

S'poreans are self-reliant: Survey

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A survey has found that eight in 10 locals prefer to rely on themselves than on the Government in these bad times. The Institute of Policy Studies carried out the survey, of a sample of 817 Singaporeans and permanent residents, three months ago.

The most self-reliant are the 30-somethings and well-off families earning more than \$8,000 a month.

Overall, people can survive for 8.5 months, on average, should they lose their jobs, according to survey. However, those in their 20s and the lower-income making less than \$2,500 a month cannot last as long. This indicates that most would need some form of help after 8.5 months, either from Government or community agencies.