

Population in Brief 2020



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OVERVIEW



Population in Brief is an annual publication providing key updates and trends on Singapore's population.

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.



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.



KEY INDICATORS

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 ¹	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, 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

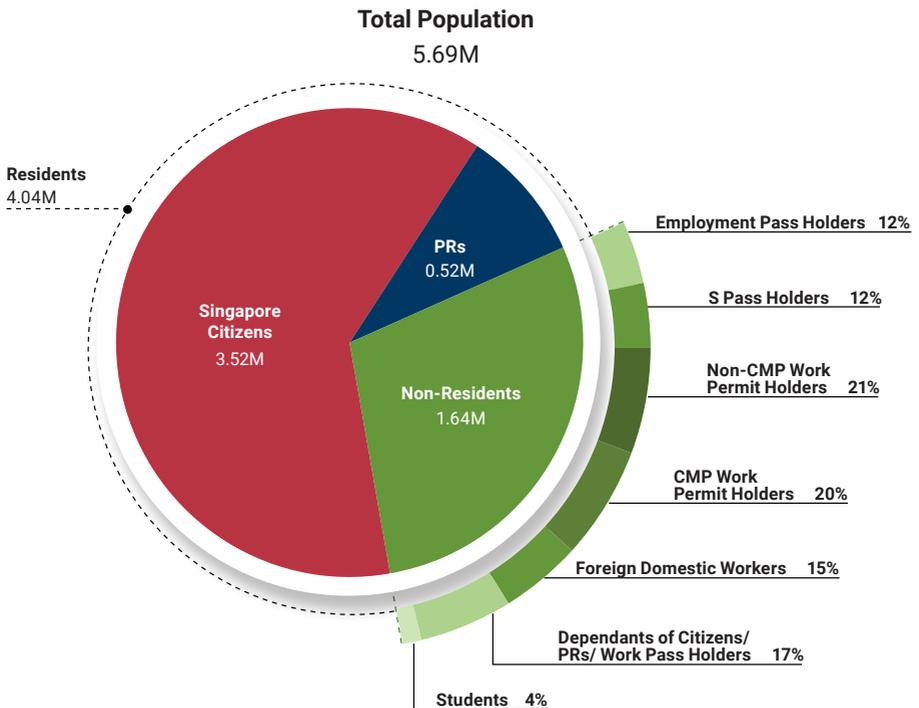
¹ Total fertility rate refers to the average number of live-births each female would have during her reproductive years (15 – 49 years old) if she were subject to the prevailing age specific fertility rates in the population in the given year.

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.

Diagram 1: Total population, as of Jun 2020²



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

² The figures are based on stock numbers as of end Jun 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).

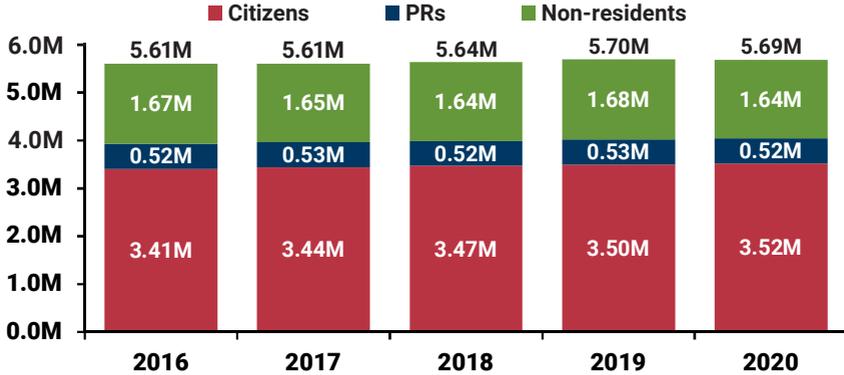
S Pass Holders are mid-level skilled staff who need to earn at least \$2,400 a month and have the relevant qualifications and work experience. From 1 Oct 2020 onwards, the minimum qualifying salary will be \$2,500.

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.

