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Its goal is to promote understanding of the factors that contribute to a sustainable population in Singapore. A sustainable population is one that achieves a **strong and cohesive society** with Singaporeans at its heart, a **dynamic and vibrant economy** to provide good jobs and opportunities for Singaporeans, and a **high quality living environment**.

Key highlights of the past year:



In 2019, there were 22,165 citizen marriages, compared to 23,632 citizen marriages in 2018. Over the last five years (2015 to 2019), there were about 23,600 citizen marriages on average each year, more than the average of 22,400 each year in the previous five years (2010 to 2014).



There were 32,844 citizen births in 2019, compared to 32,413 citizen births in 2018. Over the last five years (2015 to 2019), there were about 32,900 citizen births on average each year, higher than the average of 31,700 each year in the previous five years (2010 to 2014). The resident total fertility rate remained at 1.14 in 2019, unchanged from the year before.



The citizen population grew by 0.6%, to reach 3.52 million as of Jun 2020. The citizen population continues to age steadily, with 16.8% aged 65 and above compared with 16.0% last year. The permanent resident population remained stable at 0.52 million as of Jun 2020.



The non-resident population decreased by 2.1%, to reach 1.64 million as of Jun 2020. This was largely due to a reduction in foreign employment in Services from Jun 2019 to Jun 2020. By pass type, Work Permit Holders saw the largest decrease.



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Overall, Singapore's total population stands at 5.69 million as of Jun 2020. The total population decreased slightly by 0.3% from Jun 2019 to Jun 2020. This was largely due to the decrease in the non-resident population.

Immigration



| OVERALL POPULATION ('000)  | JUN 2019    | JUN 2020    |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Citizen population   | 3,500.9     | 3,523.2     |
| Permanent resident (PR) population   | 525.3       | 521.0       |
| Resident population  | 4,026.2     | 4,044.2     |
| Non-resident population  | 1,677.4     | 1,641.6     |
| Total population   | 5,703.6     | 5,685.8     |
| AGE PROFILE OF CITIZENS  | JUN 2019    | JUN 2020    |
| Proportion aged 65 and above (%)   | 16.0        | 16.8        |
| Citizen median age (years)   | 42.0        | 42.2        |
| MARRIAGE & PARENTHOOD  |             |             |
|  | 2018        | 2019        |
| Number of marriages involving at least one citizen   | 23,632      | 22,165      |
| Citizen births   | 32,413      | 32,844      |
| Resident total fertility rate <sup>1</sup>   | 1.14        | 1.14        |
|  | 2010 - 2014 | 2015 - 2019 |
| Number of marriages involving at least one citizen, five-year average (to nearest hundred) | 22,400      | 23,600      |
| Number of citizen births,<br>five-year average (to nearest hundred)                        | 31,700      | 32,900      |

Note: The reference period for all data above is as of Jun of the year, except for Marriage & Parenthood data which are based on the full calendar year (Jan to Dec).

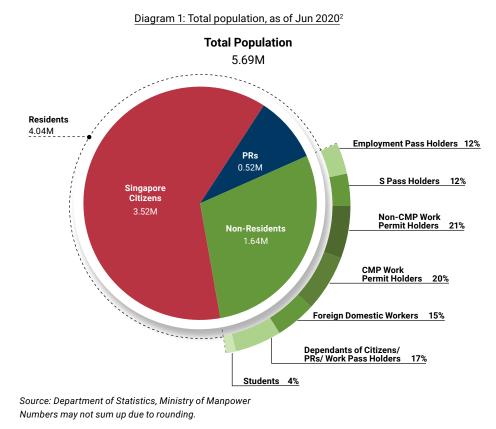
Source: Department of Statistics, Immigration & Checkpoints Authority

<sup>1</sup> Total fertility rate refers to the average number of live-births each female would have during her reproductive years (15 - 49 years old) if she were subject to the prevailing age specific fertility rates in the population in the given year.

### **OVERALL POPULATION**



There were 3.52 million Singapore citizens as of Jun 2020. Together with 0.52 million permanent residents (PRs), there were 4.04 million residents. Non-residents totalled 1.64 million, and include our foreign workforce across all pass types, dependants, and international students. Overall, Singapore's total population stood at 5.69 million.



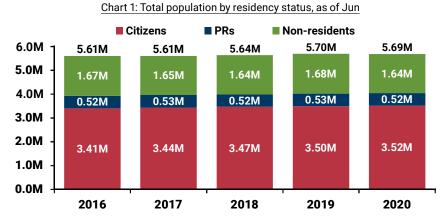
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The figures are based on stock numbers as of end Jun 2020.

S Pass Holders are mid-level skilled staff who need to earn at least \$2,400 a month and have the relevant qualifications and work experience. From 1 Oct 2020 onwards, the minimum qualifying salary will be \$2,500.

