

DETAILS OF FINDINGS FROM MARRIAGE AND PARENTHOOD SURVEY 2021

Note: Where available, data is compared across 2012, 2016 and 2021. Some comparisons across surveys are not possible as the question was asked differently or not asked in some surveys.

Chart 1: Career and family priorities indicated by single respondents

What would be your priority after getting married: your career or raising a family?

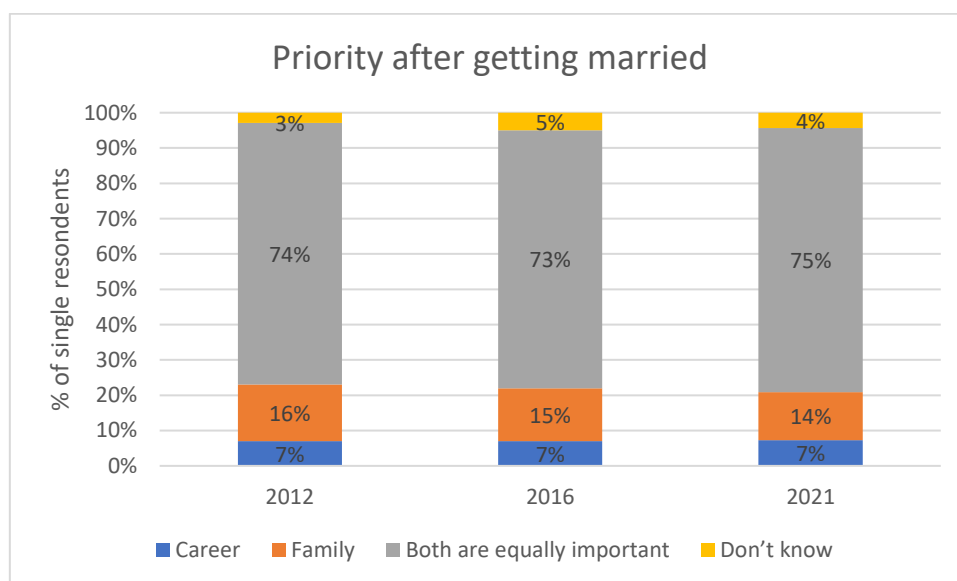


Chart 2: Ideal, intended and actual number of children indicated by married respondents

