

YOUTH STATISTICS IN BRIEF 2021

POPULATION

	2019	2020	2021
Total Population ¹ ('000)	5,703.6	5,685.8	5,453.6
Resident Population ('000)	4,026.2	4,044.2	3,986.8
Resident Youth Population ² ('000)	1,052.9	1,044.6	1,021.7

¹Total population comprises Singapore residents (i.e. Singapore citizens and permanent residents) and non-residents.
²Resident youth population comprises Singapore citizens and permanent residents aged 15-34 years.

Source: Population Trends 2021, Singapore Department of Statistics.

Resident Youth Population by Age Group, Gender, Ethnicity and Religion (%)

Age Group

	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34
2019	21.1	23.7	27.4	27.9
2020	20.6	23.4	27.5	28.5
2021	20.1	23.3	27.2	29.5

Ethnicity

	Chinese	Malay	Indian	Others
2019	71.5	16.7	8.9	2.9
2020	71.5	16.7	8.9	2.9
2021	71.3	16.8	9.0	3.0

Gender

Male

Female



Religion

	Buddhism	Christianity ³	Hinduism	Islam	Sikhism	Taoism ⁴	Other Religions	No Religion
2000	39.6	14.5	4.2	16.6	0.4	6.8	0.2	17.8
2010	28.9	18.0	5.9	17.9	0.3	8.2	0.3	20.4
2020	25.5	18.1	4.6	20.3	0.4	5.6	0.2	25.3

³'Christianity' includes Catholics and Other Christians.

⁴'Taoism' includes Chinese Traditional Beliefs.

Source: Singapore Census of Population 2000, 2010 and 2020, Singapore Department of Statistics.

Source: Population Trends 2021, Singapore Department of Statistics.



SELECTED EDUCATION INDICATORS

% of P1 Cohort¹ Eligible for Secondary School²
(Refers to students who sat for the PSLE² and qualified for Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Courses)

2018	2019	2020
98.0	98.2	98.4

¹Figures are preliminary.

²The P1 cohorts represented in each year are different across the indicators, as different cohorts reach the target levels in each year. For instance, for 2020, the percentage of the P1 cohort eligible for secondary school is calculated based on the cohort that entered P1 in 2015.



% of P1 Cohort¹ had at least 5 N-Level passes or 3 O-Level passes³



¹Figures are preliminary.

³The percentage of the P1 cohort that had at least 5 N-level or 3 O-level passes is calculated based on the cohort that entered P1 in 2011.

% of P1 Cohort¹ admitted to⁴

	2018	2019	2020
(i) Nitec / Higher Nitec Courses (full-time)	25.1	24.7	25.4
(ii) Publicly-Funded Diploma Courses (full-time) ⁵	46.9	48.0	49.2
(iii) Pre-University Courses	29.3	28.5	28.8
(iv) Publicly-Funded Degree Courses (full-time) ⁶	37.6	38.5	39.1

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⁴Students who enrol in one course may progress subsequently to another course and are accounted for under both types of courses. Figures for indicators (i), (ii) and (iii) are based on P1 cohorts admitted to P1 10 years ago, while indicator (iv) is based on P1 cohort admitted to P1 12 years ago.

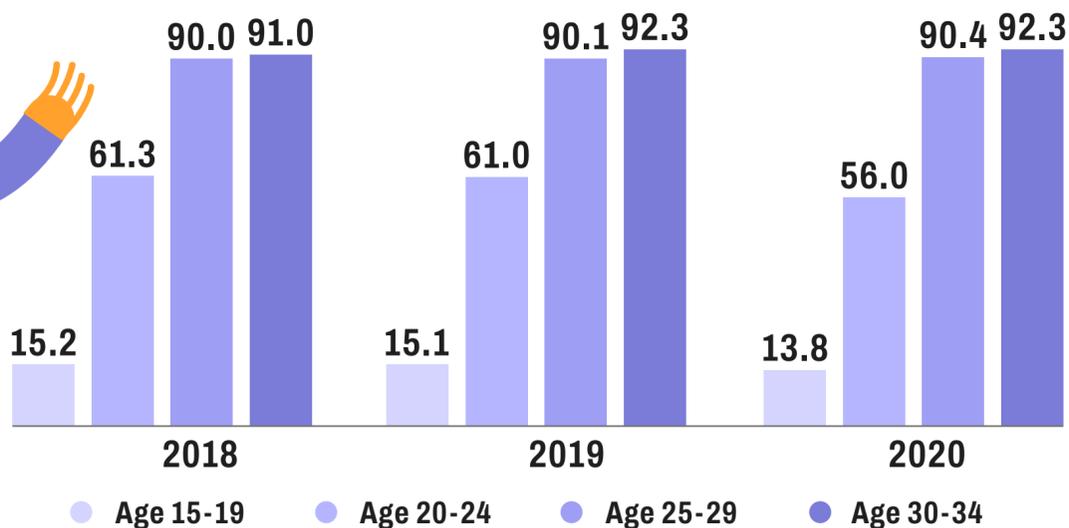
⁵Courses are offered by the five Polytechnics, ITE, LASALLE College of the Arts (LASALLE) and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA).

