

PREFACE

The Census of Population 2010 was the fifth census carried out in Singapore since Independence and the fourteenth in the series of census taking in Singapore. The census is the most comprehensive source of information on population and households. It provides benchmark data for all demographic, economic and social statistics.

The Census 2010 adopted a register-based approach, similar to the Census of Population 2000. Basic population count and characteristics were compiled from administrative sources. More detailed information on demographic, education, economic, transport, household and housing characteristics were obtained from a sample enumeration of about 200,000 households.

As in the conduct of the Census 2000, a tri-modal collection strategy comprising Internet, Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) and face-to-face interviews was adopted to facilitate data collection for the households in the census sample. The Census 2010 went paperless during the face-to-face interviews, with the use of Ultra-Mobile Personal Computers (UMPCs) to aid data collection. This data collection methodology brought about savings in manpower, data security in the field, as well as improvements in quality and timeliness of data.

This Advance Census Release analyses the key trends in population size, growth, demographic profile and broad geographic distribution of the Singapore population as at end-June 2010, compiled from multiple administrative sources. The report includes detailed statistical tables to enable more comprehensive study by users as well as a glossary of census concepts and definitions. More tables and analyses based on the sample enumeration will be published progressively in a series of Statistical Releases on specific topics.

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