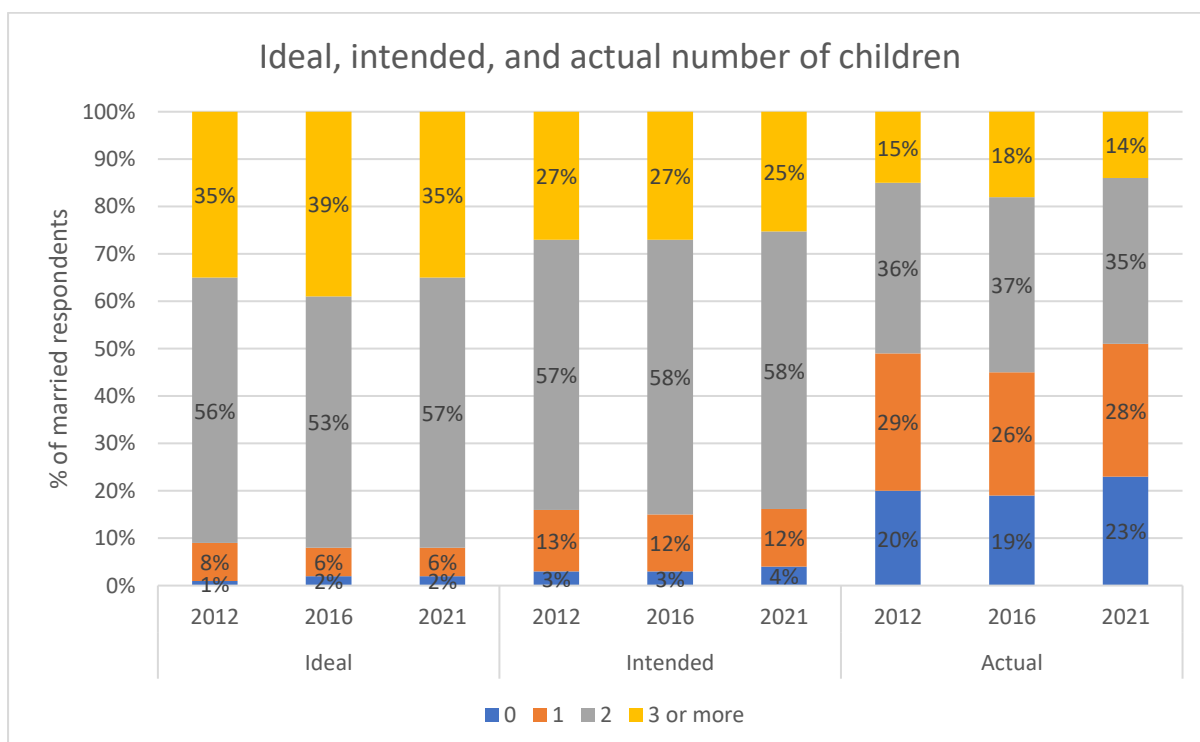


Table 3: Top six reasons for not having children, among married respondents who do not want (more) children

*What are the reasons you have decided not to have any (more) children?
Please choose the top three in order of priority.*

Reason	Proportion of respondents who selected reason among their top three	
	2016	2021
Financial cost	61%	64%
Already have enough children	55%	50%
Raising children in Singapore is too stressful	56%	49%
Difficult to manage work and family demands	33%	34%
Lack of good caregiving arrangements for my child	19%	17%
Difficulty conceiving	13%	14%

Table 4: Top factors determining whether/when to have more children, among married respondents who may have (more) children

*What will determine whether and when you have a/ another child?
Please choose the top 3 factors that apply in order of priority.*

Reason	Proportion of respondents who selected factor among their top three	
	2016	2021
Feeling financially secure	44%	48%
It will happen when it happens	43%	41%
When we want another child	29%	33%
Feeling able to cope with both work and family commitments	28%	31%
I want my child to have a sibling	28%	28%
Availability of child caregiving support	20%	18%

Table 5: Top considerations for single respondents who do not want children

Which of the following considerations are important in your not wanting/uncertainty to have any children?

Reason	Proportion of respondents who indicated factor as important	
	2016	2021
Cost of raising children is too high	88%	89%
Lack of time and/or energy to take care of children	68%	81%
Uncertainty about future income	69%	79%
Unsure of ability to provide a proper upbringing for children	61%	77%
Do not think I can balance work and family life	61%	71%

Table 6: Views towards responsibilities of fathers and mothers

Listed below are some statements on men and women. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Statement	Proportion of respondents who indicated Strongly Agree/ Agree			
	Married		Single	
	2016	2021	2016	2021
Fathers and mothers are equally important as caregivers for children.	99%	99%	<i>Not asked</i>	
Both parents should share the responsibilities of the home equally.	95%	95%	97%	98%
Ideally, the mother should take care of her children full-time.	56%	40%	40%	24%
Paternity leave allows fathers to play a bigger role in the newborn's life.	97%	97%	97%	98%

Table 7: Sentiments of married respondents toward FWAs

Statement	Proportion of respondents who indicated Strongly Agree/ Agree	
	2016	2021
The availability of FWAs would make/ would have made it easier for me to <u>start a family</u> .	87%	90%
The availability of FWAs would make/ would have made it easier for me to <u>have more children</u> .	79%	81%
I am more likely to <u>join</u> an organisation if it provides FWAs.	89%	92%
I am more likely to <u>stay in</u> an organisation that provides FWAs.	91%	94%

Chart 8: Breakdown of single respondents by relationship status

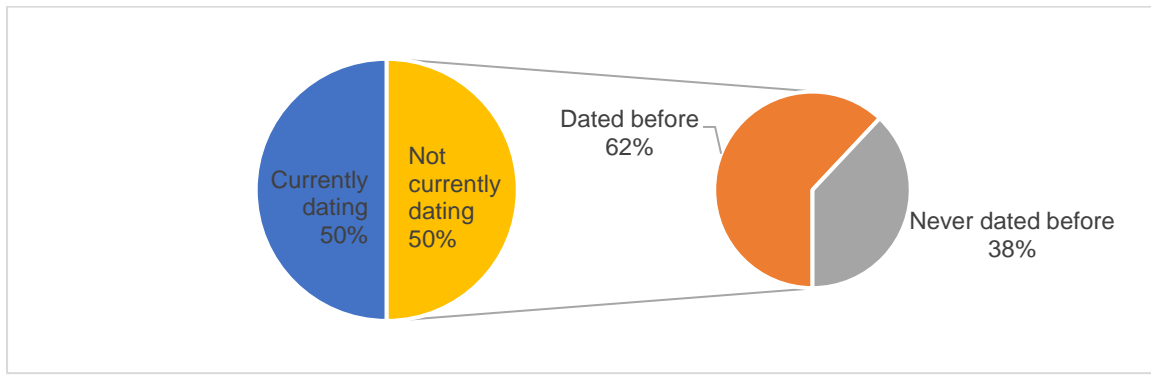


Chart 9: Top 5 reasons for not dating, among single respondents who are not currently dating

