

## KEY INDICATORS OF THE RESIDENT POPULATION AND RESIDENT HOUSEHOLDS

	2000	2005	2010	2015
<b>Demographic Characteristics<sup>1</sup></b>				
Singapore Residents ('000)	3,273.4	3,467.8	3,771.7	3,902.7
Ethnic Composition (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Chinese	76.8	75.7	74.1	74.3
Malays	13.9	13.9	13.4	13.3
Indians	7.9	8.4	9.2	9.1
Others	1.4	2.0	3.3	3.2
Median Age (Years)	34.0	35.8	37.4	39.6
Sex Ratio (Males Per 1,000 Females)	998	985	974	965
<b>Marital Status &amp; Fertility</b>				
Marital Status (%) (Aged 15 Years & Over)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Single	30.5	31.0	32.2	31.6
Married	61.9	61.4	59.4	59.4
Widowed	5.2	4.9	5.1	5.3
Divorced/Separated	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.8
Proportion Single (%) (Aged 30 - 34 Years)				
Males	30.7	33.9	37.1	37.5
Females	19.5	22.1	25.1	25.5
(Aged 35 - 39 Years)				
Males	19.7	19.6	20.4	20.6
Females	15.1	15.0	17.1	17.0
Ever-Married Females Aged 40 - 49 Years by Number of Children Born (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	6.4	7.0	9.3	11.6
1	15.1	17.3	19.0	22.3
2	42.0	42.2	42.1	42.4
3	27.4	25.4	22.3	18.1
4 & Over	9.1	8.2	7.3	5.6
Average Number of Children Born (Per Ever-Married Female Aged 40 - 49 Years)	2.21	2.13	2.02	1.85
<b>Religion</b>				
Religion (%) (Aged 15 Years & Over)	100.0	n.a.	100.0	100.0
Buddhism/Taoism	51.0	n.a.	44.2	43.2
Buddhism	42.5	n.a.	33.3	33.2
Taoism	8.5	n.a.	10.9	10.0
Christianity	14.6	n.a.	18.3	18.8
Islam	14.9	n.a.	14.7	14.0
Hinduism	4.0	n.a.	5.1	5.0
Other Religions	0.6	n.a.	0.7	0.6
No Religion	14.8	n.a.	17.0	18.5

<sup>1</sup> The 2015 data under section on Demographic Characteristics are from the register-based General Household Survey and previously released in the Population Trends 2015 report published in September 2015.

Notation:  
n.a. not available

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	2000	2005	2010	2015
<b>Education</b>				
Highest Qualification Attained <sup>2</sup> (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
(Aged 25 Years & Over)				
Below Secondary	45.3	40.6	34.5	29.1
Secondary	24.0	21.1	19.0	18.9
Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary)	8.9	9.1	9.5	9.1
Diploma <sup>3</sup> and Professional Qualification	9.8	11.6	13.3	14.7
University	12.1	17.5	23.7	28.2
Proportion with Post-Secondary Qualification <sup>4</sup> (%)				
25 - 34 Years	55.9	70.4	81.5	86.0
35 - 44 Years	32.2	46.5	64.3	75.8
45 - 54 Years	21.3	26.9	35.7	49.7
55 Years & Over	9.5	12.4	17.2	22.2
<b>Literacy &amp; Language</b>				
Literate Population (%)				
(Aged 15 Years & Over)				
Literate in English	70.9	n.a.	79.9	83.1
Literate in Two or More Languages	56.0	n.a.	70.5	73.2
Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home (%)				
(Aged 5 Years & Over)				
English	23.0	28.1	32.3	36.9
Mandarin	35.0	36.0	35.6	34.9
Chinese Dialects	23.8	18.2	14.3	12.2
Malay	14.1	13.2	12.2	10.7
Tamil	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.3
Others	0.9	1.4	2.3	2.0
<b>Households &amp; Housing</b>				
Resident Households ('000)	915.1	1,024.5	1,145.9	1,225.3
Average Household Size (Persons)	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4
Home Ownership (%)	92.0	91.1	87.2	90.8
Households Living In (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
HDB Dwellings <sup>5</sup>	88.0	84.4	82.4	80.1
1- & 2-Room Flats <sup>6</sup>	5.0	4.3	4.6	5.6
3-Room Flats	25.8	20.7	20.0	18.2
4-Room Flats	33.1	32.5	31.9	32.0
5-Room & Executive Flats	23.5	26.6	25.6	24.1
Condominiums & Other Apartments	6.5	9.8	11.5	13.9
Landed Properties	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.6
Others	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3
<b>Transport</b>				
Resident Working Persons by Usual Mode				
of Transport to Work (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
(Aged 15 Years & Over)				
Public Bus Only	25.0	21.9	19.3	16.5
MRT Only	8.6	10.1	11.5	12.0
MRT and Public Bus Only	13.9	15.1	17.6	24.8
Other Combinations of MRT or Public Bus	3.4	3.6	6.2	5.4
Car Only	23.7	22.9	24.8	21.9
Private Chartered Bus/Van Only	6.7	5.4	3.6	2.7
Motorcycle/Scooter Only	4.8	4.6	3.8	3.4
Others	7.9	8.9	5.7	4.8
No Transport Required	6.1	7.6	7.5	8.5

<sup>2</sup> Data pertain to residents who are not attending educational institutions as full-time students. The data include those who are upgrading their qualifications through part-time courses while working.

<sup>3</sup> 'Diploma' includes Polytechnic and other diplomas.

<sup>4</sup> 'Post-Secondary Qualification' includes post-secondary (non-tertiary), diploma and professional or university qualification.

<sup>5</sup> Includes non-privatised Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDC) flats.

<sup>6</sup> Includes HDB studio apartments.