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

Chart 1: Total population by residency status, as of Jun

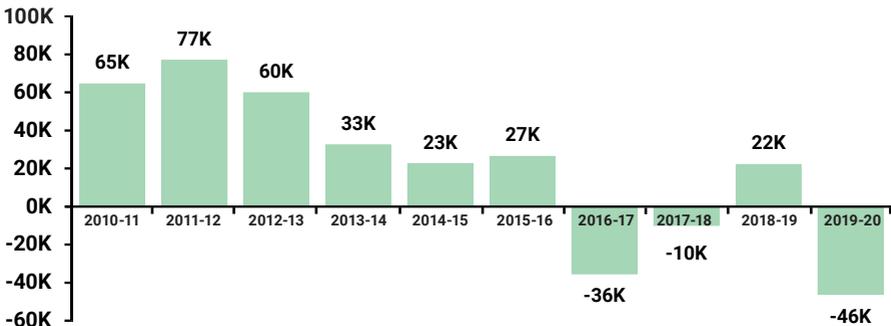


Source: Department of Statistics
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The non-resident population was 1.64 million as of Jun 2020, a decrease of 2.1% from Jun 2019. This was largely due to a reduction in foreign employment in Services from Jun 2019 to Jun 2020 (Chart 2). By pass type, 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 growth³, as of Jun



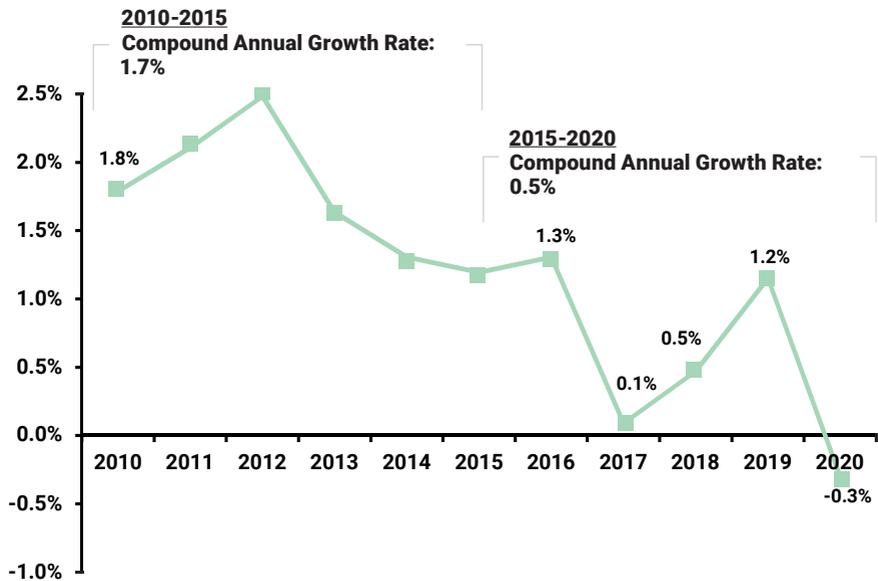
Source: Ministry of Manpower

³ Foreign domestic workers are excluded in the figures.

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

Chart 3: Total population growth rate per year, as of Jun (%)