⁶Courses are offered by NUS, NTU, SMU, SUTD, SIT, SUSS, LASALLE and NAFA.

Source: Education Statistics Digest 2021, Ministry of Education.

SELECTED LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS

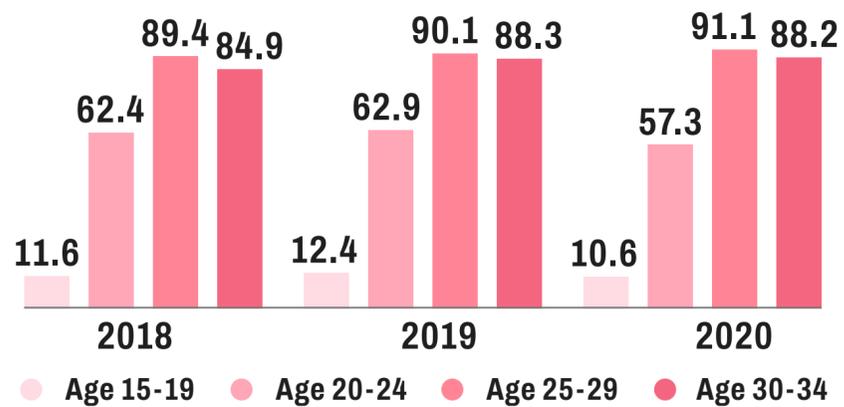
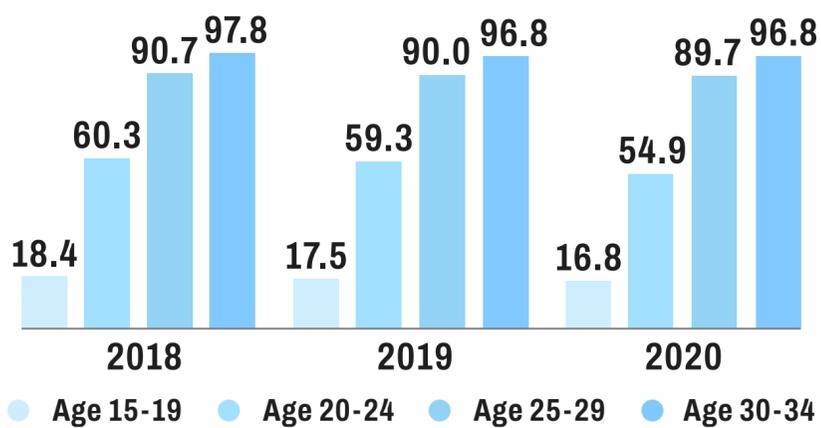
Age-Specific Resident Labour Force Participation Rates¹ as at June of the Year (%)



¹Refers to the economically active population, aged 15 years and over, as a percentage of the total population in the specific age group as at June of the respective years.

Source: Labour Force in Singapore 2020, Ministry of Manpower.

