Highlights of Family and Social Issues:
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Household Characteristics

Female Headed households
18%

Average household size
4 persons

Male Headed households
82%

Nuclear family household
67%

Extended family household
21%

Single member household
7%

Not related member household
3%

Other related member household
2%
Commuter family
Husband and wife living apart due to work duties.

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<td>Others</td>
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Population Aged 15+ by Marital Status

- Never married: 30.6%
- Married: 61.3%
- Widowed: 6.2%
- Divorced: 1.5%
- Permanently separated: 0.4%
Reasons for divorce

- No understanding: 35.3%
- Infidelity: 20.2%
- Not responsible: 14.1%
- In-laws interference: 7.3%
- Financial problem: 5.0%
Women Currently Not Working and Reasons for Quitting

Description
Study found that 55.1% of women who were employed before are unemployed at the time of interview.
Work-family Conflict among Women

Experience WFC, 18.3%

Never experience WFC, 79.6%

- Don’t have enough time with family: 50.4%
- Childcare problems: 14.3%
- Heavy work load in the office: 13.7%
- Don’t have enough time for self: 9.7%
Expected Support Systems

1. Childcare centre at the office - 31.5%
2. Compassionate leave - 16.7%
3. Flexible working hour - 14.3%
4. Paid leave for taking care children - 10.2%

Description
Referring to the types of support system that working women want from their employer.
Joint Decision Making (Husband and Wife)

- **Children Discipline**: 56%
- **Holiday/Visiting Family Members**: 51%
- **Children Education**: 51%
- **Buying Asset (car, motorcycle, land etc.)**: 46%
- **Savings/Investments**: 46%
- **Buying/Building House**: 45%
- **Family Basic Expenses**: 36%
3 Main Values

Fathers
- Respect others: 57.8%
- Religious: 48.0%
- Knowledgeable: 40.4%

Mothers
- Respect others: 58.7%
- Religious: 44.4%
- Knowledgeable: 41.1%

Instilling Positive Values in Children

01
Respect Others

02
Religion

03
Knowledgeable/Education
Topics of Conversation Between Parents and Children (13-24 yrs)

- Special boyfriend/girlfriend
- Personal problem
- Ambition
- Clothing style and fashion
- Expenses
- Socializing with friends
- Education

For each topic, the bar graph shows the percentage of conversations between parents and children in the 13-24 age range. The colors indicate gender, with orange for Women and pink for Men.
Family Problems Faced by Parents

- Children education expenses: 39.6% (Women), 37.0% (Men)
- Household expenses: 38.2% (Women), 34.0% (Men)
- Adolescent discipline: 23.1% (Women), 18.5% (Men)
- Family medical expenses: 16.9% (Women), 16.0% (Men)

Men Women
Parents Ever Attended Family Courses

Why never attend? (38%)
- No information: 53.6%
- Do not have free time: 23.7%
- Not interested: 8.3%
- Do not have family problem: 7.4%
- Financial problem: 0.3%
- Logistic problems: 0.2%

Why never attend? (53.4%)
- No information: 47.7%
- Do not have free time: 31.8%
- Not interested: 7.3%
- Do not have family problem: 4.1%
- Logistic problems: 1.6%
- Financial problem: 0.4%
Single Persons
Age of Marriage and Reasons for Delaying Marriage

28 years
- Financial problem (56.0%)
- Don’t have compatible partner (18.1%)
- Career development (9.6%)

25 years
- Don’t have compatible partner (35.0%)
- Financial problem (25.8%)
- Career development (20.4%)
Criteria in Looking for a Marriage Partner

- Stable career: 18.2%
- Religious: 40.0%
- Well-mannered: 19.3%
- Responsible: 36.1%
- Faithful: 14.6%
Expected Wedding Expenses

Minimum Cost Needed

- <RM10k: 33.4%
- RM10k-20k: 29.9%
- RM20k-30k: 13.2%
- RM30k-40k: 2.8%
- RM40k-50k: 4.6%
- RM50k+: 16.2%

Amount Able to Afford

- <RM10k: 55.9%
- RM10k-20k: 19.0%
- RM20k-30k: 5.9%
- RM30k-40k: 1.8%
- RM40k-50k: 1.6%
- RM50k+: 15.7%
Activities with Family