Source: Department of Statistics

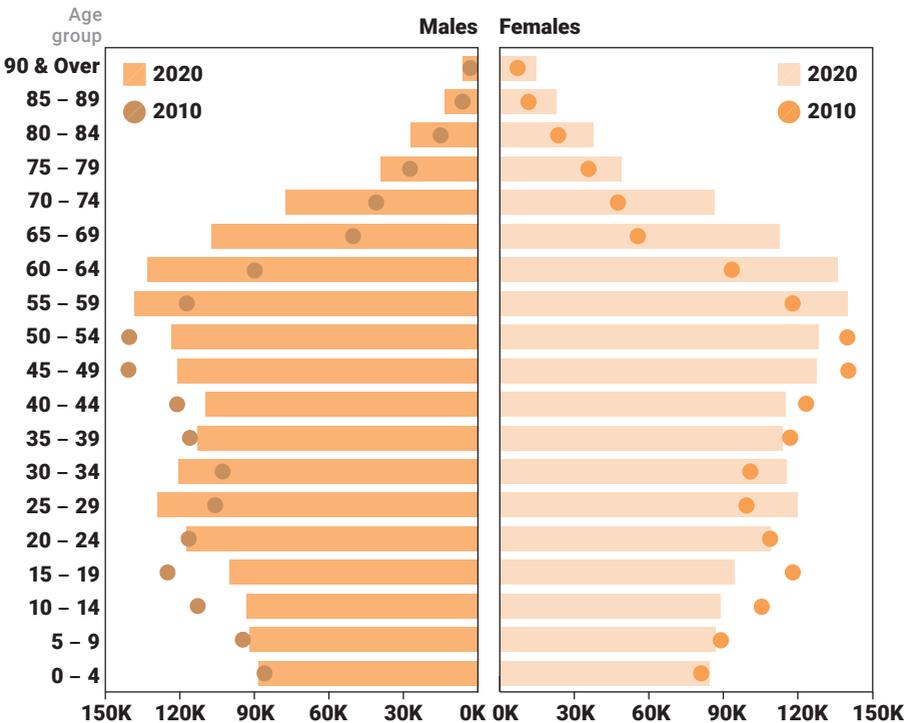
AGEING



With increasing life expectancy and low fertility rates, the proportion of our citizen population aged 65 years and above is rising⁴, and at a faster pace compared to the last decade. Large cohorts of "baby boomers"⁵ 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

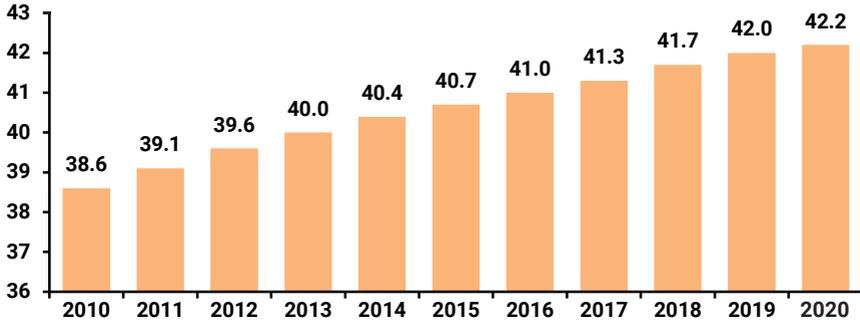
⁴ The benchmark of 65 years is aligned with international statistical definitions.

⁵ 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.

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).

Median Age of Citizens Increased

Chart 5: Median age of citizens, as of Jun (years)

