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THE SINGAPORE HOME TUITION REPORT

10 Findings

from over 100,000+
Home Tuition Arrangements.



What Do
Families Pay



When Do Families
Look For Help



How Lessons
Happen



Data from

7 YEARS

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From S\$260 to S\$550: The Monthly Cost of a Home Tutor, from Preschool to Junior College

The monthly cost of a home tutor rises with each stage and roughly doubles from Preschool to Junior College. The overall median is S\$390 a month.

S\$390

Median monthly cost of a home tutor

S\$55

Median hourly rate, 2025 to 2026

1.5 hours

The most common lesson length

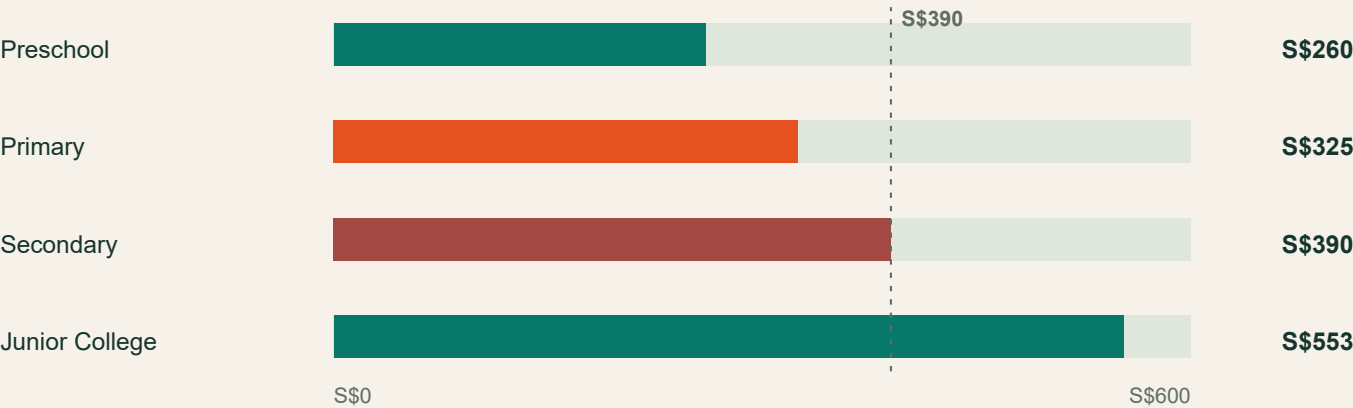
9 in 10

Arrangements with 1 lesson a week

The middle 50% of arrangements cost between S\$293 and S\$520 a month. By stage, the median is S\$260 a month at Preschool, S\$325 at Primary, S\$390 at Secondary and about S\$550 at Junior College.

FIGURE 01 / The Monthly Cost of a Home Tutor, by Stage

Median monthly cost per tutor arrangement. The dashed line marks the overall median of S\$390.

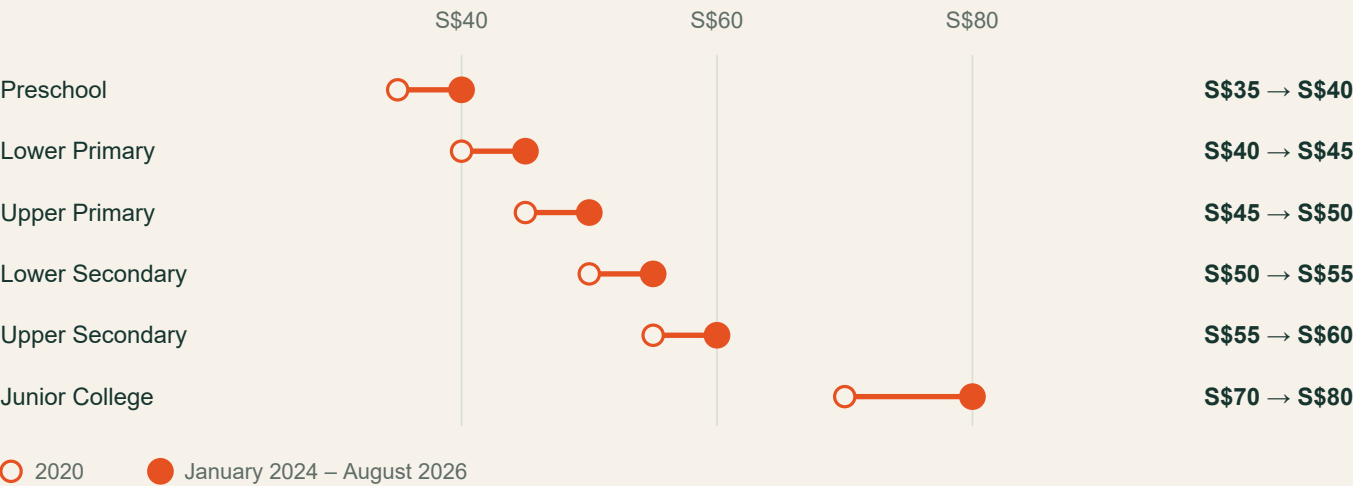


Preschool and Primary sit below the overall median of S\$390, Secondary sits on it, and Junior College is about S\$160 above it, roughly 40% more. As children move through school, 2 things push the cost up: higher hourly rates and longer lessons, shown in the next 2 charts.

Hourly rates rise in S\$5 steps from S\$40 at Preschool to S\$60 at Upper Secondary, then jump to S\$80 at Junior College, S\$5–10 more than in 2020 at every stage.

