

KEY INDICATORS OF THE RESIDENT POPULATION

	Total		Chinese		Malays		Indians		Others	
	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
Demographic Characteristics										
Singapore Residents ('000)	2,735.9	3,263.2	2,127.9	2,505.4	384.3	453.6	194.0	257.8	29.6	46.4
Ethnic Composition (%)	100.0	100.0	77.8	76.8	14.0	13.9	7.1	7.9	1.1	1.4
Median Age (Years)	29	34	30	35	26	29	29	33	29	33
Age Dependency Ratio (Per 100 Adults 15–64 Years)	40.8	40.4	39.2	37.4	49.4	54.3	40.8	46.6	54.0	48.9
Under 15	32.3	30.1	30.4	27.0	43.0	45.6	32.9	35.4	42.3	37.7
65 & Over	8.5	10.2	8.8	10.4	6.4	8.8	7.9	11.2	11.7	11.2
Sex Ratio (Males Per 1,000 Females)	1,027	998	1,013	989	1,040	1,012	1,179	1,092	933	885
Religion (%) (Aged 15 Years & Over)										
Christianity	12.7	14.6	14.3	16.5	0.2	0.3	12.2	12.1	61.4	53.3
Buddhism/Taoism	53.5	51.0	67.7	64.4	–	0.1	0.7	0.7	7.2	13.9
Islam	15.3	14.9	0.2	0.3	99.6	99.6	26.5	25.6	24.1	22.3
Hinduism	3.7	4.0	–	–	–	–	53.1	55.4	0.7	1.1
Other Religions	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.3	–	–	6.3	5.6	1.9	1.3
No Religion	14.1	14.8	17.7	18.6	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.6	4.6	8.1
Marriage & Fertility										
Marital Status (Aged 15 Years & Over) (%)										
Single	35.9	30.5	36.6	31.3	33.6	28.7	33.4	25.8	31.9	23.4
Married	56.6	61.9	55.9	61.2	59.3	63.1	58.5	66.2	59.1	69.1
Widowed	6.1	5.2	6.2	5.2	5.4	5.2	6.5	5.4	6.4	3.9
Divorced/Separated	1.3	2.5	1.2	2.4	1.8	3.0	1.5	2.6	2.6	3.6
Proportion Single for Age Group 35–44 Years (%)	14.1	15.8	15.0	17.6	9.3	9.8	11.4	9.9	14.9	10.1
Males	14.9	17.3	15.8	19.1	9.7	11.0	11.7	10.8	17.2	13.0
Females	13.3	14.4	14.1	16.0	9.0	8.5	11.0	9.0	12.6	7.9
Mean Age at First Marriage (Years)	23.0	24.1	23.5	24.6	21.0	22.1	21.5	22.7	23.6	25.1
Average Number of Children Born (Per Ever-Married Female)	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.5	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.0
Education, Literacy & Language (%)										
General Literacy Rate (Aged 15 Years & Over)	89.1	92.5	88.5	92.1	90.3	93.6	92.0	95.1	96.3	97.1
Student Enrolment Ratio for Age Group 7–16 Years	96.7	98.4	97.4	98.7	93.6	97.1	95.1	98.4	97.7	97.9
Students by Level of Education Attending (Aged 5 Years & Over)										
Primary & Below	55.6	54.8	52.8	53.1	68.0	60.3	61.7	57.2	62.6	60.5
Secondary	28.8	27.2	29.9	26.1	24.2	30.7	26.2	29.7	25.8	26.4
Upper Secondary	7.2	6.3	7.6	6.8	4.8	4.3	7.3	6.0	6.6	5.5
Polytechnic	4.4	7.0	5.1	8.0	1.9	4.0	1.7	4.6	1.8	4.8
University	4.0	4.7	4.6	5.9	1.0	0.7	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.8
Non-Student Population by Highest Qualification Attained (Aged 15 Years & Over)										
No Qualification	31.3	19.6	32.0	20.2	30.5	20.0	27.7	13.9	15.5	7.5
Primary	27.0	23.1	25.6	21.9	33.1	30.1	31.4	24.5	26.5	16.2
Secondary	26.5	24.6	25.7	23.2	30.0	32.1	27.8	26.4	33.9	25.2
Upper Secondary	7.3	14.9	7.6	15.0	4.9	12.9	7.7	15.6	12.2	19.9
Polytechnic	3.5	6.2	4.1	7.0	0.9	2.9	1.2	3.1	2.3	3.8
University	4.5	11.7	5.1	12.6	0.6	2.0	4.1	16.5	9.6	27.5