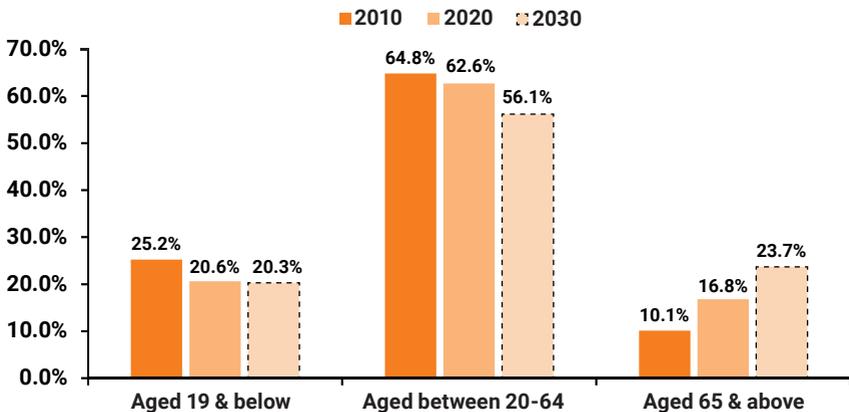


Source: Department of Statistics

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

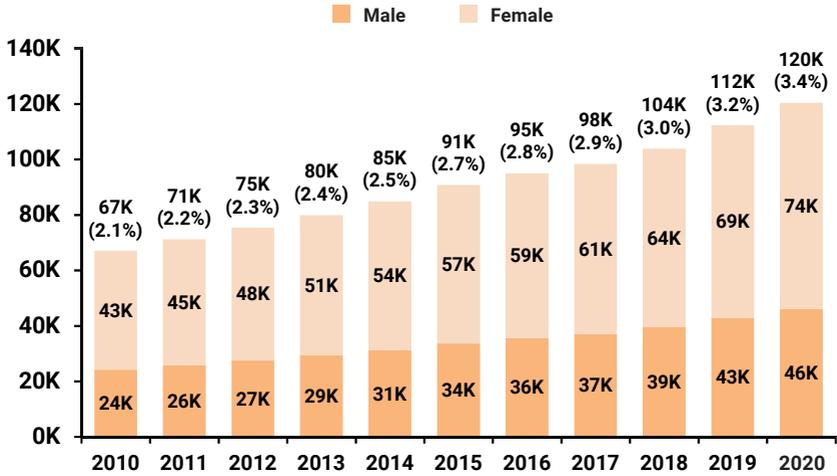


Source: Department of Statistics

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
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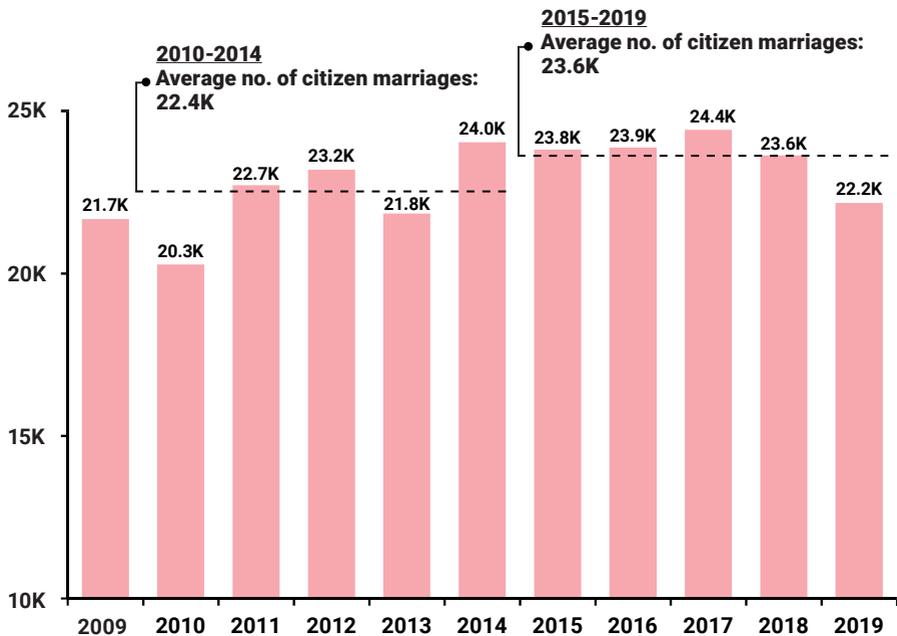
MARRIAGE & PARENTHOOD



There were 22,165 citizen marriages⁶ 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, [Chart 8](#)). 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 Previous Five-Year Period

Chart 8: Citizen marriages



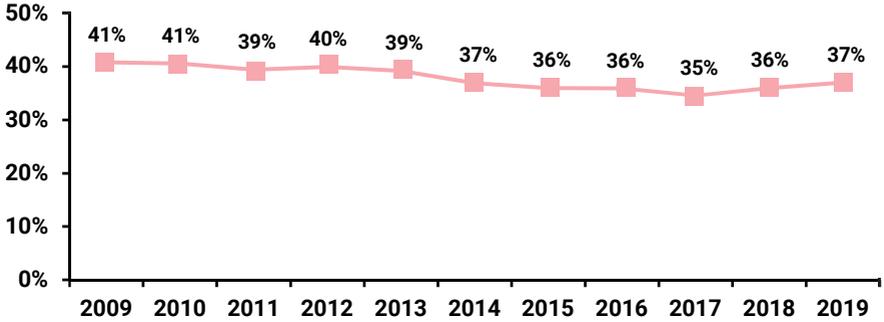
Source: Department of Statistics

The figures are based on the full calendar year (Jan to Dec).

⁶ Citizen marriages refer to marriages involving at least one citizen.

