Abstract

This study is concerned with the changes in the pattern of population structure of Singapore especially the age-sex structure between the two periods of 1957 and 1970.

Before 1947, the structure of the Singapore population, apparently was being influenced by the fluctuation of immigration. After the Second World War immigration has been a factor of little significance, and the population increase can almost be accounted for by natural increase.

Basically, this two period did show some difference on the age-sex structure of population. The tendency of the age-sex structure was being shown in the increasing of proportion the population in the youngest group below age 9 in 1957. While decreases in the proportion of population in the age below age 9 was taken place in 1970. The reason for the above mentioned phenomenon are mainly owing to the result of rising crude birth rate in 1957 and the birth control campaign in the recent years. Apparently, between racial groups thus have difference changes in age-sex structure. Basically, the age-sex structure of Chinese population is most alike with the total population, and only the Indians group retained the immigrant pattern.

In sum, the age-sex structure of Singapore population in 1957, was no difference with almost all of the developing countries, i.e. Mexico etc. By 1970, the population of Singapore has become "transitional pattern", as Japan, etc. The decrease in youngest group of Singapore population is likely to continue in the immediate future with the fall implementation of the Government's manpower plan.