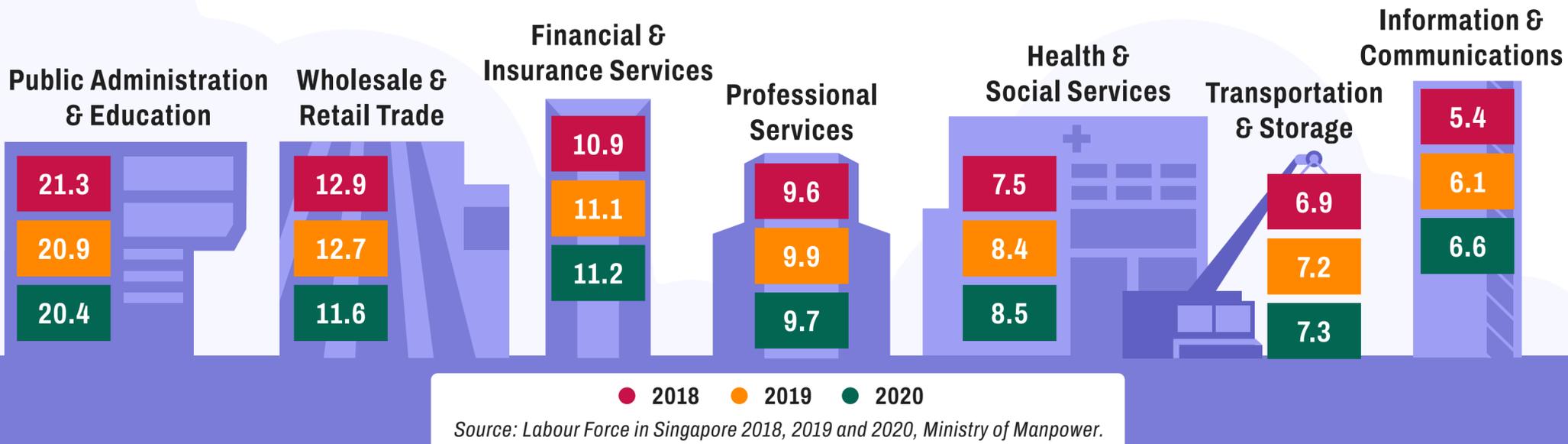
Age-Specific Resident Labour Force Participation Rates¹ by Gender as at June of the Year (%)



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Source: Labour Force in Singapore 2020, Ministry of Manpower.

Top Industries of Employed Residents Aged 15-34 Years as at June of the Year (%)



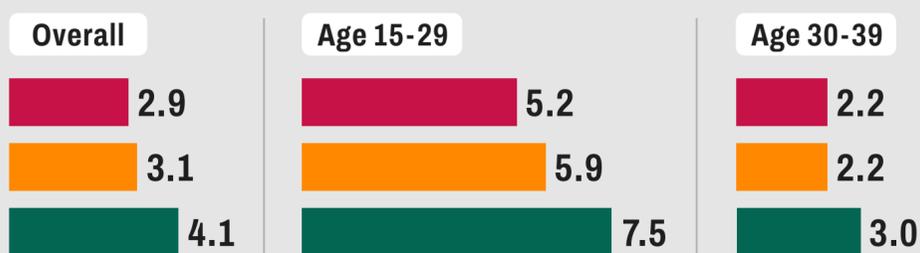
Employed Residents Aged 15-34 Years by Occupation as at June of the Year (%)

Occupation	2018 (%)	2019 (%)	2020 (%)
Professionals	26.0	27.6	29.6
Associate Professionals & Technicians	28.0	28.2	28.3
Service & Sales Workers	11.8	11.2	10.5
Clerical Support Workers	12.4	11.1	10.1
Managers & Administrators (including Working Proprietors)	6.3	6.6	6.9
Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	2.4	2.7	2.9
Cleaners, Labourers & Related Workers	2.1	2.2	2.1
Craftsmen & Related Trades Workers	1.6	1.6	1.4
Others ²	9.4	8.8	8.2

²Includes Agricultural & Fishery Workers and Workers not Classifiable by Occupation. Occupations are categorised according to the Singapore Standard Occupation Classification (SSOC) 2020. "Working Proprietors" occupation is merged together with "Managers and Administrators" occupation in the SSOC 2020.

Source: M182171 - Employed Residents Aged 15 Years and Over by Occupation and Age Group (June), Annual, Singapore Department of Statistics (2022). Retrieved from www.tablebuilder.singstat.gov.sg.

Annual Average Resident Unemployment Rate³ (%)



³Resident unemployed persons comprise Singapore citizens and permanent residents who were without work during the survey reference period but were available for work and were actively looking for a job.

Source: Singapore Yearbook of Manpower Statistics 2020, Ministry of Manpower.

Employed Residents Aged 15-34 Years by Nature of Employment as at June of the Year (%)

	Full-time		Part-time	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
2018	91.8	91.9	8.2	8.1
2019	91.9	92.8	7.2	
2020	92.8			

Source: Labour Force in Singapore 2018, 2019 and 2020, Ministry of Manpower.