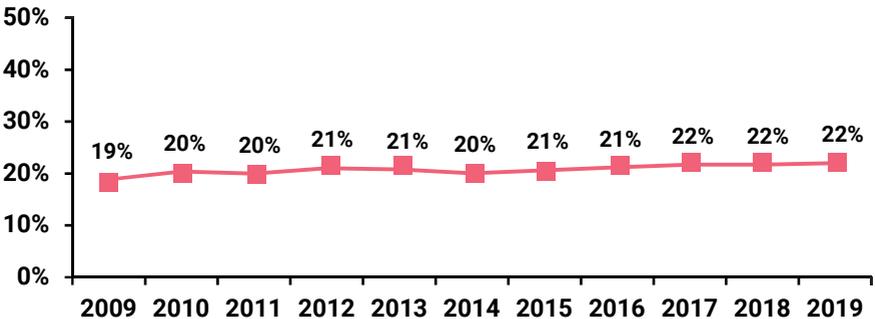
Slightly more than 1 in 3 citizen marriages last year involved transnational⁷ couples (Chart 9). About 1 in 5 citizen marriages last year were inter-ethnic⁸ (Chart 10).

Chart 9: Transnational marriages as a proportion of citizen marriages



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

Chart 10: Inter-ethnic marriages as a proportion of citizen marriages



Source: Department of Statistics
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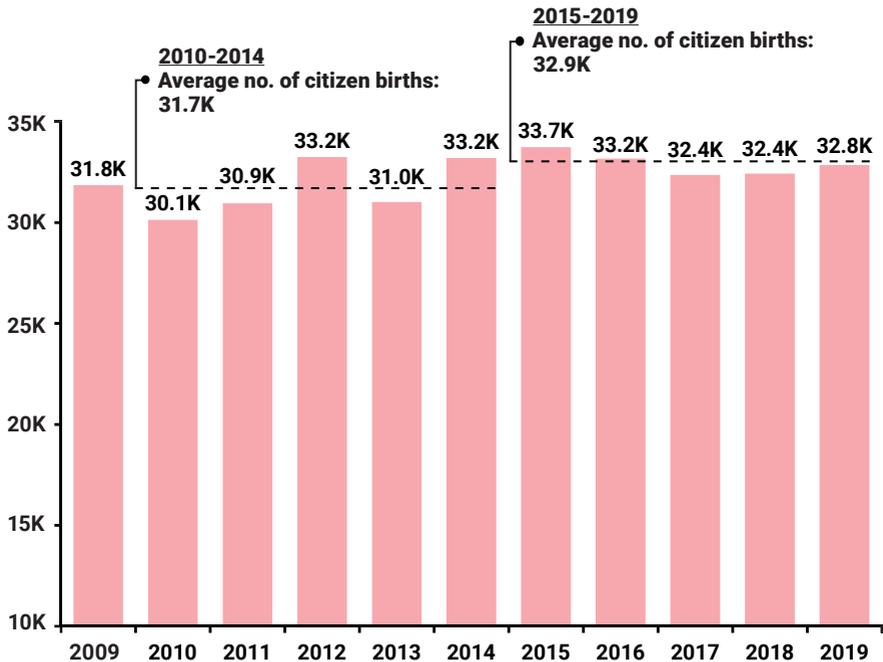
⁷ Transnational marriages refer to marriages between a citizen and a non-citizen (i.e. permanent resident or non-resident).

⁸ Inter-ethnic marriages refer to marriages between persons of different races.

There were 32,844 citizen births⁹ in 2019, compared to 32,413 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, [Chart 11](#)). The median age of citizen mothers at first birth was 30.6 years in 2019. This remains similar to the median age of 30.4 years in 2018.