FIGURE 02 / Median Hourly Rate by Stage, 2020 and Today

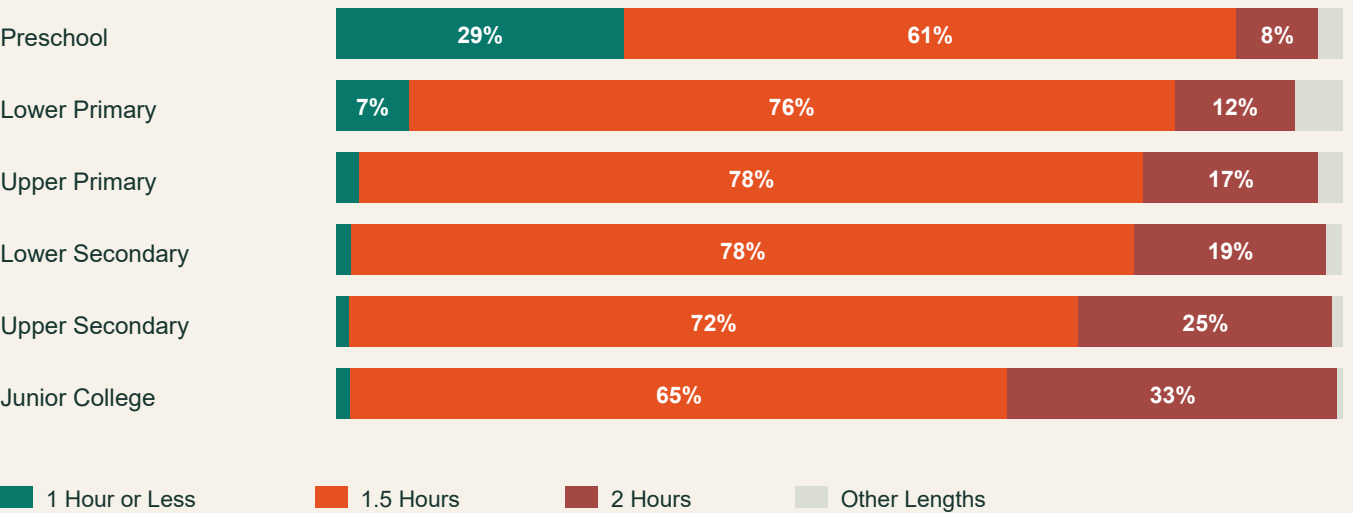
Open dots: 2020. Filled dots: January 2024 – August 2026.



Lessons also get longer as children grow, which helps double the monthly cost.

FIGURE 03 / How Long Lessons Last at Each Stage

Share of arrangements by lesson length. Other lengths, 5% or less at every stage, are shown in grey.



The 1.5-hour lesson is the majority at every stage. Lessons of 1 hour or less are common only at Preschool (29%), while 2-hour lessons rise from 8% at Preschool to 33% at Junior College.

WHAT THIS MEANS

The typical monthly cost of a home tutor roughly doubles between Preschool and Junior College.

Junior College figures include International Curriculum students.

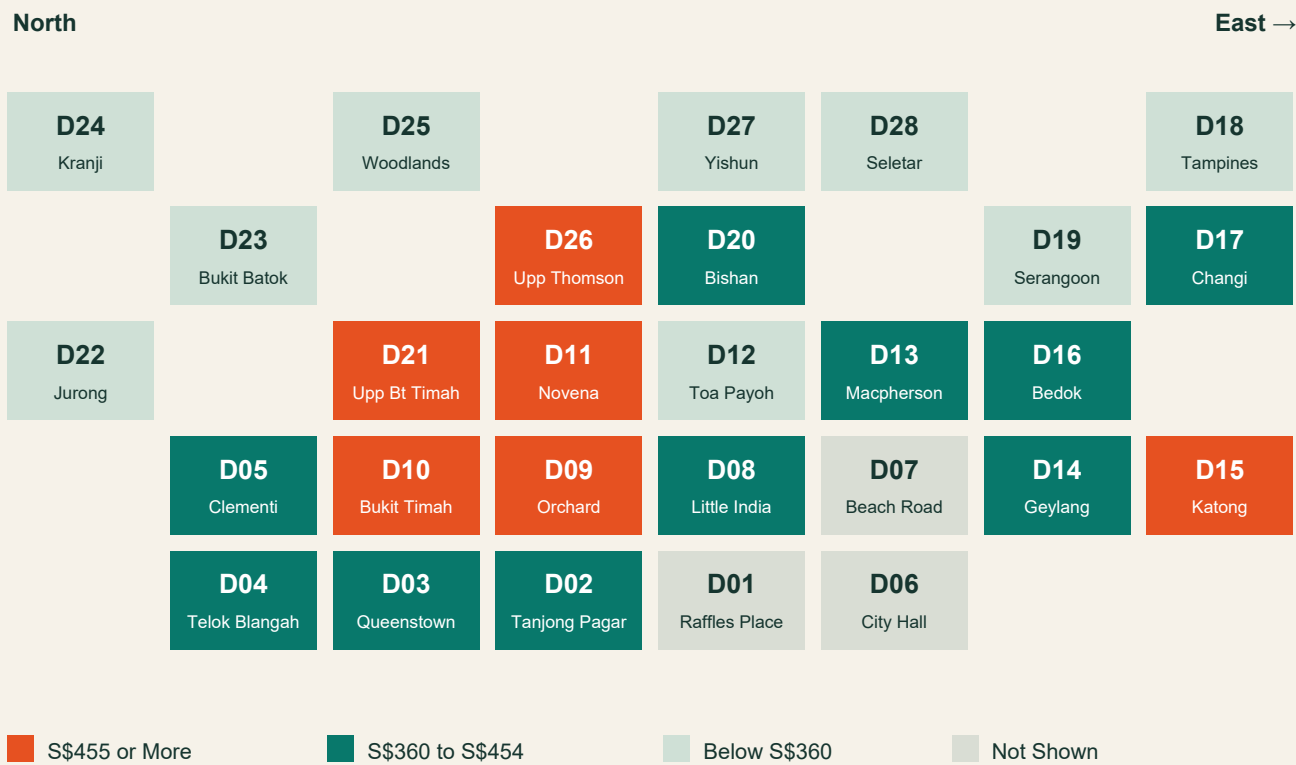
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Families in the Core Central Region (CCR) Spend 36% More on a Home Tutor Than Families in the Outside Central Region (OCR)