Employment Pass Holders are foreign professionals, managers and executives who need to earn at least \$4,500 a month and have acceptable qualifications. The minimum qualifying salary was recently raised from \$3,900 to \$4,500 from 1 Sep 2020.

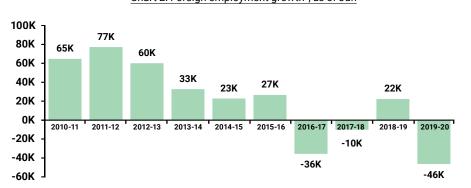
Work Permit Holders are semi-skilled foreign workers from approved source countries. Some work in Construction, Marine Shipyard and Process (CMP) sectors (e.g. construction workers), and others work in non-CMP sectors (e.g. Services, Manufacturing).

The citizen population grew by 0.6% over the past year due to citizen births and immigration. The PR population remained stable (Chart 1).



Stable Growth in Citizen Population; Stable PR Population Size

The non-resident population was 1.64 million as of Jun 2020, a decrease of 2.1% from Jun 2019. This was largely due to a reduction in foreign employment in Services from Jun 2019 to Jun 2020 (Chart 2). By pass type, Work Permit Holders saw the largest decrease. These trends were largely due to COVID-19 related challenges, brought about by weak demand and travel restrictions.

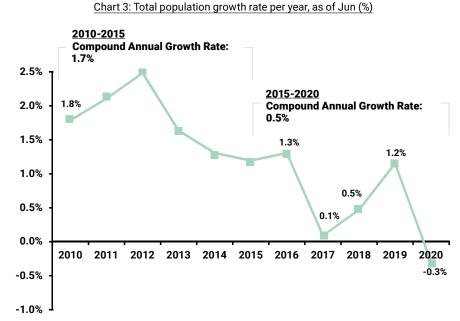


Decrease in Foreign Employment from Jun 2019 to Jun 2020 Chart 2: Foreign employment growth<sup>3</sup>, as of Jun

Source: Ministry of Manpower

Singapore's total population decreased slightly by 0.3% from Jun 2019 to Jun 2020, largely due to the decrease in the non-resident population. Overall, total population growth rate over the past five years was slower compared to the previous five-year period (Chart 3).

# Slower Total Population Growth Rate from 2015-2020, Compared to Previous Five-Year Period



Source: Department of Statistics Numbers may not sum up due to rounding.

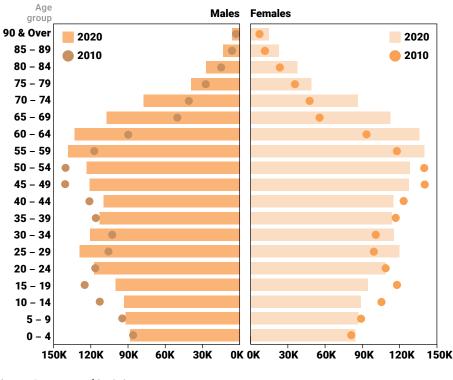
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Foreign domestic workers are excluded in the figures.



With increasing life expectancy and low fertility rates, the proportion of our citizen population aged 65 years and above is rising<sup>4</sup>, and at a faster pace compared to the last decade. Large cohorts of "baby boomers"<sup>5</sup> have begun entering the post-65 age range (Chart 4).

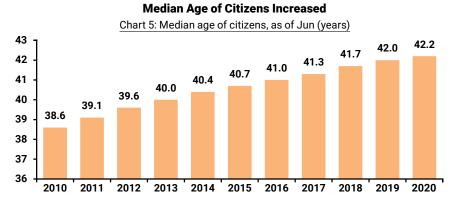
Large Cohorts of Baby Boomers Entering Post-65 Age Range

Chart 4: Age profile of citizen population, as of Jun



Source: Department of Statistics

In line with population ageing, the median age of the citizen population also rose from 42.0 years to 42.2 years between 2019 and 2020 (Chart 5).

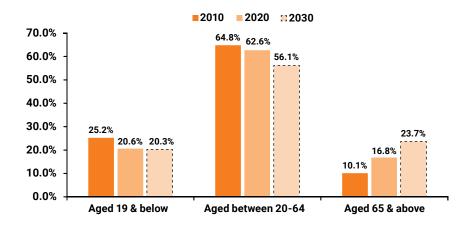


Source: Department of Statistics

Currently, 62.6% of citizens are aged 20-64 years. This has decreased from 64.8% in 2010, and is projected to decrease further to about 56.1% in 2030. Conversely, the proportion of citizens aged 65 and above has increased from 10.1% in 2010 to 16.8% in 2020. This number is projected to increase to about 23.7% in 2030 (Chart 6).