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

Chart 11: Citizen births



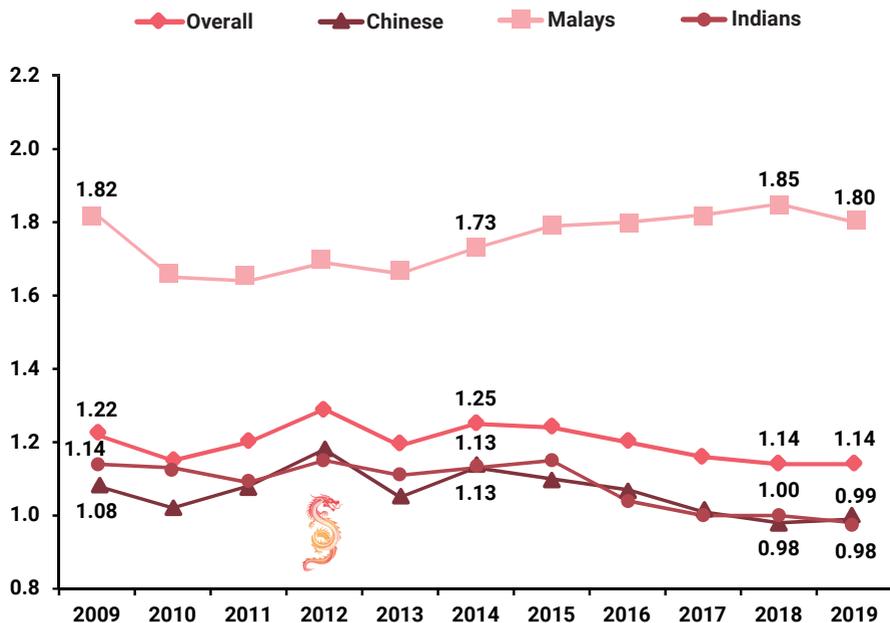
Source: Immigration & Checkpoints Authority
The figures are based on the full calendar year (Jan to Dec).

⁹ Citizen births refer to babies born to at least one citizen parent.

The resident total fertility rate (TFR)¹⁰ 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.

Overall TFR Remained at 1.14 in 2019

Chart 12: Resident TFR by ethnic group (per female)



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).

¹⁰ 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.

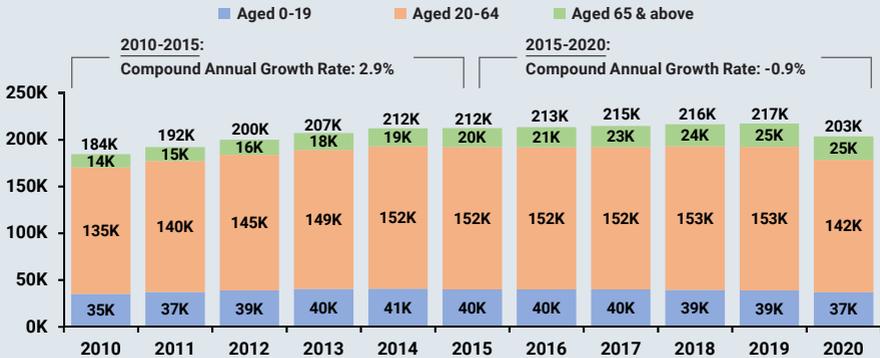
OVERSEAS SINGAPOREANS



Slower growth in total number of Overseas Singaporeans (OS)¹¹ 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 (Chart 13). 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.

Chart 13: Number of Overseas Singaporeans, by broad age groups, as of Jun



Source: Department of Statistics

Numbers may not sum up due to rounding

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 (Chart 14). 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.

Chart 14: Number of Overseas Singaporeans per 100 Singapore Citizens, by selected age groups, as of Jun



Source: Department of Statistics

¹¹ 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 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.

¹² 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.