The S\$390 median varies across Singapore. A home tutor costs a median S\$488 a month in the CCR, S\$390 in the Rest of Central Region (RCR) and S\$358 in the OCR.

FIGURE 04 / What Families Spend on a Home Tutor Across Singapore

Each tile is a postal district, coloured by median monthly spend on a home tutor. Tiles show approximate location, not boundaries.



Median Monthly Spend on a Home Tutor • Approximate Orientation • Not to Scale

S\$488

Core Central Region (CCR)

S\$390

Rest of Central Region (RCR)

S\$358

Outside Central Region (OCR)

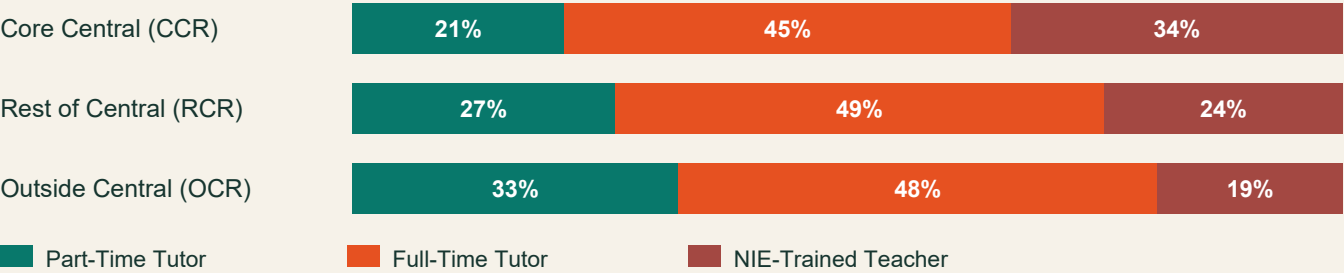
+36%

CCR compared with OCR

The kind of tutor families hire differs too. At Primary level, 34% of arrangements in the CCR are with an NIE-Trained Teacher, compared with 24% in the RCR and 19% in the OCR. Part-Time Tutors account for 21% of Primary arrangements in the CCR, against 33% in the OCR.

FIGURE 05 / Who Primary Families Hire, by Region

Share of Primary arrangements with each type of tutor.



Across all tutors, the median Primary rate is S\$60 an hour in the CCR and S\$45 in the OCR, a gap of S\$15. For the same type of tutor, the gap is S\$5 or less: a Part-Time Tutor for a Primary pupil costs a median S\$35 an hour in all 3 regions, a Full-Time Tutor S\$45–50, and an NIE-Trained Teacher S\$70–75.

Region	Monthly Spend	Primary Hourly Rate	Primary Arrangements with an NIE-Trained Teacher
Core Central (CCR)	S\$488	S\$60	34%
Rest of Central (RCR)	S\$390	S\$50	24%
Outside Central (OCR)	S\$358	S\$45	19%

WHAT THIS MEANS

Families in the CCR spend 36% more on a home tutor than families in the OCR, and at Primary level are more likely to hire an NIE-Trained Teacher. For the same type of tutor, hourly rates differ far less.

Regions follow URA’s Core Central, Rest of Central and Outside Central Regions, approximated by postal district. CCR: D01, D02, D06, D09, D10, D11. RCR: D03, D04, D05, D07, D08, D12, D13, D14, D15, D20. OCR: all other districts. In-person lessons only.