### Fewer Citizens in Age Band of 20-64 Years, More Citizens Aged 65 and Above

Chart 6: Citizen population by broad age groups, as of Jun

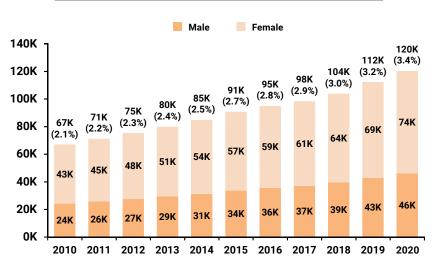


Source: Department of Statistics

<sup>5</sup> For this publication, "baby boomers" are defined as those born from 1950 to 1964. As such, they would be aged between 46 – 60 in 2010, and 56 – 70 in 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The benchmark of 65 years is aligned with international statistical definitions.

The number of citizens aged 80 and above has also almost doubled over the last decade (Chart 7).



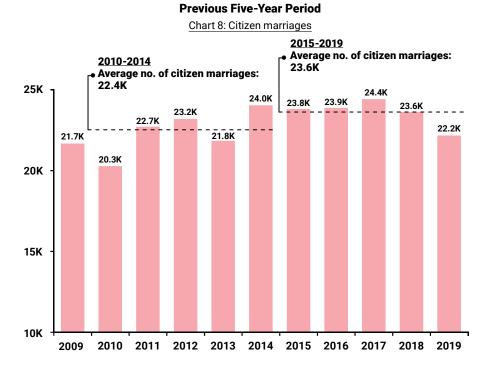
More Citizens Aged 80 and Above Chart 7: Number and % of citizens aged 80 years and above, as of Jun

Source: Department of Statistics Numbers may not sum up due to rounding.

### **MARRIAGE & PARENTHOOD**

There were 22,165 citizen marriages<sup>6</sup> in 2019, fewer than the 23,632 citizen marriages in 2018. However, there were about 23,600 citizen marriages on average each year over the last five years (2015 to 2019), more than the average of 22,400 each year in the previous five years (2010 to 2014, <u>Chart 8</u>). The median age at first marriage for citizen grooms in 2019 was 30.1 years, the same as in 2014. The median age at first marriage for citizen brides in 2019 was 28.4 years, slightly higher compared to 27.9 years in 2014.

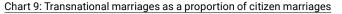
### More Citizen Marriages Each Year on Average Between 2015-2019, Compared to

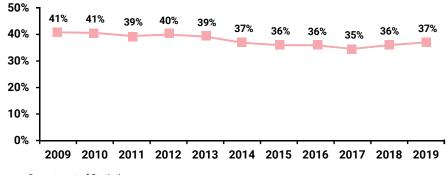


Source: Department of Statistics The figures are based on the full calendar year (Jan to Dec).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Citizen marriages refer to marriages involving at least one citizen.

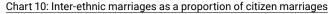
Slightly more than 1 in 3 citizen marriages last year involved transnational<sup>7</sup> couples (<u>Chart</u> 9). About 1 in 5 citizen marriages last year were inter-ethnic<sup>8</sup> (<u>Chart 10</u>).

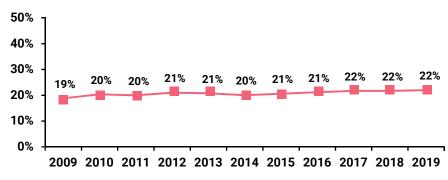




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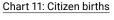
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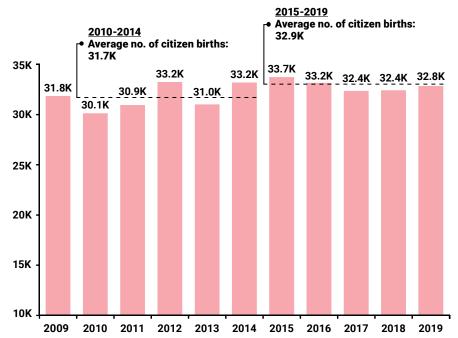




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# More Citizen Births Each Year on Average Between 2015-2019, Compared to the Previous Five-Year Period





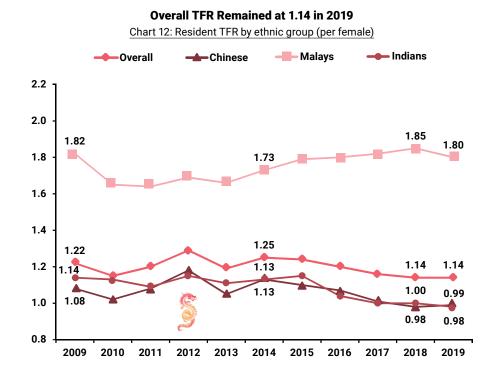
Source: Immigration & Checkpoints Authority The figures are based on the full calendar year (Jan to Dec).

<sup>9</sup> Citizen births refer to babies born to at least one citizen parent.

