STUDENTS who graduated from 4 of Singapore’s local universities in 2021 secured full-time jobs and salaries at rates better than pre-Covid-19 levels.

Fewer were also involved in part-time employment or traineeship programmes compared to 2020, according to an annual joint graduate employment survey released on Wednesday (Feb 16).

In 2021, the median gross monthly salary among fresh graduates in full-time jobs was S$3,800, up from S$3,700 in 2020 and S$3,600 in 2019. All 8 course clusters saw an increase in median gross monthly pay of S$5,000.

Within the universities, graduates who studied computer science at the National University of Singapore (NUS) earned the most, with a monthly median pay of S$6,000. For Nanyang Technological University (NTU), this was the case for graduates of the double degree in business and computing, earning a monthly median of S$6,300.

At the Singapore Management University (SMU), graduates who studied information systems earned the most among peers – excluding law graduates – with a monthly median pay of S$5,000. As for the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), graduates who studied business analytics earned the highest salary at a monthly median of S$3,800.

As for full-time employment, 84 per cent of graduates were employed in full-time jobs within 6 months of completing their final examinations, up from 69.8 per cent in 2020 and 81.7 per cent in 2019.

The survey polled 11,200 fresh graduates from full-time programmes at NUS, NTU, SMU and SUSS, around 6 months after the graduates had completed their final examinations.

Results for the Singapore Institute of Technology and Singapore University of Technology and Design will be released at a later date as their surveys are still ongoing.