

# Sixth Family Research Network (FRN) Forum:

## *“Singlehood in Singapore: Issues and Challenges”*

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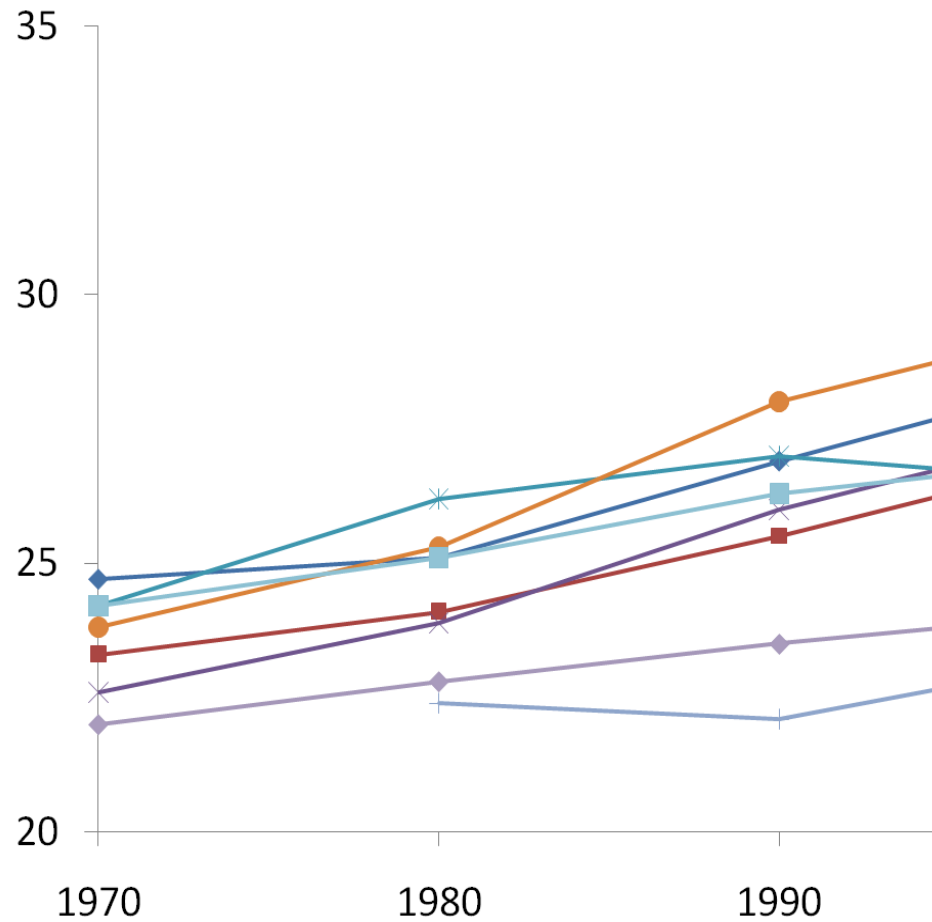
# TRENDS AND IMPLICATIONS OF RISING SINGLEHOOD IN SINGAPORE