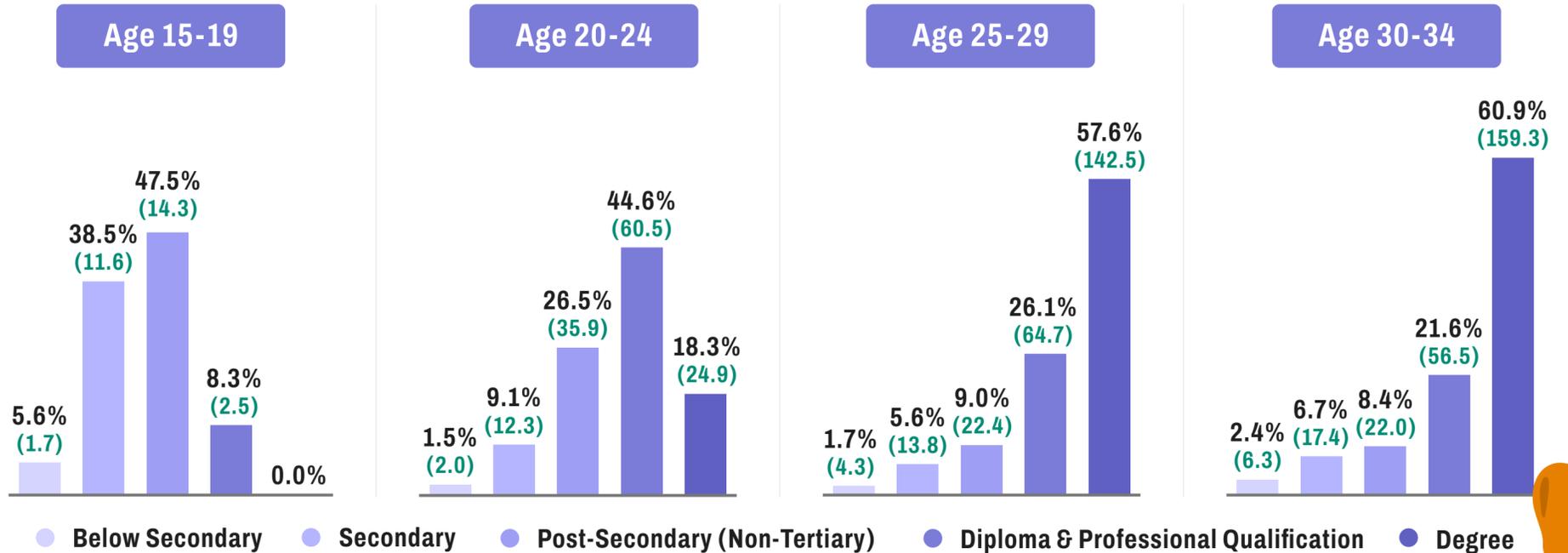
Age-Specific Time-Related Underemployment Rate⁴ as at June of the Year (%)

	2018	2019	2020
Total	3.3	3.1	4.1
15-24	5.9	6.2	5.7
25-29	1.9	1.9	2.3
30-39	1.8	1.8	2.5

⁴Time-related underemployed persons comprise Singapore citizens and permanent residents who normally work less than 35 hours a week but are willing and available to engage in additional work.

Source: Labour Force in Singapore 2018, 2019 and 2020, Ministry of Manpower.

Resident Youth Labour Force and Highest Qualification Attained (Number in '000s & %)



Source: Labour Force in Singapore 2020, Ministry of Manpower.

Median Gross Monthly Income⁵ of full-time Employed Resident Youth⁶ by Highest Qualification Attained

Age	Below Secondary	Secondary	Post Secondary (Non-Tertiary)	Diploma & Professional Qualification	Degree
15-19	s	\$936	\$1,872	s	s
20-24	s	\$2,000	\$2,106	\$2,691	\$3,744
25-29	\$2,106	\$2,535	\$2,677	\$3,276	\$4,732
30-34	\$2,282	\$2,999	\$3,233	\$4,103	\$6,372

⁵Including employer CPF.

⁶Excluding full-time national servicemen.

s: Data suppressed due to small number covered.

Source: Labour Force in Singapore 2020, Ministry of Manpower.