<sup>8</sup> Inter-ethnic marriages refer to marriages between persons of different races.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Transnational marriages refer to marriages between a citizen and a non-citizen (i.e. permanent resident or non-resident).

The resident total fertility rate (TFR)<sup>10</sup> remained at 1.14 in 2019, which is below replacement rate (Chart 12). This is partly due to a delay in marriages and subsequently childbearing.



Source: Department of Statistics

Note: 2012 was the Year of the Dragon (Chinese Zodiac). The figures are based on the full calendar year (Jan to Dec).

<sup>10</sup> Total fertility rate refers to the average number of live-births each female would have during her reproductive years (15 – 49 years old) if she were subject to the prevailing age-specific fertility rates in the population in the given year.

### **OVERSEAS SINGAPOREANS**

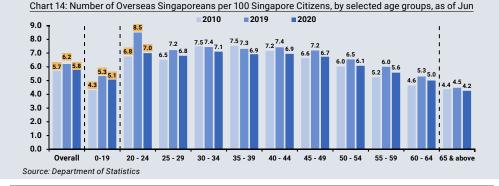
# Slower growth in total number of Overseas Singaporeans (OS)<sup>11</sup> from 2015-2020, compared to previous five-year period

The growth in the total number of OS over the past five years was slower compared to the previous five-year period (<u>Chart 13</u>). The number of OS decreased from 217,200 in 2019 to 203,500 in 2020 as Singaporeans returned home as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



The overall number of OS per 100 Singapore Citizens  $(SC)^{12}$  increased gradually from 5.7 in 2010 to 6.2 in 2019, then decreased to 5.8 in 2020 (<u>Chart 14</u>). From 2010-2019, the largest increase was observed among those aged 0-19 and 20-24, with the number of OS per 100 SC from these age bands increasing from 4.3 to 5.3 and 6.8 to 8.5 respectively. The number of OS per 100 SC for other age bands saw smaller increases.

From 2019-2020, the number of OS per 100 SC decreased across all age groups as OS returned to Singapore during the pandemic, with a larger decrease observed for the 20-24 age band.



<sup>11</sup> Defined as Singapore citizens with a registered foreign address or who are away for a cumulative period of at least six months in the past 12 months prior to the reference date (i.e. June each year). This would include frequent traveliers who have their usual residence (venue of residence for a period of at least 12 months) in Singapore but travel overseas for the greater part of the reference period.

<sup>12</sup> The number of SC includes OS who have been away for a cumulative period of at least 6 months, but less than 12 months, as at the reference date. As such, the OS figures in Chart 14 refer to a ratio of OS to 100 SC, and not a proportion of SC.

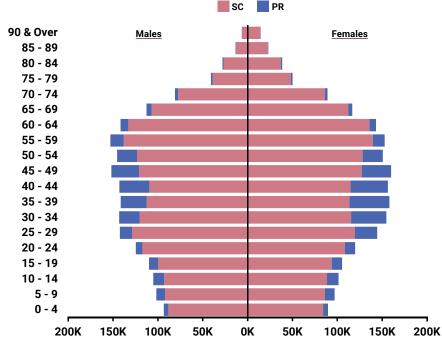
# **IMMIGRATION & CITIZENS BY DESCENT**



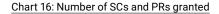
Immigration helps to moderate the impact of ageing and low birth rates in our citizen population, and keeps it from shrinking over the longer term. Singapore grants between 15,000 and 25,000 new citizenships annually, to individuals who are committed to making Singapore their home and who can integrate and contribute to Singapore. New citizens either share family ties with Singaporeans (for example, through marriage), or have studied, worked or lived here for some time.

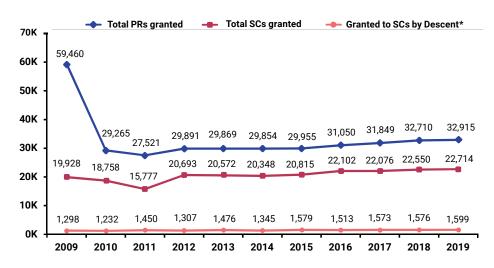
Permanent residence is an intermediate step by which individuals may take up citizenship in Singapore. Since the tightening of the immigration framework in late 2009, we have accepted about 30,000 new PRs a year. This keeps the PR population size stable, and provides a pool of candidates who may be suitable for citizenship. The majority of our PRs are aged between 25-59 years (<u>Chart 15</u>). The pace of immigration will continue to be kept measured and very stable, so that Singapore remains a cohesive society and a good home for all Singaporeans.

Chart 15: Age pyramid of resident population, as of Jun 2020



In 2019, 22,714 individuals were granted SC and 32,915 individuals were granted PR. 1,599 or 7% of the new SCs were children born overseas to Singaporean parents ("citizens by descent") (Chart 16).