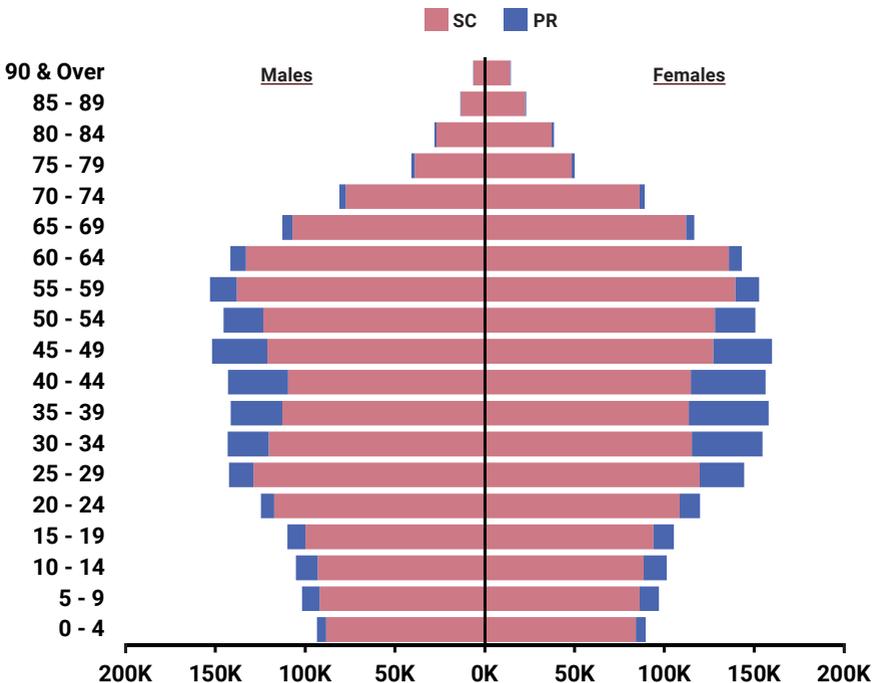
IMMIGRATION & CITIZENS BY DESCENT



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 (Chart 15). 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.

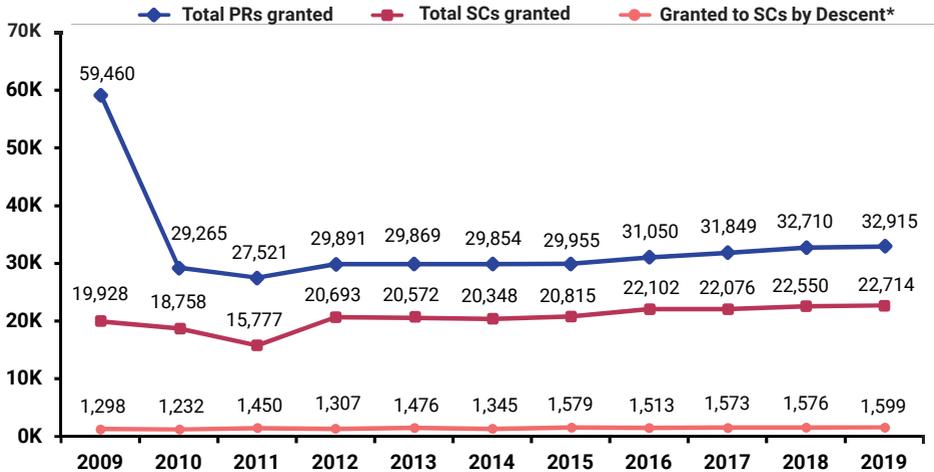
Chart 15: Age pyramid of resident population, as of Jun 2020



Source: Department of Statistics

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).

Chart 16: Number of SCs and PRs granted



*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).

ANNEX

DETAILED STATISTICAL TABLES



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

	2010	2015	2019	2020
Residents 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

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 2: Singapore citizens by age group, ethnic group and gender, Jun 2020

Age Group (Years)	Total			Chinese			Malays			Indians			Others		
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
Total	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	9.9	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	9.9	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	9.0	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	0.6	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 & 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

Source: Department of Statistics

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 population¹³, 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 (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

¹³ 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 / females
aged 25 – 49 years by age group, as of Jun (%)

	2009	2014	2018	2019
Proportion of singles among citizens 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	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 singles among citizen 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

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 8: Proportion of singles among citizens by age group, gender and highest qualification attained, as of Jun¹⁴ (%)

Age group (years) / Highest qualification attained	2009		2014		2019	
	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 (Non-Tertiary)	35.2	23.5	35.8	26.8	34.2	24.8
Diploma & Professional 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 (Non-Tertiary)	15.1	14.1	15.5	16.2	18.9	16.4
Diploma & Professional 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

¹⁴ 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
Citizen marriages (i.e. marriages involving at least 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
Residents	Males	43.4	44.4	43.3	40.7
	Females	38.9	40.8	40.8	37.9
Citizens	Males	41.5	43.5	43.3	40.5
	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
	Females	27.5	28.1	28.3	28.6
Citizens	Males	29.9	30.1	29.9	30.1
	Females	27.4	27.9	28.2	28.4

Source: Department of Statistics

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 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 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 years by residency status of females, as of Jun (per ever-married female)

	2009		2014		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 (%)

	2009		2014		2018		2019	
	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

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 16: Number of births by birth order and residency status¹⁵

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

¹⁵ 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.

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 qualification 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

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