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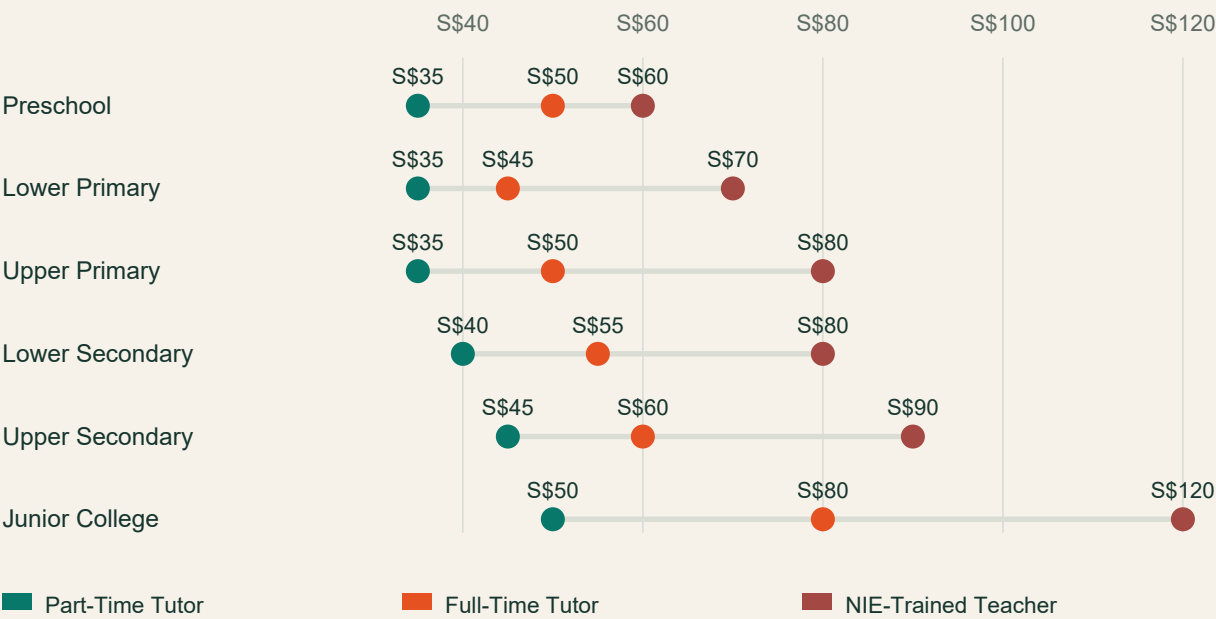
From Primary to Junior College, NIE-Trained Teachers Charge 2–2.5× the Part-Time Tutor Rate and About 1.5× the Full-Time Tutor Rate

Who families hire matters more to the price than where they live. At the same school level, the tutor’s background makes a large difference.

At Upper Primary, a Part-Time Tutor charges a median S\$35 an hour, a Full-Time Tutor S\$50, and an NIE-Trained Teacher S\$80: 2.3× the Part-Time Tutor rate.

FIGURE 06 / Median Hourly Rate by Tutor Background

Part-Time Tutors, Full-Time Tutors and NIE-Trained Teachers at each stage of school.



The gap holds from Primary to Junior College. At Upper Secondary, a Part-Time Tutor charges a median S\$45 an hour, a Full-Time Tutor S\$60 and an NIE-Trained Teacher S\$90; at Junior College, the 3 rates are S\$50, S\$80 and S\$120. Only at Preschool is the gap narrower: an NIE-Trained Teacher charges 1.7× the Part-Time Tutor rate.

Against a Full-Time Tutor, the gap is smaller. From Primary to Junior College, an NIE-Trained Teacher costs about 1.5× the Full-Time Tutor rate: S\$25–40 more an hour, from S\$70 vs S\$45 at Lower Primary to S\$120 vs S\$80 at Junior College.

2–2.5×

NIE-Trained Teacher vs Part-Time Tutor, Primary to Junior College

About 1.5×

NIE-Trained Teacher vs Full-Time Tutor, Primary to Junior College

Stage	Part-Time Tutor	Full-Time Tutor	NIE-Trained Teacher	NIE-Trained vs Part-Time	NIE-Trained vs Full-Time
Preschool	S\$35	S\$50	S\$60	1.7×	1.2×
Lower Primary	S\$35	S\$45	S\$70	2.0×	1.6×
Upper Primary	S\$35	S\$50	S\$80	2.3×	1.6×
Lower Secondary	S\$40	S\$55	S\$80	2.0×	1.5×
Upper Secondary	S\$45	S\$60	S\$90	2.0×	1.5×
Junior College	S\$50	S\$80	S\$120	2.4×	1.5×

How to read the table: each row gives the median hourly rate for the 3 types of tutor at one stage, and the last 2 columns show the NIE-Trained Teacher’s rate as a multiple of the Part-Time and Full-Time Tutor rates. Across the stages, 2 patterns stand out. Part-Time Tutor rates stay at S\$35 an hour from Preschool all the way to Upper Primary, while NIE-Trained Teacher rates rise from S\$60 to S\$80 over the same stages. And the dollar gap widens as students get older: an NIE-Trained Teacher costs S\$25 an hour more than a Part-Time Tutor at Preschool, and S\$70 more at Junior College.

WHAT THIS MEANS

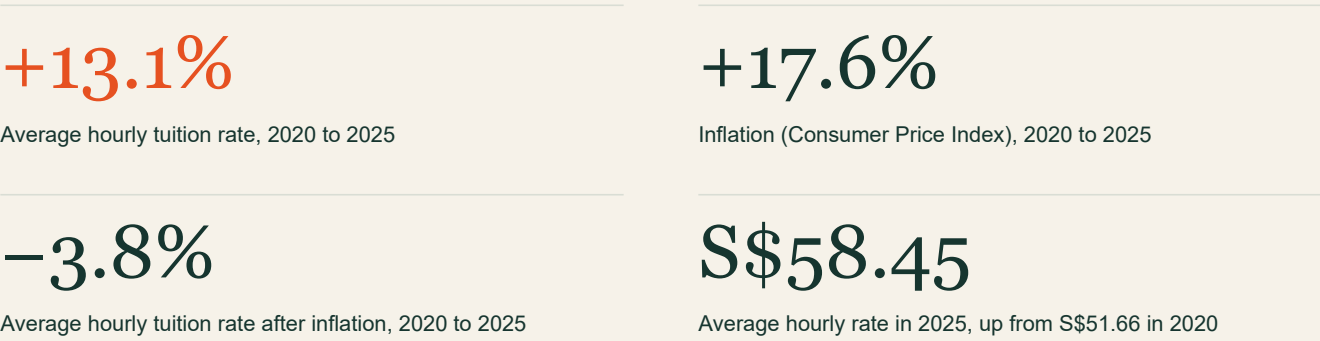
From Primary to Junior College, an NIE-Trained Teacher typically costs 2–2.5× as much as a Part-Time Tutor, and about 1.5× as much as a Full-Time Tutor, at the same level.

