



2014 POPULATION IN BRIEF

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OVERVIEW

1. Population in Brief is an annual publication by the National Population and Talent Division (NPTD) that provides relevant information on Singapore's population landscape. It contains a collation of key population indicators and demographic trends.

2. Our goal is to promote understanding of the factors that contribute to a sustainable population in Singapore. A sustainable population is one that is balanced across the three pillars of a **strong and cohesive society** with a strong Singaporean core, a **dynamic and vibrant economy** to provide good jobs and opportunities for Singaporeans, and a **high quality living environment**.

3. Key highlights:

- Singapore's total population was 5.47 million as of June 2014. The total population grew by 1.3% from June 2013 to June 2014, the slowest growth rate in the last decade.
- The citizen population grew at the same pace as last year to 3.34 million, with citizen births and immigration. The citizen population continues to age, with 12.4% aged 65 and above compared to 11.7% last year. The permanent resident (PR) population remained stable at 0.53 million.
- The growth in the non-resident population slowed to 2.9%, down from 4.0% in the previous year. This was due to concrete steps taken to slow the growth of our foreign workforce to a more sustainable pace. Going forward, businesses will face a tight labour market as we restructure the economy. Nonetheless, Singapore remains business-friendly, and we will help businesses to grow and succeed here, to create quality jobs for Singaporeans.

KEY INDICATORS

OVERALL POPULATION	2013	2014
Citizen population ('000)	3,313.5	3,343.0
Permanent Resident (PR) population ('000)	531.2	527.7
Resident population ('000)	3,844.8	3,870.7
Non-resident population ('000)	1,554.4	1,599.0
Total population ('000)	5,399.2	5,469.7
AGE PROFILE OF CITIZENS	2013	2014
Citizen old-age support ratio ¹	5.5	5.2
Citizen median age (years)	40.0	40.4
Proportion aged 65 and above (%)	11.7	12.4
MARRIAGE & PARENTHOOD	2012	2013
Number of marriages involving at least one citizen	23,192	21,842
Citizen births	33,238	31,017
Resident total fertility rate ²	1.29	1.19

Note: All data as of June of each year, except for Marriage & Parenthood which is as of December of each year.

Source: Department of Statistics

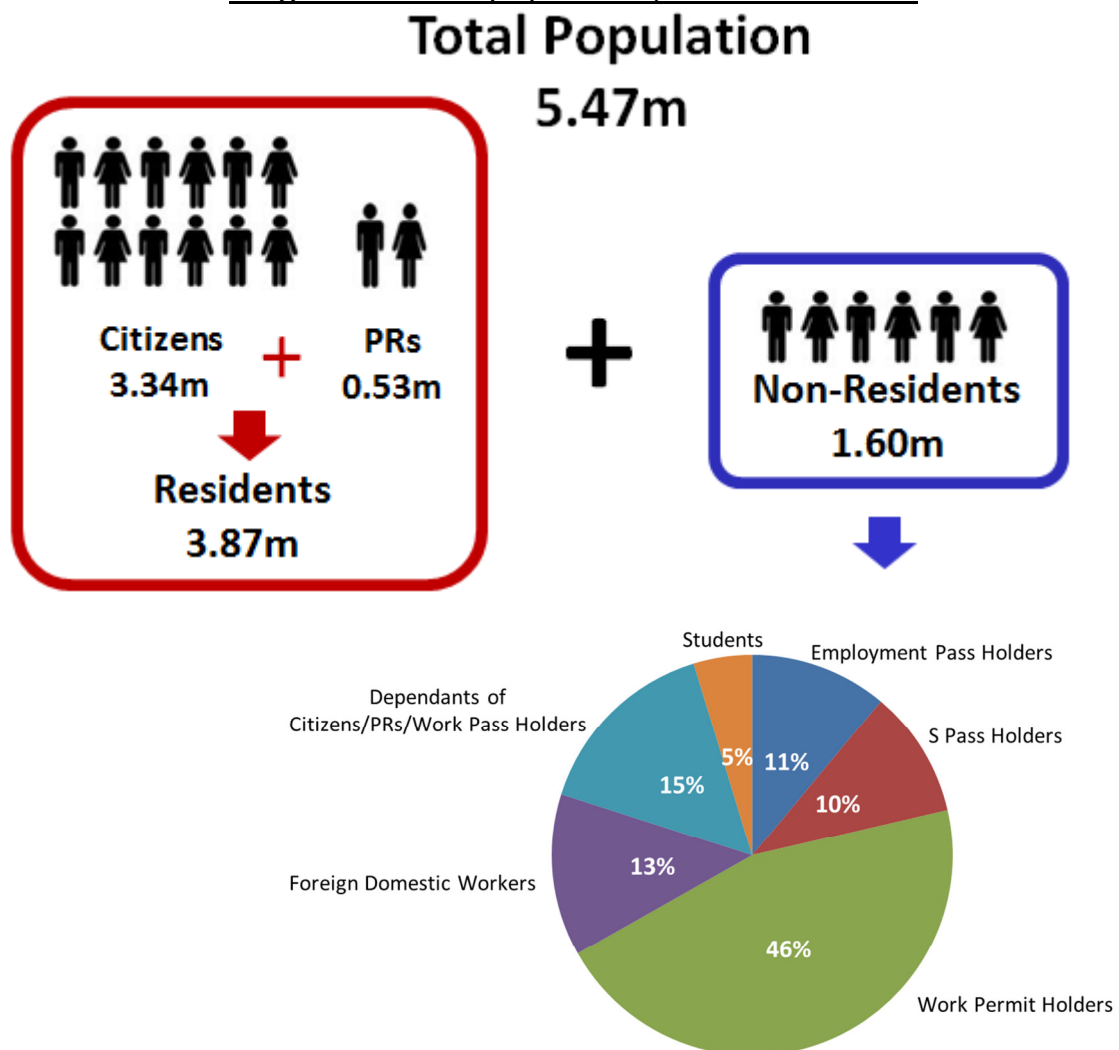
¹ The old-age support ratio refers to the number of persons aged 20-64 years per person aged 65 years and over.

