NEW GRADUATES' FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY NUMBERS

The Covid-19 pandemic had an uneven impact on graduates from different fields of study, with some like IT graduates weathering the storm better. New university graduates earned a higher median monthly pay of $3,700, up from $3,600 in 2019, according to an annual survey released yesterday.

Course clusters	Full-time permanent employment rate		Median gross monthly salary	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Information and digital technologies	92.7%	**87.3%**	$4,400	**$4,760**
Health sciences	88.4%	**83.3%**	$3,500	**$3,500**
Business	88.8%	**76%**	$3,500	**$3,500**
Built environment	87.3%	**72.5%**	$3,500	**$3,500**
Engineering	83.3%	**71.6%**	$3,750	**$3,900**
Humanities and social sciences	74.5%	**61.8%**	$3,500	**$3,500**
Sciences	71.5%	**55.4%**	$3,500	**$3,500**
Arts, design and media	62.4%	**50.1%**	$3,200	**$3,300**
Overall	81.7%	**69.8%**	$3,600	**$3,700**

NOTE: Data from NTU, NUS, SMU and SUSS.

EMPLOYMENT INDICATORS OF FRESH GRADUATES

From full-time programmes (NUS, NTU, SMU, SUSS)

Proportion of graduates in the labour force who were:	2018	2019	2020
Employed	**90.2%**	**90.7%**	**93.6%**
In full-time permanent employment	81.2%	81.7%	69.8%
Freelancing	1.8%	2%	1.5%
In part-time/temporary employment	7.2%	7%	22.3%*
• **Voluntary**	4.9%	4.6%	11%
• **Involuntary**	2.3%	2.4%	11.3%
Unemployed	**9.8%**	**9.3%**	**6.4%**
Unemployed but starting work soon	2.9%	2.9%	2.5%
Unemployed and still looking for a job	7%	6.4%	3.9%
Median gross monthly salary (Full-time permanent employment)	**$3,500**	**$3,600**	**$3,700**

NOTE: Employment figures may not add up perfectly due to rounding differences.
*Includes graduates in the SGUnited Traineeships Programme

Source: JOINT AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITIES GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY 2020
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