Junior College figures include International Curriculum students.

FINDING 04 / WHAT FAMILIES PAY

Average Tuition Rates Rose 13% in 5 Years, While Inflation Was 18%

Rates have also risen over time, though not as fast as everyday prices. Between 2020 and 2025, the average hourly rate for home tuition rose 13%. Over the same 5 years, overall inflation in Singapore was 18%.



Once inflation is taken into account, the average hourly rate in 2025 was about 4% lower than in 2020. In other words, tuition rates rose more slowly than prices across the wider economy.

FIGURE 07 / Average Hourly Rate, Before and After Inflation

Bars 1 and 2 show the average hourly rate in each year; bar 3 shows the 2025 average after inflation.

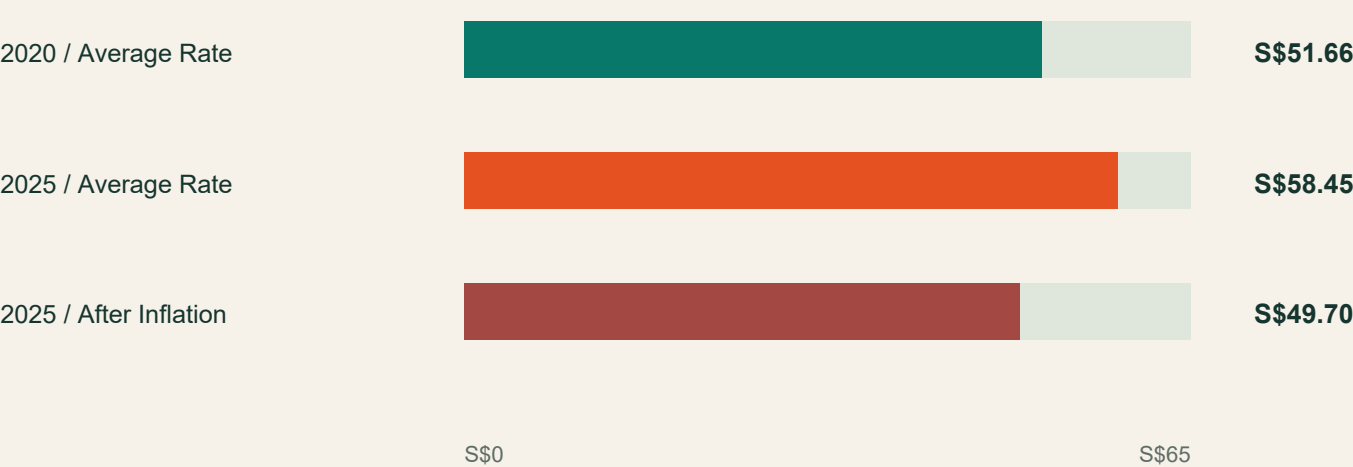
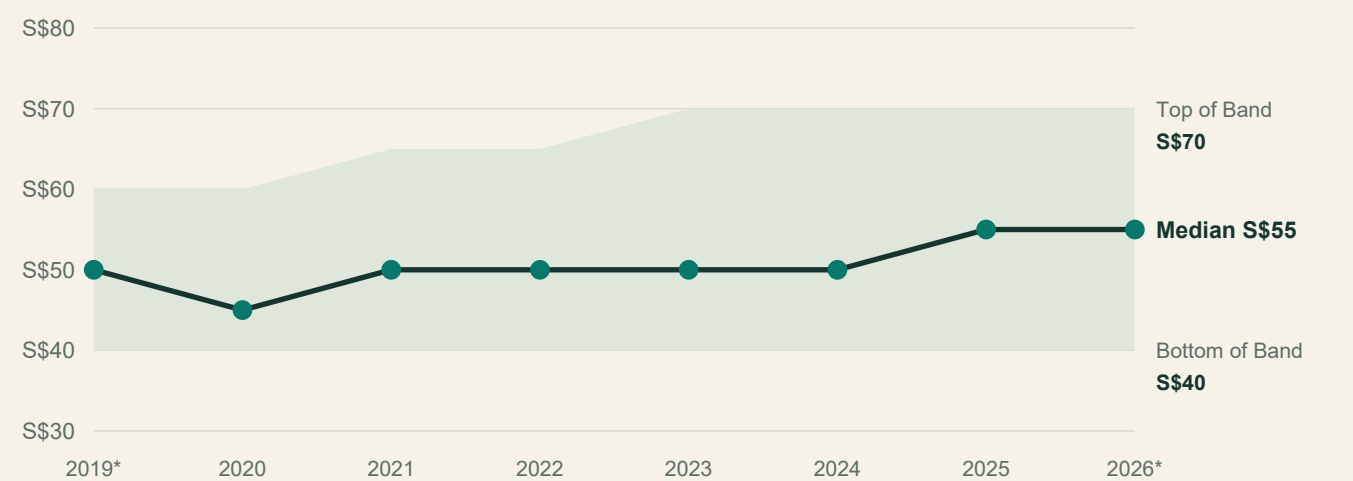


FIGURE 08 / Hourly Rates Spread Upwards, 2019 to 2026

The line shows the median hourly rate; the shaded band holds the middle 50% of rates, with 25% below it and 25% above. *2019: October to December only. *2026: January to August.