² Total fertility rate refers to the average number of children who 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.

OVERALL POPULATION

1. There were 3.34 million Singapore citizens as of end June 2014. Together with 0.53 million permanent residents, there were 3.87 million residents. Non-residents numbered 1.60 million, comprising individuals holding work passes, dependants and international students. Singapore's total population was 5.47 million.

Diagram 1: Total population, as of June 2014³



Source: Department of Statistics, Ministry of Manpower

³ The figures are based on stock numbers as of end June 2014.

Work Permit Holders are mostly in occupations which face difficulties in hiring Singaporeans (e.g. construction workers).

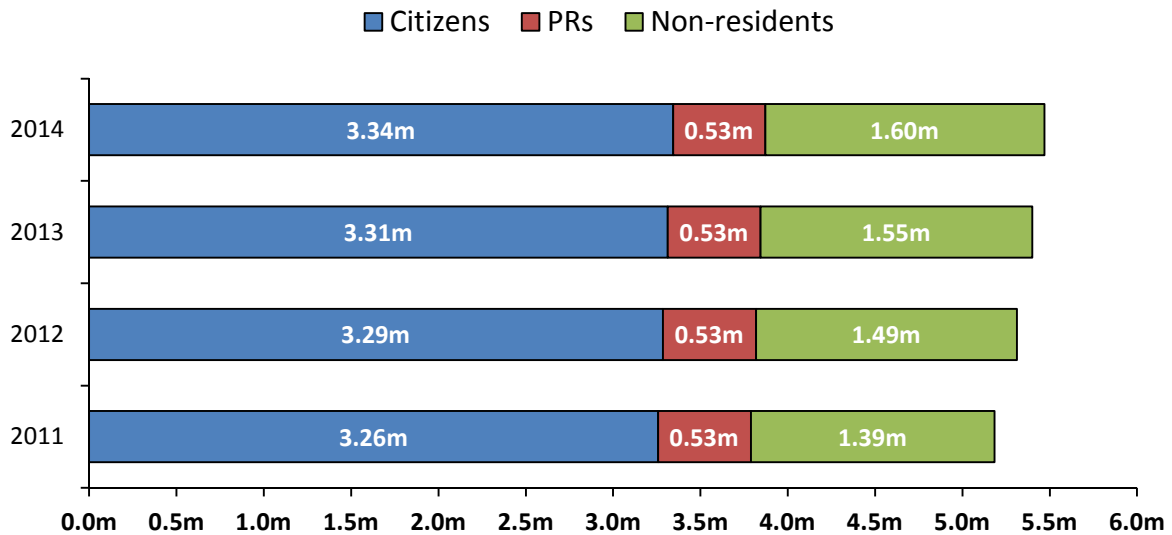
S Pass holders work in various industries such as retail, manufacturing, and healthcare (e.g. allied healthcare workers), as well as in social and voluntary welfare sectors as care-givers for the elderly.

Employment Pass Holders work in managerial, executive or specialised jobs.

2. The citizen population grew by 0.9%, similar to last year, through citizen births and immigration. The PR population remained stable at 0.53 million (Chart 1).

Stable Growth in Citizen Population; Stable PR Population Size

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

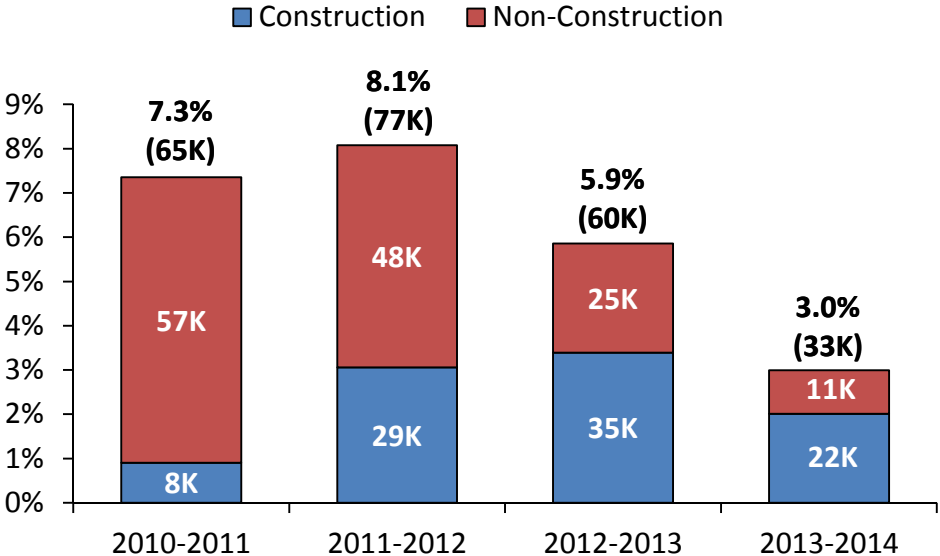


Source: Department of Statistics

3. The growth of the non-resident population slowed to 2.9%, down from 4.0% in the previous year. The Government has taken concrete steps to slow the growth of our foreign workforce, as well as to develop infrastructure to keep pace with our population needs. Foreign employment growth slowed to a more sustainable pace of 3.0%, compared to 5.9% the previous year. Foreign employment growth was mainly driven by the construction sector (Chart 2).

