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SLOWEST POPULATION GROWTH IN NINE YEARS

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The Singapore population grew by 1.6 %, the slowest growth in the past nine years. As of June 2013, Singapore's total population was 5.40 million.

The citizen population grew by 0.9% to 3.31 million - and continued to grow older, with 11.7% aged 65 and above. The ethnic profile of the citizen population continues to remain stable. Meanwhile, the permanent resident (PR) population remained stable at 0.53 million.

Growth in the non-resident population slowed, mainly due to slower foreign employment growth. Growth in foreign employment in the non-construction sectors slowed to about half compared to the year before, while the bulk of foreign employment growth was from the construction sector to support key infrastructure projects such as housing and transport.

More Singaporeans are getting married, and our birth rates have improved. Our resident Total Fertility Rate (TFR) increased from 1.20 in 2011 to 1.29 in 2012, with improvements seen across all ethnic groups.