Behind the average, rates at the top and bottom of the market have moved differently. The bottom of the shaded band has not moved: in every year from 2019 to 2026, at least 25% of hourly rates were S\$40 or less. The top of the band has risen: the point where the most expensive 25% of rates begin went from S\$60 in 2020 to S\$70 by 2023. The median, the line, moves only in S\$5 steps, because almost all rates are set in multiples of S\$5. It rose from S\$50 in 2019 to S\$55 in 2025 and 2026, after a dip to S\$45 in 2020. The average, used for the 13% figure, moves more smoothly and is the better measure of change.

WHAT THIS MEANS

Between 2020 and 2025, average tuition rates rose by less than overall inflation.

Averages reflect the mix of levels and tutors in each year.

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When Families Look

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Tuition Starts Before Primary 1

Home tuition is not only for exam years. At Preschool level, requests centre on the basics: 56% ask for English or Phonics, and 40% for a Mother Tongue language.

56%

Preschool requests for English or Phonics

40%

Preschool requests for a Mother Tongue language

S\$260

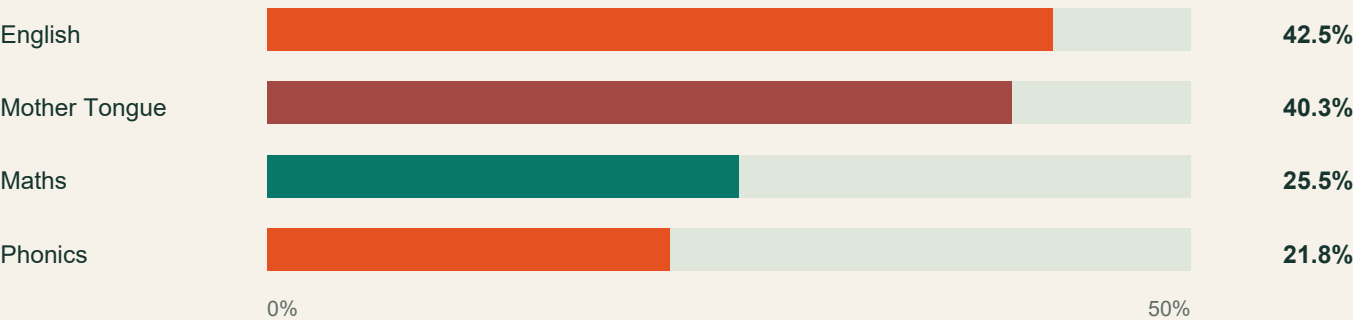
Median monthly cost of a Preschool tutor

1 in 100

Preschool families open to online lessons

FIGURE 09 / What Preschool Families Ask for

Share of Preschool enquiries naming each subject. English or Phonics, shown in orange, is named in 56% of enquiries. Mother Tongue combines Chinese, Malay and Tamil. An enquiry can name several subjects.

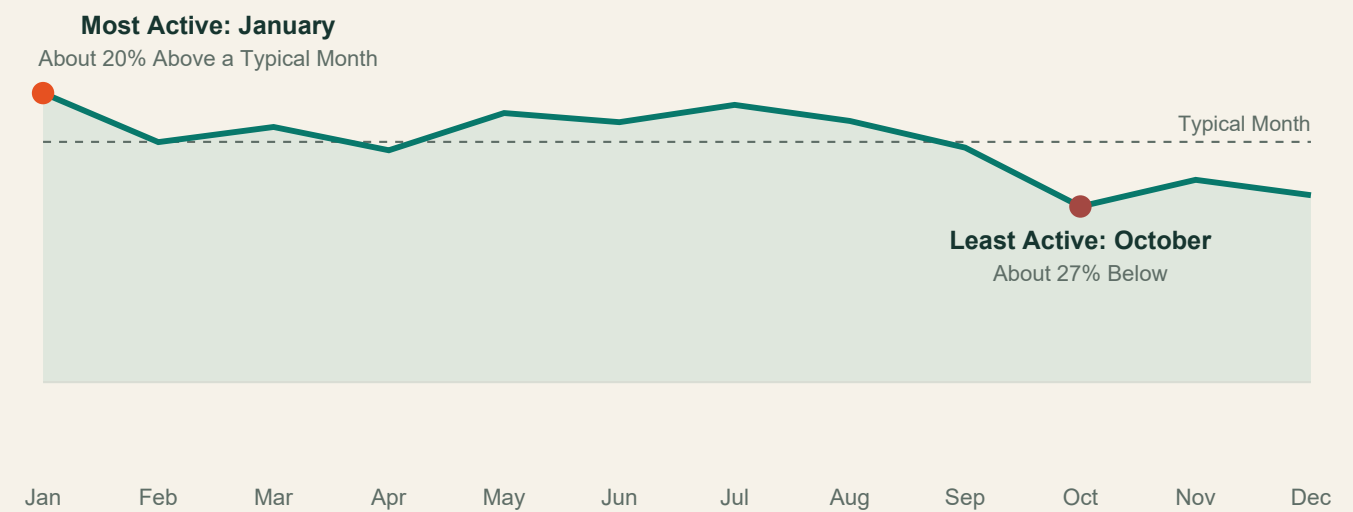


Mother Tongue demand is almost as strong as demand for English: 40% of Preschool requests ask for help in Chinese, Malay or Tamil, against 43% for English.

A Preschool tutor costs a median S\$260 a month, the lowest of any level. Lessons are shorter too: 29% last 1 hour or less, and only about 8% run for 2 hours. Enquiries stay relatively even through the year, without the sharp peaks of the exam years. And Preschool families are the least open to online lessons: about 1%.