MARRIAGES, DIVORCES AND FERTILITY

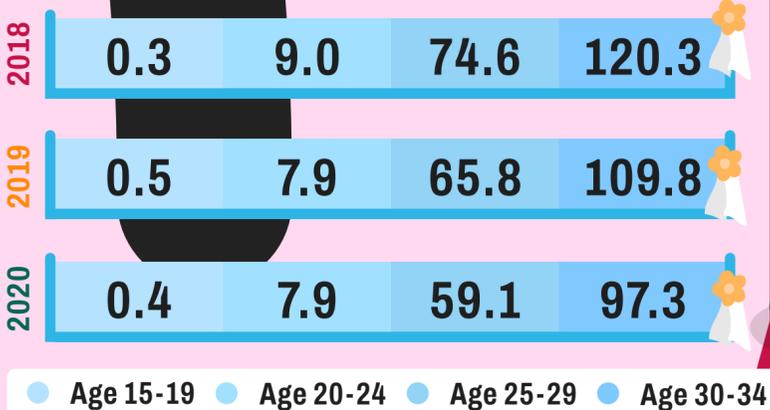
Median Age at First Marriage¹

Grooms		Brides	
2018	30.2	2018	28.5
2019	30.4	2019	28.8
2020	30.4	2020	28.8

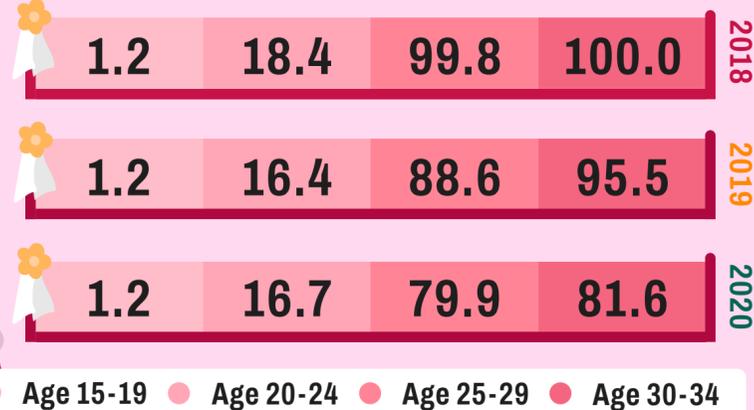
¹Refers to the median age of grooms or brides who had not previously been married.

Source: Statistics on Marriages and Divorces 2020, Singapore Department of Statistics.

Age-Specific Marriage Rates² (per 1,000 unmarried resident males)



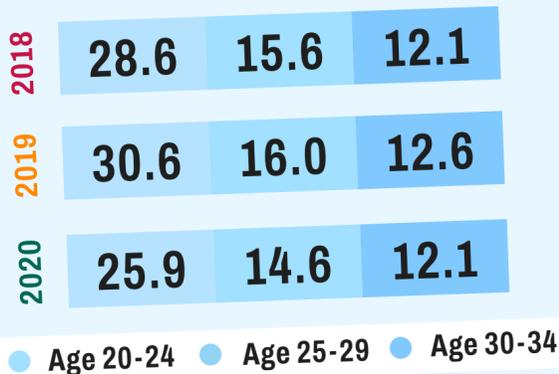
Age-Specific Marriage Rates² (per 1,000 unmarried resident females)



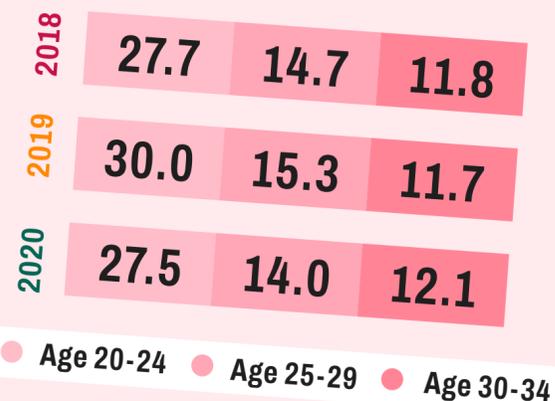
²Refers to the number of marriages registered within a specific age group during the year, out of every thousand unmarried population in the same group.

Source: M830102 - Marriage Rates, Annual, Singapore Department of Statistics (2021). Retrieved from www.tablebuilder.singstat.gov.sg.

Age-Specific Divorce Rates³ (per 1,000 married resident males)



Age-Specific Divorce Rates³ (per 1,000 married resident females)



³Refers to the number of divorces and annulments granted within a specific age group during the year, out of every thousand married population in the same age group.

Source: M830202 - Divorce Rates, Annual, Singapore Department of Statistics (2021). Retrieved from www.tablebuilder.singstat.gov.sg.

Median Age of Resident Live Births for First Time Mothers



● 2018 ● 2019 ● 2020

Source: M810741 - Median Age of Resident Live Births for First Time Mothers, Annual, Singapore Department of Statistics (2021). Retrieved from www.tablebuilder.singstat.gov.sg.

