

Thank you for being a part of the Singapore Panel Study on Social Dynamics (SPSSD). Your participation has been integral to our survey, which aims to understand challenges related to family cohesion and functioning.

Since 2015, we have conducted three waves of data collection and would like to share some early findings with you. These findings are based on responses from the Heads of Households in Wave 1 of the Study. They will be the baseline for future waves of data collection and analysis, as we continue to measure family relationships, social mobility and societal attitudes relevant to national identity. Our aim is for your responses and our research to help shape robust and relevant social policies for Singaporeans.

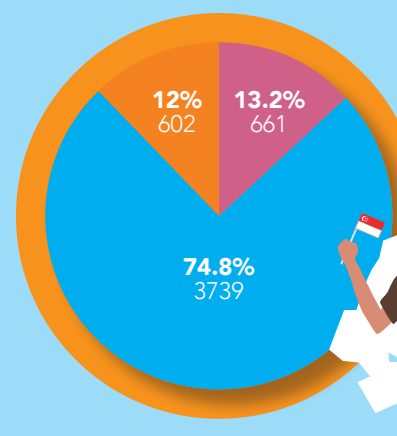
My team and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

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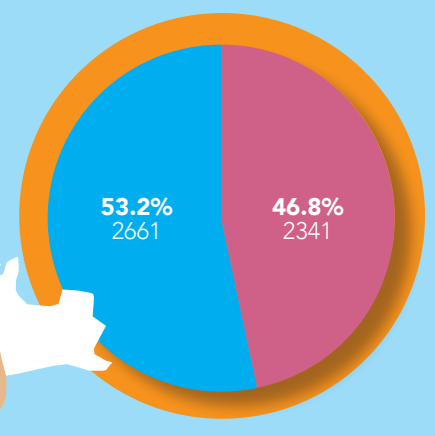
Who makes up our panel?

Total number of resident Heads of Households (HoHs) based on SPSSD Wave 1 in 2015 = 5002

Resident Status



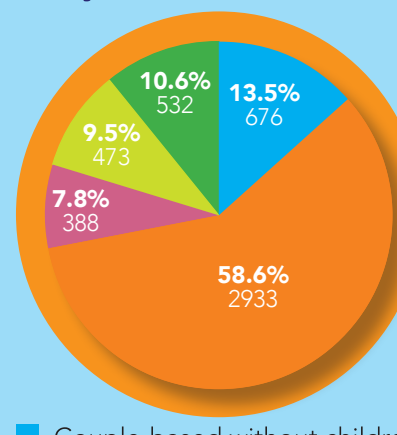
Gender



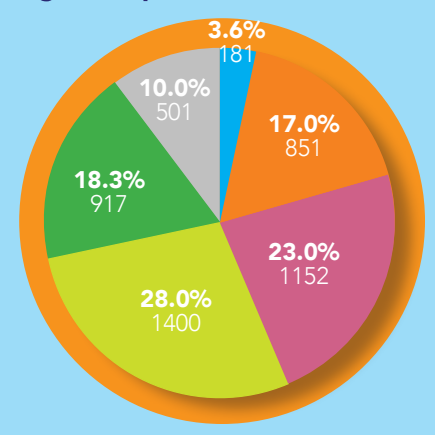
Household Size (Excluding Domestic Helpers)

Household Size	%	Total
1 member	9.5	473
2 members	17.9	897
3 members	20.8	1041
4 members	24.0	1201
5 members	14.8	742
6 or more members	13.0	648

Family Structure



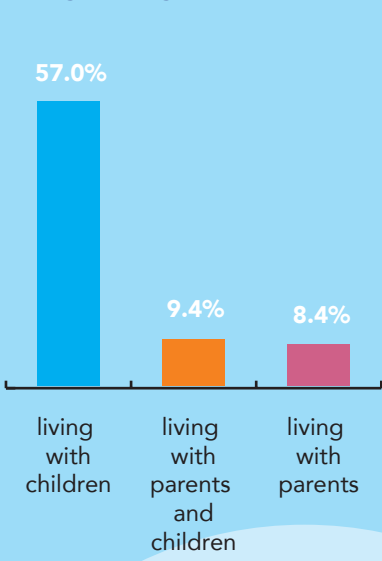
Age Group



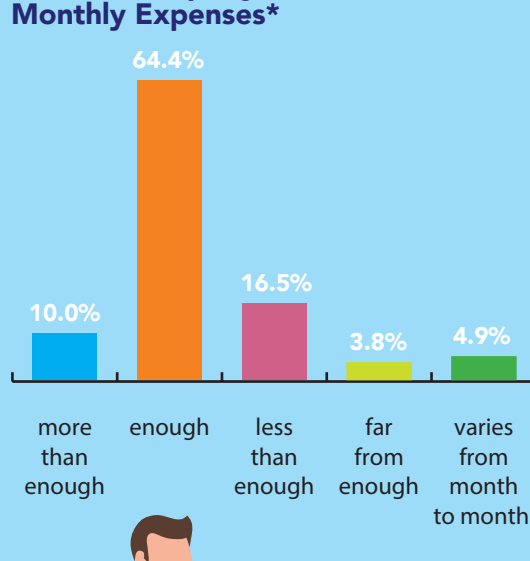
Lone Parent refers to HoHs who are: unmarried/married without spouse in the household/separated/divorced/widowed and living with children.