FIGURE 10 / A Steadier Year: Preschool Enquiries by Month

The dashed line marks a typical month. Complete years 2022 to 2025.



Preschool parents are most active in January, as the school year begins, at about 20% above a typical month, with smaller rises in May and July. They are least active from October to December, between about 16% and 27% below a typical month. Across the year, the most active month is only about 1.6× the least active, compared with nearly 10× at Primary 6.

WHAT THIS MEANS

At Preschool level, tuition is mostly early literacy and Mother Tongue, and almost always in person.

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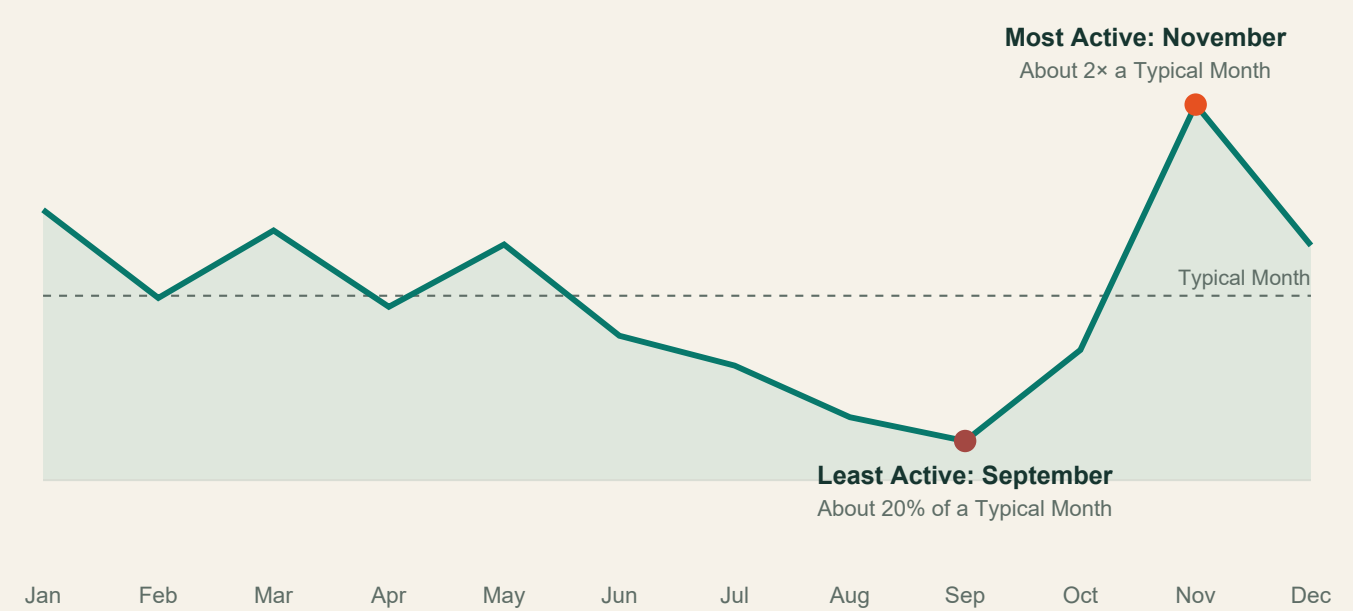
The Search for PSLE Help Starts Early: Primary 6 Enquiries Peak in November

Many families preparing for the PSLE start looking for help before Primary 6 begins.

Tuition enquiries for incoming Primary 6 pupils peak in November, at 2× the level of a typical month.

FIGURE 11 / Primary 6 Enquiries Through the Year

November enquiries are for incoming Primary 6 pupils. The dashed line marks a typical month. Complete years 2022 to 2025.



By September of the exam year, the search is all but over: enquiries fall to about 20% of a typical month. At the November peak, enquiries are nearly 10× their September level.

2×

Primary 6 enquiries in November, compared with a typical month

Nearly 10×

November enquiries compared with September

WHAT THIS MEANS

The search for PSLE help peaks in November, almost a year before the exam.

