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Joint survey by 3 universities

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The latest employment survey of university graduates shows they are getting higher salaries. They also continue to enjoy high employment rates.

The results of the survey, released yesterday, show that the median salary for the class of 2014 rose to a new high of \$3,200, up from \$3,050 for the class of 2013.

The average salary went up to \$3,333 from \$3,229.

And about nine in 10 found jobs within six months of completing their degree studies last year.

Out of 13,656 graduates from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and Singapore Management University, some 10,126 took part

in the joint survey.

The three universities also had a separate follow-up survey of 638 graduates from architecture, biomedical science (traditional Chinese medicine), law, medicine and pharmacy courses, who had to spend a year or more on practical training such as pupilage or housemanship, before starting work proper.

The overall employment rate of this group, most of whom completed their studies two years ago, was almost 99 per cent.

The median gross monthly pay for those who received full-time positions was \$4,800, up from \$4,500 in 2013.

Their average salary was \$4,751, up from \$4,575.