

Where did the 2006 Bachelor of Social Work graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2006 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 2006

Of the 32 graduates from this programme, 29 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BSW				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	29	100%	32	100%	2561	100%	2273	100%
Employed	27	93%	32	100%	2031	79%	1786	79%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	5	0.2%	12	1%
Further Studies	1	3.4%	0	0%	513	20%	457	20%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	4	0.2%	2	0%
Not seeking F/T job	1	3.4%	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	8.0%	16%
June	20%	35%
July	36%	55%
August	64%	81%
September	76%	97%
October	92%	97%
November	96%	100%
December	96%	100%
January	96%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 2

V. 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	
	2006	2005
Community, Social & Personal Services	88%	75%
Educational Institutions	7.7%	0.0%
Commerce & Industry	3.8%	3.6%
Civil Service	0.0%	21%

No Response = 1

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VI. 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*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Mean	\$12,164	\$12,877	\$14,548	\$13,322	\$12,209	\$12,909	\$15,226	\$14,121
Median	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$11,500	\$10,250	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,111	\$11,050
Minimum	\$9,500	\$9,800	\$5,000	\$5,400	\$9,500	\$9,800	\$5,000	\$5,500
Maximum	\$15,215	\$24,650	\$75,000	\$67,000	\$15,215	\$24,650	\$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 Bachelor of Social Work graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	11 (44%)
Two	5 (20%)
Three	8 (32%)
Four	1 (4.0%)

No Response = 2

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VIII. 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 -	
- C.C.C. Kei Wa Primary School (Kowloon Tong)	- Social Worker
- Sham Shui Po Government Primary School	- Learning Support Assistant (Inclusive Education)
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Autism Partnership Pte Ltd.	- Programme Specialist
- Boys and Girls Clubs Association of Hong Kong	- Social Worker III
- Christian Family Service Center	- Social Worker
- CSSC	- Social Worker
- Democratic Party	- Executive Officer
- Home of Elderly	- Social Worker
- Hong Chi Association	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- School Social Worker
- Hong Kong Christian Service	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- School Social Worker
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- Social Worker
- S.K.H.	- Employment Councilor
- SKH Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre	- Career Assistant
- Society for Community Organization	- Community Organizer
- St. James' Settlement	- Case Manager
- The Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Social Service Div	- Occupation's name not reported
- The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Project Officer
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Social Worker
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Social Worker
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Occupation's name not reported
- Yang Memorial Methodist Social Services	- Social Worker
- Organization's name not reported	- Social Worker
Commerce and Industry -	
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
Others -	
- ELCHK Tuen Mun Intergrated Youth Service Center	- Social Worker

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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