THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION ENGINEERING

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY
OF
2023 I.E. GRADUATES

MAY, 2024
The Department of Information Engineering conducts annually an employment survey on the year’s graduates in order to obtain information about their career destinations after graduation. The twentieth survey was conducted in May 2024 by means of questionnaires to all 2023 I.E. Graduates. The total number of graduates is 76. Out of 76 graduates, 25 provided valid responses, which gave a response rate of 32.9%. Among the graduates who responded to our survey, 92% were employed full-time and 8% of them pursued further studies on a full-time basis. Regarding job offers, 21.7% of the graduates received their first job offer before graduating in May, 52.2% received offers between June and September in 2023, and 100% of them were employed within six months of graduation. These statistics indicate that IE graduates are highly competitive in the job market. The commercial and industry sector provided employment opportunities for as many as 87% of the graduates who were in employment. The educational sector, government sector, and social and public organization sectors each accounted for about 4.3% of the remaining employment opportunities. Unless otherwise specified, percentages quoted in this report are based on the number of respondents who are currently in full-time employment.

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Figure 1a – Graduate Status as of March 2024

- Full-time employment: 92.0%
- Full-time further study: 8.0%

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Figure 1b - Graduates Job Statistics: by Company Nature

- Commerce and Industry: 87.0%
- Education: 4.3%
- Government: 4.3%
- Social and Public Organization: 4.3%

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Figure 1c - Graduates Job Statistics: by Job Nature

- Software Development: 43.5%
- IT Consultation: 21.7%
- Telecommunications: 17.4%
- Project Management: 8.7%
- Fintech and Data Science: 4.3%
- Teaching: 4.3%

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Figure 2 - Source of Job Searching Channels (Multiple selections)

- CU Job Link: 2
- Department Notice: 0
- Employment Agency: 4
- Government Notice: 1
- Internet: 18
- JUIS: 2
- Newspaper: 0
- Placement & Internship (PIP) web: 1
- Recruitment Talk at CUHK: 2
- Referral: 1
Figure 3 - Time of First Job Offers

- On or before May 2023: 21.7%
- Jun - Sep 2023: 52.2%
- Oct - Dec 2023: 26.1%

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Figure 4 - Number of Job Offers Attained

- 4 offers: 8.7%
- 3 offers: 30.4%
- 2 offers: 21.7%
- 1 offer: 39.1%
- 0 offers: 0.0%

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Figure 5 - Frequency of Travelling to Mainland China for Work

- Not required / Hardly any: 82.6%
- Once of twice per year: 4.3%
- A few times a year: 13.0%

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Figure 6 – Frequency of Travelling to Other Countries for Work

- Not required / Hardly any: 82.6%
- Once of twice per year: 8.7%
- A few times a year: 8.7%

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Figure 7a – Graduates taking part in Further Study after Work

- Yes: 4.3%
- No: 95.7%

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Figure 7b – Level of Study (including data of graduates who pursue full-time further study)

- PhD: 0.0%
- MPhil: 0.0%
- MSc: 100.0%

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Figure 7c – Further Study Destination (including data of graduates who pursue full-time further study)

- Local: 50.0%
- Overseas: 50.0%

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