

Trend Towards Older Grooms and Brides

Are men and women in Singapore taking a longer time to say “I do”?

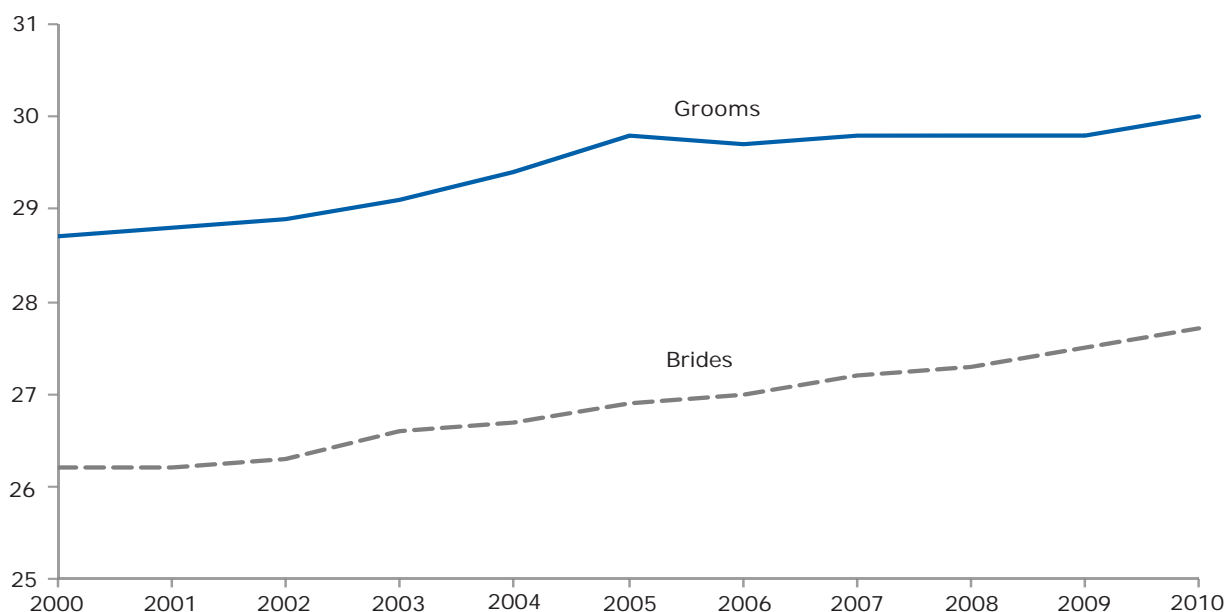
Over the past decade, the median age at first marriage in Singapore increased from 28.7 to 30.0 years for grooms and from 26.2 to 27.7 years for brides in 2000 and 2010 respectively (Chart 1).

They are not alone, however. Recent statistics from selected developed countries and regions suggest that they too are experiencing a rising median age at first marriage.

The median age at first marriage for grooms in Singapore in 2010 was lower than that of their counterparts in Taiwan and Hong Kong, but higher than that of New Zealand and the United States (Chart 2).

Meanwhile, the median age at first marriage for brides in Singapore in 2010 was lower than that of Taiwan, Hong Kong and New Zealand, but higher than that of the United States (Chart 3).

CHART 1 MEDIAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE IN SINGAPORE, 2000 – 2010



For more information, download a softcopy of the report on “Statistics on Marriages and Divorces 2010” from SingStat website at:

<http://www.singstat.gov.sg/pubn/popn/smd2010.pdf>

Chart 2 MEDIAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE OF GROOMS, 2000 and 2010

