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**Table 9 Resident Population Aged 15 Years and Over by Language Literate In, Ethnic Group and Sex**

Language Literate In	Number														
	Total			Chinese			Malays			Indians			Others		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	2,494,630	1,229,758	1,264,872	1,969,357	967,906	1,001,451	315,198	155,374	159,823	179,187	92,262	86,925	30,888	14,216	16,673
Not Literate	185,865	42,240	143,624	156,187	35,957	120,230	20,016	3,800	16,216	8,773	2,316	6,457	889	168	721
Literate	2,308,766	1,187,518	1,121,248	1,813,170	931,949	881,221	295,182	151,574	143,607	170,415	89,947	80,468	29,999	14,048	15,952
One Language Only	1,015,302	514,708	500,595	879,500	452,932	426,568	64,858	26,016	38,842	55,564	28,592	26,972	15,381	7,168	8,213
Chinese Only	580,369	284,546	295,823	580,210	284,523	295,687	10	5	5	-	-	-	150	19	131
English Only	353,801	199,217	154,584	297,798	168,163	129,635	5,893	3,154	2,739	36,702	20,991	15,712	13,407	6,909	6,498
Malay Only	62,721	24,047	38,674	888	92	795	58,375	22,767	35,608	2,827	984	1,843	631	204	427
Tamil Only	15,293	6,438	8,854	-	-	-	55	37	18	15,238	6,401	8,837	-	-	-
Non-Official Language Only	3,119	460	2,660	605	153	451	525	53	472	797	216	581	1,194	37	1,156
Two Languages Only	1,244,466	646,549	597,917	901,096	461,942	439,154	227,840	124,395	103,445	102,427	54,141	48,286	13,104	6,071	7,033
English & Chinese Only	877,510	449,792	427,718	875,182	448,689	426,493	291	133	158	870	437	433	1,167	533	635
English & Malay Only	283,342	154,707	128,635	20,435	11,096	9,339	226,356	123,880	102,476	29,699	16,056	13,643	6,852	3,675	3,177
English & Tamil Only	64,074	33,665	30,409	33	5	29	102	50	53	63,880	33,568	30,312	59	43	16
English & Non-Official Language Only	13,809	6,294	7,516	1,627	756	871	129	54	75	7,154	3,686	3,468	4,900	1,797	3,102
Other Two Languages Only	5,731	2,092	3,639	3,819	1,396	2,423	962	279	684	825	394	430	126	23	102
Three or More Languages	48,997	26,261	22,736	32,574	17,075	15,499	2,484	1,163	1,321	12,424	7,214	5,210	1,515	809	706
English, Chinese & Malay Only	26,840	14,211	12,629	26,044	13,906	12,138	532	173	359	138	69	69	126	62	64
English, Chinese & Tamil Only	117	69	48	48	29	19	-	-	-	69	41	29	-	-	-
English, Malay & Tamil Only	8,374	4,989	3,385	10	5	5	128	55	73	8,226	4,924	3,302	10	5	5
Other Three or More Languages	13,666	6,992	6,674	6,472	3,135	3,337	1,824	935	889	3,991	2,180	1,811	1,380	742	638

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**Table 10 Resident Population Aged 15 Years and Over by Language Literate In, Age Group and Sex**

