

# IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON MARRIAGE AND PARENTHOOD SENTIMENTS



From June to July 2020, more than 4,100 Singaporeans\* took part in a survey commissioned by the National Population and Talent Division, and the Ministry of Social and Family Development.



married individuals;  
aged 21-45 years old



singles in a serious relationship;  
aged 22-32 years old

About **3 in 10** respondents would delay their plans to get married or have (more) children.

*\*Sample was based on 2,008 singles and 2,074 married individuals, each weighted by age, gender, ethnicity and educational level to ensure representativeness*



## FINDINGS FROM SURVEY OF MARRIED INDIVIDUALS



Among those who planned to delay having children,

**76%**

would delay for up to 2 years. The rest would delay for longer than 2 years or were not sure how long they would delay.

### Top reasons for delaying childbearing plans:



**60%**

delay because they were uncertain about the global COVID-19 health situation.



**56%**

delay because they were uncertain about economic/employment prospects.



**43%**

delay because they were concerned about the safety of healthcare facilities.



## FINDINGS FROM SURVEY OF SINGLES WHO ARE SERIOUSLY DATING OR ENGAGED



Among those who would delay,

**71%**

would delay for up to 2 years. The rest would delay for longer than 2 years or were not sure how long they would delay.

### Top reasons for delaying wedding plans:



**80%**

delay due to uncertain global COVID-19 health situation.



**76%**

delay as they were unable to carry out wedding/marriage plans.



**75%**

delay as they were uncertain about economic/employment prospects.