

In November 2012, the DePaul MSW Program office distributed a Survey Monkey questionnaire focusing on employment and practice to the 64 alumni of the program. Thirty-two responses were received.

Of the 32 responding, 11 indicated having obtained MSW related jobs *prior* to graduation, with some of those (five) continuing a job held as a student in the program. Of the 17 who obtained MSW related jobs *after* graduation, the mean number of job search months was five.

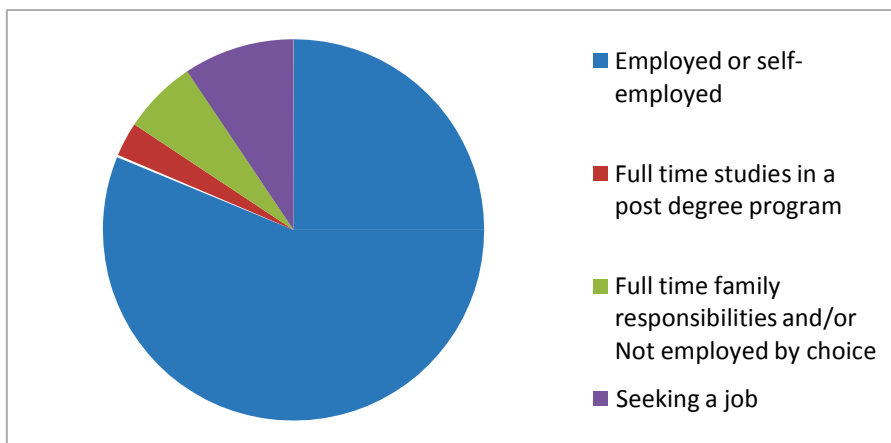
The 32 responses were fairly evenly distributed in terms of year of graduation (2008- 2012) and type of cohort (Part-time /Full time). 87.5% of respondents were female and 12.5% male; the mean age of respondents was 32, with the following ethnicity distribution:

Caucasian	71.0%
African American	12.9%
Latino/Hispanic	12.9%
Asian American/Pacific Islander	3.2%

Answers to individual survey questions follow:

Please choose the answer indicating your current employment status:

Employed or self-employed	81.3%
Full time studies in a post degree program	3.1%
Full time family responsibilities and/or Not employed by choice	6.3%
Seeking a job	9.4%



Are you working?

I am working full-time.	78.1%
I am working part-time.	6.3%
I am working in a temporary position.	6.3%
I am currently not working.	9.4%

Please choose the answer indicating the field of practice for your PRIMARY job.

Community Planning/Development (including housing, employment)	20.7%
Health	17.2%
Child Welfare or Children's Services (including residential)	6.9%
Family Services	6.9%
Mental Health or Community Health	6.9%
Government (e.g. Military Social Services)	6.8%
Alcohol, Drug, or Substance Abuse	3.4%
Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities	3.4%
Public Assistance/Public Welfare	3.4%
Rehabilitation	3.4%
Guardianship services	3.4 %
Criminal Law.	3.4%
University	3.4%
Youth Development	3.4%
Underwriting Life Insurance	3.4%
International Social Justice	3.4%

Please choose the answer indicating the PRINCIPLE job function for your primary job.