Language Literate In	Number											
	Total			15 - 24 Years			25 - 34 Years			35 - 44 Years		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	2,494,630	1,229,758	1,264,872	412,796	212,031	200,765	537,112	259,425	277,687	615,835	309,493	306,342
Not Literate	185,865	42,240	143,624	2,044	1,250	794	5,671	2,862	2,809	17,091	7,581	9,510
Literate	2,308,765	1,187,518	1,121,248	410,752	210,781	199,971	531,441	256,563	274,878	598,744	301,912	296,831
One Language Only	1,015,302	514,708	500,595	54,585	29,948	24,636	133,408	62,104	71,304	280,536	138,428	142,108
Chinese Only	580,369	284,546	295,823	7,179	3,638	3,542	61,646	25,503	36,143	159,948	75,429	84,519
English Only	353,801	199,217	154,584	44,756	25,088	19,668	64,030	34,373	29,658	102,135	57,140	44,995
Malay Only	62,721	24,047	38,674	2,192	1,044	1,148	5,918	2,004	3,915	15,380	5,176	10,204
Tamil Only	15,293	6,438	8,854	358	162	197	1,138	205	933	2,406	634	1,773
Non-Official Language Only	3,119	460	2,660	98	17	82	675	19	656	666	50	617
Two Languages Only	1,244,466	646,549	597,917	350,755	178,781	171,974	378,120	185,087	193,033	305,211	155,841	149,370
English & Chinese Only	877,510	449,792	427,718	264,624	135,033	129,592	278,360	136,258	142,102	200,696	100,082	100,614
English & Malay Only	283,342	154,707	128,635	70,571	36,247	34,325	76,146	38,133	38,012	81,565	44,160	37,405
English & Tamil Only	64,074	33,665	30,409	14,147	6,954	7,193	17,721	8,637	9,084	17,197	9,072	8,125
English & Non-Official Language Only	13,809	6,294	7,516	1,178	494	684	4,268	1,536	2,732	4,588	2,111	2,477
Other Two Languages Only	5,731	2,092	3,639	234	54	181	1,626	523	1,103	1,165	416	749
Three or More Languages	48,997	26,261	22,736	5,412	2,051	3,361	19,913	9,372	10,540	12,996	7,643	5,353
English, Chinese & Malay Only	26,840	14,211	12,629	2,377	871	1,506	13,829	6,416	7,412	6,409	3,951	2,458
English, Chinese & Tamil Only	117	69	48	19	5	14	29	10	19	29	24	5
English, Malay & Tamil Only	8,374	4,989	3,385	709	367	343	1,773	1,003	770	2,887	1,689	1,198
Other Three or More Languages	13,666	6,992	6,674	2,307	809	1,499	4,282	1,943	2,339	3,671	1,979	1,692

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**Table 10 Resident Population Aged 15 Years and Over by Language Literate In, Age Group and Sex**

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Language Literate In	45 - 54 Years			55 - 64 Years			65 Years and Over		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	461,845	231,208	230,637	235,709	115,406	120,302	231,334	102,195	129,139
Not Literate	27,189	6,973	20,216	42,056	7,733	34,323	91,813	15,841	75,972
Literate	434,656	224,235	210,421	193,653	107,673	85,979	139,521	86,354	53,167
One Language Only	278,746	135,636	143,110	150,008	78,005	72,003	118,019	70,587	47,432
Chinese Only	165,594	77,320	88,274	102,864	53,077	49,787	83,137	49,579	33,558
English Only	91,922	52,438	39,484	32,285	19,021	13,263	18,672	11,156	7,516
Malay Only	17,912	5,177	12,736	10,608	4,148	6,459	10,710	6,498	4,212
Tamil Only	3,048	630	2,418	3,755	1,698	2,057	4,587	3,110	1,477
Non-Official Language Only	270	71	199	497	60	437	913	244	669
Two Languages Only	149,040	84,292	64,748	41,306	27,893	13,413	20,035	14,655	5,379
English & Chinese Only	97,491	53,708	43,783	25,651	17,062	8,589	10,688	7,650	3,038
English & Malay Only	39,238	24,095	15,143	10,468	7,755	2,713	5,354	4,317	1,037
English & Tamil Only	8,874	4,763	4,111	3,557	2,321	1,237	2,578	1,918	660
English & Non-Official Language Only	2,381	1,377	1,004	877	462	415	518	314	204
Other Two Languages Only	1,056	350	707	752	293	459	897	457	440
Three or More Languages	6,870	4,307	2,563	2,339	1,776	563	1,467	1,112	355
English, Chinese & Malay Only	3,037	2,030	1,007	828	667	161	360	275	84
English, Chinese & Tamil Only	26	17	10	10	10	-	5	5	-
English, Malay & Tamil Only	1,877	1,083	793	694	511	183	434	336	97
Other Three or More Languages	1,930	1,177	753	807	588	219	669	495	174

