

# *Language Graduate Job Prospects*

*Myth:*

***IT'S MORE DIFFICULT TO GET A JOB  
WITH A LANGUAGE DEGREE***

<b>Average unemployment rates among new graduates in the UK 1996-2004</b>	<b>Average 1996- 2004</b>
MEDICINE/DENTISTRY/VET SCIENCE	0.61%
EDUCATION	3.15%
LAW	3.70%
<b>GERMAN</b>	<b>4.88%</b>
ARCHITECTURE/ BUILDING/ PLANNING	4.93%
<b>FRENCH</b>	<b>4.97%</b>
<b>ALL MODERN LANGUAGES</b>	<b>5.71%</b>
HUMANITIES	6.11%
MATHEMATICS	6.30%
AGRICULTURE/ FORESTRY	6.41%
ENGLISH	6.45%
PSYCHOLOGY	6.48%
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	6.51%
PHYSICAL SCIENCES	6.52%
BUSINESS/ ADMINISTRATION	6.63%
SOCIOLOGY/ ECONOMICS/ POLITICS	6.92%
ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY	8.04%
COMPUTING	10.69%
MEDIA STUDIES	10.76%
CREATIVE ARTS/ DESIGN	12.34%

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**THE ONLY JOBS FOR LANGUAGE GRADUATES  
ARE TEACHING AND TRANSLATING**

**Reality:**

**THE JOBS NEW UK LANGUAGE GRADUATES  
REALLY DID IN 2004**

BUSINESS SERVICES	21.3%
EDUCATION	17.7%
BANKING / FINANCE	9.0%
WHOLESALE & RETAIL SALES/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	11.0%
MANUFACTURING / CONSTRUCTION	10.1%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	8.2%
COMMUNITY / SOCIAL / PERSONAL / SERVICES	7.8%
TRANSPORT / COMMUNICATIONS	6.4%
HEALTH / SOCIAL WORK	5.5%
HOTELS / RESTAURANTS	4.7%
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	0.8%
OTHER AREAS	1.1%

## **AND WHERE ARE THESE JOBS?**

LANGUAGE GRADUATES WORKING IN THE UK	82.8%
IN OTHER COUNTRIES	17.2%

NB These figures relate to graduates who entered employment immediately rather than going on to research, further education or training.

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