



## SINGAPORE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

### *PRESS RELEASE*

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## **CENSUS OF POPULATION 2010 ADVANCE CENSUS RELEASE**

1 The Census of Population 2010 “Advance Census Release” report released by the Singapore Department of Statistics today shows that Singapore’s total population was 5.08 million as at end-June 2010. There were 3.77 million residents, of which 3.23 million were Singapore citizens and 0.54 million were permanent residents.

### *Population Growth*

2 Singapore’s total population registered a lower growth rate of 1.8 per cent in 2010, reflecting the slower growth in the number of permanent residents and non-residents over the past year. The number of permanent residents grew by 1.5 per cent in 2010, down from at least 6 per cent growth per year between 2005 and 2009. Growth in the number of non-residents also slowed to 4.1 per cent in 2010, down from the peaks of 15 per cent in 2007 and 19 per cent in 2008.

3 The number of Singapore citizens increased by 0.9 per cent between 2009 and 2010. This is comparable to the annual growth rate of 0.8 – 1.1 per cent that was registered between 2005 and 2009.

### *Age Profile*

4 The resident population has grown older. The median age of the resident population rose from 34.0 years in 2000 to 37.4 years in 2010.

5 The inflow of permanent residents has reduced the pace of ageing. In 2010, the old-age support ratio (number of persons aged 15-64 years per elderly aged 65 years and over) for the resident population was 8.2, higher than the old-age support ratio of 7.2 for the citizen population. The decline in the old-age support ratio among the resident population between 2000 and 2010 was also slower than that for the citizen population.

### *Ethnic Composition*

6 The Chinese formed 74 per cent of the resident population in 2010, while the Malays and Indians took up 13 per cent and 9.2 per cent of the population share respectively.

### *Geographical Distribution*

7 Among the planning areas as demarcated in the Urban Redevelopment Authority's Master Plan 2008, Bedok was the registered place of address for the largest group of Singapore residents (294,500), followed by Jurong West (267,500) and Tampines (261,700). Sengkang recorded the largest growth in the number of Singapore residents, with an increase of 105,800 Singapore residents between 2000 and 2010.

8 Bedok had the largest number of elderly residents aged 65 years and over. Other relatively older estates such as Bukit Merah and Ang Mo Kio also had larger population of elderly residents. In contrast, relatively newer estates like Woodlands and Jurong West had the largest number of children aged below 15 years.

### *About the Release*

9 The report "Advance Census Release" is the first release of data from the register-based Census of Population 2010, which is the largest national statistical exercise conducted once in ten years by the Department of Statistics. It presents the key trends in population size, growth, demographic profile and broad geographic distribution of the Singapore population as at end-June 2010, compiled using administrative records from multiple sources.

10 In the Census 2010, a sample enumeration of some 200,000 households was also undertaken to collect additional information not available from any administrative sources. These include marriage and fertility, education and languages, religion, household and housing, and transport. More detailed tables and analyses using both administrative and survey results will be published progressively in a series of Statistical Releases on specific topics.

11 The report "Advance Census Release" is available for download from the Department of Statistics' website at [www.singstat.gov.sg](http://www.singstat.gov.sg).

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