*There are different reasons why some are not currently dating.
Which of these reasons apply to you?*

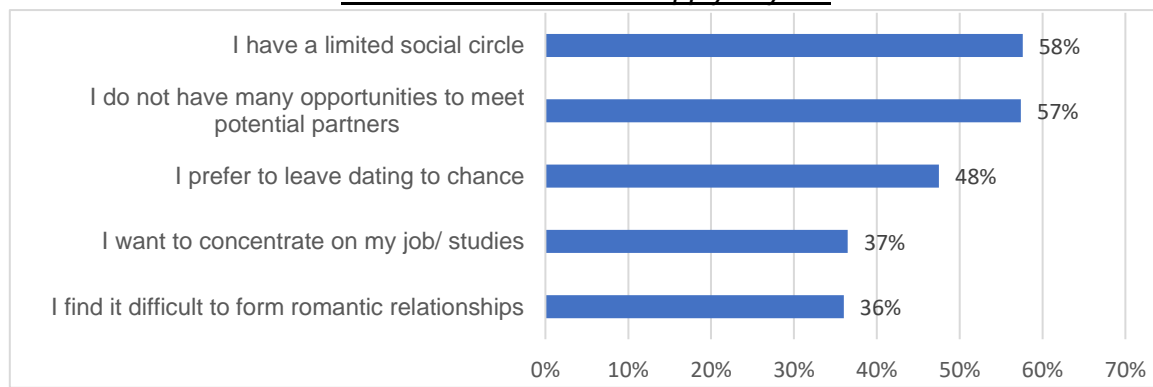


Chart 10: How single respondents, who are currently dating, met their partner

How did you meet your partner?

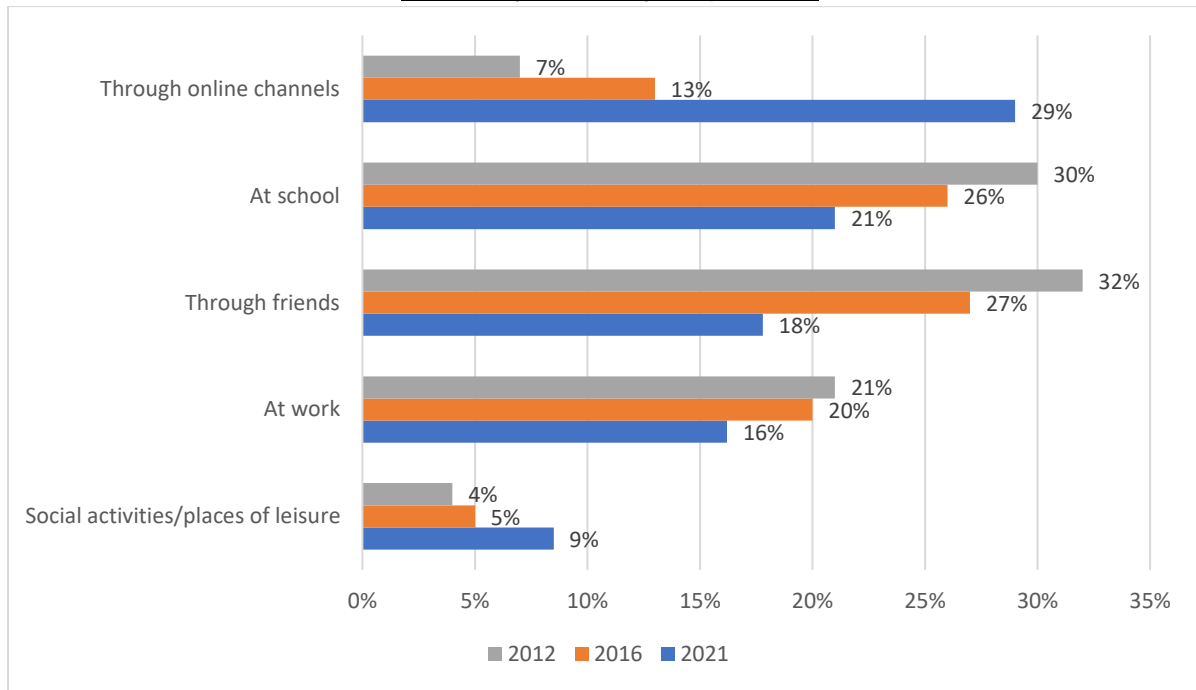


Chart 11: Single respondents' level of comfort with ways to meet a potential partner

