Mean</b>	\$13,876	\$13,969	\$16,731	\$16,502	\$13,876	\$13,969	\$17,063	\$16,825
<b>Median</b>	\$12,300	\$12,595	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$12,300	\$12,595	\$15,000	\$16,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$3,900	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$3,900
<b>Maximum</b>	\$20,150	\$18,140	\$100,000	\$85,000	\$20,150	\$18,140	\$100,000	\$92,083

\* 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	11 (58%)
Two	7 (37%)
Four	1 (5.3%)

No Response = 3

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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>	
- HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School	- Student Counsellor
- Taoist Ching Chung Primary School	- Student Guidance Personnel
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- VTC Yeo Chei Man Senior Secondary School	- Graduate Mistress
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Caritas Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- Caritas Social Services	- Crisis Care Worker
- Chinese Evangelical Zion Church Tsz Wan Shan Zion Children and Youth Integrated Service Centre	- Service Coordinator
- Christian Family Service Centre, Shun On District Elderly Community Centre	- Assistant Social Work Offices
- Hamoney House	- Social Worker
- HKSKH Welfare Council Tung Chung Integrated Services	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- Social Worker
- Methodist Kwun Tong Social Service	- Family Education Officer
- New Life Psychiatric Prehabitation Association	- Social Worker
- Samaritans Befrienders HK	- Crisis Counsellor
- SKH Holy Carpenter Church District Elderly Community Centre	- Social Worker
- The Hong Kong Society for the Age	- Social Worker
- The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	- Social Work Assistant
- The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	- Social Work Assistant
- The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- TWGHs Wong Cho Tong Care & Attention Home	- Social Worker
- Yan Oi Tong Wu Chung District Elderly Community Centre	- Social Worker
- Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service, Family Education and Support Centre	- Social Worker

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.  
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