\*This is a subset of the total SCs granted each year. It refers to SCs granted to children born overseas to Singaporean parents.

Source: Immigration & Checkpoints Authority The figures are based on the full calendar year (Jan to Dec).

### Table 1: Total population, as of Jun ('000)

|                        | 2010    | 2015    | 2019    | 2020    |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Residents<br>of which: | 3,771.7 | 3,902.7 | 4,026.2 | 4,044.2 |
| Citizens               | 3,230.7 | 3,375.0 | 3,500.9 | 3,523.2 |
| PRs                    | 541.0   | 527.7   | 525.3   | 521.0   |
| Non-residents          | 1,305.0 | 1,632.3 | 1,677.4 | 1,641.6 |
| Total                  | 5,076.7 | 5,535.0 | 5,703.6 | 5,685.8 |

| Group<br>(Years) P |         | Total   |         |         | Chinese |         |               | Malays   |         |         | Indians |         |         | Others |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
|                    | Persons | Males   | Females | Persons | Males   | Females | Persons       | Males    | Females | Persons | Males   | Females | Persons | Males  | Females |
|                    |         |         |         |         | -       |         | Number ('000) | r ('000) |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |
| Total 3            | 3,523.2 | 1,745.0 | 1,778.2 | 2,675.5 | 1,319.5 | 1,356.0 | 530.0         | 266.8    | 263.2   | 262.9   | 132.3   | 130.5   | 54.9    | 26.4   | 28.4    |
| 0 - 4              | 172.4   | 88.2    | 84.2    | 116.1   | 59.4    | 56.7    | 38.5          | 19.8     | 18.7    | 12.6    | 6.4     | 6.1     | 5.2     | 2.6    | 2.6     |
| 5 - 9              | 178.1   | 91.8    | 86.4    | 127.8   | 66.1    | 61.7    | 31.7          | 16.3     | 15.4    | 13.3    | 6.7     | 6.6     | 5.3     | 2.6    | 2.7     |
| 10 - 14            | 181.6   | 93.0    | 88.6    | 129.1   | 66.3    | 62.8    | 32.1          | 16.5     | 15.6    | 15.6    | 7.9     | 7.8     | 4.8     | 2.4    | 2.5     |
| 15 - 19            | 193.8   | 99.7    | 94.1    | 135.6   | 69.8    | 65.8    | 36.6          | 19.0     | 17.7    | 17.4    | 8.9     | 8.6     | 4.2     | 2.1    | 2.1     |
| 20 - 24            | 225.8   | 117.2   | 108.7   | 159.0   | 82.6    | 76.4    | 43.5          | 22.4     | 21.0    | 19.2    | 6.6     | 9.3     | 4.2     | 2.3    | 1.9     |
| 25 – 29            | 248.5   | 128.7   | 119.8   | 176.5   | 91.5    | 85.0    | 48.1          | 24.8     | 23.3    | 20.3    | 10.3    | 6.6     | 3.7     | 2.1    | 1.6     |
| 30 - 34            | 235.6   | 120.2   | 115.4   | 170.1   | 86.9    | 83.3    | 43.5          | 22.2     | 21.3    | 18.5    | 9.5     | 0.6     | 3.4     | 1.6    | 1.8     |
| 35 - 39            | 226.3   | 112.7   | 113.6   | 170.0   | 84.4    | 85.6    | 35.7          | 18.3     | 17.5    | 17.2    | 8.7     | 8.5     | 3.4     | 1.3    | 2.1     |
| 40 - 44            | 224.4   | 109.5   | 114.9   | 178.4   | 86.8    | 91.7    | 26.6          | 13.4     | 13.2    | 16.3    | 8.0     | 8.3     | 3.0     | 1.3    | 1.7     |
| 45 - 49            | 248.2   | 121.0   | 127.3   | 196.3   | 94.8    | 101.5   | 29.7          | 14.9     | 14.8    | 18.7    | 9.7     | 9.1     | 3.4     | 1.6    | 1.9     |
| 50 - 54            | 251.5   | 123.2   | 128.3   | 193.1   | 93.7    | 99.3    | 34.9          | 17.2     | 17.7    | 20.2    | 10.7    | 9.5     | 3.3     | 1.5    | 1.8     |
| 55 - 59            | 277.6   | 137.9   | 139.6   | 212.3   | 105.3   | 107.0   | 41.0          | 20.4     | 20.6    | 21.2    | 10.8    | 10.5    | 3.1     | 1.4    | 1.6     |
| 60 - 64            | 268.9   | 132.9   | 135.9   | 213.4   | 105.2   | 108.2   | 34.1          | 16.9     | 17.2    | 18.8    | 9.5     | 9.2     | 2.6     | 1.2    | 1.3     |
| 65 - 69            | 219.3   | 107.0   | 112.3   | 180.2   | 88.2    | 91.9    | 23.7          | 11.3     | 12.3    | 13.6    | 6.5     | 7.1     | 1.8     | 0.9    | 0.9     |
| 70 - 74            | 163.6   | 77.2    | 86.3    | 138.0   | 65.4    | 72.6    | 14.7          | 6.8      | 7.9     | 9.4     | 4.3     | 5.1     | 1.4     | 0.7    | 0.7     |
| 75 – 79            | 87.3    | 38.8    | 48.5    | 75.9    | 33.9    | 42.0    | 6.5           | 2.8      | 3.7     | 4.2     | 1.8     | 2.4     | 9.0     | 0.3    | 0.4     |
| 80 - 84            | 64.2    | 26.9    | 37.4    | 55.5    | 23.3    | 32.2    | 4.9           | 2.1      | 2.8     | 3.2     | 1.2     | 2.0     | 0.6     | 0.2    | 0.4     |
| 85 - 89            | 35.7    | 13.1    | 22.6    | 30.5    | 11.1    | 19.4    | 2.9           | 1.1      | 1.8     | 1.9     | 0.8     | 1.1     | 0.4     | 0.2    | 0.3     |
| 90 &<br>above      | 20.5    | 6.1     | 14.3    | 17.8    | 4.9     | 12.9    | 1.2           | 0.5      | 0.7     | 1.2     | 0.7     | 0.5     | 0.3     | 0.1    | 0.2     |