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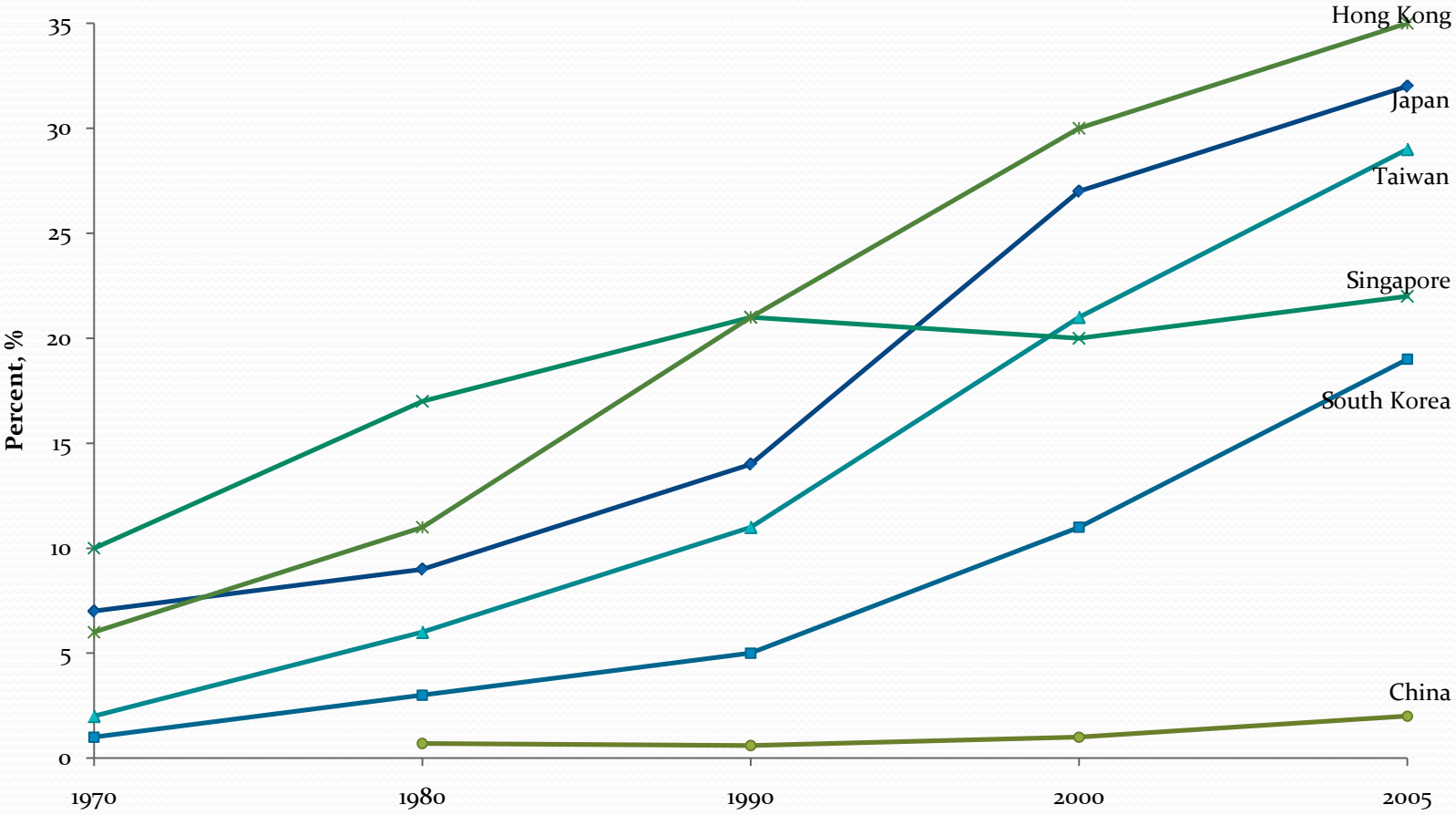
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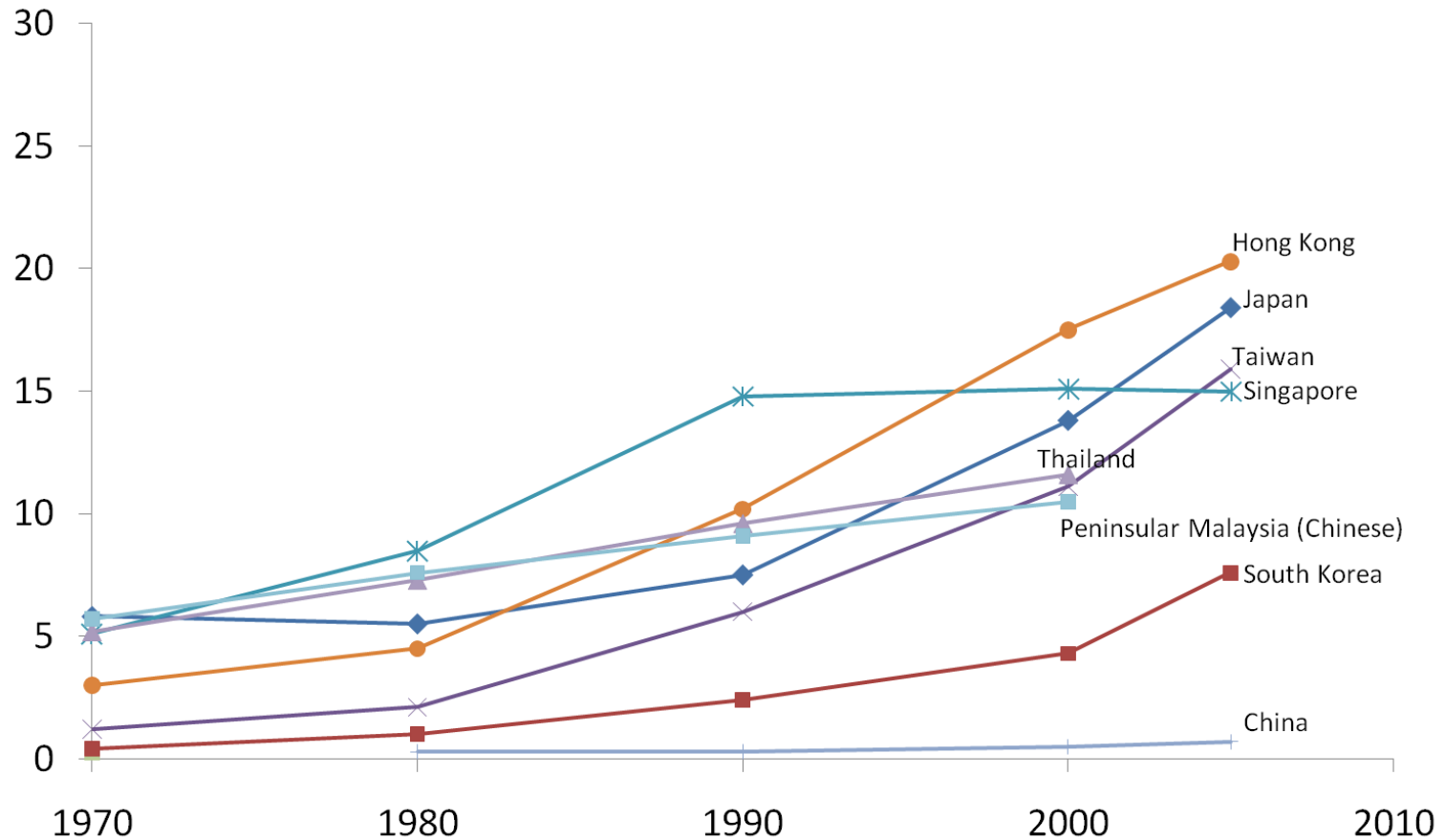
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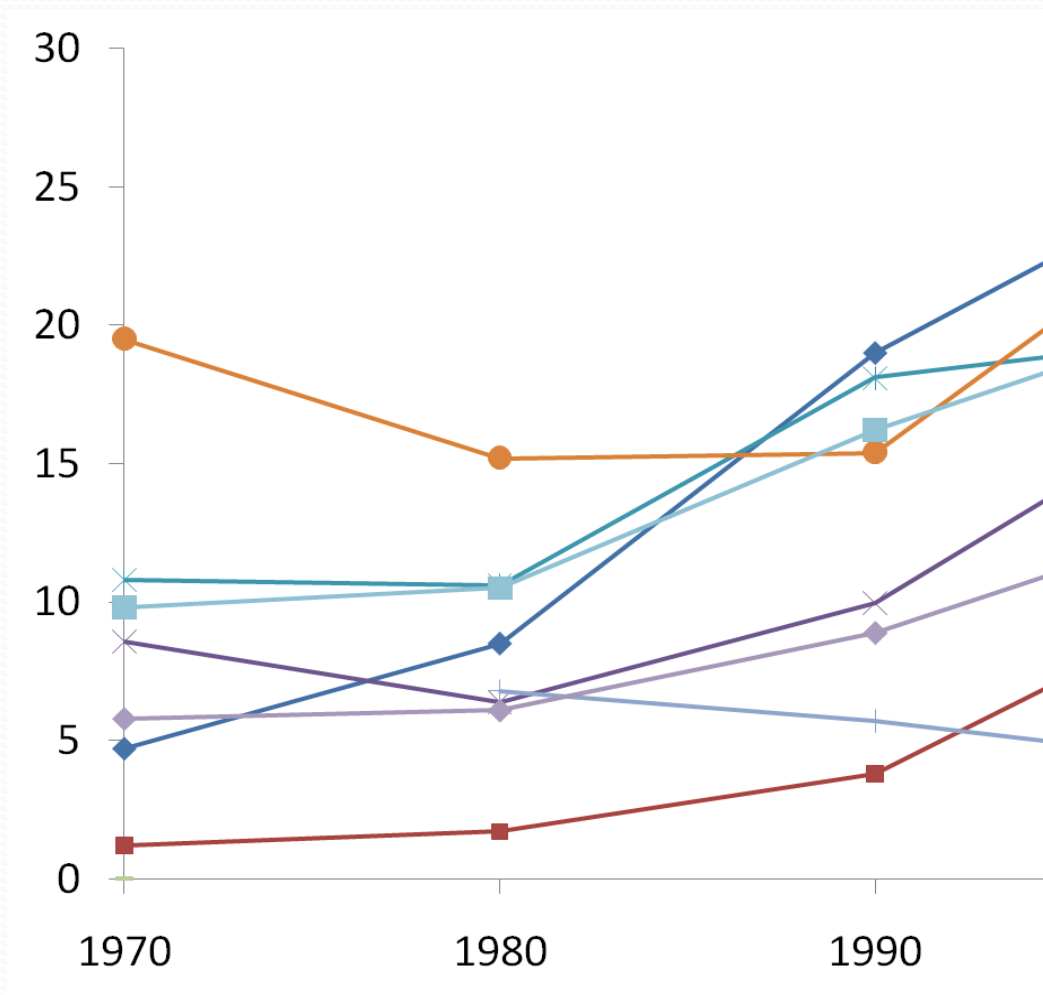
