Marriage aspirations remain strong

83% of singles (aged 21 to 35) intend to marry.

The latest Marriage and Parenthood Survey sheds some light on what marriage means for young Singaporeans today. Here are the key findings for singles.

Marriage attitudes

- 41% of respondents have never dated seriously before.
- 69% of which never dated seriously before.
- 50% not dating seriously.

Friends and colleagues most likely to bring singles together

Singles prefer to meet a partner through:

- Introductions by friends/fellow students: 84% in 2012, 86% in 2016.
- Recreational and social activities: 89% in 2012, 85% in 2016.
- Introductions by colleagues: 78% in 2012, 79% in 2016.
- Social media/chat lines: 33% in 2012, 46% in 2016.
- Dating apps/websites: 19% in 2012, 43% in 2016.

Close to half of singles (not dating) prefer to leave dating to chance

Reasons for not dating:

- I have not met a suitable partner yet: 71%.
- I prefer to leave dating to chance: 42%.
- I do not have many opportunities to meet potential partners: 42%.
- I want to concentrate on my job/studies: 39%.
- I have a limited social circle: 39%.

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