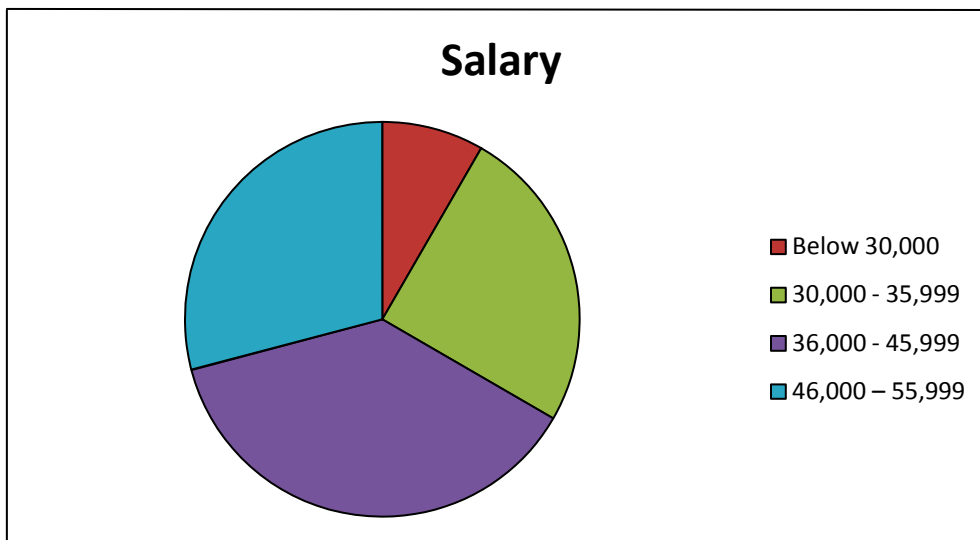
Management/Administration	31.0%
Case Management: Crisis Intervention, Counseling, referral, advocacy	20.7%
50% Case Management / 50% Clinical Practice	13.8%
Clinical Practice: Individual, group, family	13.8%
75% Case Management/25% Supervisor	3.4%
Fund Raising	3.4%
Reviewing medical and financial records.	3.4%
Education & Community coalition primary facilitator	3.4%
Evaluation	3.4%
Administrative assistant	3.4%

Please choose the answer indicating the work setting function for your primary job.

Nonprofit sector	69.0%
Public sector (Local, State, Federal Government)	24.1%
For profit sector	6.9%

Please choose the answer indicating the salary category for your primary job.

Below 30,000	6.9%
30,000 - 35,999	20.7%
36,000 - 45,999	31.0%
46,000 - 55,999	24.1%
56,000 or above	17.2%



Benefits

A majority of (28) persons responding reported having health insurance (89.3%), paid vacation time (92.9%), sick leave (78.6%) and time off for CEUs (53.6%) as part of their benefits package. Other benefits mentioned included 401k matching, short and long term disability insurance, and LSW/LCSW application and licensing fee payment.

***What were some of the positive aspects of the MSW program at DePaul?
(selection of responses)***

“Community practice emphasis prepared me for a leadership position, cohort system allowed me to develop strong relationships with classmates and professors.”

“Hands on learning”

“I continue to be deeply grateful for the community based practice focus the program had, and the work I was able to do as a result. I am also very thankful for my opportunity to study abroad in Kenya.”

“I think that I was overall more prepared for a job in the social services than a lot of other folks because of my education. I think that have a background in development and policy was a huge thing for my career.”

“Learning about, visiting, guest speakers, etc. different communities, "social work" jobs... everything from case management to community organizing and fundraising.”

“Size, faculty/staff, individualization”

“Students were given a sense of ownership in the program. Their opinions/thoughts helped shape the program.”

“Supportive and professional professors. Encouragement to embody NASW/social work values and ethics.”

“The professors are really vested in this field and it's conveyed through their instruction. They are very friendly and welcoming to students and are very grounded and easy to talk to.”

“The professors were knowledgeable in the field of social work.”

“The classes were interactive.”

“Great sense of community from faculty and students.”

“The sense of community you felt in the MSW program at DePaul was the reason I attended. I appreciated the individual attention from professors and the allowance for class discussions. I also appreciated the small number of students.”

“The level of personal attention I received at DePaul, as well as the obvious personal investment by the professors made my experience with the program something I continue to cherish. I also believe the level of peer interaction and peer collaboration was a big plus.”

“I had a wonderful experience at DePaul.”

“I think that they are all amazing and love having support even now, five years out of grad school.”

“I loved the program and I felt very prepared entering my career after graduated.”

“It was a great program with excellent teachers and staff.”

“Keep up the great work. DePaul's MSW program is great and I'm honored to be an alumni.”