What are some key characteristics of households?

Living Arrangements



Income Adequacy for Monthly Expenses*



In case of an emergency, 70.3% have enough funds to last three months



Outstanding Loans*
52.2% had outstanding loans in the past 12 months



Main Types of Outstanding Loans^
Housing Loans - 45.0%
Car Loans - 16.2%
Credit Card Bills - 6.3%

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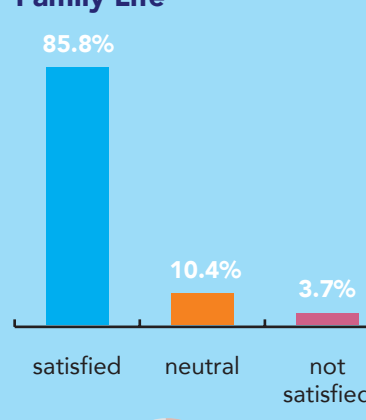


Financial Support
20.6% received financial support in the past 12 months

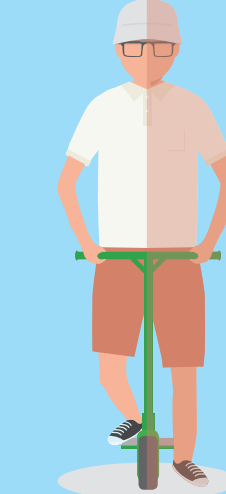
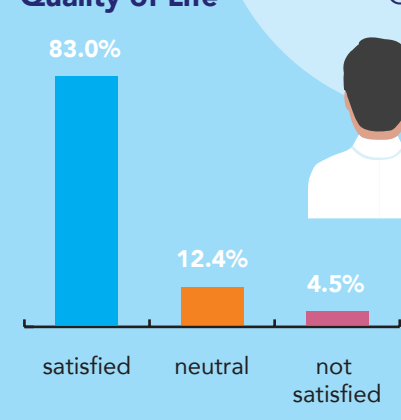
Sources of Financial Support^
Family & Relatives 73.8%
Government 29.5%
Charities 5.4%

Areas of Satisfaction (according to the Heads of Households)

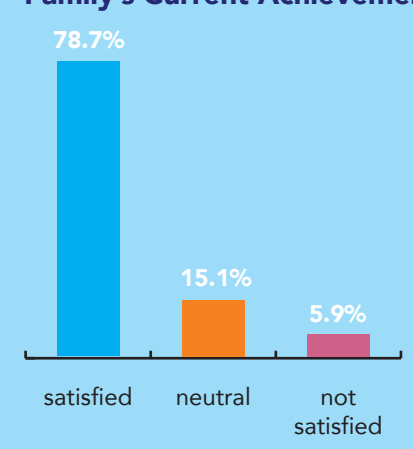
Family Life*



Quality of Life*



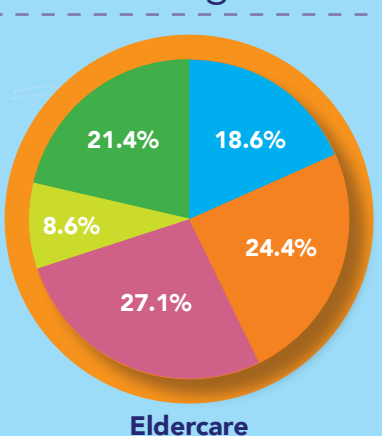
Family's Current Achievements*



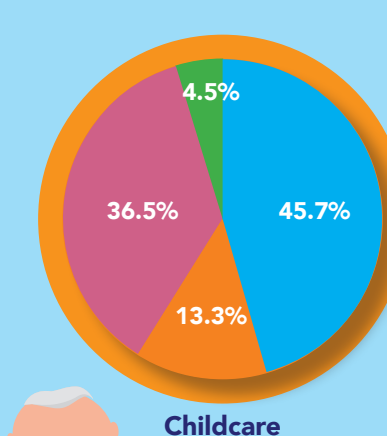
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How are decisions made?

Care Arrangements

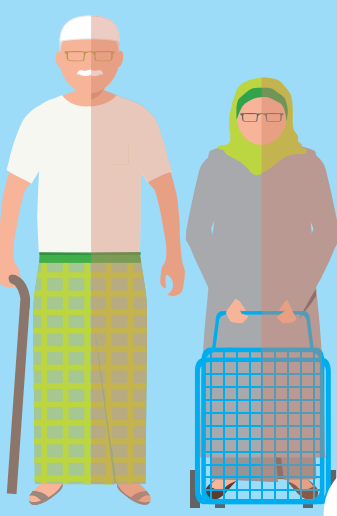


Eldercare
n= 931



Childcare
n= 1029

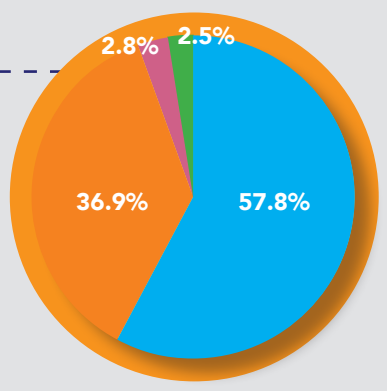
Other arrangements refer to other combinations of household members; family members not staying in the household; more than two persons in the household; no specific decision maker in the household; or child decides for himself/herself (for childcare).