**Foreign Employment Growth Slowed Across All Sectors;
Growth mainly in Construction Sector**

Chart 2: Foreign employment growth by sector⁴, as of June



Source: Ministry of Manpower

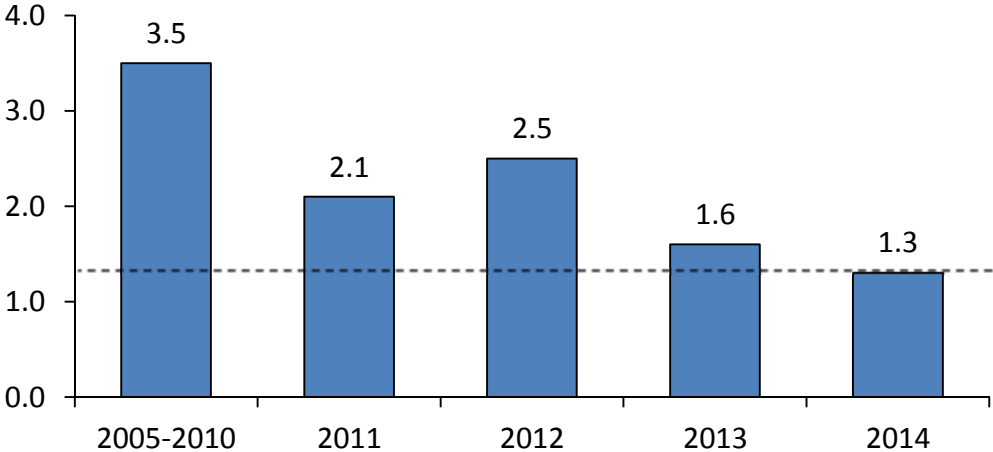
4. Going forward, businesses will face a tight labour market as we restructure the economy. Nonetheless, Singapore remains business-friendly, and we will continue to help businesses to grow and succeed here, to create quality jobs for Singaporeans.

⁴ The figures refer to foreigners employed at any time in the month, in line with internationally accepted statistical definition of employment. Foreign domestic workers are excluded in the figures.

5. As a result of the moderation in foreign employment growth, our total population growth slowed to 1.3% last year. This is the slowest population growth rate in the last decade (Chart 3).

Slowest Population Growth in a Decade

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



Source: Department of Statistics

CITIZEN POPULATION

6. With increasing life expectancy and low fertility rates, our citizen population continues to age. There are more citizens in the older age groups today as the ‘post-war baby boomers’ enter their silver years (Chart 4a). The proportion of citizens aged 65 years⁵ and above increased from 11.7% in 2013 to 12.4% in 2014. The median age of the citizen population rose from 40.0 years in 2013 to 40.4 years in 2014 (Chart 4b).

A More Aged Citizen Population

Chart 4a: Age profile of citizen population, as of June

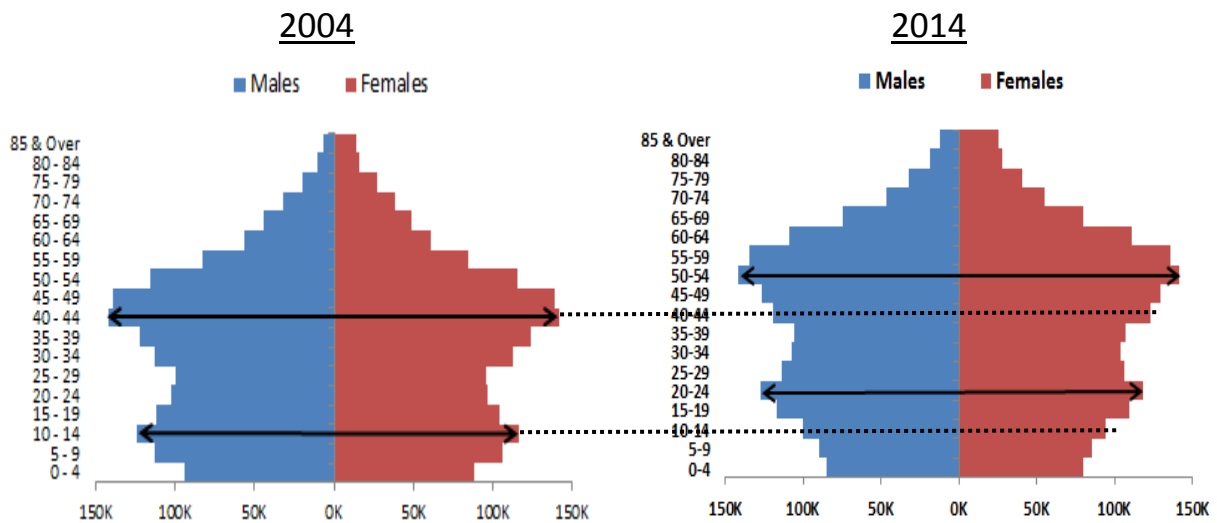
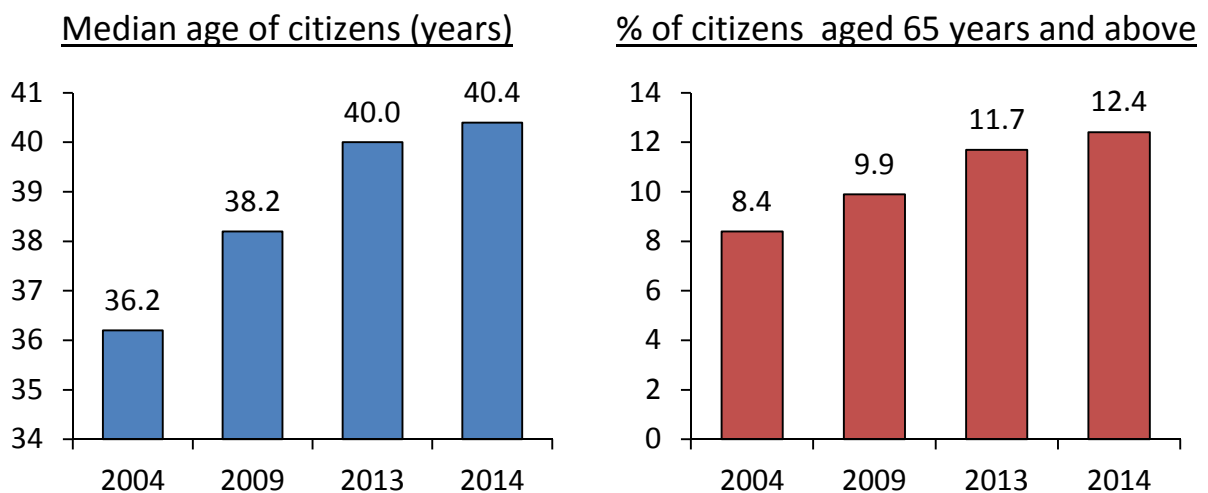


