

Key Demographic Indicators, 1970-2008

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2008
Population Structure					
Total Population ('000)	2,074.5	2,413.9	3,047.1	4,027.9	4,839.4
Resident Population ('000)	2,013.6	2,282.1	2,735.9	3,273.4	3,642.7
Singapore Citizen Population ('000)	1,874.8	2,194.3	2,623.7	2,985.9	3,164.4
Singapore Permanent Resident Population ('000)	138.8	87.8	112.1	287.5	478.2
Density (Total Population per sq km)	3,538	3,907	4,814	5,900	6,814
Sex Ratio¹ (Males per 1,000 females)	1,049	1,032	1,027	998	980
Median Age¹ (Years)	19.5	24.4	29.8	34.0	36.7
Age Composition¹ (%)					
0-14 years	39.1	27.6	23.0	21.9	18.4
15-64 years	57.5	67.5	71.0	70.9	72.9
65 years & over	3.4	4.9	6.0	7.2	8.7
Age Dependency Ratio¹ (Per 100 population aged 15-64)	73.9	48.2	40.8	41.1	37.2
Child (under 15 years)	68.1	41.0	32.3	30.9	25.3
Old Age (65 years & over)	5.9	7.3	8.5	10.1	11.9
Old-Age Support Ratio¹ (Number aged 15-64 Per Elderly aged 65 & over)	17.0	13.8	11.8	9.9	8.4
Proportion Single Among Residents					
Aged 35-39 Years⁵ (%)					
Males	10.8	10.5	18.1	19.7	19.4
Females	5.1	8.5	14.8	15.1	15.2
Family Formation and Dissolution					
Total Marriages²	14,572	22,444	23,953	22,561	24,596
General Marriage Rate^{2,3}					
Males (Per 1,000 unmarried resident males)	51.6	55.0	52.6	48.1	43.9
Females (Per 1,000 unmarried resident females)	67.3	68.9	60.9	49.9	41.9
Median Age at First Marriage^{2,4} (Years)					
Grooms	26.9	26.7	28.0	28.7	29.8
Brides	23.1	23.6	25.3	26.2	27.3
Total Divorces & Annulments	n.a.	1,721	3,634	5,160	7,220
General Divorce Rate⁶					
Males (Per 1,000 married resident males)	n.a.	3.7	6.1	6.5	7.6
Females (Per 1,000 married resident females)	n.a.	3.8	6.1	6.5	7.4
Fertility					
Total Live Births	45,934	41,217	51,142	46,997	39,826
Resident Live Births	n.a.	40,100	49,787	44,765	37,277
Crude Birth Rate⁵ (Per 1,000 population)	22.1	17.6	18.2	13.7	10.2
Total Fertility Rate⁵ (Per female)	3.07	1.82	1.83	1.60	1.28
Gross Reproduction Rate⁵ (Per female)	1.49	0.88	0.88	0.77	0.62
Net Reproduction Rate⁵ (Per female)	1.42	0.86	0.88	0.76	0.62
Mortality					
Total Deaths	10,717	12,505	13,891	15,693	17,222
Crude Death Rate⁵ (Per 1,000 population)	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.4
Infant Mortality Rate⁵ (Per 1,000 live-births)	20.5	8.0	6.6	2.5	2.1
Life Expectancy at Birth⁵ (Years)					
Males	65.8	72.1	75.3	78.0	80.9 ^P
Females	64.1	69.8	73.1	76.0	78.4 ^P
	67.8	74.7	77.6	80.0	83.2 ^P

¹ Data refer to resident population.

² Excludes marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.

³ Rates for 1970 & 1980 are based on total marriages and total population.

⁴ Refer to total marriages.

⁵ Data refer to Singapore residents. For 1970, data refer to total population.

⁶ Includes annulments. Data on divorces and annulments from 2004 onwards have been revised to be based on residents. Resident population comprises Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.