

Annex C: Indicators on Racial and Religious Harmony in Singapore

Name of Survey	Key Findings
2024 Institute of Policy Studies Survey on Race, Religion and Language	• 65.4% of respondents rated Singapore's racial and religious harmony as high or very high, up from 57.1% in 2018. • Over two-thirds of respondents trusted more than half of Chinese, Malays, Indians, and Eurasians to help them during a national crisis, an improvement from previous iterations of the study. The proportion of respondents expressing distrust in other racial groups decreased from 42.7% in 2013 to 27.2% in 2024, with similar trends observed for religious groups. • Over 80% of respondents agreed that they do not experience racial or religious tensions in their daily lives. • 71.1% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that racial diversity is beneficial for Singapore, up from 66.7% in 2018. • Over 93% of respondents agreed that the Government has done well to improve racial and religious harmony in Singapore, and that the Government has maintained a fair system for everyone in Singapore, regardless of race or religion. • More than 90% of each racial group felt that there was sufficient or should be more Government involvement in race. • More than 90% of respondents across religious affiliations, as well as non-religious respondents, felt that there was sufficient or should be more Government involvement in religion.
2024 MDDI Poll on Racial Harmony	• 54% of respondents gave a positive rating of race relations in Singapore, 41% gave an average rating, and 6% gave a poor rating (figures do not add up to 100% due to rounding). • 86% of respondents felt that race relations in Singapore are better or the same as compared to 10 years ago. • 61% of respondents felt that the Government should do more to protect racial harmony, with only 3% disagreeing. 36% held neutral views.

2023 Gallup World Poll	92% of respondents in Singapore said that “Singapore was a good place to live in” for racial and ethnic minorities. Singapore ranked 1st among the 135 countries polled for the survey.
2022 Pew Research Centre – Survey in South and Southeast Asian Countries	90% of respondents said that Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Chinese traditional religions and local beliefs or indigenous religions are all compatible with Singapore culture and values.
2021 Pew Research Centre – Global Attitudes Survey	92% of Singapore’s respondents said having people of different ethnic groups, religions and races makes the country a better place to live (compared to global average of 76%). Singapore ranked 1st among the 17 advanced economies surveyed in saying that diversity makes Singapore a better place to live. 25% of Singapore’s respondents reported very strong / strong conflicts between people of different ethnic and racial backgrounds (compared to global average of 48%). Singapore ranked 2nd among the 17 advanced economies surveyed reporting little or no conflict between people with different ethnic or racial backgrounds. 62% of Singapore’s respondents reported that ethnic or racial discrimination was not too serious or not a problem at all (compared to global average of 33%). Singapore ranked 2nd among the 17 advanced economies surveyed.
2020 World Values Survey	98% of Singapore’s respondents indicated that they are alright (i.e. did not mention any groups) to have people of a different race as neighbours (compared to global average of 82%). Singapore ranked 3rd among the 64 economies surveyed. 94% of Singapore’s respondents indicated that they did not observe racist behaviours frequently in their neighbourhood (compared to global average of 84%). Singapore ranked 9th among the 63 economies surveyed.