Chart 4b: Median age and proportion of citizens aged 65 years and above



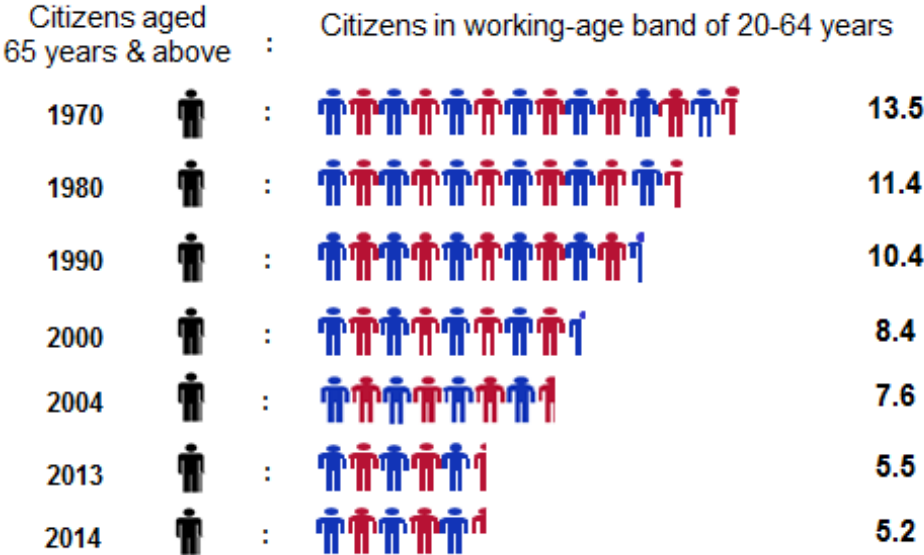
Source: Department of Statistics

⁵ The benchmark of 65 years is used to align with international statistical norms.

7. Currently, there are 5.2 citizens in the working age band of 20-64 years, for each citizen aged 65 years and above (Chart 5). This is a decline from 7.6 in 2004.

Fewer Working-Age Adults to Each Citizen Aged 65 and Above

Chart 5: Citizen old-age support ratio, 1970-2014

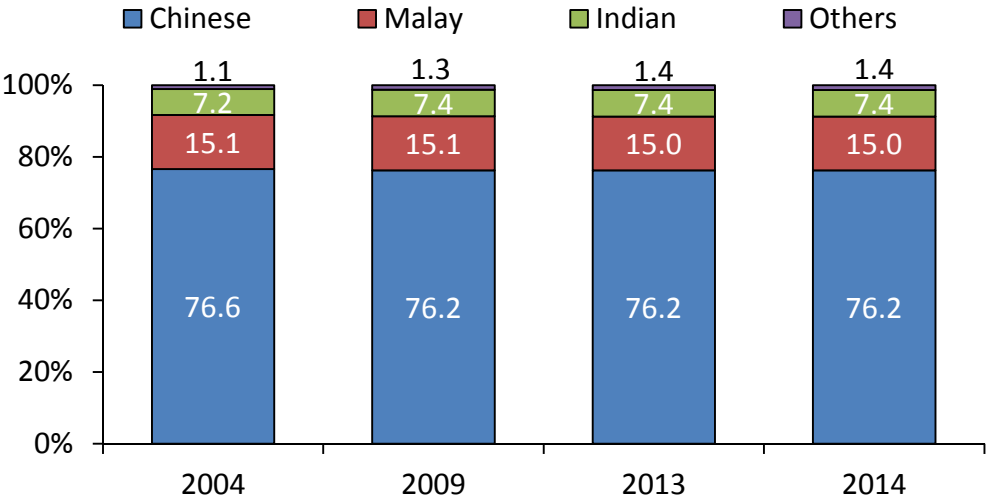


Source: Department of Statistics

8. The ethnic mix of our citizen population remained stable (Chart 6).

Stable Ethnic Mix for Our Citizen Population

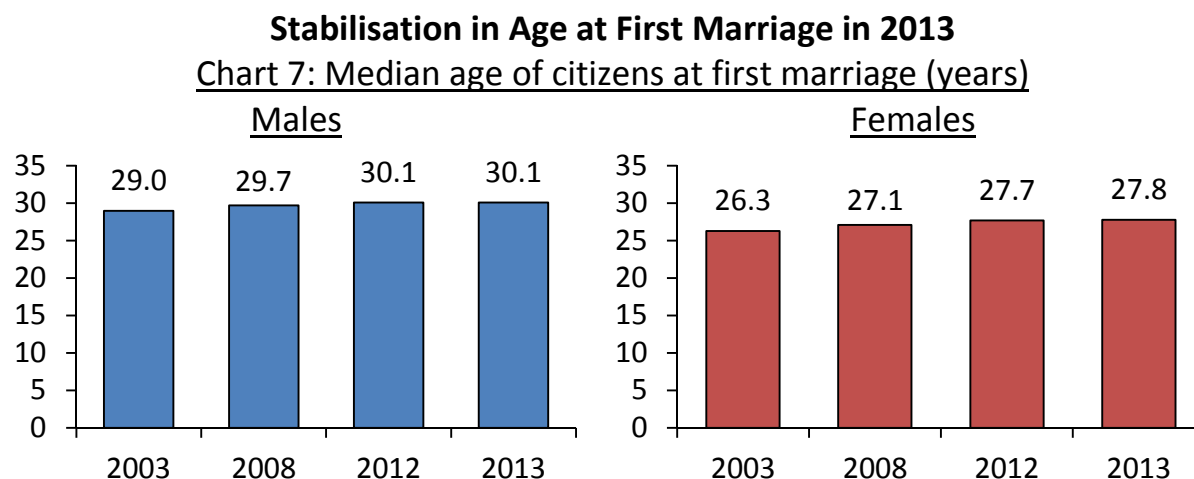
Chart 6: Ethnic profile of citizen population (%)



