Where did the 2012 Bachelor of Social Work graduates go?

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I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2012 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 2012

Of the 38 graduates from this programme, 37 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BSW				HKU Overall*			
	2012		2011		2012		2011	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	37	100%	39	100%	2782	100%	2878	100%
Employed	33	89%	36	92%	2195	79%	2321	81%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	2	5.4%	0	0.0%	9	0.3%	8	0.3%
Further Studies	1	2.7%	1	2.6%	549	20%	517	18%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	4	0.1%
Not seeking F/T job	1	2.7%	2	5.1%	27	1.0%	28	1.0%

^{*} 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.

	% of new graduates who have secured employment			
By the end of	2012	2011		
May or before	11%	7.4%		
June	26%	15%		
July	30%	37%		
August	52%	63%		
September	74%	81%		
October	89%	96%		
November	93%	100%		
December	96%	100%		
January	100%	100%		
February	100%	100%		

No Response = 6

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, the Civil Service and Educational Institutions.

Sector	% of graduates			
Sector	2012	2011		
Community, Social & Personal Services	83%	83%		
Commerce & Industry	6.7%	17%		
Civil Service	6.7%	0.0%		
Educational Institutions	3.3%	0.0%		

No Response = 3







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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*	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
Mean	\$17,100	\$17,482	\$18,662	\$17,650	\$17,140	\$17,810	\$19,598	\$18,350
Median	\$16,398	\$17,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$16,423	\$17,000	\$15,833	\$15,000
Minimum	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
Maximum	\$24,715	\$23,360	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$24,715	\$24,000	\$150,000	\$70,000

^{*} 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	13 (48%)		
Two	10 (37%)		
Three	2 (7.4%)		
Four	1 (3.7%)		
Five	1 (3.7%)		

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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>	Job Titles
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR - Immigration Department	- Clerk
- HKSAR - Social Welfare Department	- Social Worker
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Educational Institutions -	
- Caritas Ma On Shan Secondary School	- Home Parent
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Aberdeen Kai-Fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	- Social Worker
- Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	- Occupation's name not reported
- Hong Chi Association	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Christian Service	- Registered Social Worker
- Hong Kong Christian Service	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Playground Association - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	Registered Social Worker (SWA)Registered Social Worker
- Hong Kong SKH Kindly Light Church	- Social Worker
- National University Hospital	- Medical Social Worker
- Po Leung Kuk	- Social Worker
- Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	- Social Work Assistant
- S.K.H. St. Christopher's Home	- Social Worker
- Sai Kung District Community Centre	- School Social Worker
- St. James' Settlement	- Social Worker
- The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- The Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society	- Registered Social Worker
- The Hong Kong Buddhist Association	- Social Worker
- The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Youth Work Officer
- The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	- Social Worker
- The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	- Social Worker
- The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	- Social Work Assistant
- The Salvation Army	- Social Worker
- Yan Chai Hospital	- Social Work Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Social Worker
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Commence and Industry	
Commerce and Industry -	Staff Assessment
- Ernst & Young	- Staff Accountant
- Grand Hyatt Hong Kong Company Limited	- Administrative Assistant

No Response = 3

Note: Some of the 2012 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from career advisors at the Careers & Placement, CEDARS.

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IX. Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library. Please contact CEDARS for further details.

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