#### Table 3: Ethnic mix of citizen population, as of Jun (%)

|         | 2010 | 2015 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------|------|------|------|------|
| Chinese | 76.2 | 76.2 | 76.0 | 75.9 |
| Malay   | 15.1 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 |
| Indian  | 7.4  | 7.4  | 7.5  | 7.5  |
| Others  | 1.4  | 1.4  | 1.5  | 1.6  |

Source: Department of Statistics

#### Table 4: Overseas Singaporean population<sup>13</sup>, as of Jun

| Year | Number of Overseas Singaporeans |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 2010 | 184,400                         |
| 2011 | 192,200                         |
| 2012 | 200,000                         |
| 2013 | 207,000                         |
| 2014 | 212,200                         |
| 2015 | 212,500                         |
| 2016 | 213,400                         |
| 2017 | 214,700                         |
| 2018 | 216,400                         |
| 2019 | 217,200                         |
| 2020 | 203,500                         |

Source: Department of Statistics

### Table 5: Old-age support ratio, as of Jun

(persons aged 20-64 years per person aged 65 years & above)

|           | 2010 | 2015 | 2019 | 2020 | 2030<br>(Projected) |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|---------------------|
| Residents | 7.4  | 5.7  | 4.5  | 4.3  | 2.7                 |
| Citizens  | 6.4  | 4.9  | 4.0  | 3.7  | 2.4                 |
|           |      |      |      |      |                     |

Source: Department of Statistics

<sup>13</sup> Defined as Singapore citizens with a registered foreign address or who are away for a cumulative period of at least six months in the past 12 months prior to the reference date (i.e. Jun each year). This would include frequent travellers who have their usual residence (venue of residence for a period of at least 12 months) in Singapore but travel overseas for the greater part of the reference period.

#### Table 6: Median age, as of Jun (years)

|           | 2010 | 2015 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|
| Residents | 37.4 | 39.6 | 41.1 | 41.5 |
| Citizens  | 38.6 | 40.7 | 42.0 | 42.2 |

Source: Department of Statistics

# Table 7: Proportion of singles among citizen males / femalesaged 25 - 49 years by age group, as of Jun (%)

|                   | 2009                                     | 2014            | 2018      | 2019 |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|-----------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Proportion of si  | ngles among cit                          | izens males by  | age group |      |  |  |  |  |
| 25 – 29 years     | 80.5                                     | 84.8            | 80.6      | 81.6 |  |  |  |  |
| 30 – 34 years     | 42.9                                     | 44.8            | 43.6      | 43.6 |  |  |  |  |
| 35 – 39 years     | <b>35 - 39 years</b> 22.6 26.7 23.5 22.5 |                 |           |      |  |  |  |  |
| 40 – 44 years     | 17.0                                     | 17.9            | 18.7      | 17.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 45 – 49 years     | 13.3                                     | 14.5            | 14.8      | 14.0 |  |  |  |  |
| Proportion of sin | ngles among cit                          | izen females by | age group |      |  |  |  |  |
|                   |  |                 |           |      |  |  |  |  |

| 25 – 29 years | 63.3 | 73.3 | 69.4 | 69.2 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|
| 30 – 34 years | 29.7 | 32.7 | 32.3 | 33.3 |
| 35 – 39 years | 19.3 | 23.1 | 20.4 | 21.5 |
| 40 – 44 years | 14.7 | 18.2 | 17.7 | 17.9 |
| 45 – 49 years | 13.1 | 15.5 | 14.5 | 15.8 |