Source: Department of Statistics

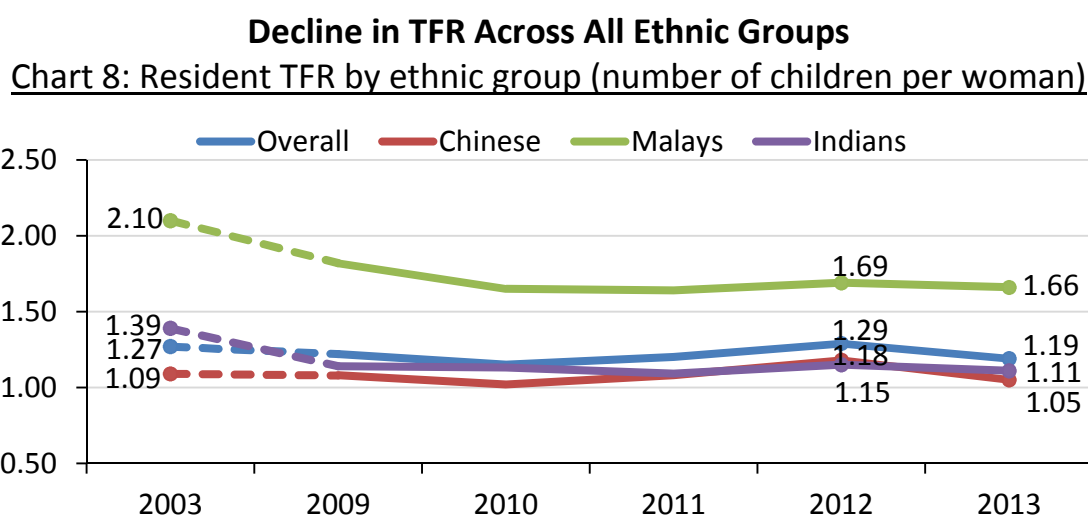
MARRIAGE & PARENTHOOD

9. The number of marriages involving at least one citizen has decreased from 23,192 in 2012 to 21,842 in 2013. The median age at first marriage has remained stable for both genders from 2012 to 2013 (Chart 7).



Source: Department of Statistics

10. Resident total fertility rate (TFR)⁶ dipped from 1.29 in 2012 (Dragon Year) to 1.19 in 2013. However, the dip from 2012 to 2013 was gentler compared to previous post-dragon years.⁷ The decrease was seen across all ethnic groups, with Chinese experiencing the largest decline (Chart 8).



Source: Department of Statistics

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.

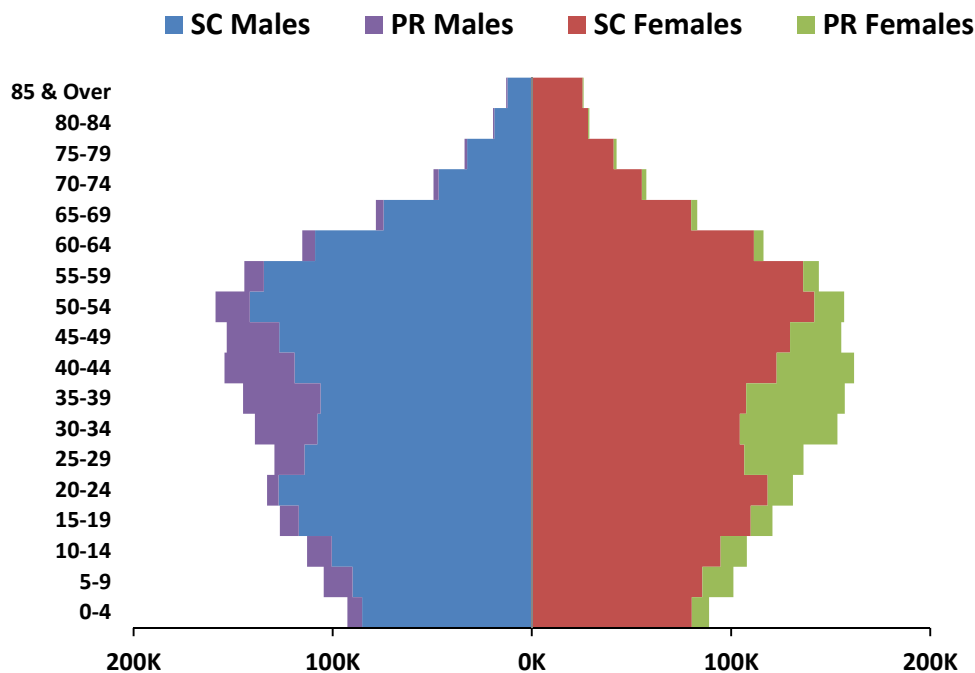
⁷ The TFR dip from 2012 to 2013 was 8%, compared to previous post-dragon years, which saw a dip of 12% from 2000 to 2001, and 11% from 1988 to 1989.

IMMIGRATION

11. Immigration helps to balance the shrinking and ageing of our citizen population. Majority of our PRs are in the prime working ages of 25-49 years (Chart 9).

