

Understanding The **Old-Age Support Ratio**

1 The old-age support ratio relates to the number of people who are capable of providing economic support to the number of older people who may be dependent on others' support.



3 Over the past decades, the old-age support ratio among the resident population (comprising Singapore citizens and permanent residents) has steadily decreased.

2 It is computed as the ratio of the working-age population (e.g. aged 20 - 64 years) per elderly population aged 65 years and over in Singapore.

4 Factors contributing to this downward trend include rising life expectancy and falling birth rates.

