

Where did the 2006 Master 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 Master 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 20 graduates from this programme, 18 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSW				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	18	100%	10	100%	754	100%	528	100%
Employed	17	94%	10	100%	681	90%	496	94%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	9	1.2%	2	0%
Further Studies	1	5.6%	0	0%	46	6.1%	21	4%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	6	0.8%	3	1%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	12	1.6%	6	1%

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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	29%	33%
June	50%	33%
July	64%	44%
August	71%	67%
September	93%	78%
October	100%	78%
November	100%	89%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 3

V. 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 the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2006	2005
Community, Social & Personal Services	80%	89%
Educational Institutions	13%	0.0%
Civil Service	6.7%	11%

No Response = 2

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VI. 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*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Mean	\$17,173	\$13,693	\$19,020	\$17,882	\$17,173	\$13,693	\$19,238	\$18,019
Median	\$17,000	\$14,000	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$14,000	\$18,000	\$16,000
Minimum	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$8,400	\$6,000
Maximum	\$27,490	\$18,000	\$60,000	\$57,500	\$27,490	\$18,000	\$67,500	\$58,333

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VII. 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	4 (36%)
Two	3 (27%)
Three	4 (36%)

No Response = 6

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VIII. 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>
Civil Service -	
- Correctional Services Department	- Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Tsing Yi Public School	- Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Boys and Girls Clubs Association of Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- Caritas HK	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Hong Chi Association	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Caritas	- Crisis Care Worker
- Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	- Registered Social Worker
- Shan King Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre	- Assistant Officer
- SKH Welfare Council	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- SKH Welfare Council	- School Social Worker
- Steward	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	- Social Worker
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Assistant Supervisor
- Zion	- Social Worker
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Lecturer

No Response = 1

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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