Total Fertility Rate⁴ (per female)



⁴Refers to the average number of live births each female would have during her reproductive years if she were to experience the age-specific fertility rates prevailing during the period.

Source: M810091 - Births and Fertility Rates, Annual, Singapore Department of Statistics (2021). Retrieved from www.tablebuilder.singstat.gov.sg.

Resident Ever-Married Females by Age Group and Number of Children Born (%)

Age 15-29

Age 30-39



● None ● 1 ● 2 ● 3 or More children ● 4 or more children

Source: M810571 - Resident Ever-Married Females by Age Group and Number of Children, Annual, Singapore Department of Statistics (2021). Retrieved from www.tablebuilder.singstat.gov.sg.

Proportion of Singles among Resident Population by Gender and Age Group (%)

Age 20-24

Age 20-24



Age 25-29

Age 25-29



Age 30-34

Age 30-34



● 2018 ● 2019 ● 2020

Source: Population Trends 2021, Singapore Department of Statistics.

AT-RISK BEHAVIOURS

Total Teenage Births¹

2018	2019	2020
289	280	256

¹Number of live births born to mothers up to 19 years of age.

Source: Immigration and Checkpoints Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs (2021). Retrieved from <https://data.gov.sg/dataset/single-parent-births-by-ethnic-group>

Number of Youths² Arrested

2018	2019	2020
2,703	2,699	2,422

²Refers to persons aged 7-19 years old.

Source: Singapore Police Force, Ministry of Home Affairs (2021). Retrieved from <https://data.gov.sg/dataset/total-persons-locals-and-foreigners-arrested>

Gambling Participation Rates by Age In the Last 12 Months (%)

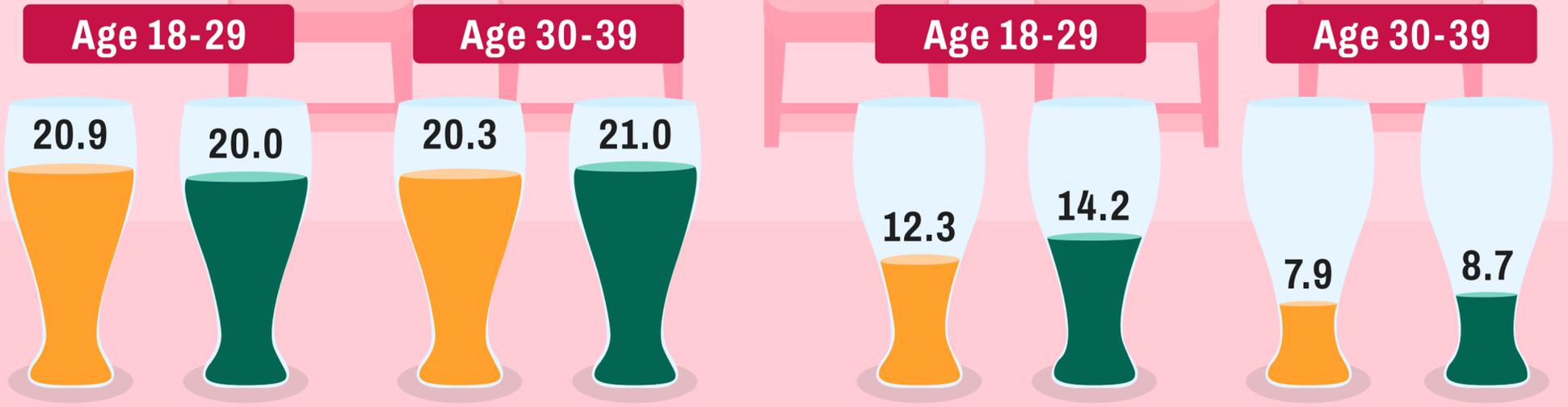
	2011	2014	2017	2020
18-29	32.0	28.0	41.0	38.0
30-39	49.0	42.0	48.0	43.0

Note: Gamblers were classified as those who had participated in at least one form of gambling in the last 12 months.

Examples of gambling include but are not limited to lotteries, sports betting and casinos.

Source: Report of Survey on Participation in Gambling Activities among Singapore Residents 2014, 2017 and 2020, National Council on Problem Gambling.

