

# Parliamentary reply by DPM Teo Chee Hean on breakdown of non-resident population

## WRITTEN ANSWER

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### Mr Gan Thiam Poh:

To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the percentage breakdown of our 1.39 million nonresident population in terms of (i) ;foreign professionals (ii) mid-level skilled foreigners (iii) skilled and semi-skilled foreigners (iv) foreigners' dependants and (v) foreign students; and (b) what is the percentage breakdown by country of origin for (i) the 1.39 million nonresidents; and (ii) the 0.53 million permanent residents.

### Mr Teo Chee Hean (for the Prime Minister):

(a) Our non-resident population was 1.39 million as at June 2011. The percentage breakdown of the non-resident population by pass types is in Table 1.

Table 1: Percentage Breakdown of Non-Resident Population (As at June 2011)

Non-Residents	Jun 2011 (%)
Employment Pass Holders	8%
S Pass Holders	12%
Work Permit Holders <sup>1</sup>	60%
Dependants of Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Work Pass Holders <sup>2</sup>	14%
Foreign Students <sup>3</sup>	6%
<b>Total<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>100%</b>

Note 1: Includes foreign domestic workers.

Note 2: Holders of Dependant Passes and Long Term Visit Passes

Note 3: Student Pass holders in MOE schools/ post-secondary education institutions, foreign system schools and private education institutions

Note 4: Excludes Work Passes that are in process.

Foreign domestic workers and construction workers make up the majority of Work Permit holders.

(b) The percentage breakdown by country of origin of the 1.39 million non-residents and 0.53 million permanent residents is in Table 2 and Table 3 respectively.

Table 2: Percentage Breakdown by Country of Origin of Non-Resident Population (As at June 2011)

<b>Non-Residents</b>	<b>Jun 2011 (%)</b>
Southeast Asian countries	46%
Other Asian countries	47%
Other countries	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 3: Percentage Breakdown by Country of Origin of Permanent Resident Population (As at June 2011)

<b>Permanent Residents</b>	<b>Jun 2011 (%)</b>
Southeast Asian countries	59%
Other Asian countries	34%
Other countries	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>