

CLIMATE CHANGE

PUBLIC PERCEPTION SURVEY 2019



The National Climate Change Secretariat (NCCS) commissioned a survey from May to July 2019 to gauge public perception and views on climate change. Here are the key findings.

1 Higher public awareness of climate change and its impact

Public awareness on the terms "climate change" and "global warming" is increasing



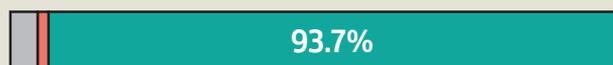
Most are aware of the impact of climate change (e.g. disrupting ecosystems, increased vulnerability to heat stress and diseases, problems caused by rising sea levels)



Climate change will disrupt the ecosystems



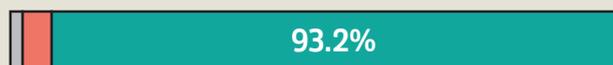
Increased temperatures may affect our health. We may be more vulnerable to heat stress and diseases such as Dengue and Zika



Sea levels rise when ice sheets melt and low-lying areas may be flooded in the future, impacting our infrastructure

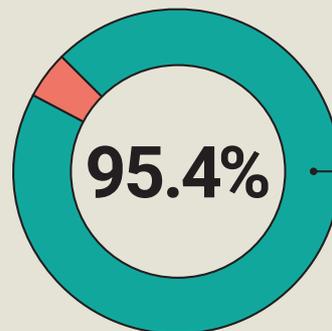


Extreme weather abroad will disrupt our food supply and prices

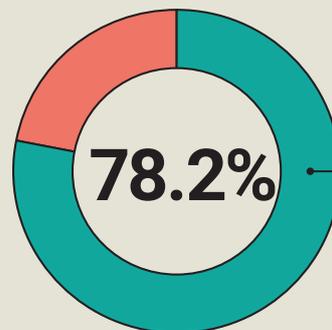


Legend: Don't Know (Grey), False (Red), True (Teal)

2 Strong support for Singapore to shift to a low carbon economy



Respondents support Singapore making a shift to a low carbon economy

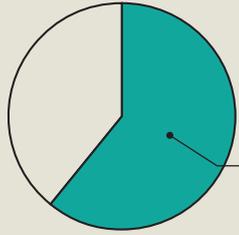


Respondents are prepared to play their part, even if they are expected to bear some additional costs and inconvenience as consumers

Legend: Supportive (Teal), Not Supportive (Red)



3 More individuals are taking climate-friendly actions, and are prepared to do more



60.9%
of respondents strongly believe that individual action makes a difference in fighting climate change



More respondents are taking climate friendly actions, such as switching off electrical appliances at the wall socket, conserving water, and reducing food waste

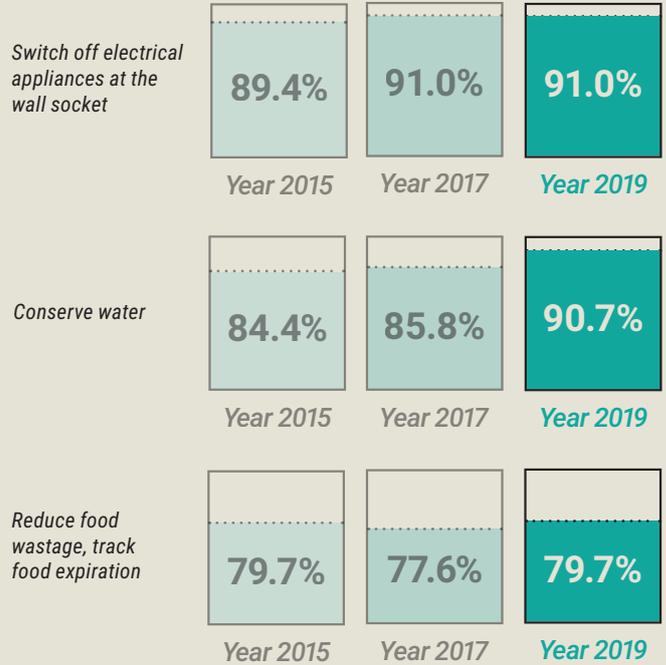
“Preserving a liveable world for future generations” is respondents’ top reason to perform climate-friendly actions

- I want to preserve a liveable world for future generations**
- It is safer and healthier way of living
- It is environmentally friendly
- To set a good example
- It saves money

* Top reason in 2019



* Top reason in 2017; 5th reason in 2019



84.8%
of respondents strongly believe that climate change is already happening and will affect our future generations if we do nothing



4 Collective action is needed: Respondents believe that everyone has a part to play in fighting climate change