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**Table 11 Resident Population Aged 5 Years and Over by Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home, Ethnic Group and Sex**

Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home	Total			Chinese			Malays			Indians			Others		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	2,887,552	1,433,469	1,454,083	2,236,061	1,107,850	1,128,211	405,602	202,369	203,233	211,015	107,026	103,989	34,875	16,225	18,650
English	665,087	334,047	331,040	533,948	268,003	265,945	32,173	15,112	17,060	75,079	39,202	35,878	23,887	11,730	12,157
Mandarin	1,010,539	492,180	518,359	1,008,489	491,614	516,875	303	107	196	228	142	86	1,519	317	1,202
Chinese Dialects	687,272	344,807	342,465	685,760	344,373	341,387	219	90	129	193	134	59	1,100	210	890
Hokkien	329,583	172,026	157,557	328,768	171,848	156,921	136	59	77	81	62	19	598	58	541
Teochew	141,569	69,645	71,924	141,337	69,587	71,749	16	5	11	38	29	10	177	24	153
Cantonese	163,703	77,764	85,938	163,279	77,576	85,702	53	21	32	58	39	19	313	128	185
Other Chinese Dialects	52,418	25,371	27,047	52,376	25,361	27,015	14	5	10	16	5	11	11	-	11
Malay	406,549	203,765	202,785	5,270	2,510	2,760	371,401	186,269	185,132	24,434	12,237	12,197	5,445	2,748	2,696
Indian Languages	110,877	55,207	55,670	61	30	30	473	274	199	110,142	54,792	55,350	201	112	90
Tamil	91,015	45,444	45,571	29	5	24	286	171	115	90,621	45,228	45,392	80	40	40
Other Indian Languages	19,862	9,763	10,098	32	25	6	187	103	85	19,522	9,564	9,958	121	72	50
Others	7,228	3,464	3,764	2,534	1,320	1,214	1,032	516	516	938	520	419	2,723	1,109	1,615

Note: Exclude persons who were unable to speak and those in one-person households and households comprising unrelated persons.

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**Table 12 Resident Population Aged 5 Years and Over by Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home, Age Group and Sex**

Language Most Frequently Spoken At Home	Number											
	Total			5 - 14 Years			15 - 24 Years			25 - 34 Years		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	2,887,552	1,433,469	1,454,083	492,491	255,410	237,081	409,157	210,185	198,972	521,263	249,852	271,411
English	665,087	334,047	331,041	156,331	81,334	74,997	85,503	42,564	42,939	122,418	53,812	68,606
Mandarin	1,010,539	492,180	518,359	208,871	107,622	101,249	186,840	93,175	93,665	187,056	79,922	107,134
Chinese Dialects	687,272	344,807	342,465	14,981	8,285	6,696	57,379	33,526	23,854	122,598	72,672	49,926
Hokkien	329,583	172,026	157,557	6,303	3,427	2,876	29,142	17,797	11,345	62,035	38,257	23,778
Teochew	141,568	69,645	71,924	2,457	1,312	1,145	11,137	6,541	4,596	22,900	13,811	9,089
Cantonese	163,703	77,764	85,938	5,494	3,116	2,378	14,925	7,945	6,980	29,321	15,660	13,661
Other Chinese Dialects	52,418	25,371	27,047	727	431	297	2,176	1,243	933	8,342	4,944	3,398
Malay	406,550	203,765	202,785	93,626	48,573	45,053	64,909	33,823	31,086	65,317	32,139	33,178
Indian Languages	110,877	55,207	55,670	17,619	9,053	8,566	13,635	6,672	6,963	22,504	10,716	11,788
Tamil	91,015	45,444	45,571	14,873	7,568	7,305	11,896	5,925	5,970	17,704	8,641	9,063
Other Indian Languages	19,862	9,763	10,098	2,746	1,485	1,261	1,739	746	993	4,800	2,075	2,725
Others	7,228	3,464	3,764	1,063	543	520	891	426	465	1,370	591	779

Note: Exclude persons who were unable to speak and those in one-person households and households comprising unrelated persons.

