

## Where did the 2006 Accounting and Finance graduates go?

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### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2006 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Finance 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 2006

Of the 96 graduates from this programme, 88 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BBA(Acc&Fin)				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	88	100%	83	100%	2561	100%	2273	100%
Employed	86	98%	78	94%	2031	79%	1786	79%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	5	0.2%	12	1%
Further Studies	2	2.3%	5	6%	513	20%	457	20%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	4	0.2%	2	0%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	8	0.3%	16	1%

\* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

### III. Further Studies

Since the number of respondents is smaller than 5, these information are withheld to protect privacy of the respondent(s).

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### 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	
	2006	2005
May or before	39%	71%
June	49%	82%
July	59%	92%
August	63%	95%
September	64%	95%
October	70%	97%
November	70%	99%
December	73%	100%
January	79%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 15

### V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2006	2005
Commerce & Industry	88%	97%
Community, Social & Personal Services	8.0%	0.0%
Civil Service	2.7%	2.7%
Educational Institutions	1.3%	0.0%

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### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Accounting and Finance graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	BBA(Acc&Fin)		HKU Average*		BBA(Acc&Fin)		HKU Average*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>Mean</b>	\$11,825	\$11,164	\$14,548	\$13,322	\$12,730	\$11,750	\$15,226	\$14,121
<b>Median</b>	\$10,600	\$10,200	\$11,500	\$10,250	\$11,483	\$10,200	\$12,111	\$11,050
<b>Minimum</b>	\$8,000	\$6,800	\$5,000	\$5,400	\$8,000	\$6,800	\$5,000	\$5,500
<b>Maximum</b>	\$33,000	\$35,000	\$75,000	\$67,000	\$33,000	\$49,000	\$95,000	\$74,443

\* HKU Average refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B., B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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

The number of job offers received by Accounting and Finance graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	14 (20%)
Two	24 (34%)
Three	16 (23%)
Four	6 (8.6%)
Five	6 (8.6%)
Six	2 (2.9%)
Seven	1 (1%)
Eight or more	1 (1%)

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- Hang Seng Bank Limited	- Management Trainee
- Henderson Land Development Co. Ltd.	- Assistant Tax Supervisor
- Horwath Corporate Advisory Services Limited	- Audit Assistant
- Horwath Corporate Advisory Services Limited	- Junior Accountant
- HSBC	- Accountant
- HSBC	- Occupation's name not reported
- HSBC	- Fund Accountant
- HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) SA	- Officer
- J Walter Thompsom	- Account Executive
- K. H. Lee & Co.	- Audit Staff
- KPMG	- Accountant
- KPMG	- Accountant
- KPMG	- Accountant
- KPMG	- Accountant
- KPMG	- Audit Accountant
- Lau & Au Yeung CPA Company Ltd	- Junior Audit Accountant
- Li and Fung Trading Limited	- Assistance Accountant
- Mediterranean Shipping Company	- Account Trainee
- Mediterranean Shipping Company	- Accountant Trainee
- Monitor Group	- Consultant
- Moo Res Row Land Mazarn	- Associate
- Moorre Stephen Associate	- Auditor Trainee
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Assurance Associate
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Auditor
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Tax Associate
- PricewaterhouseCoppers	- Associate
- S. G. & To Co.	- Audit Junior
- Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited	- Personal Financial Manager
<b>Others -</b>	
- Goldbond Capital (Asia) Limited	- Occupation's name not reported

No Response = 10

Note: Some of the 2006 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CEDARS.

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