Age-Specific Prevalence of Binge Drinking⁴ by Gender (%)

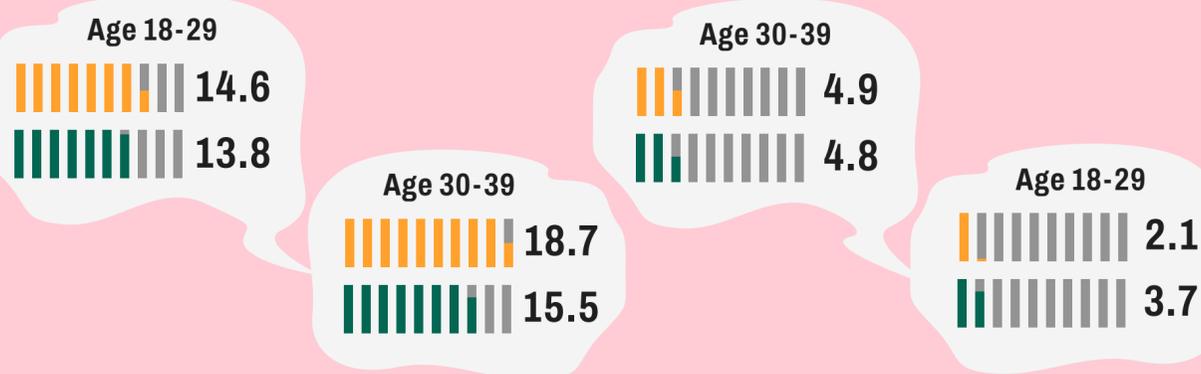


● 2019 ● 2020

⁴Binge drinking is defined as consumption of 5 or more alcoholic drinks for males, and 4 or more drinks for females in any 1 drinking session during the past month.

Source: National Population Health Survey 2019 and 2020, Ministry of Health.

Age-Specific Prevalence of Daily Smoking³ by Gender (%)



● 2019 ● 2020

³Daily smoking is defined as smoking cigarettes at least once a day (including people who smoke everyday but have to stop temporarily because of religious fasting or medical reasons).

Source: National Population Health Survey 2019 and 2020, Ministry of Health.

Age-Specific Prevalence of Poor Mental Health⁴ by Gender (%)



● Age 18-29 ● Age 30-39

⁴Poor Mental health is defined as a state of well-being in which the individual cannot realise his or her own abilities, is unable to cope with the normal stresses of life, cannot help productively and fruitfully and is unable to make a contribution to his or her community.

Source: National Population Health Survey 2020, Ministry of Health.

TECHNOLOGY USE

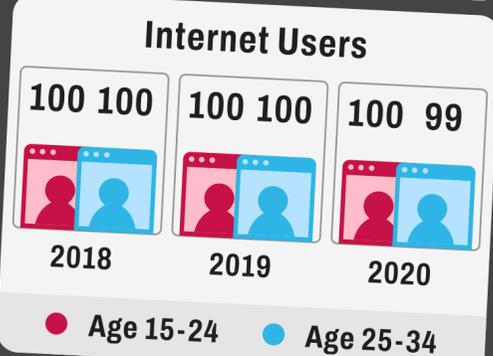
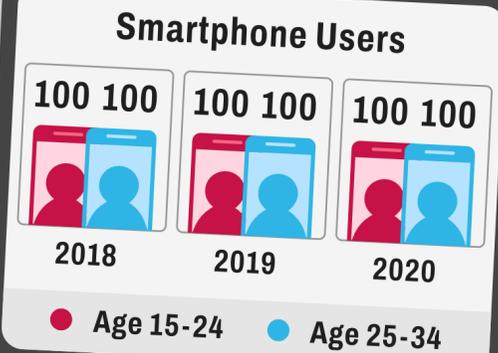
Top Internet Activities Among Internet Users by Age (%)

Age 15-24	2018	2019	2020
Instant messaging	92	97	100
Getting information/General web browsing	84	87	100
Browsing through the posts/content, sharing or re-posting on social network	91	89	98
Telephoning over the Internet (VoIP) - Voice	70	72	92
Sending/receiving emails	81	82	91

Age 25-34	2018	2019	2020
Getting information/General web browsing	86	91	100
Instant messaging	99	96	100
Purchasing/ordering goods and/or services	92	95	98
Browsing through the posts/content, sharing or re-posting on social network	90	85	96
Sending/receiving emails	85	86	93

Source: Annual Survey on Infocomm Usage by Individuals, 2018, 2019 and 2020, Infocomm Media Development Authority.

Individual Smartphone¹ and Internet² Users by Age (%)



¹Smartphone user is a resident who has used a smartphone in the last 3 months.
²Internet user is a resident who has used the Internet at any location in the last 3 months.

Source: Annual Survey on Infocomm Usage by Individuals, 2018, 2019 and 2020, Infocomm Media Development Authority.