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**Table 12 Resident Population Aged 5 Years and Over by Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home, Age Group and Sex**

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Language Most Frequently Spoken At Home	35 - 44 Years			45 - 54 Years			55 - 64 Years			65 Years and Over		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	588,537	294,273	294,264	440,878	220,547	220,330	222,379	108,794	113,584	212,848	94,407	118,440
English	158,301	77,144	81,157	97,243	53,424	43,818	29,561	16,783	12,778	15,730	8,985	6,745
Mandarin	212,333	99,992	112,341	151,760	77,170	74,590	46,638	25,228	21,410	17,041	9,072	7,969
Chinese Dialects	111,087	62,939	48,148	123,847	57,378	66,469	113,115	51,171	61,944	144,264	58,836	85,429
Hokkien	57,431	33,502	23,929	62,233	30,366	31,866	51,637	24,064	27,573	60,804	24,615	36,189
Teochew	20,882	11,727	9,154	25,701	11,293	14,408	25,783	11,710	14,073	32,709	13,251	19,458
Cantonese	25,008	13,043	11,965	29,747	12,884	16,863	26,924	11,793	15,131	32,284	13,323	18,961
Other Chinese Dialects	7,767	4,667	3,100	6,167	2,835	3,332	8,770	3,604	5,166	18,468	7,647	10,821
Malay	80,884	40,519	40,365	51,664	25,006	26,658	23,669	11,393	12,276	26,480	12,312	14,168
Indian Languages	24,283	12,903	11,380	14,957	6,839	8,118	8,941	3,975	4,966	8,938	5,049	3,888
Tamil	19,763	10,260	9,503	12,763	5,720	7,043	7,172	3,365	3,807	6,845	3,965	2,879
Other Indian Languages	4,520	2,643	1,877	2,194	1,119	1,075	1,769	610	1,159	2,093	1,084	1,009
Others	1,648	776	873	1,406	730	676	455	244	211	394	153	241

Note: Exclude persons who were unable to speak and those in one-person households and households comprising unrelated persons.

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**Table 13 Resident Population Aged 5 Years and Over by Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home and Type of Dwelling**

Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home	Total	HDB Dwellings					Other Public Flats	Condominiums and Private Flats	Landed Properties	Number
		1- and 2-Room Flats	3-Room Flats	4-Room Flats	5-Room and Executive Flats	Others				Others
Total	2,887,552	73,273	636,098	1,058,875	756,633	7,403	24,851	160,824	167,536	2,060
English	665,087	3,851	60,780	152,149	245,781	1,015	14,549	94,787	91,942	233
Mandarin	1,010,539	15,368	222,395	419,190	265,583	3,906	5,777	37,769	39,753	798
Chinese Dialects	687,272	30,852	215,202	261,294	123,942	2,229	2,651	20,526	29,717	859
Hokkien	329,583	16,192	101,305	137,109	53,532	1,017	865	6,697	12,589	277
Teochew	141,569	5,190	43,248	54,083	27,218	608	433	3,051	7,552	186
Cantonese	163,703	7,988	55,015	51,272	32,281	273	1,179	9,068	6,381	245
Other Chinese Dialects	52,418	1,482	15,635	18,830	10,911	330	174	1,711	3,195	151
Malay	406,549	17,316	106,238	181,706	95,093	36	989	2,485	2,677	10
Indian Languages	110,877	5,730	29,879	42,290	25,054	208	820	3,799	2,944	153
Tamil	91,015	5,329	25,402	35,708	20,473	157	449	1,504	1,860	134
Other Indian Languages	19,862	401	4,477	6,582	4,581	51	371	2,296	1,084	19
Others	7,228	156	1,604	2,247	1,179	10	65	1,457	503	7

Note: Exclude persons who were unable to speak and those in one-person households and households comprising unrelated persons.