Financial Decisions

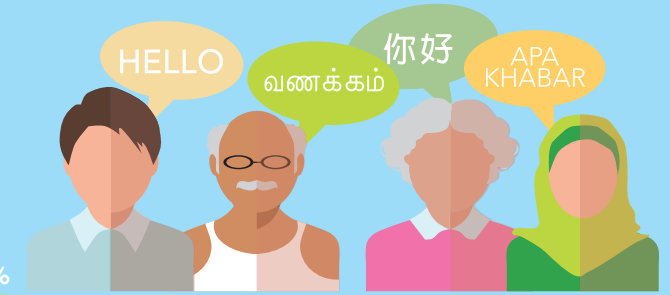
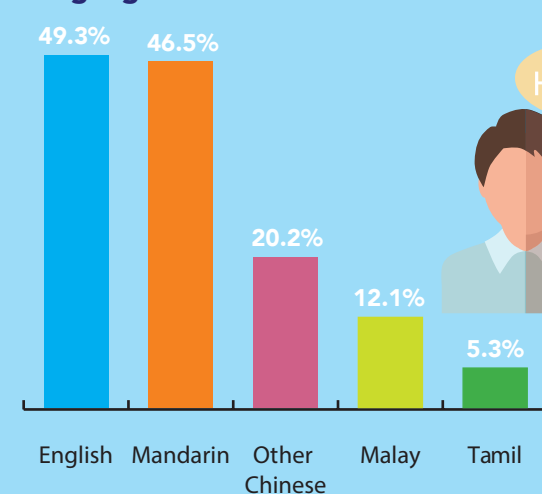
The main decision-maker in the household is:

Male HoH or spouse (57.8%)
Female HoH or spouse (36.9%)
Parent/parent-in-law (2.8%)
Others including child/child's spouse, sibling or other household members (2.5%)

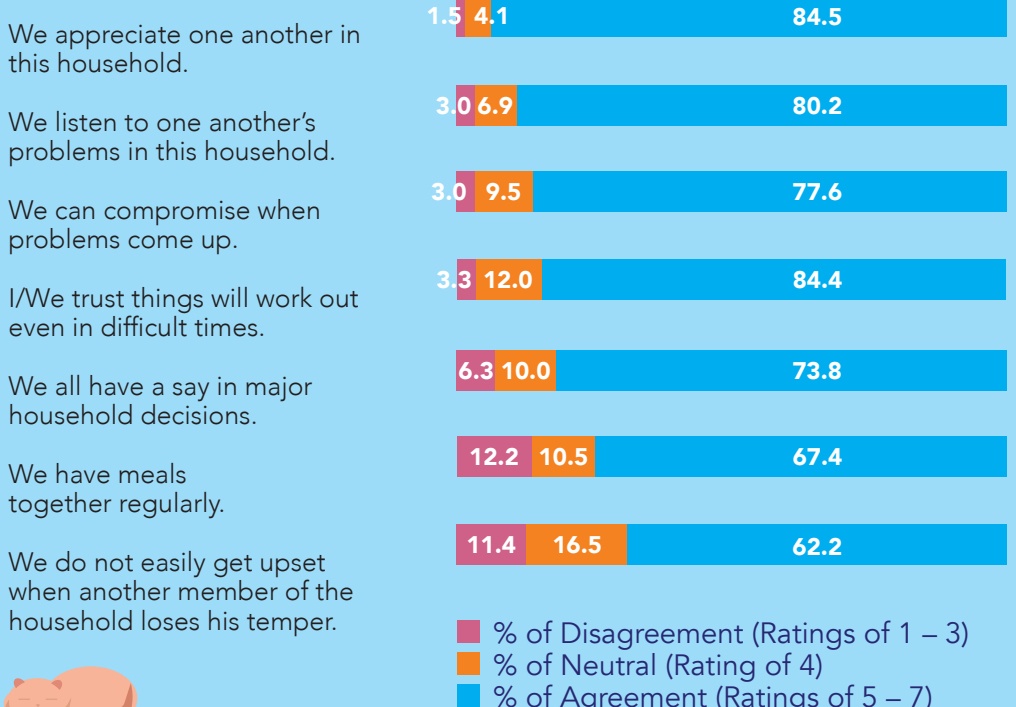


How do families communicate and interact with each other?

Languages Used Most Often^



Household Functioning*



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Questions or Comments?

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