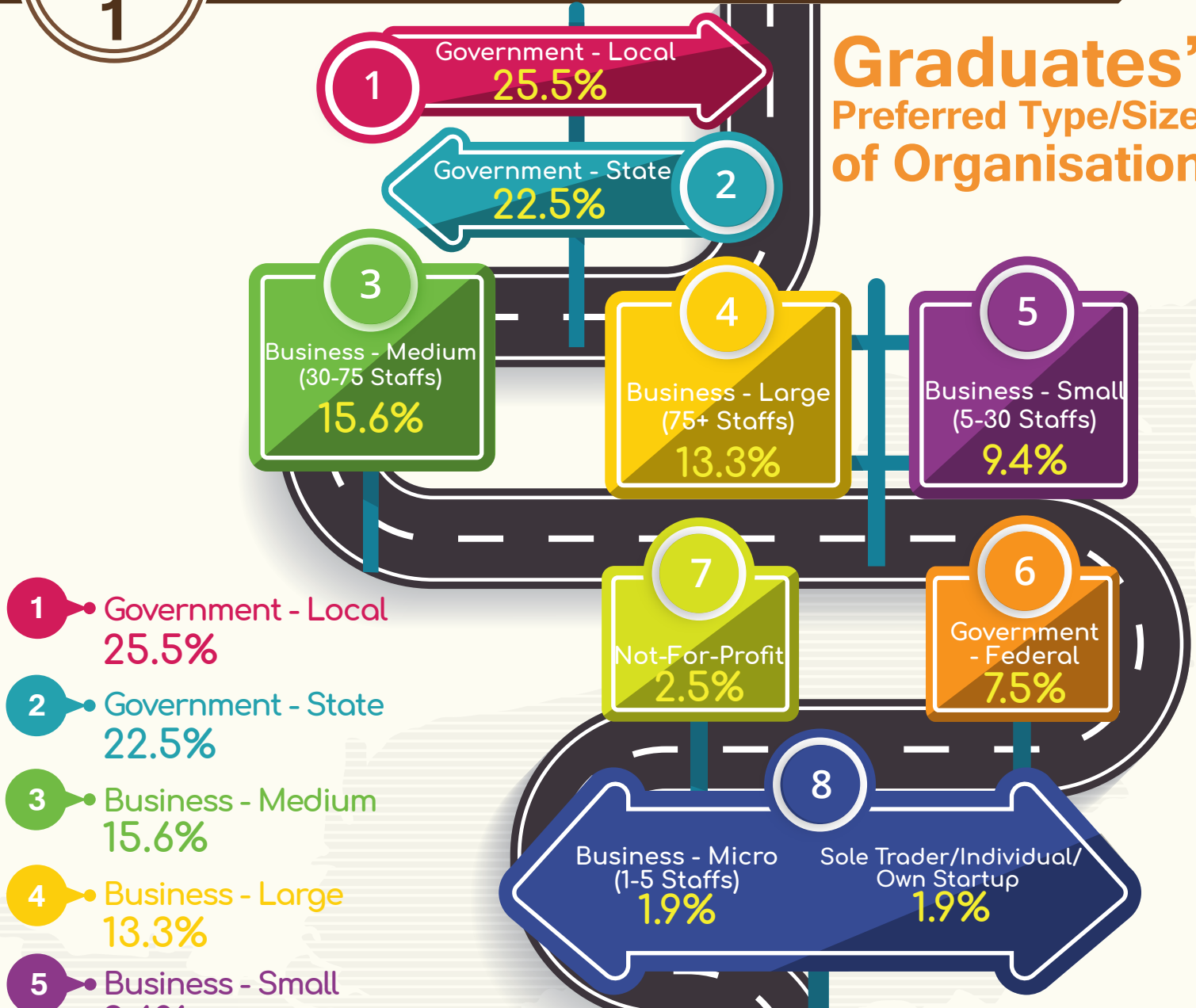




GRADUATES' CHOICE: WHERE TO AFTER GRADUATION?

Graduates' Preferred Type/Size of Organisation



- 1 • Government - Local 25.5%
- 2 • Government - State 22.5%
- 3 • Business - Medium 15.6%
- 4 • Business - Large 13.3%
- 5 • Business - Small 9.4%
- 6 • Government - Federal 7.5%
- 7 • Not-For-Profit 2.5%
- 8 • Business - Micro 1.9%
• Sole Trader/ Individual/ Own Startup 1.9%

The above chart illustrates the “Type / Size of Organisation” where fresh graduates prefer to work upon graduation.

FINDINGS & ANALYSIS: Do graduates prefer the Government Sector or the Private Business Sector? The top 5 most popular type/size of organisation favoured by the graduates surveyed are (rank in order): Government – Local (25.5%), Government – State (22.5%), Business – Medium (15.6%), Business – Large (13.3%) and Business – Small (9.4%). Noticeably, the results to our survey findings are divided among races; a contrasting difference in relation to the specific race of the graduates surveyed. Bumiputera graduates (63%) and Malay graduates (65%) say they prefer to find work opportunities at Government sectors (federal/state/local) whilst Chinese graduates (62%) prefer to seek jobs at Business sectors (large/ medium/ small/ micro). The only similarity preference is that minority of the students surveyed (3.8%) prefer “Not-For-Profit” and “Sole Trader/ Individual/ Own Startup”. Without doubt, competition is definitely much higher when it comes to getting a job in the Government Sector as compared to looking for jobs in the Private Business Sector. We suggest it is time for graduates to be more realistic in the importance of getting hired by private businesses and gaining real work experience as early as possible upon graduation.