Immigration Helps To Balance the Shrinking and Ageing of Our Citizen Population

Chart 9: Age pyramid of resident population, as of June 2014



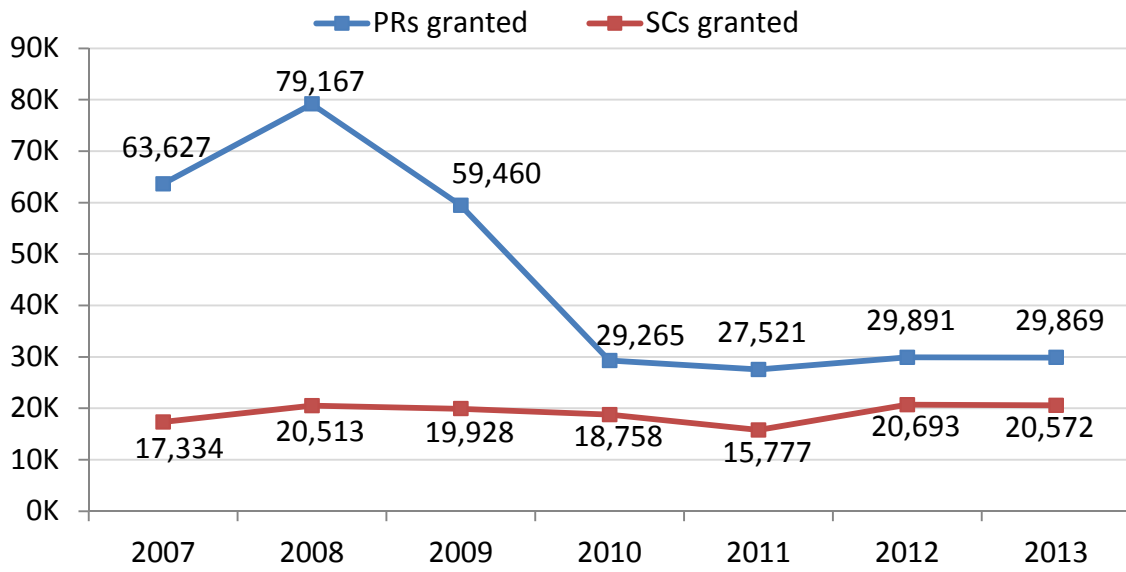
Source: Department of Statistics

12. Our approach to immigration is a calibrated one. We have granted about 20,000 new citizens each year (Chart 10). We plan to continue taking in between 15,000 and 25,000 new citizens each year to keep our citizen population from shrinking.

13. Permanent residence is an intermediate step through which suitable foreigners and spouses take up citizenship in Singapore. Since the tightening of the immigration framework in late 2009, we have taken in about 30,000 new PRs a year. We will grant about 30,000 PRs each year, to keep the PR population stable at between 0.5 and 0.6 million and to ensure a pool of suitable candidates for citizenship.

Number of SCs and PRs Granted Stable in Last 4 Years

Chart 10: Number of SCs and PRs granted, 2007-2013



Source: Immigration & Checkpoints Authority

ANNEX

Detailed Statistical Tables

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

	2004	2009	2013	2014
Citizens	3,057.1	3,200.7	3,313.5	3,343.0
PRs	356.2	533.2	531.2	527.7
Residents	3,413.3	3,733.9	3,844.8	3,870.7
Non-residents	753.4	1,253.7	1,554.4	1,599.0
Total	4,166.7	4,987.6	5,399.2	5,469.7

Source: Department of Statistics

**Table 2: Old-age support ratio, as of June
(persons aged 20-64 years per person aged 65 years & above)**

	2004	2009	2013	2014
Residents	8.4	7.5	6.4	6.0
Citizens	7.6	6.5	5.5	5.2

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 3: Median age, as of June (years)

	2004	2009	2013	2014
Residents	35.4	36.9	38.9	39.3
Citizens	36.2	38.2	40.0	40.4

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 4: Singapore Citizens by Age Group, Ethnic Group and Sex, June 2014

Age Group (Years)	Total			Chinese			Malays			Indians			Others		
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
	Number ('000)														
Total	3,343.0	1,664.0	1,679.0	2,547.0	1,263.4	1,283.7	501.1	252.4	248.7	247.4	125.2	122.2	47.4	23.1	24.4
0 - 4	165.5	85.2	80.3	117.2	60.6	56.7	30.7	15.8	14.9	12.6	6.4	6.2	5.0	2.5	2.5
5 - 9	175.6	90.1	85.5	123.5	63.5	60.0	32.4	16.7	15.8	14.9	7.6	7.4	4.8	2.4	2.4
10 - 14	195.2	100.5	94.7	136.1	70.2	65.9	37.9	19.6	18.4	17.0	8.7	8.4	4.2	2.1	2.1
15 - 19	226.9	117.1	109.8	160.1	82.8	77.4	44.1	22.8	21.2	18.9	9.6	9.3	3.9	1.9	1.9
20 - 24	245.5	127.1	118.4	172.9	89.9	83.0	48.8	25.1	23.7	20.3	10.3	10	3.4	1.8	1.6
25 - 29	220.7	114.1	106.6	158.1	82.1	76.0	41.8	21.4	20.5	17.8	9.1	8.7	3.0	1.5	1.4
30 - 34	212.0	107.7	104.3	159.2	80.8	78.4	34.1	17.5	16.6	16.1	8.1	7.9	2.7	1.2	1.4
35 - 39	213.6	106.1	107.5	169.3	83.8	85.5	26.7	13.5	13.2	14.9	7.6	7.3	2.7	1.2	1.4
40 - 44	242.1	119.2	122.9	190.8	93.2	97.6	30.3	15.2	15.1	17.8	9.4	8.5	3.1	1.5	1.7
45 - 49	256.5	126.9	129.6	194.8	95.8	99.0	38.2	18.9	19.3	20.4	10.8	9.6	3.1	1.4	1.7
50 - 54	283.4	141.6	141.8	216.4	107.8	108.5	42.2	21.2	21.0	21.8	11.1	10.6	3.1	1.4	1.6
55 - 59	270.7	134.5	136.2	215.6	106.9	108.7	34.0	17.0	17.0	18.5	9.4	9.1	2.6	1.2	1.3
60 - 64	220.4	108.9	111.5	181.1	89.7	91.4	23.6	11.4	12.2	13.8	6.8	7.0	1.9	1.0	0.9
65 - 69	154.5	74.5	80.0	129.9	62.8	67.1	14.3	6.8	7.5	8.9	4.2	4.7	1.4	0.7	0.7
70 - 74	102.0	46.8	55.2	88.0	40.6	47.4	8.2	3.7	4.5	5.0	2.1	2.9	0.8	0.4	0.4
75 - 79	73.5	32.5	41.0	62.0	27.5	34.5	6.8	3.0	3.8	3.9	1.6	2.3	0.8	0.3	0.4
80 - 84	47.1	18.9	28.2	39.5	15.6	23.9	4.3	1.7	2.5	2.8	1.4	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.4
85 & Over	37.7	12.3	25.4	32.5	9.8	22.7	2.8	1.2	1.5	2.0	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.3

