

Population in Brief 2008

KEY INDICATORS

	2007	2008 ¹
OVERALL POPULATION		
Population Profile² ('000)		
Total Population	4,588.6	4,839.4
Resident Population	3,583.1	3,642.7
Citizen Population	3,133.8	3,164.4
PR Population	449.2	478.2
Non-Resident Population	1,005.5	1,196.7
Ageing Population		
Citizen Old-Age Support Ratio ³	7.6	7.5
OVERSEAS SINGAPOREANS⁴ ('000)		
Number of Overseas Singaporeans	147.5	153.5
MARRIAGE & FERTILITY		
Singlehood		
Proportion of Citizen Single Males Aged 30-34 Years (%)	40.5	NA
Proportion of Citizen Single Females Aged 30-34 Years (%)	28.4	NA
Proportion of Citizen Single Males Aged 45-49 Years (%)	13.4	NA
Proportion of Citizen Single Females Aged 45-49 Years (%)	13.5	NA
Marriage		
Number of Marriages Involving at Least One Citizen	20,775	9,475
General Marriage Rate Among Citizens (Per 1,000 Unmarried Males / Females)		
Males	41.7	NA
Females	39.9	NA
Median Age of Citizens at First Marriage (Years)		
Grooms	29.7	29.7
Brides	27.0	26.9
Birth and Fertility⁵		
Resident Total Fertility Rate ⁶	1.29	NA
Citizen Births ⁷	32,361	15,762
Median Age of Citizen Mothers at First Birth (Years)	29.4	29.4
Average Number of Children Born to Citizen Ever-Married Females Aged 40-49 Years	2.12	NA
Proportion of Citizen Ever-Married Females Aged 40-49 Years Who are Childless (%)	7.1	NA
IMMIGRATION		
Persons Granted PR	63,627	34,797
Persons Granted Singapore Citizenship	17,334	9,619
EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT²		
Employment		
Employed Residents Aged 15 Years and Over ('000)	1,842.1	NA
Resident Employment Rate (%)	62.6	NA
Unemployment		
Unemployed Residents (Seasonally Adjusted)	59,700	60,900 ^P
Resident Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted) (%)	3.1	3.1 ^P

NA: Not available

DETAILED POPULATION STATISTICS

OVERALL POPULATION**Table 1. Total Population (as of June) ('000)**

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Table 2. Resident Population by Race (as of June) ('000)

	2007	2008
Total	3,583.1	3,642.7
Chinese	2,687.0	2,721.8
Malays	490.6	495.1
Indians	313.4	323.4
Others	92.1	102.3

Table 3. Old-Age Support Ratio³

	2007	2008
Residents	8.5	8.4
Citizens	7.6	7.5

Table 4. Proportion of Resident Singles by Selected Age Group and Highest Qualification Attained, 2007 (%)

Age Group (Years) / Highest Qualification Attained	Males	Females
Aged 30-34	34.7	22.2
Below Secondary	44.5	14.6
Secondary	36.5	17.2
Post-Secondary	35.8	24.6
University	30.5	25.8
Aged 35-39	19.0	15.5
Below Secondary	30.8	10.5
Secondary	20.2	12.2
Post-Secondary	17.4	19.2
University	14.1	19.2
Aged 40-44	15.0	12.6
Below Secondary	21.6	9.6
Secondary	15.5	11.0
Post-Secondary	11.6	15.3
University	9.2	18.5
Aged 45-49	12.5	12.8
Below Secondary	17.8	9.2
Secondary	10.3	12.9
Post-Secondary	8.2	18.2
University	7.3	19.6

Table 5. Proportion of Citizen Singles by Selected Age Group and Highest Qualification Attained, 2007 (%)

Age Group (Years) / Highest Qualification Attained	Males	Females
Aged 30-34	40.5	28.4
Below Secondary	49.0	21.2
Secondary	38.8	22.4
Post-Secondary	40.1	29.7
University	38.3	33.1
Aged 35-39	22.7	18.4
Below Secondary	33.4	14.5
Secondary	22.0	14.0
Post-Secondary	20.2	20.7
University	18.3	24.7
Aged 40-44	17.0	13.9
Below Secondary	22.6	10.7
Secondary	16.5	12.0
Post-Secondary	12.4	17.3
University	11.5	22.5
Aged 45-49	13.4	13.5
Below Secondary	18.3	9.4
Secondary	10.7	13.2
Post-Secondary	8.6	19.4
University	8.1	25.7

Table 6. Number of Marriages by Residency Status of Grooms and Brides

Grooms	Brides	2007	2007 (January-June)	2008 (January-June)
Citizen	Citizen	12,689	5,456	5,712
Citizen	PR	1,202	500	560
Citizen	Non-Resident	4,998	2,402	2,382
PR	Citizen	716	310	312
PR	PR	766	324	374
PR	Non-Resident	1,014	506	507
Non-Resident	Citizen	1,170	568	509
Non-Resident	PR	533	232	269
Non-Resident	Non-Resident	878	406	439

