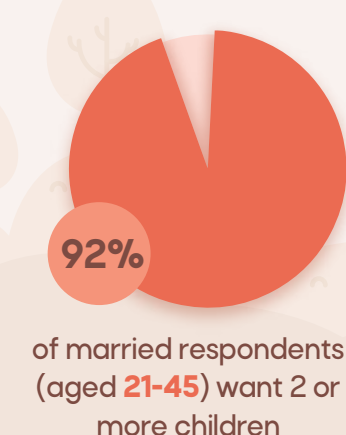
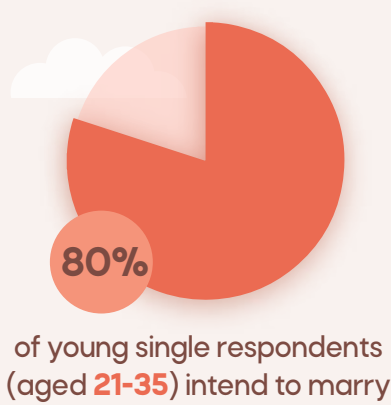


# Findings from Marriage & Parenthood Survey 2021\*

## Marriage and parenthood aspirations remain strong



## Costs and work-life harmony are important considerations for starting a family

Reasons for not having children among married respondents include:



Financial cost

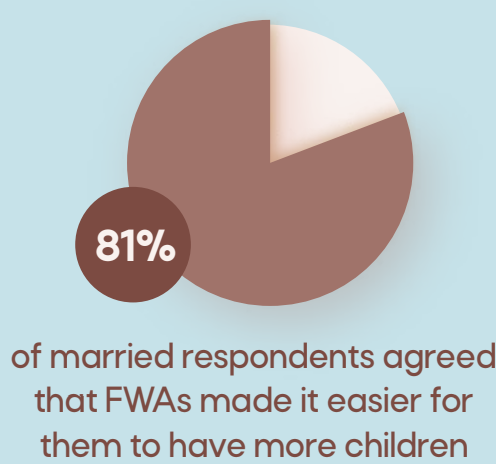
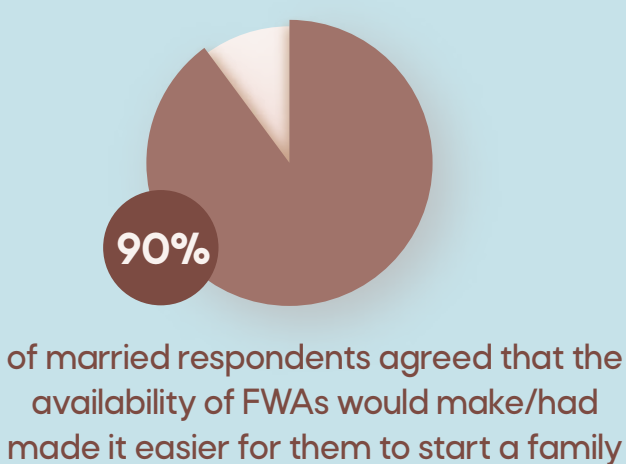


Difficulty in managing work and family commitments



Lack of caregiving arrangements

## Flexible Work Arrangements (FWAs) make it easier to start a family or have more children



## Fathers are equally important as caregivers

### Fathers can play a greater role at home

99% of married respondents agreed both parents are equally important as caregivers for children



95% of married respondents agreed both parents should share equal responsibilities at home



### Paternity leave can encourage more shared parental responsibility

97% of married respondents agreed that paternity leave allows fathers to play a bigger role in the newborn's life

77% of married respondents felt that paternity leave makes it easier for them to have children



## Need to raise awareness on fertility health



70% of married and single respondents have the misconception that assisted reproductive technologies like in-vitro fertilization (IVF) would have very high success rates for women above age 40



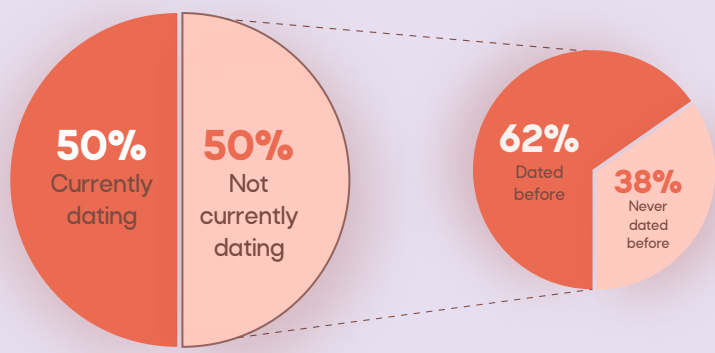
## Many single respondents are not proactive in dating

### Top 3 reasons for not dating:

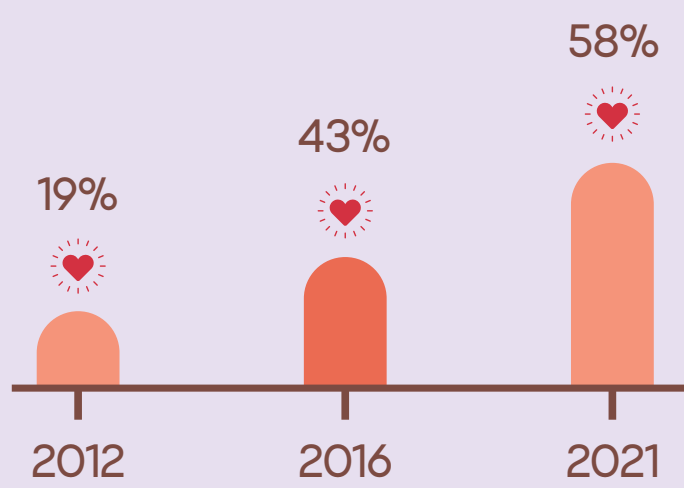
1. Have a limited social circle
2. No opportunities to meet potential partners
3. Prefer to leave dating to chance



38% of single respondents (who are currently not dating) have never dated before



More singles are open to finding a partner online



Singles who were comfortable to meet their partner through online channels (dating apps and websites)

\*The survey was commissioned by the National Population and Talent Division, Strategy Group, Prime Minister's Office. More than 5,800 Singapore residents took part in the survey from February to June 2021.