

Where did the 2015 Bachelor of Social Work graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2015 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 2015

Of the 32 graduates from this programme, 30 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BSW				HKU Overall*			
	2015		2014		2015		2014	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	30	100%	41	100%	3042	100%	2839	100%
Employed	27	90%	37	90%	2416	79%	2246	79%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	3.3%	1	2.4%	15	0.5%	9	0.3%
Further Studies	1	3.3%	2	4.9%	558	18%	533	19%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14	0.5%	20	0.7%
Not seeking F/T job	1	3.3%	1	2.4%	39	1.3%	31	1.1%

* 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	
	2015	2014
May or before	0.0%	3.7%
June	7.1%	7.4%
July	14%	22%
August	50%	56%
September	57%	70%
October	86%	93%
November	93%	100%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 11

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 the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2015	2014
Community, Social & Personal Services	81%	69%
Educational Institutions	9.5%	9.4%
Civil Service	9.5%	3.1%
Commerce & Industry	0.0%	19%

No Response = 4

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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*	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Mean	\$19,868	\$16,084	\$20,996	\$20,291	\$20,235	\$16,225	\$21,730	\$21,265
Median	\$19,000	\$17,000	\$17,500	\$17,200	\$19,833	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
Minimum	\$14,000	\$5,000	\$4,900	\$5,000	\$17,000	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Maximum	\$28,140	\$22,000	\$100,000	\$63,000	\$28,140	\$22,000	\$100,000	\$105,000

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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	6 (50%)
Two	4 (33%)
Three	1 (8.3%)
Four	1 (8.3%)

No Response = 13

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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 - Security Bureau - Narcotics Division - Hong Kong Jockey Club Drug InfoCentre	- Publicity Manager
- HKSAR - Social Welfare Department	- Social Worker
Educational Institutions -	
- GCC&ITKD Cheong Wong Wai Primary School	- Social Worker
- Kwong Ming Ying Loi School	- School Social Worker
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Caritas Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- Changi Hospital	- Medical Social Worker
- Heep Hong Society	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service	- Social Worker III
- Kwun Tong Methodist Social Services	- Registered Social Worker
- Lei Fook Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	- Social Worker
- Methodist Centre	- Registered Social Worker
- Methodist Centre	- Social Worker
- Methodist Centre	- Social Worker
- Methodist Centre (Wan Chai)	- Social Worker
- Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	- Assistant Social Worker Officer
- Po Leung Kuk	- Social Worker
- Po Leung Kuk	- Social Worker
- The Christian New Being Fellowship Ltd.	- Social Worker
- The Salvation Army	- Occupation's name not reported
- Value Education Limited	- Student Counsellor
- YWCA	- Social Worker
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Social Worker

No Response = 3

Note: Some of the 2015 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.
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