Table 7. Number of Trans-National Marriages with Citizens⁸

	2007	2007 (January-June)	2008 (January-June)
Citizen with Non-Citizen Spouse	8,086	3,780	3,763
<i>Citizen Grooms with Non-Citizen Brides</i>			
Total	6,200	2,902	2,942
Americas	27	12	5
Asia	6,005	2,813	2,851
Europe	38	15	16
Oceania	19	9	10
Others	111	53	60
<i>Citizen Brides with Non-Citizen Grooms</i>			
Total	1,886	878	821
Americas	112	54	55
Asia	1,232	577	553
Europe	300	140	118
Oceania	118	57	36
Others	124	50	59

Table 8. Median Age at First Marriage (Years)

		2007	2007 (January-June)	2008 (January-June)
Residents	Grooms	29.7	29.7	29.8
	Brides	27.2	27.0	27.1
Citizens	Grooms	29.7	29.7	29.7
	Brides	27.0	26.8	26.9
PRs	Grooms	30.0	30.0	30.1
	Brides	28.3	28.3	28.2

**Table 9. General Marriage Rate
(Per 1,000 Unmarried Males / Females)**

		2007
Residents	Males	43.8
	Females	42.6
Citizens	Males	41.7
	Females	39.9

Table 10. Number of Births by Birth Order

Birth Order	2007	2007 (January-June)	2008 (January-June)
Resident Births	37,074	17,325	18,032
First	17,005	7,772	8,614
Second	13,135	6,216	6,224
Third	4,878	2,342	2,220
Fourth	1,490	722	717
Fifth & Over	566	273	257
Citizen Births	32,361	15,201	15,762
First	14,700	6,779	7,408
Second	11,254	5,337	5,375
Third	4,439	2,135	2,033
Fourth	1,420	689	693
Fifth & Over	548	261	253
Births to a PR and Non-Citizen	4,713	2,124	2,270
First	2,305	993	1,206
Second	1,881	879	849
Third	439	207	187
Fourth	70	33	24
Fifth & Over	18	12	4

Table 11. Resident Total Fertility Rate⁶

	2007
Overall	1.29
Chinese	1.14
Malays	1.94
Indians	1.25
Others	1.89

Table 12. Median Age of Mothers at First Birth (Years)

	2007	2007 (January-June)	2008 (January-June)
Residents	29.7	29.8	29.7
Citizens	29.4	29.5	29.4
PRs	30.4	30.4	30.3

Table 13. Average Number of Children Born to Ever-Married Females Aged 40-49 Years

	2007
Residents	2.07
Citizens	2.12

Table 14. Proportion of Ever-Married Females Aged 40-49 Years Who are Childless (%)

	2007
Residents	7.7
Citizens	7.1

Table 15. Persons Granted PR

	2007	2007 (January-June)	2008 (January-June)
Total	63,627	28,518	34,797
By Highest Qualification Attained ⁹ Among New PRs Aged 20 & Over (%)			
Post-Secondary	76.4	75.6	77.4
Secondary & Below	23.1	24.0	22.0
Not Stated	0.5	0.4	0.6

Table 16. Persons Granted Singapore Citizenship

	2007	2007 (January-June)	2008 (January-June)
Total	17,334	7,273	9,619
By Highest Qualification Attained ⁹ Among New Citizens Aged 20 & Over (%)			
Post-Secondary	67.4	63.8	61.8
Secondary & Below	32.0	35.8	35.0
Not Stated	0.7	0.4	3.3

Notes

- 1 Data pertain to January-June.
- 2 Data as of June.
- 3 The old-age support ratio refers to the number of persons aged 15-64 years per elderly person aged 65 years and over.
- 4 Defined as Singapore citizens with 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. 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. Data on Overseas Singaporeans who left Singapore before 1 Jan 2000 are not available. Data as of June.
- 5 2008 birth data are based on date of registration. Figures are provisional and subject to amendments.
- 6 Total fertility rate refers to the average number of children that would be born per female, if all females live through their childbearing years of 15-49 and bear children according to a given set of age-specific fertility rates.
- 7 Citizen births refer to births born to at least one citizen parent.
- 8 "Americas" consist of persons with "United States of America" and "Canada" nationalities. "Oceania" will consist of "Australia", "New Zealand" and "Papua New Guinea".
- 9 "Post-Secondary" includes JC, ITE, Diploma and Degree holders while "Secondary & Below" includes trade certificates.
- P Preliminary

List of Relevant Publications

Singapore Department of Statistics

Monthly Digest of Statistics

Statistics on Marriages & Divorces, 2007

Yearbook of Statistics, 2008

Singapore in Figures, 2008

Ministry of Community Development, Youth & Sports

Singapore Social Statistics in Brief, 2008

Immigration & Checkpoints Authority

Report on Registration of Births & Deaths, 2007

Singapore Demographic Bulletin

Ministry of Manpower

Labour Market, Second Quarter 2008

Report on Labour Force in Singapore, 2007

Singapore Yearbook of Manpower Statistics, 2008

For more information, you may visit the following websites:

National Population Secretariat	:	www.nps.gov.sg
Singapore Department of Statistics	:	www.singstat.gov.sg
Ministry of Community Development, Youth & Sports	:	www.mcys.gov.sg
Ministry of Home Affairs	:	www.mha.gov.sg
Immigration & Checkpoints Authority	:	www.ica.gov.sg
Ministry of Manpower	:	www.mom.gov.sg

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