01 Talking
86.2% of youths talk with their family everyday.

02 Eating together
78.9% of youths eat with their family everyday.

03 Watching TV
79.6% of youths watch TV with their family everyday.

04 Shopping
82% of youths shop with their family at least once a month.

05 Receptions
Almost half of youths attend social functions with their family at least once in several months.

06 Recreation
83.9% of youths spend time on recreational activities with their family.

07 Religious activity
82.7% of youths perform religious activities with their family.

08 Holiday
70.1% of youths have vacations with the family.
Methods to communicate with parents

- **Social Media**: 15.3%
- **SMS**: 54.2%
- **Email**: 3.3%
- **Phone Call**: 76.7%
- **Video Conference**: 6.3%
Social Behaviour

- Glue Sniffing: 0.2%
- Drug Abuse: 0.3%
- Racing: 2.0%
- Club/Disco: 3.7%
- Alcohol Use: 4.6%
- Snooker: 11.6%
- Smoking: 15.3%
- Night Life: 31.2%
- Karaoke: 31.9%
- Assoc. / Volunteer: 51.5%
- Sports: 81.2%
- Religious Activity: 82.5%
Knowledge on Sexual Reproductive Health

30% Knowledge on HIV/AIDS

11% Knowledge on sexually transmitted diseases

4% Knowledge on sexual intercourse

Knowledge on Contraceptive Methods

45% of youths know about contraceptive methods.
Exposure to Pornography

More than **30%** of youths exposed to pornography.

- **Internet**: 21.2%
- **CD/DVD**: 4.4%
- **Telephone**: 12.4%
- **Printed Materials**: 3.8%

More than 30% of youths exposed to pornography.
Sexual Behaviour

- Changing sex partner: 1.0%
- Masturbation: 19.4%
- Phone sex: 2.9%
- Cyber sex: 1.8%
- Intention to go for sex change: 0.6%

Use contraceptive*: 34.4%

Sexual intercourse: 3.1%

Note: * among those ever involved in sexual intercourse.
Older Persons
### Employment Status and Why Working

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<td>Need money for daily living</td>
<td>68.8%</td>
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<td>Fill out the free time</td>
<td>11.6%</td>
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<td>To stay active</td>
<td>9.3%</td>
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<td>To be independent</td>
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<td>Need money to settle loan commitment</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
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<td>Don’t have anybody to depend on</td>
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- **Working:** 21%
- **Not working:** 79%
Reasons for Not Saving Money

More than 40% of older persons do not have any savings.

- Don’t Have Enough Money: 84.9%
- Depending on Children’s Contribution: 16.1%
- Depending on Pension: 4.9%
- Never Thought of Saving: 3.5%
Social Support from Children

- Financial Assistance: 79.6%
- Help & Accompany: 71.1%
- Pay Bills: 67.6%
- Food & Goods: 64.4%
- Housekeeping: 62.1%
- Caregiving: 57.0%
- Problem & Anxieties: 48.7%
Empty Nest and Loneliness

23.2% Empty Nest
More than one-fifth of older persons face empty nest syndrome.

33.3% Loneliness
One-third of older persons feel lonely (always: 9.4%; once a while: 23.9%; never: 66.7%).

Activities to Overcome Loneliness
- Watching TV / listening to radio: 37.3%
- Religious activities: 30.6%
- Hobbies: 26.4%
- Meeting friends: 25.2%
Outdoor Activities

- Religious Activities: 74.7%
- Recreation: 24.3%
- Neighbourhood: 30.1%
- NGO/community: 15.1%

Note: Older respondents were asked about their activities for the last 6 months before the survey.
Internet Usage

Only 10% of older persons are using internet. Average use is about 2 hours a day.

For ...

1. Social media (whatsapp, facebook, twitter, instagram etc.)
2. Email
3. Website and blog
4. Online banking
Personal Well-Being
Personal Well-Being Score

Life satisfaction: men = 7.8; women = 7.5

01 Standard of Living
   Men: 6.7; Women: 6.4

02 Personal Health
   Men: 6.9; Women: 7.1

03 Achieving in Life
   Men: 6.8; Women: 6.6

04 Personal Relationships
   Men: 7.6; Women: 7.5

05 Personal Safety
   Men: 7.2; Women: 7.2

06 Community-connectedness
   Men: 7.4; Women: 7.6

07 Future Security
   Men: 7.1; Women: 6.9

08 Spirituality/religion
   Men: 7.6; Women: 7.5
The Way Forward

- Need for in-depth research on key issues
- Policies, strategies and programs to address key family, single person, youth and older person issues.
Thank You

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