

Proportion of fresh grads who found jobs within six months dips: Survey

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SINGAPORE — The proportion of graduates who found a job within six months of completing their final examinations dipped to 88.9 per cent last year, from 89.5 per cent in 2016.

This was among the findings of the latest joint graduate employment survey released on Monday (Feb 26), which also found that the median gross monthly starting salary for graduates in full-time permanent jobs rose S\$100 to S\$3,400 last year.

Similarly, the average gross monthly starting salary rose to S\$3,613 last year, compared to S\$3,509 in 2016.

Among fresh graduates currently in the labour force, 78.4 per cent secured full-time permanent employment last year, down from 79.9 per cent in 2016. In contrast, the proportion of those doing freelance work edged up from 1.7 per cent in 2016 to 2.4 per cent last

The survey was conducted by the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), the National University of Singapore (NUS), and the Singapore Management University (SMU), which collectively polled more than 80 per cent of their full-time fresh graduates.

The Singapore University of Technology and Design and the Singapore Institute of Technology will release the findings of their graduate employment survey later.

In a joint press release, the five universities noted that the overall employment rates of graduates from NTU, NUS and SMU "remained high" last year, and graduates from these universities "continue to be in demand" in the labour market.

They also observed that a higher proportion of economically-active graduates (3 per cent) had accepted job offers but had yet to start work at the time of the survey, compared to 2 per cent last year.

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