

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Age

Age refers to the number of completed years between a person's date of birth and the reference date of 30 June 2010.

Ethnic Group

Ethnic group refers to a person's race. It is as declared by the person. The population is classified into the following four categories:

Chinese This refers to persons of Chinese origin such as Hokkiens, Teochews, Cantonese, Hakkas, Hainanese, Hockchias, Foochows, Henghuas, Shanghainese, etc.

Malays This refers to persons of Malay or Indonesian origin, such as Javanese, Boyanese, Bugis, etc.

Indians This refers to persons of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi or Sri Lankan origin such as Tamils, Malayalis, Punjabis, Bengalis, Singhalese, etc.

Other Ethnic Groups This comprises all persons other than Chinese, Malays and Indians. They include Eurasians, Europeans, Arabs, Japanese, etc.

Old-Age Support Ratio

The old-age support ratio is defined as the number of persons aged 15-64 years per elderly person aged 65 years and over.

Place of Birth

Place of birth refers to the geographical area in which the person was born as defined by current political boundaries.

Planning Areas

Planning areas refer to areas demarcated in the Urban Redevelopment Authority's Master Plan 2008.

Residential Status

Singapore citizens and permanent residents are classified as Singapore residents or the resident population. Singapore permanent residents refer to non-citizens who have been granted permanent residence in Singapore. The non-resident population comprised foreigners who were working, studying or living in Singapore but not granted permanent residence, excluding tourists and short-term visitors.

Sex Ratio

The sex ratio refers to the number of males per 1,000 females in the population.

Type of Dwelling

A dwelling refers to a building, part of a building, or a covered space used or intended to be used by one or more persons as living quarters. Each dwelling has its own separate entrance with direct access to a public road or pathway. A dwelling may be a residential building by itself, or a unit in a residential building, or part of a non-residential building such as a shop or factory with space used as living quarters.

Dwellings are broadly classified into the following three categories: HDB flats, condominiums and private flats, and landed properties.