

PREFACE

The Census of Population 2010 was the fifth census carried out in Singapore since Independence and the fourteenth in the series of census taking in Singapore. The census is the most comprehensive source of information on population and households. It provides benchmark data for demographic, economic and social statistics.

Census 2010 adopted a register-based approach, similar to Census of Population 2000. Basic population count and characteristics were compiled from administrative sources. More detailed information on demographic, education, economic, transport, income, household and housing characteristics were obtained from a sample enumeration of about 200,000 households.

As in the conduct of Census 2000, a tri-modal collection strategy comprising Internet, Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) and face-to-face interviews was adopted to facilitate data collection for the households in the census sample. Census 2010 went paperless during the face-to-face interviews, with the use of Ultra-Mobile Personal Computers (UMPCs) to assist data collection. This data collection methodology brought about savings in manpower, data security in the field, as well as improvements in quality and timeliness of data.

This Census of Population 2010 Administrative Report provides a comprehensive record of the Census 2010 operations. It outlines the major milestones including formation of the planning committee, evaluation of the Census approach and data items, planning and preparations for the sample enumeration and implementation of IT application system. The report also documents the collection, processing and administrative activities as well as resources utilised to conduct Census 2010.

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