VOLUNTEERISM AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

National Volunteerism Rate (%)

	2016	2018	2021
15-24	41	40	24
25-34	29	28	23

Source: Individual Giving Study 2016, 2018 and 2021, National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre.



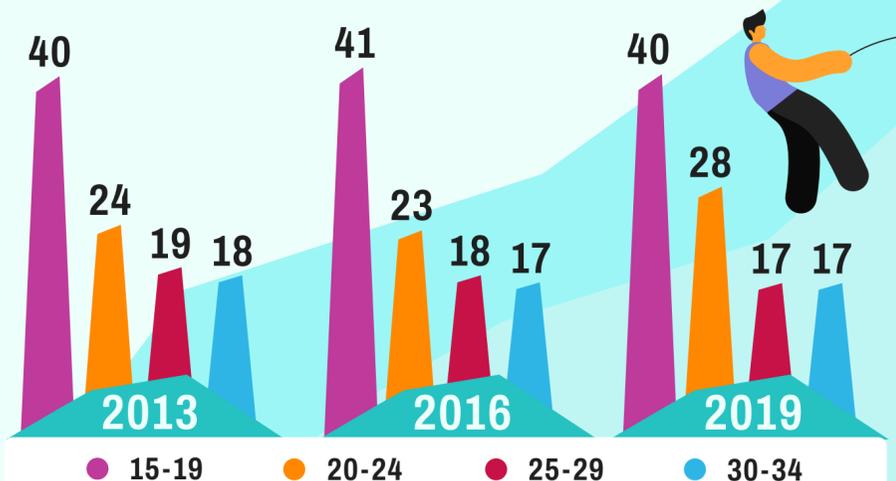
Involvement in at least One Social Group¹ by Age (%)

	2013	2016	2019
15-19	81	84	80
20-24	63	65	66
25-29	62	60	56
30-34	57	63	58

¹Social groups include Sports-related, Arts & Cultural, Uniform Community, Religious, etc.

Source: National Youth Survey 2013, 2016 and 2019, National Youth Council.

Involvement in Leadership Positions² by Age (%)



²Leadership involvement refers to youths who have held an official title, such as Chairman, Treasurer, Council Member, etc.

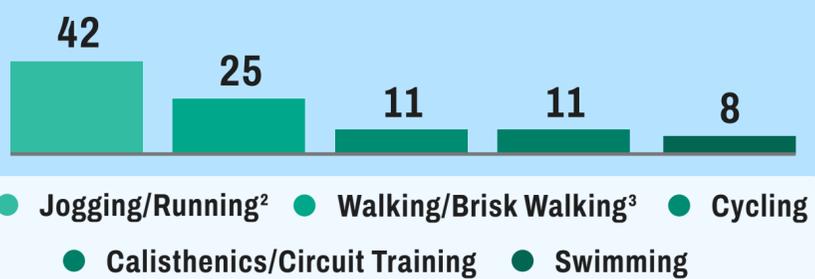
Source: National Youth Survey 2013, 2016 and 2019, National Youth Council.

SPORTS & PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION

Top 5 Sports & Physical Activities¹ Among Youth Aged 15-19 (%)



Top 5 Sports & Physical Activities¹ Among Youth Aged 20-34 (%)



Regular⁴ Participation by Age (%)

	2018	2019	2020
Age 15-19	72	74	76
Age 20-24	61	69	70
Age 25-29	59	59	69
Age 30-34	61	64	71

⁴Regular is defined as at least once a week.

Source: National Sports Participation Survey 2019 and 2020, Sport Singapore.

¹Refers to physical activities participated in the past 4 weeks.

²Refers to outdoor activities (i.e. not on treadmill).

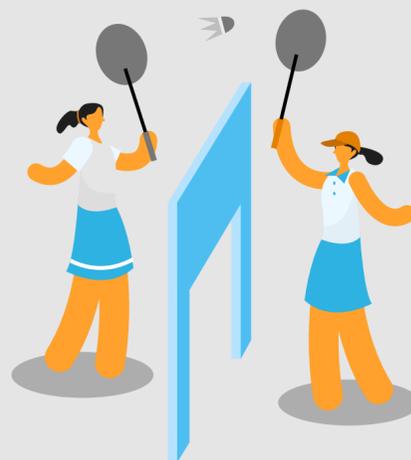
³Refers to mainly for health or fitness (i.e. not for travelling).

Source: National Sports Participation Survey 2020, Sport Singapore.



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