# Table 8: Proportion of singles among citizens by age group, gender and highest qualification attained, as of Jun<sup>14</sup>(%)

| Age group (years) / Highest             | 20    | 09      | 20    | )14     | 20    | )19     |
|---|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| qualification attained                  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females |
| Aged 30 - 39                            | 32.3  | 24.0    | 35.8  | 27.9    | 33.3  | 27.4    |
| Below Secondary                         | 38.7  | 15.9    | 42.2  | 21.2    | 45.5  | 26.4    |
| Secondary                               | 30.6  | 19.2    | 34.4  | 19.6    | 30.5  | 16.2    |
| Post-Secondary<br>(Non-Tertiary)        | 35.2  | 23.5    | 35.8  | 26.8    | 34.2  | 24.8    |
| Diploma & Professional<br>Qualification | 33.4  | 26.6    | 37.7  | 26.9    | 33.0  | 25.9    |
| University                              | 30.0  | 28.5    | 34.2  | 31.4    | 32.4  | 30.1    |
| Aged 40 - 49                            | 15.1  | 13.9    | 16.2  | 16.8    | 15.6  | 16.8    |
| Below Secondary                         | 20.4  | 9.9     | 22.7  | 13.0    | 21.9  | 13.7    |
| Secondary                               | 14.0  | 14.1    | 16.6  | 13.8    | 16.7  | 10.9    |
| Post-Secondary<br>(Non-Tertiary)        | 15.1  | 14.1    | 15.5  | 16.2    | 18.9  | 16.4    |
| Diploma & Professional<br>Qualification | 11.9  | 16.9    | 15.3  | 19.3    | 14.5  | 19.4    |
| University                              | 10.3  | 19.8    | 13.3  | 20.7    | 13.4  | 19.0    |

Source: Department of Statistics

<sup>14</sup> Data by highest qualification attained pertain to citizens 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.

### Table 9: Number of marriages by residency status of grooms and brides

| Grooms   | Brides       | 2009   | 2014   | 2018   | 2019   |
|--|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total number of marriages  |              | 26,081 | 28,407 | 27,007 | 25,434 |
| Citizen  | Citizen      | 12,824 | 15,169 | 15,241 | 14,060 |
| Citizen  | PR           | 1,486  | 1,467  | 1,395  | 1,310  |
| PR   | Citizen      | 813    | 715    | 684    | 642    |
| Citizen  | Non-resident | 5,410  | 5,126  | 4,650  | 4,426  |
| Non-resident   | Citizen      | 1,134  | 1,560  | 1,662  | 1,727  |
| PR   | PR           | 998    | 591    | 515    | 523    |
| PR   | Non-resident | 1,214  | 956    | 703    | 674    |
| Non-resident   | PR           | 743    | 654    | 542    | 516    |
| Non-resident   | Non-resident | 1,459  | 2,169  | 1,615  | 1,556  |
| <b>Citizen marriages</b><br>(i.e. marriages involving at least<br>one citizen) |              | 21,667 | 24,037 | 23,632 | 22,165 |

Source: Department of Statistics

### Table 10: General marriage rates (per 1,000 unmarried males / females aged 15 – 49 years)

|           |         | 2009 | 2014 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-----------|---------|------|------|------|------|
| Decidente | Males   | 43.4 | 44.4 | 43.3 | 40.7 |
| Residents | Females | 38.9 | 40.8 | 40.8 | 37.9 |
| Citizana  | Males   | 41.5 | 43.5 | 43.3 | 40.5 |
| Citizens  | Females | 36.0 | 39.5 | 40.4 | 37.7 |

Source: Department of Statistics

### Table 11: Median age at first marriage (years)

|           |         | 2009 | 2014 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-----------|---------|------|------|------|------|
| Residents | Males   | 29.8 | 30.2 | 30.0 | 30.2 |
| Residents | Females | 27.5 | 28.1 | 28.3 | 28.6 |
| Citizens  | Males   | 29.9 | 30.1 | 29.9 | 30.1 |
| Ciuzens   | Females | 27.4 | 27.9 | 28.2 | 28.4 |

# Table 12: Origins of non-citizen spouses married to citizens (for marriages in stated year)

|                       | 2009  | 2014  | 2018  | 2019  |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total                 | 8,843 | 8,868 | 8,391 | 8,105 |
| Non-citizen Brides    | 6,896 | 6,593 | 6,045 | 5,736 |
| Asia                  | 6,687 | 6,414 | 5,836 | 5,542 |
| Non-Asia<br>of which: | 209   | 179   | 209   | 194   |
| North America*        | 14    | 36    | 46    | 27    |
| Europe                | 50    | 51    | 62    | 72    |
| Oceania*              | 28    | 35    | 37    | 33    |
| Others                | 117   | 57    | 64    | 62    |
| Non-citizen Grooms    | 1,947 | 2,275 | 2,346 | 2,369 |
| Asia                  | 1,298 | 1,542 | 1,551 | 1,599 |
| Non-Asia<br>of which: | 649   | 733   | 795   | 770   |
| North America*        | 109   | 115   | 110   | 118   |
| Europe                | 296   | 374   | 419   | 385   |
| Oceania*              | 130   | 137   | 137   | 124   |
| Others                | 114   | 107   | 129   | 143   |

\*"North America" consists of United States of America and Canada. "Oceania" consists of Australia, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea.