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**Table 14 Resident Non-Students Aged 15 Years and Over by Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home, Highest Qualification Attained and Sex**

Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home	Number														
	Total			No Qualification			Primary			Lower Secondary			Secondary		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	2,178,557	1,066,504	1,112,054	416,700	154,364	262,336	265,382	129,278	136,104	238,108	128,923	109,184	541,015	264,860	276,155
English	454,997	226,171	228,826	6,572	2,429	4,143	11,155	4,789	6,366	26,230	12,839	13,391	140,220	61,619	78,601
Mandarin	697,978	332,031	365,948	77,571	29,731	47,839	95,597	40,158	55,439	96,189	48,257	47,933	184,815	85,696	99,119
Chinese Dialects	649,578	323,203	326,375	256,531	95,956	160,575	98,347	55,396	42,951	61,234	38,337	22,897	106,487	59,767	46,720
Hokkien	312,938	162,315	150,624	131,717	52,369	79,348	50,408	30,085	20,324	30,959	20,504	10,455	48,804	28,942	19,862
Teochew	134,621	65,662	68,959	57,466	20,739	36,728	19,730	11,236	8,494	11,610	7,490	4,120	20,784	11,740	9,044
Cantonese	151,247	70,862	80,385	45,813	15,513	30,300	21,237	10,184	11,054	14,501	7,778	6,723	29,497	14,766	14,731
Other Chinese Dialects	50,771	24,364	26,407	21,535	7,335	14,200	6,971	3,892	3,080	4,164	2,565	1,599	7,402	4,320	3,083
Malay	283,621	139,643	143,979	60,016	20,714	39,302	46,451	22,883	23,568	43,198	23,745	19,452	88,579	46,626	41,953
Indian Languages	86,713	42,756	43,958	15,164	5,216	9,948	13,319	5,822	7,497	10,981	5,623	5,358	20,042	10,726	9,316
Tamil	70,567	34,946	35,621	13,079	4,611	8,468	12,218	5,379	6,840	10,043	5,217	4,827	17,148	9,265	7,883
Other Indian Languages	16,146	7,809	8,337	2,084	605	1,480	1,100	444	657	937	406	531	2,893	1,461	1,432
Others	5,669	2,701	2,969	847	317	530	513	230	282	276	122	153	872	425	447

Note: Exclude non-students who were unable to speak and those in one-person households and households comprising unrelated persons.

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**Table 14 Resident Non-Students Aged 15 Years and Over by Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home, Highest Qualification Attained and Sex**

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Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home	Upper Secondary			Polytechnic			Other Diploma			University		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	219,184	115,929	103,255	137,796	86,264	51,531	107,346	46,663	60,683	253,027	140,221	112,806
English	65,098	31,481	33,617	39,463	25,461	14,002	46,523	20,432	26,091	119,735	67,120	52,615
Mandarin	79,487	41,320	38,167	57,055	33,324	23,731	32,600	13,093	19,507	74,664	40,451	34,213
Chinese Dialects	38,716	22,773	15,943	31,333	21,024	10,309	19,190	8,399	10,791	37,740	21,551	16,189
Hokkien	16,821	10,339	6,482	14,160	9,523	4,638	7,160	3,183	3,976	12,909	7,370	5,538
Teochew	7,512	4,455	3,057	6,716	4,596	2,120	3,527	1,564	1,963	7,276	3,843	3,433
Cantonese	11,072	6,023	5,049	8,420	5,529	2,891	6,899	3,005	3,895	13,808	8,064	5,744
Other Chinese Dialects	3,311	1,956	1,356	2,037	1,377	660	1,604	647	957	3,747	2,273	1,474
Malay	28,025	16,221	11,804	7,602	4,791	2,812	5,326	2,532	2,795	4,424	2,131	2,293
Indian Languages	7,344	3,914	3,430	2,178	1,583	595	3,410	2,100	1,310	14,277	7,772	6,505
Tamil	5,709	3,180	2,530	1,694	1,209	485	2,359	1,372	987	8,316	4,714	3,601
Other Indian Languages	1,635	734	901	484	374	110	1,051	728	323	5,961	3,058	2,904
Others	515	220	294	165	82	83	296	107	189	2,187	1,196	991

Note: Exclude non-students who were unable to speak and those in one-person households and households comprising unrelated persons.