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 5: Proportion of singles among citizen males / females by age group, as of June (%)

	2003	2008	2012	2013
Proportion of singles among citizen males by age groups (%)				
20-24 years	97.7	97.6	98.5	98.4
25-29 years	72.3	77.7	82.3	84.2
30-34 years	37.2	40.8	45.6	45.4
35-39 years	22.6	22.8	24.0	25.0
40-44 years	16.9	16.6	16.0	16.7
45-49 years	12.7	13.6	13.6	13.6
Proportion of singles among citizen females by age groups (%)				
20-24 years	90.9	91.9	95.0	95.5
25-29 years	52.1	60.9	67.6	69.2
30-34 years	24.4	29.4	32.3	33.3
35-39 years	17.2	18.3	20.3	21.4
40-44 years	15.0	14.1	15.4	15.4
45-49 years	13.1	12.8	13.6	14.4

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 6: Proportion of singles among citizens in selected age groups by gender and highest qualification attained, as of June (%)

Age group (years) / Highest qualification attained	2003		2008		2013	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Aged 30-34	37.2	24.4	40.8	29.4	45.4	33.3
Below secondary	45.1	19.1	47.8	21.6	46.1	23.5
Secondary	36.1	20.5	38.5	20.5	44.1	24.5
Post-secondary (Non-Tertiary)	34.1	25.3	36.8	31.0	41.6	33.6
Diploma & Professional Qualification	35.9	25.9	39.8	28.4	46.4	30.9
University	35.0	30.9	41.1	36.4	45.7	37.7
Aged 35-39	22.6	17.2	22.8	18.3	25.0	21.4
Below secondary	29.2	11.9	31.6	12.9	35.1	15.5
Secondary	21.0	15.4	22.8	14.5	25.9	14.2
Post-secondary (Non-Tertiary)	23.9	21.1	24.6	17.0	28.3	18.8
Diploma & Professional Qualification	15.3	22.5	19.7	20.7	22.4	21.4
University	18.2	26.9	19.4	24.6	23.0	25.9
Aged 40-44	16.9	15.0	16.6	14.1	16.7	15.4
Below secondary	23.5	10.5	22.0	10.1	27.9	10.7
Secondary	13.4	15.6	15.2	12.5	17.0	11.2
Post-secondary (Non-Tertiary)	12.1	18.1	17.4	15.6	15.7	14.8
Diploma & Professional Qualification	10.9	22.7	12.3	15.7	13.4	17.7
University	10.7	26.0	13.1	23.8	14.1	20.2
Aged 45-49	12.7	13.1	13.6	12.8	13.6	14.4
Below secondary	16.5	8.6	19.3	8.5	19.1	10.0
Secondary	10.0	15.0	10.8	11.9	12.8	13.7
Post-secondary (Non-Tertiary)	13.3	19.7	12.0	17.5	13.0	13.9
Diploma & Professional Qualification	7.3	25.4	7.0	17.9	11.2	19.2
University	5.0	25.5	8.5	26.5	9.9	19.8

Source: Department of Statistics

Note: Particularly in the 35-44 age group, singlehood rates were the highest among the lower-educated citizen males and higher-educated citizen females.

Table 7: Number of marriages by residency status of grooms and brides

Grooms	Brides	2003	2008	2012	2013
Total number of marriages		21,962	24,596	27,936	26,254
Citizen	Citizen	13,100	12,906	13,929	13,276
Citizen	PR	1,113	1,345	1,428	1,348
Citizen	Non-resident	3,647	5,015	5,599	5,007
PR	Citizen	679	714	718	678
Non-resident	Citizen	919	1,062	1,518	1,533
PR	PR	616	842	785	660
PR	Non-resident	778	1,035	1,067	933
Non-resident	PR	430	580	614	603
Non-resident	Non-resident	680	1,097	2,278	2,216

Source: Department of Statistics

Note: There was a decline in the number of citizen marriages⁸ from 23,192 in 2012 to 21,842 in 2013. Marriages between citizens and non-citizens made up 39.2% of such marriages in 2013, with those between citizen grooms and non-citizen brides representing the majority (74.2%).

**Table 8: General marriage rates
(per 1,000 unmarried males / females aged 15-49 years⁹)**

		2003	2008	2012	2013
Residents	Males	44.9	43.5	43.8	40.5
	Females	43.7	39.6	39.4	36.9
Citizens	Males	42.9	41.8	42.3	39.3
	Females	41.1	37.0	37.6	35.5

Source: Department of Statistics

⁸ Citizen marriages refer to marriages involving at least one citizen.

⁹ In view of the rising proportion of marriages among persons aged 45-49 years, the data series on general marriage rate has been revised in 2014 to cover the age group 15-49 years.