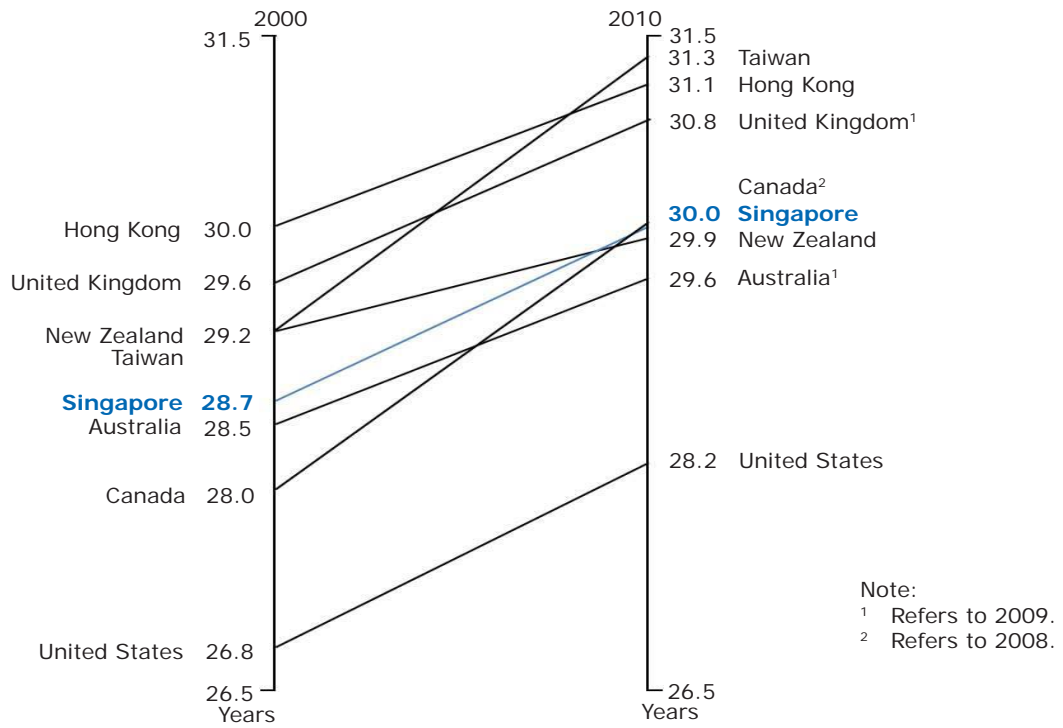
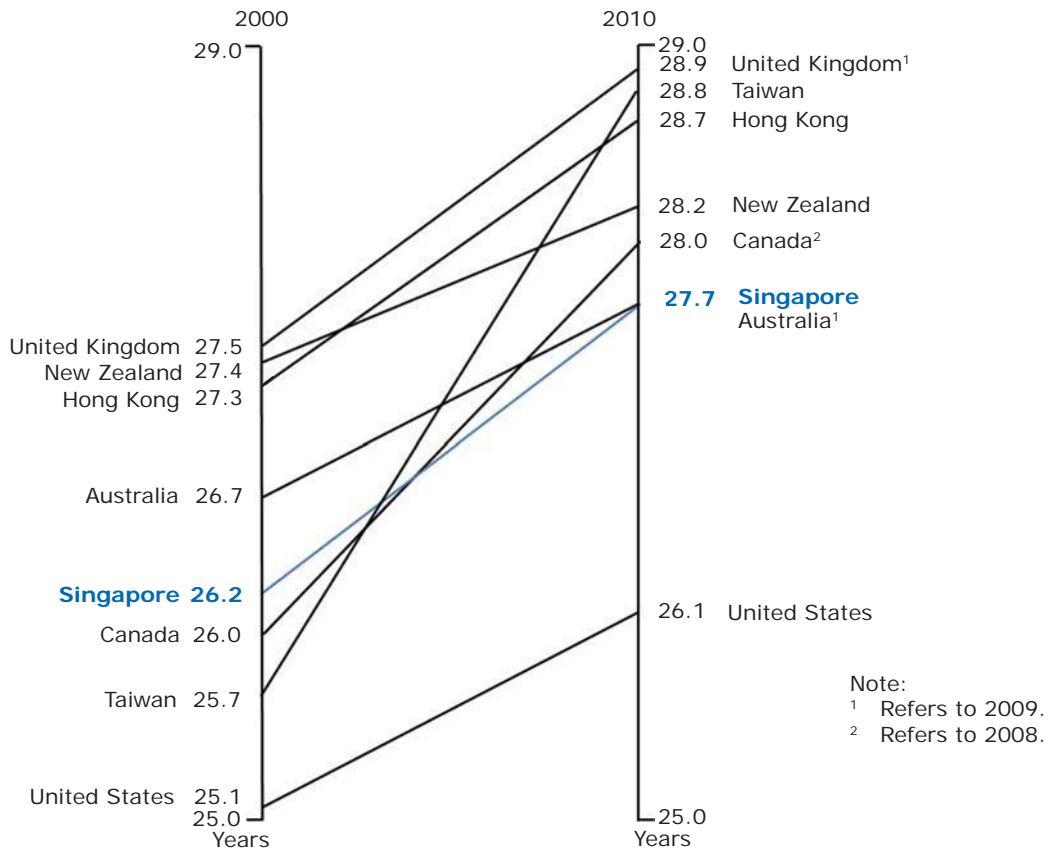


Chart 3 MEDIAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE OF BRIDES, 2000 and 2010



Source: Official statistical publications and websites