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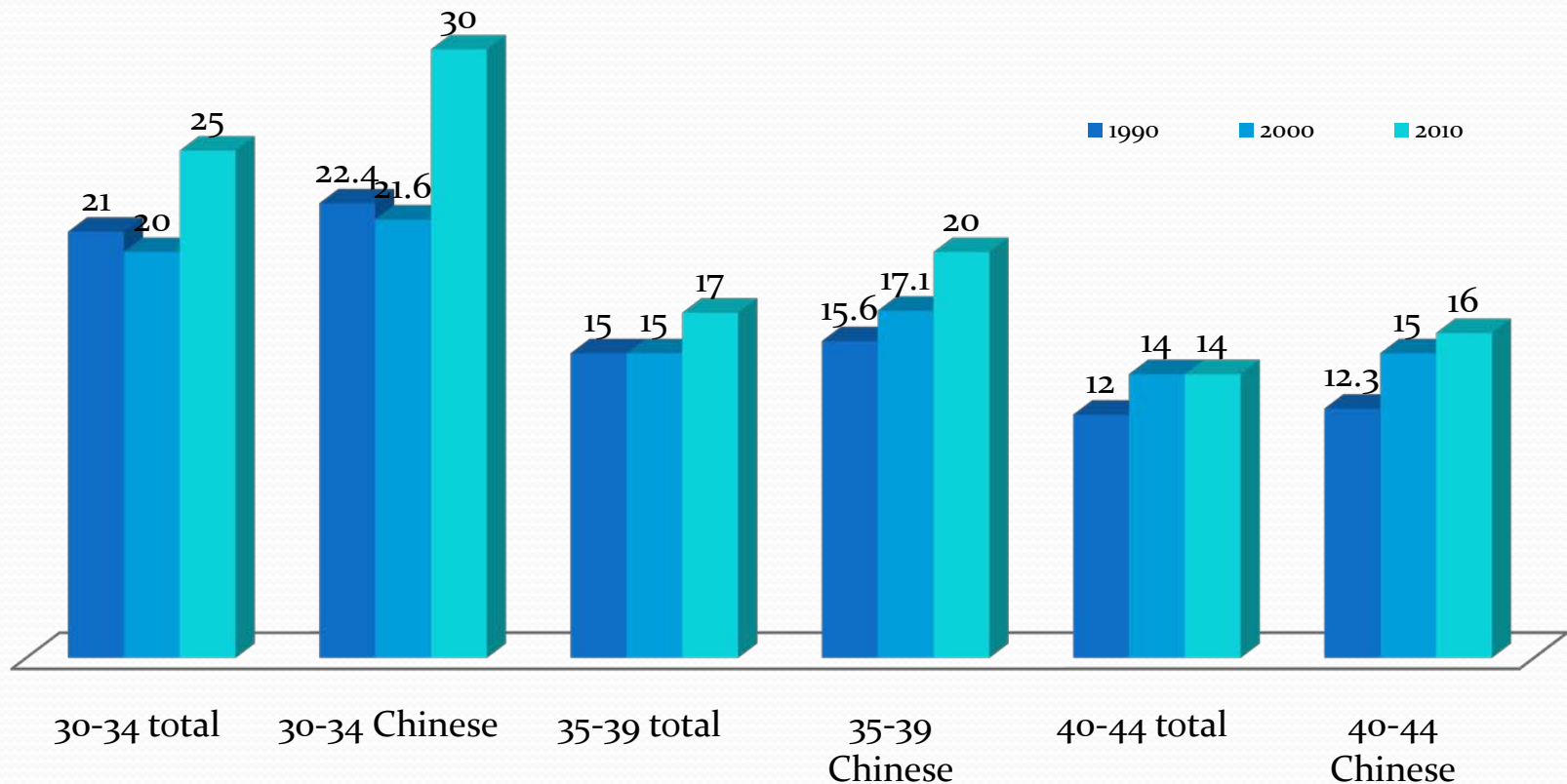
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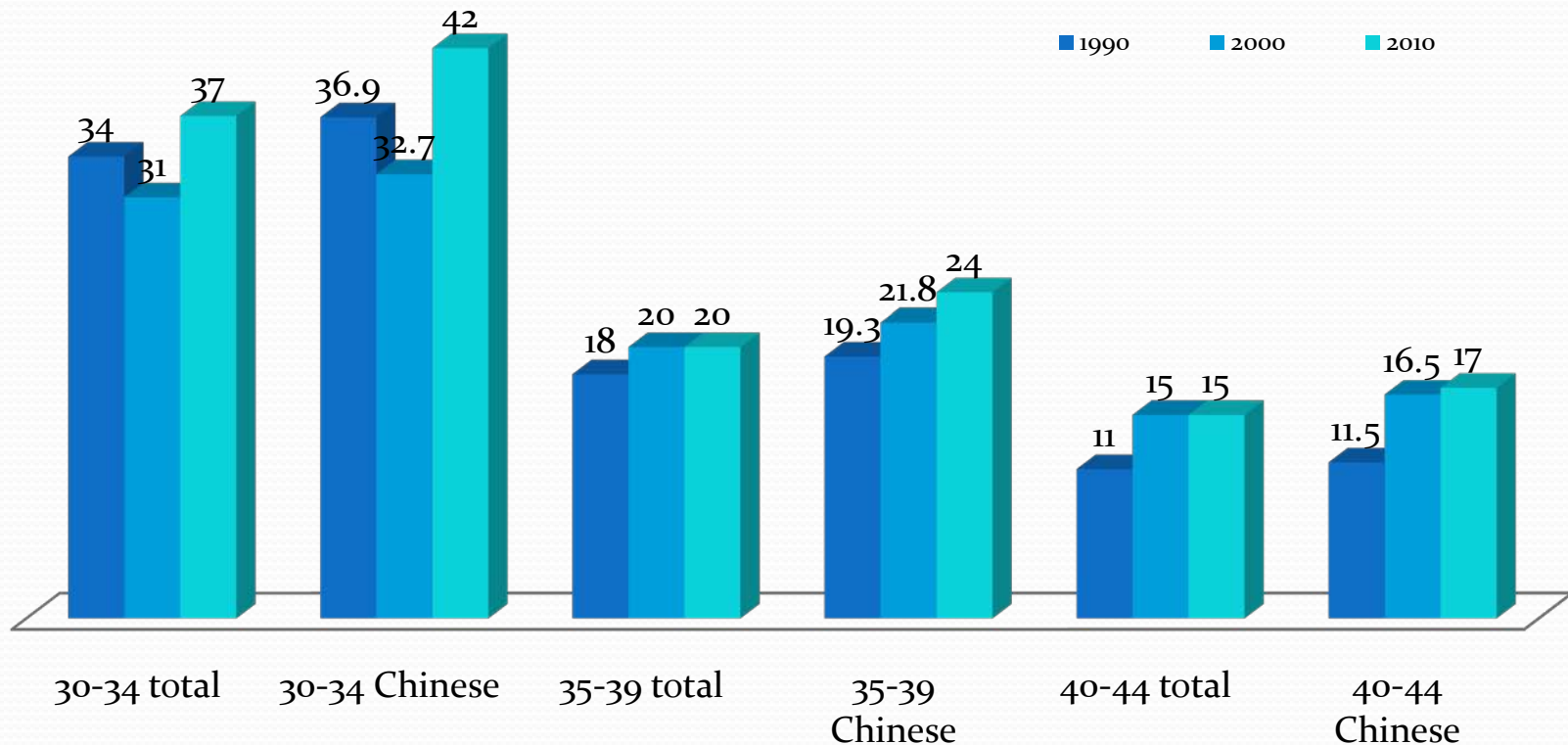
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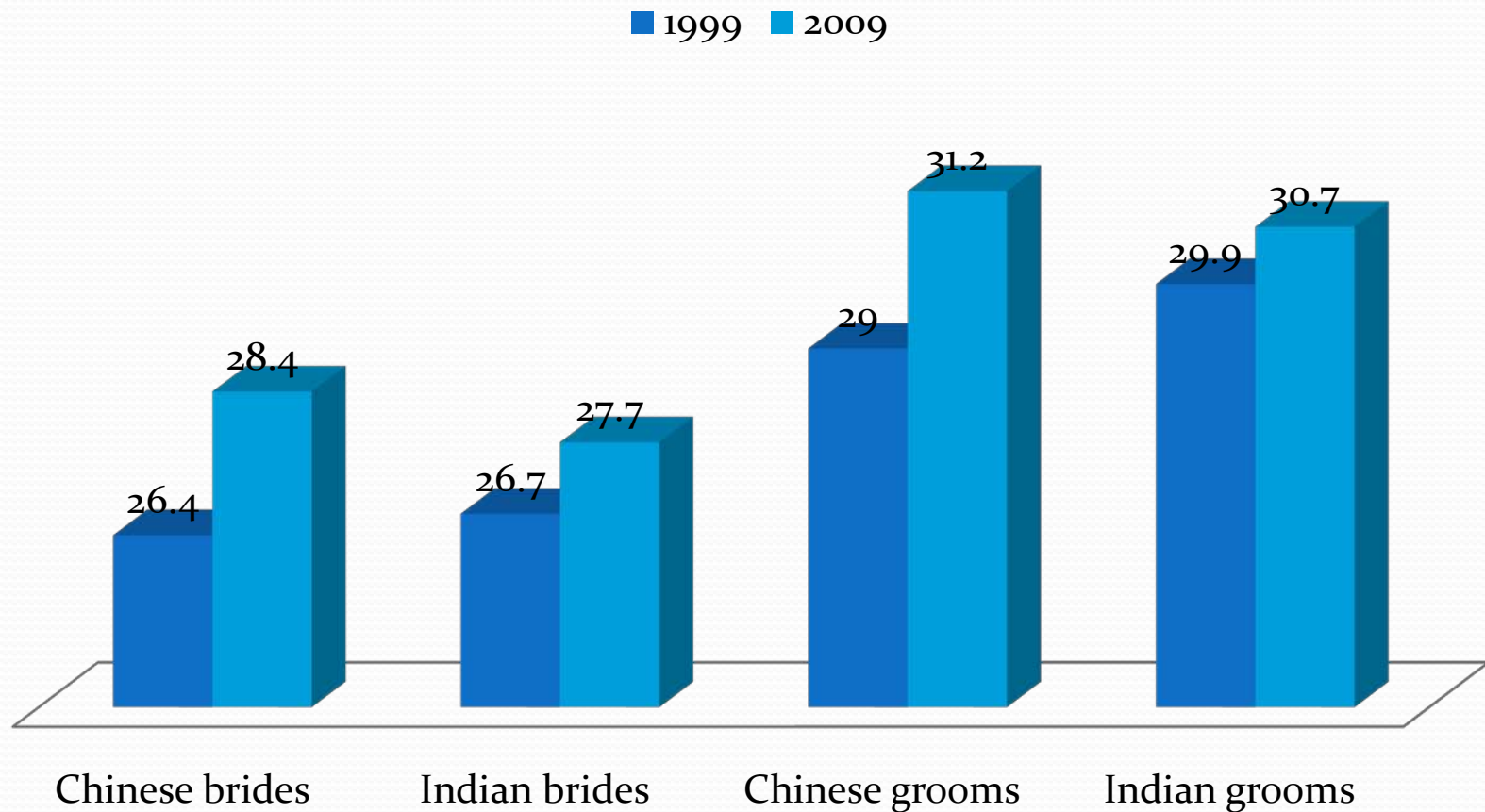


# Age-specific proportion single among male residents, Singapore, 1990-2010





# Median age at first marriage of grooms and brides married under the Women's Charter, 1999-2009



## Proportion never-married by age, sex and educational level, Singapore, 2000 and 2010

Sex and age group	Below Secondary		Secondary		Post-secondary		University	
	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010
<b>Female</b>								
30-34	13	13	17	18	23	27	27	28
35-39	10	9	14	13	20	18	23	21
40-44	9	9	15	12	20	16	22	19
<b>Male</b>								
30-34	40	39	29	38	28	37	28	35
35-39	28	29	18	25	15	21	13	17
40-44	21	23	14	18	9	14	7	11

# Policies with pro-marriage impacts

- Why is singlehood not rising further in Singapore?
- What is unique in Singapore policies?
  - Housing policy
  - SDN
  - Other??