Table 9: Median age at first marriage (years)

		2003	2008	2012	2013
Residents	Males	29.0	29.7	30.1	30.2
	Females	26.5	27.3	27.9	28.1
Citizens	Males	29.0	29.7	30.1	30.1
	Females	26.3	27.1	27.7	27.8
PRs	Males	29.0	29.8	30.7	30.9
	Females	27.3	28.2	29.3	29.4

Source: Department of Statistics

Note: The median age at first marriage for citizens has remained stable for both genders from 2012 to 2013.

Table 10: Origins of non-citizen spouses married to citizens

	2003	2008	2012	2013
Total	6,358	8,136	9,263	8,566
Non-citizen brides	4,760	6,360	7,027	6,355
Americas	16	19	17	20
Asia	4,644	6,160	6,863	6,212
Europe	42	40	65	41
Oceania	29	27	23	25
Others	29	114	59	57
Non-citizen grooms	1,598	1,776	2,236	2,211
Americas	107	102	112	137
Asia	1,107	1,226	1,544	1,470
Europe	226	264	361	378
Oceania	97	84	138	130
Others	61	100	81	96

"Americas" consists of "United States of America" and "Canada". "Oceania" consists of "Australia", "New Zealand" and "Papua New Guinea".

Source: Department of Statistics

Note: 98% of the non-citizen brides came from Asia, while non-citizen grooms came from more diverse regions.

Table 11: Median age of mothers at first birth by residency status of mothers (years)

	2003	2008	2012	2013
Residents	29.2	29.7	30.4	30.5
Citizens	29.2	29.4	30.1	30.2
PRs	29.5	30.3	31.0	31.3

Source: Immigration & Checkpoints Authority

Table 12: Average number of children born to ever-married females aged 30-49 years by residency status of females, as of June (per ever-married female)

	2003		2008		2012		2013	
	30-39	40-49	30-39	40-49	30-39	40-49	30-39	40-49
Residents	1.63	2.11	1.52	2.06	1.42	1.94	1.44	1.92
Citizens	1.70	2.13	1.58	2.11	1.48	1.99	1.48	1.98

Source: Department of Statistics

Note: Married couples are having fewer children, especially those in the younger age groups due to later marriages. The average number of children born to ever-married females aged 30-49 years declined over the last decade.

Table 13: Proportion of ever-married females aged 30-49 years who are childless by residency status of females, as of June (%)

	2003		2008		2012		2013	
	30-39	40-49	30-39	40-49	30-39	40-49	30-39	40-49
Residents	17.2	7.3	19.3	8.2	22.0	10.0	19.9	10.0
Citizens	16.6	7.0	19.2	7.7	23.0	9.4	21.4	9.6

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 14: Number of births by birth order and residency status

Birth Order	2003	2008	2012	2013
Total births	37,485	39,826	42,663	39,720
Resident births	35,474	37,277	38,641	35,681
First	15,465	17,675	18,569	17,176
Second	12,686	12,938	13,767	12,484
Third	5,260	4,708	4,568	4,268
Fourth	1,446	1,412	1,214	1,211
Fifth & over	617	544	523	542
Citizen births	32,294	32,423	33,238	31,017
First	13,969	15,129	15,764	14,832
Second	11,385	11,101	11,676	10,608
Third	4,923	4,302	4,136	3,887
Fourth	1,409	1,364	1,149	1,154
Fifth & over	608	527	513	536

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 15: Resident total fertility rate by race

	2003	2008	2012	2013
Overall	1.27	1.28	1.29	1.19
Chinese	1.09	1.14	1.18	1.05
Malays	2.10	1.91	1.69	1.66
Indians	1.39	1.19	1.15	1.11

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 16: New residents granted in 2013

	New Permanent Residents	New Citizens
Total	29,869	20,572
<i>By age group (%)</i>		
Above 40 years	8.1%	17.4%
31-40	24.3%	26.0%
21-30 years	40.6%	15.3%
20 years and below	27.1%	41.2%
<i>By highest qualification attained among those aged 20 & over (%)</i>		
Post-Secondary	81.8%	74.4%
Secondary and below	18.2%	25.6%
<i>By region of origin (%)</i>		
Southeast Asian countries	55.3%	55.2%
Other Asian countries	34.6%	38.5%
Others	10.1%	6.3%

Source: Immigration & Checkpoints Authority

Note: New citizens are drawn from the pool of existing PRs, except for the overseas-born children of Singapore Citizen (SC) parents and some minors sponsored by successful SC applicants. The majority of our new SCs and PRs were aged 30 years and below, and this helps to improve the age-balance of our citizen population. Their educational profiles were wide-ranging, as they came through different schemes, including family-ties and economic schemes. Most of our new SCs and PRs came from Asia.

Table 17: Overseas Singaporean population size¹⁰, as of June

Year	Number of Overseas Singaporeans
2003	157,100
2004	157,800
2005	163,000
2006	168,200
2007	172,000
2008	181,900
2009	180,700
2010	184,400
2011	192,200
2012	200,000
2013	207,000
2014	212,200

Source: Department of Statistics

¹⁰ 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.

List of Relevant Publications

<i>Singapore Department of Statistics</i>
Population Trends 2014
Census of Population 2010
Statistics on Marriages & Divorces 2013
Monthly Digest of Statistics
Singapore in Figures 2014
Yearbook of Statistics 2014
<i>Immigration & Checkpoints Authority</i>
Report on Registration of Births & Deaths 2013
Singapore Demographic Bulletin

For more information, you may visit the following websites:

National Population and Talent Division, Prime Minister's Office	:	www.nptd.gov.sg www.population.sg
Singapore Department of Statistics	:	www.singstat.gov.sg
Ministry of Home Affairs	:	www.mha.gov.sg
Immigration & Checkpoints Authority	:	www.ica.gov.sg

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