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	Total		Chinese		Malays		Indians		Others	
	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
Language Most Frequently Spoken At Home (Aged 5 Years & Over)										
English	18.8	23.0	19.3	23.9	6.1	7.9	32.3	35.6	67.2	68.5
Mandarin	23.7	35.0	30.1	45.1	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.8	4.4
Chinese Dialects	39.6	23.8	50.3	30.7	–	0.1	0.2	0.1	3.3	3.2
Malay	14.3	14.1	0.3	0.2	93.7	91.6	14.5	11.6	19.3	15.6
Tamil	2.9	3.2	–	–	–	0.1	43.2	42.9	0.1	0.2
Others	0.8	0.9	–	0.1	–	0.3	9.8	9.7	7.3	8.2
Economic Characteristics (Aged 15 Years & Over)										
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	63.2	63.2	63.4	64.0	61.5	58.2	65.8	63.6	57.1	60.9
Males	77.5	76.6	77.5	76.4	77.5	76.0	77.9	79.2	73.9	78.7
Females	48.8	50.2	49.4	52.0	45.0	40.8	50.9	46.9	42.0	45.7
Workforce by Occupation (%)										
Professional, Technical & Managerial	27.0	43.5	29.7	46.2	11.7	23.4	22.3	43.3	40.7	63.5
Clerical, Sales & Services	29.4	26.7	28.8	25.2	31.4	36.2	32.0	29.2	34.1	24.7
Production & Related	27.7	19.3	26.5	18.6	37.7	27.5	24.1	15.4	12.8	6.7
Cleaners & Labourers	10.9	6.8	9.7	6.2	16.2	10.7	15.2	8.0	6.5	3.0
Others	5.1	3.6	5.3	3.8	3.0	2.3	6.4	4.3	5.9	2.2
Workforce by Industry (%)										
Manufacturing	26.2	19.5	25.8	19.9	31.3	19.9	22.0	16.1	14.7	12.4
Construction	5.9	6.1	6.7	6.9	2.7	3.3	2.3	3.1	2.0	3.0
Other Goods Industries	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.4	0.7	0.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	18.0	17.1	19.7	18.5	9.5	10.2	15.2	13.4	14.4	13.9
Hotels & Restaurants	7.1	6.3	7.4	6.5	5.6	5.9	6.4	5.1	7.2	6.2
Transport & Communications	11.0	12.0	10.2	11.0	15.4	18.2	11.9	13.7	14.1	13.0
Financial Services	4.5	5.9	4.8	6.3	2.9	3.6	3.5	4.5	6.4	7.6
Business Services	8.2	12.9	7.6	12.4	10.8	13.7	10.5	15.8	14.3	19.9
Other Services Industries	18.1	19.4	16.9	18.0	20.2	23.7	26.7	27.0	26.3	23.6
Average Monthly Income from Work (\$)	1,510	3,114	1,582	3,237	1,099	2,040	1,373	3,093	2,113	5,349
Median Monthly Income from Work (\$)	1,094	2,234	1,139	2,335	954	1,790	1,011	2,167	1,418	3,019
Transport (%)										
Usual Mode of Transport to Work (Aged 15 Years & Over)										
Car Only	18.1	23.7	21.0	26.2	4.6	10.6	9.9	15.7	24.1	30.0
Public Bus Only	39.8	25.0	38.2	24.0	45.7	28.1	48.5	31.0	35.4	21.1
MRT Only	5.7	8.6	5.6	8.5	6.2	9.0	5.5	9.2	8.1	8.9
MRT & Public Bus Only	6.3	13.9	6.1	13.7	7.4	14.8	6.5	14.7	10.2	12.8
Households & Housing										
Average Household Size (Persons)	4.2	3.7	4.2	3.6	4.7	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.4
Household Structure (%)										
No Family Nucleus	8.7	12.3	8.8	13.0	4.0	6.6	14.9	13.1	12.9	18.6
One Family Nucleus	84.6	82.1	84.9	81.7	86.4	85.8	77.6	80.7	82.7	77.8
Two or More Family Nuclei	6.7	5.6	6.2	5.2	9.6	7.7	7.4	6.2	4.4	3.6
Home Ownership (%)	87.5	92.3	87.5	92.9	92.3	93.5	80.9	86.8	74.8	78.9
Households Living in HDB 4-Room or Larger Flats or Private Housing (%)	51.5	68.0	53.1	68.5	41.3	64.9	49.2	66.2	67.3	75.0
Average Monthly Household Income (\$)	3,076	4,943	3,213	5,219	2,246	3,148	2,859	4,556	3,885	7,250
Median Monthly Household Income (\$)	2,296	3,607	2,400	3,848	1,880	2,708	2,174	3,387	2,782	4,775