

STATISTICS ON MARRIAGE AND PARENTHOOD

Table 1: Take-up of Selected Schemes in Parenthood Package

Scheme	Take-up	Remarks
Baby Bonus	\$420 million in cash to parents of 133,000 newborns \$270 million for 89,000 co-savings accounts	since April 2001
Government-Paid Maternity Leave	28,000 mothers	since August 2004
Parenthood Tax Rebate	46,000 parents claimed \$70 million	Year of Assessment 2006
Working Mothers' Child Relief	131,000 mothers claimed \$111 million	Year of Assessment 2006
Grandparent Caregiver Relief	26,000 parents claimed \$4 million	Year of Assessment 2006
Work-Life Works! Fund	\$10 million expected to be fully committed by mid-2007	since August 2004

Table 2: Parenthood Indicators

Indicator	Past	Present
Total Fertility Rate	2.1 in 1976	1.25 in 2004 and 2005
Number of babies	35,100 babies born in 2004 35,630 babies registered ¹ in 2005	35,500 babies born in 2005 (+400) 36,200 babies registered in 2006 (+570)
MCYS Survey	56% of married persons indicated that they would consider having (more) children (earlier) 83% indicated that the package had helped to make Singapore more family-friendly	

¹ Figures for actual births in 2006 are not yet available (end-March). "Registered" births include those born outside of 2006 as parents are given some time to register their newborns. Some actual births in 2006 may not be registered yet.

Table 3: Trends in Marriage and Parenthood

Indicator	1990	2005
Singlehood		
Age 30-34	Male citizens: 33.9%	Male citizens: 37.4%
	Female citizens: 20.9%	Female citizens: 26.3%
Age 35-39	Male citizens: 17.8%	Male citizen: 22.2%
	Female citizens: 14.7%	Female citizens: 17.2%
Median age at first marriage	Male citizens: 28 years Female citizens: 25 years	Male citizens: 30 years Female citizens: 27 years
Median age of Singaporean females at first birth	27.5 years	29 years
Average number of children born to married Singaporean females	2.8	2.2
Proportion of married Singaporean females aged 40-49 who were childless	4.4%	6.6%