

# YouKnowAnot

Singapore's Leading Monthly Public Survey

## COMMUNITY SATISFACTION

Those who say they are satisfied with the way things are going in Singapore

Feb | **86**  
Dec | 95

Community Satisfaction cools down to 86 points



## PERSONAL FINANCES

Those who rate their personal finances as Excellent/Good

Feb | **49**  
Dec | 46

Personal Finances hover just under the 50 point mark

## NATIONAL ECONOMY

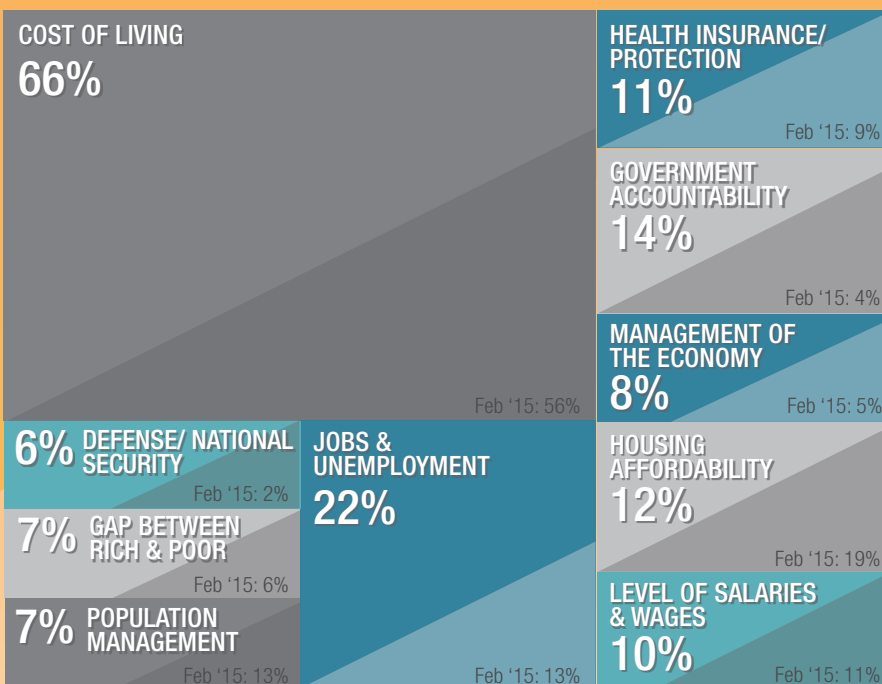
Those who rate current economic conditions in Singapore as Excellent/Good

Feb | **66**  
Dec | 77

Outlook on the national economy dips by 10 points following global news of economic slowdown



## Current Issues – which issues are most important to you?



Singaporeans are growing more worried about the economic outlook for the nation and how that will impact their jobs. The issue has risen to No.2 on the public's importance rankings behind concerns about cost of living.

While housing affordability seems a less pressing issue at the beginning of 2016 than in the early part of last year, Government accountability is now the 3rd most important issue for Singaporeans. Notable drops from the top 10 are education, public transport and elderly care which had all featured prominently in February 2015.

## Government Satisfaction Index

Monthly  
Index

73.3 GSI

Monthly  
Trend

-4.1

### About the Results

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The transition from a tumultuous anniversary year that saw the passing of Lee Kuan Yew, SG50 celebrations and the General Election, is set against a gloomy economic backdrop. Unemployment figures while still low are on the rise and the outlook for Singapore's economy in 2016 is not good. The sentiment on the ground has cooled down with the GSI now at 73 points. Salaries, income inequality, CPF as well as the Government's population policy see significant drops in satisfaction levels.

These are all areas in which the Government's actions will be under close scrutiny by the Singapore population who will be expecting a return on their investment after giving the PAP a strong mandate at the ballot box last year.

Rank	Issue	Satisfaction with government	Change since last month	Change over last 12 months
1	Defence/ national security	93	2	-2
2	Crime levels	91	1	0
3	Racial relations/ integration	89	-1	1
4	Moral standards	87	-3	-2
5	Education system	87	-3	-1
6	Management of the economy	86	-2	2
7	Health insurance/protection	86	-5	2
8	The environment	85	2	-8
9	Care for the Elderly	81	-3	-1
10	Government accountability	81	-2	-3
11	Taxes	75	-5	0
12	Civil rights/ liberties/ free speech	75	-5	-8
13	Jobs and unemployment	71	-2	0
14	CPF/pensions	68	-11	1
15	Gap between rich and poor	66	-10	-3
16	Public transport	66	-5	-3
17	Level of salaries and wages	64	-10	-1
18	Population management	56	-7	-3
19	Housing affordability	48	-4	0
20	Cost of living	43	-4	6
21	Motor vehicle prices/ COE	42	-9	0
<b>Overall Government Satisfaction Index</b>		<b>73.3</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>

## Singapore's Political Landscape: Current Topics

The early part of 2016 was dominated by discussions about the future of the Presidency and proposed changes to the GRC/SMC structure before the next election.

We asked Singaporeans about how they felt about these issues and whether they feel the President should still be decided based on a popular vote. We also measured their attitudes on the PM's announcement that the number of GRCs will be reduced in favour of a greater number of SMCs for the next election.

### Presidency: Popular Vote or Alternative?

Singaporeans overwhelmingly favour retaining the right to vote for the President



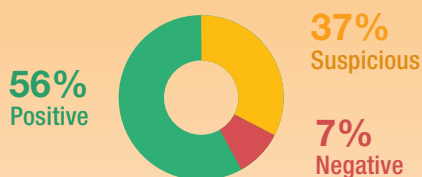
A constitutional commission has been appointed to study changes to having or elected President. In your view, should Singaporeans be allowed to vote for the President or would you prefer he/she be appointed some other way (e.g. by Parliament)?

n=1,000

### Restructuring the Political System

#### Opinion on Less GRCs and more SMCs

A majority of Singaporeans support the proposed change, but more than a third remain suspicious



The Prime Minister announced that at the next election the size of GRCs will be reduced and the number of SMCs will increase. What's your view on this?

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#### Consensus Politics: Should major policies have broader support beyond the PAP?

Three in four Singaporeans agree with Workers' Party Chief Low Thia Khiang that "Singapore policies should be inclusive so that national interest can be agreed upon by consensus instead of being monopolized by the ruling party."



Workers' Party Chief Low Thia Khiang said that Singapore policies should be all inclusive so that national interest can be agreed upon by consensus instead of being monopolized by the ruling party (the PAP). Do you agree or disagree with this point of view?

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