

Where did the 2007 Bachelor of Social Work graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2007 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 2007

Of the 36 graduates from this programme, 33 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BSW				HKU Overall*			
	2007		2006		2007		2006	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	33	100%	29	100%	2450	100%	2561	100%
Employed	31	94%	27	93%	1977	81%	2031	79%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	5	0.2%	5	0%
Further Studies	2	6.1%	1	3%	451	18%	513	20%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	3	0.1%	4	0%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	1	3%	14	0.6%	8	0%

* 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	
	2007	2006
May or before	27%	8.0%
June	31%	20%
July	42%	36%
August	81%	64%
September	88%	76%
October	100%	92%
November	100%	96%
December	100%	96%
January	100%	96%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 3

V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2007	2006
Community, Social & Personal Services	86%	88%
Commerce & Industry	11%	3.8%
Civil Service	3.6%	0.0%
Educational Institutions	0.0%	7.7%

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*	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Mean	\$18,641	\$12,164	\$16,146	\$14,548	\$18,660	\$12,209	\$17,021	\$15,226
Median	\$17,535	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$11,500	\$17,535	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$12,111
Minimum	\$12,000	\$9,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$12,000	\$9,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
Maximum	\$50,000	\$15,215	\$78,500	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$15,215	\$102,000	\$95,000

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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	13 (50%)
Two	6 (23%)
Three	6 (23%)
Four	1 (3.8%)

No Response = 3

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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>
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR Government	- Executive Officer
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Aberdeen Kai Fong Welfare Social Service Centre	- Social Worker
- Aberdeen Kai Fong Welfare Social Service Centre	- Social Worker
- Caritas Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Youth work officer
- Hong Kong Playground Association	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre	- Project Officer
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	- Associate Social Work Officer
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	- Student Guidance Personnel
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	- Assistant Social Work Officer
- Providence Garden for Rehabilitation	
- International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch	- Social Worker
- New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	- Social Worker
- Sisters of the Precious Blood - Precious Blood Children's Village	- Social Worker
- The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	- Project Officer
- The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Youth Work Officer
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Social Worker
- Organization's name not reported	- Associate Social Work Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Social Worker
Commerce and Industry -	
- Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	- Flight Attendant
- HSBC	- Account Executive

No Response = 2

Note: Some of the 2007 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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