The following are some ways by which singles may meet their potential partners. Which of these are you comfortable with? (Proportion who indicated "very comfortable"/ "comfortable")

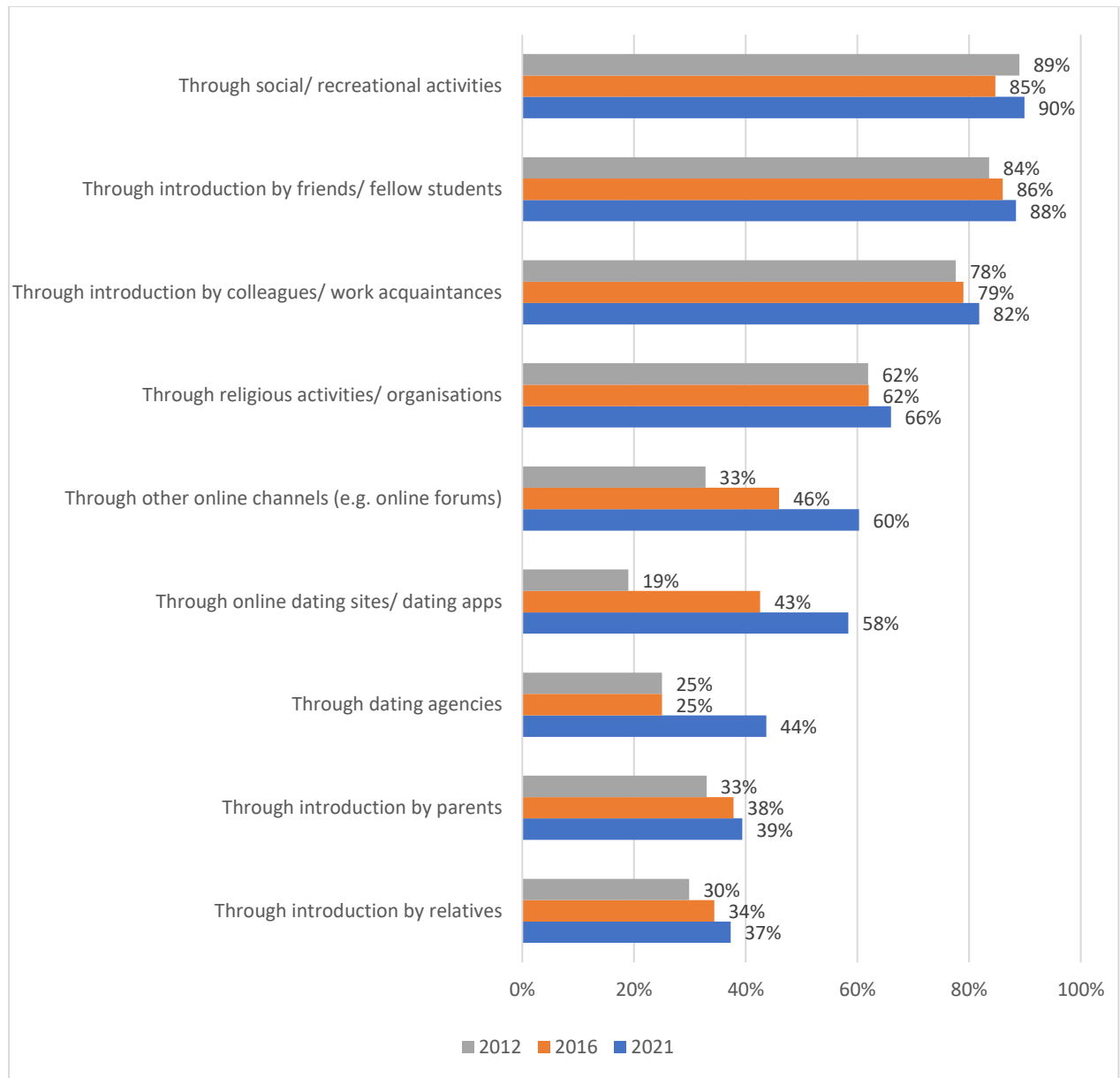


Table 12: Views on fertility issues

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Statement	Proportion of respondents who indicated Strongly Agree/Agree	
	Single	Married
With medical advances, Assisted Reproduction Technology (like IVF) have very high success rates for women above age 40.	72%	73%