Source: Department of Statistics

### Table 13: Median age of mothers at first birth by residency status of mothers (years)

|           | 2009 | 2014 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|
| Residents | 29.8 | 30.7 | 30.7 | 30.9 |
| Citizens  | 29.6 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 30.6 |

Source: Immigration & Checkpoints Authority

# Table 14: Average number of children born to ever-married females aged 30 – 49 yearsby residency status of females, as of Jun (per ever-married female)

|           | 20      | 09      | 20      | 14      | 2018    |         | 2019    |         |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|           | 30 - 39 | 40 - 49 | 30 - 39 | 40 - 49 | 30 - 39 | 40 - 49 | 30 - 39 | 40 - 49 |
| Residents | 1.49    | 2.03    | 1.42    | 1.87    | 1.45    | 1.81    | 1.41    | 1.79    |
| Citizens  | 1.57    | 2.08    | 1.45    | 1.93    | 1.48    | 1.86    | 1.44    | 1.83    |

Source: Department of Statistics

### Table 15: Proportion of ever-married females aged 30 – 49 years who are without children by residency status of females, as of Jun (%)

|           | 20      | 09      | 20      | 2014 2018 2019 |         | 19      |         |         |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|           | 30 - 39 | 40 - 49 | 30 - 39 | 40 - 49        | 30 - 39 | 40 - 49 | 30 - 39 | 40 - 49 |
| Residents | 20.2    | 9.1     | 21.4    | 11.2           | 20.9    | 12.0    | 22.9    | 12.3    |
| Citizens  | 20.6    | 8.9     | 22.8    | 10.7           | 21.7    | 11.9    | 24.4    | 12.5    |

### Table 16: Number of births by birth order and residency status<sup>15</sup>

| Birth Order     | 2009   | 2014   | 2018   | 2019   |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total births    | 39,570 | 42,232 | 39,039 | 39,279 |
| Resident births | 36,925 | 37,967 | 35,040 | 35,330 |
| First           | 17,264 | 17,970 | 16,178 | 16,461 |
| Second          | 12,946 | 13,816 | 12,397 | 12,416 |
| Third           | 4,717  | 4,482  | 4,441  | 4,401  |
| Fourth          | 1,391  | 1,171  | 1,362  | 1,323  |
| Fifth & over    | 607    | 528    | 662    | 729    |
| Citizen births  | 31,842 | 33,193 | 32,413 | 32,844 |
| First           | 14,628 | 15,546 | 14,928 | 15,203 |
| Second          | 10,991 | 11,911 | 11,344 | 11,513 |
| Third           | 4,309  | 4,098  | 4,166  | 4,131  |
| Fourth          | 1,322  | 1,121  | 1,322  | 1,278  |
| Fifth & over    | 592    | 517    | 653    | 719    |

Source: Immigration & Checkpoints Authority

### Table 17: Resident total fertility rate by ethnic group (per female)

|         | 2009 | 2014 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---------|------|------|------|------|
| Overall | 1.22 | 1.25 | 1.14 | 1.14 |
| Chinese | 1.08 | 1.13 | 0.98 | 0.99 |
| Malays  | 1.82 | 1.73 | 1.85 | 1.80 |
| Indians | 1.14 | 1.13 | 1.00 | 0.98 |

Source: Department of Statistics

### Table 18: Profile of SCs and PRs granted in 2019

|                           | New Permanent Residents        | New Citizens  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Total                     | 32,915                         | 22,714        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| By age group (%)          |                                |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Above 40 years            | 7.0                            | 23.4          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 – 40 years             | 28.4                           | 24.5          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 – 30 years             | 38.5                           | 15.4          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 years and below        | 26.2                           | 36.7          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| By highest qualifica      | tion attained among those aged | 20 & over (%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Post-secondary            | 82.7                           | 78.1          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Secondary and below       | 17.3                           | 21.9          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | By region of origin (%)        |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Southeast Asian countries | 59.6                           | 62.7          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Asian countries     | 34.1                           | 32.0          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Others                    | 6.3                            | 5.3           |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: Immigration & Checkpoints Authority

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Citizen births refer to births born to at least one citizen parent. Resident births refer to births born to at least one citizen or PR parent.

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