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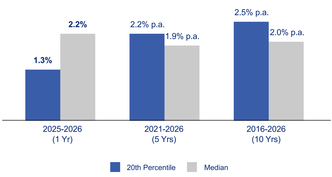
Employment outcomes of residents continued to improve

Real incomes continued to grow



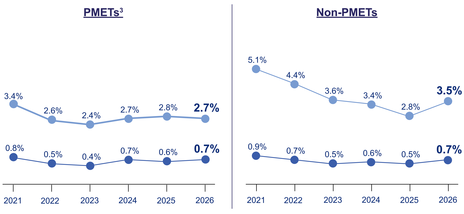
Seven in ten job switchers[1] experienced real income increases[2]



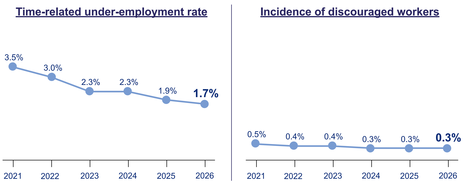
[1]This refers to full-time resident employees aged 25 to 64 years who changed jobs in the last one year.

[2]This refers to real income gains of at least 1%.

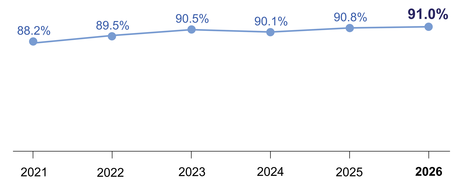
Labour underutilisation remained low



[3]PMETs refer to professionals, managers, executives & technicians.

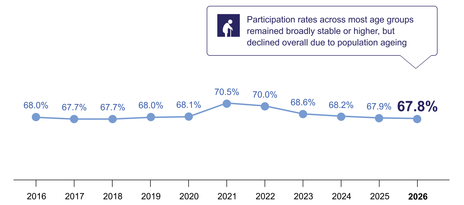


Proportion of employees in permanent jobs rose

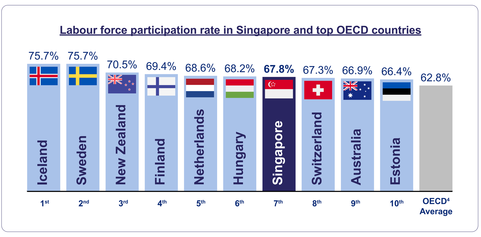


However, population ageing continued to exert downward pressure on overall labour force participation

The overall labour force participation rate edged down



Internationally, Singapore's labour force participation rate remains high



[4]Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Find out more in the report Labour Force in Singapore Advance Release 2026

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Source: Labour Force in Singapore Advance Release 2026

Notes:

(1) Data pertain to the resident population, comprising Singapore citizens and permanent residents aged 15 & over and refer to June periods unless otherwise stated.
(2) Income data pertain to full-time employed residents and include employer/platform operator CPF contributions.
(3) Real income growth for 2026 are preliminary, as the full-year CPI data for 2026 are not available yet.
(4) The PMET and non-PMET unemployment rates are non-seasonally adjusted figures.
(5) Labour force participation rate data are based on latest available figures for the respective countries, i.e. 2026 for Singapore and 2025 for OECD countries.

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