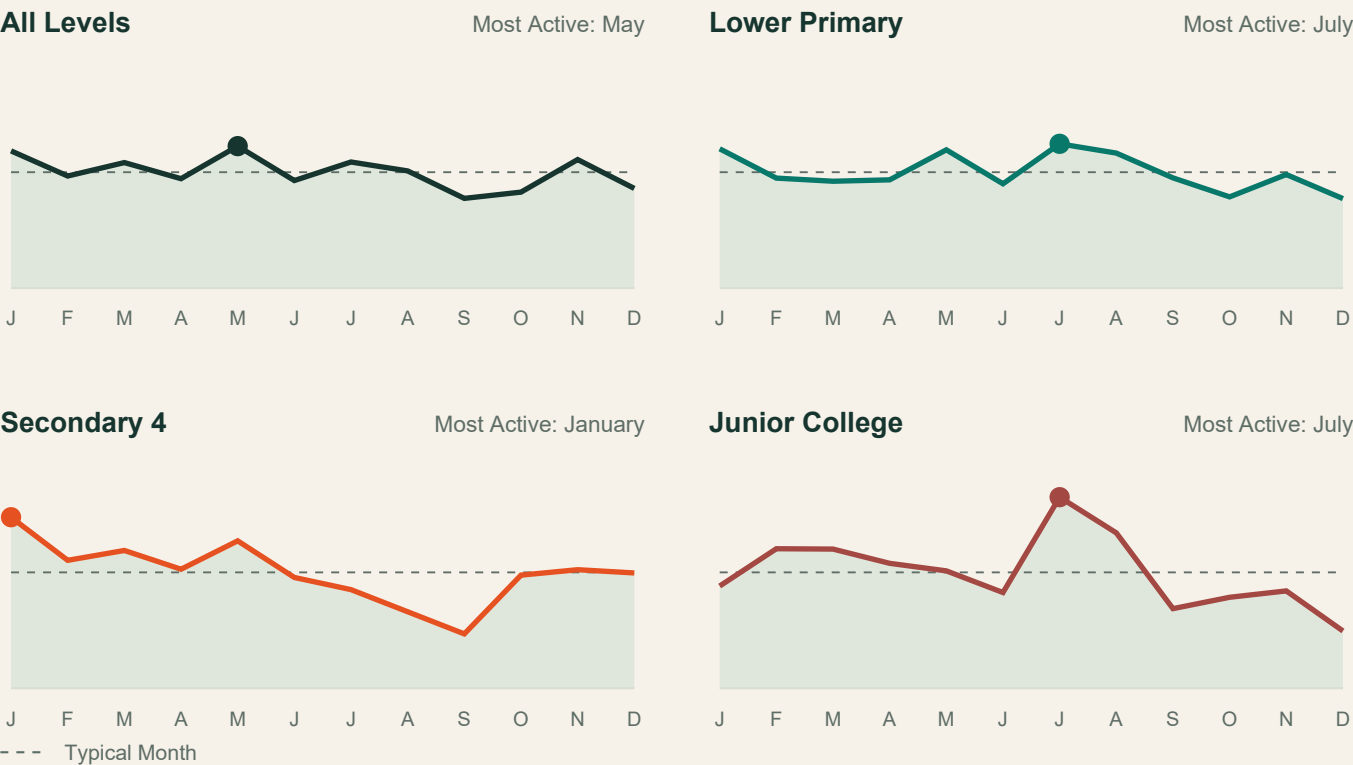
FINDING 07 / WHEN FAMILIES LOOK

Every Stage of School Has Its Own Tuition Season

There is no single tuition season. Across all levels, parents are most active in looking for tuition in May, but each stage of school follows its own calendar.

FIGURE 12 / The Month Parents Are Most Active Differs by Stage

How actively parents look for tuition each month, for all levels together and for 3 stages. All 4 panels use the same scale. The dashed line marks a typical month. Complete years 2022 to 2025.



Secondary 4 parents are most active in January, as the national-exam year begins, with enquiries about 50% above a typical month. Junior College parents are most active in July, early in the second half of the school year, at about 65% above a typical month. Lower Primary parents are also most active in July, though January and May come close.

Stage	When Parents Are Most Active	Where It Falls in the School Year
All Levels	May	Before the June holidays
Preschool	January	Start of the school year
Lower Primary	July	Early in the second half of the year
Primary 6	November	Before the PSLE year begins
Secondary 4	January	Start of the national-exam year
Junior College	July	Early in the second half of the year

Each of these months sits at a clear point in the school calendar: the start of the year, either side of the June holidays, or the run-up to an exam year. What differs by stage is which of these points draws the most enquiries.

The Weeks Parents Are Most Active

Looking week by week rather than month by month, 2 periods stand out across all levels: early January, as the school year begins, and late May, just before the June holidays.

WHAT THIS MEANS

When parents look for tuition depends on the child's level: January for Secondary 4, and July for Junior College and Lower Primary.

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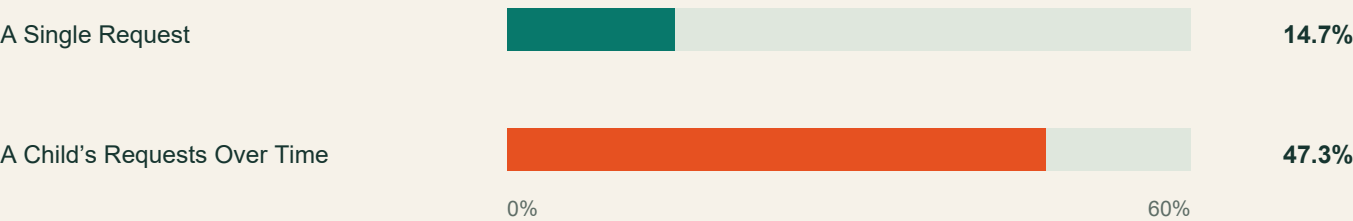
Most Requests Are for 1 Subject, but 47% of Children End Up with Requests in 2 or More

85% of tuition requests name a single subject. Follow the same child over time, though, and the picture changes.

Followed over time, 47% of children end up with requests in 2 or more subjects.

FIGURE 13 / Help in 2 or More Subjects

Share covering 2 or more subjects: a single request compared with a child's requests over time, 2022 to 2026.



The 2 bars measure the same thing in different ways. The first looks at each request on its own: 15% ask for help in 2 or more subjects. The second follows each child across all their requests from 2022 to 2026: 47% end up with requests in 2 or more subjects, about 3× as many, while 53% have requests in only 1. A family might ask for Maths in Primary 4 and return for Science in Primary 5. Each request names 1 subject, but together they cover 2.

47%

Children whose requests cover 2 or more subjects

15%

Single requests naming 2 or more subjects

WHAT THIS MEANS

Most requests are for 1 subject, but over time 47% of children end up with requests in 2 or more subjects.

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How Lessons Happen

Online or in person, weekday or weekend: how tuition fits family life.

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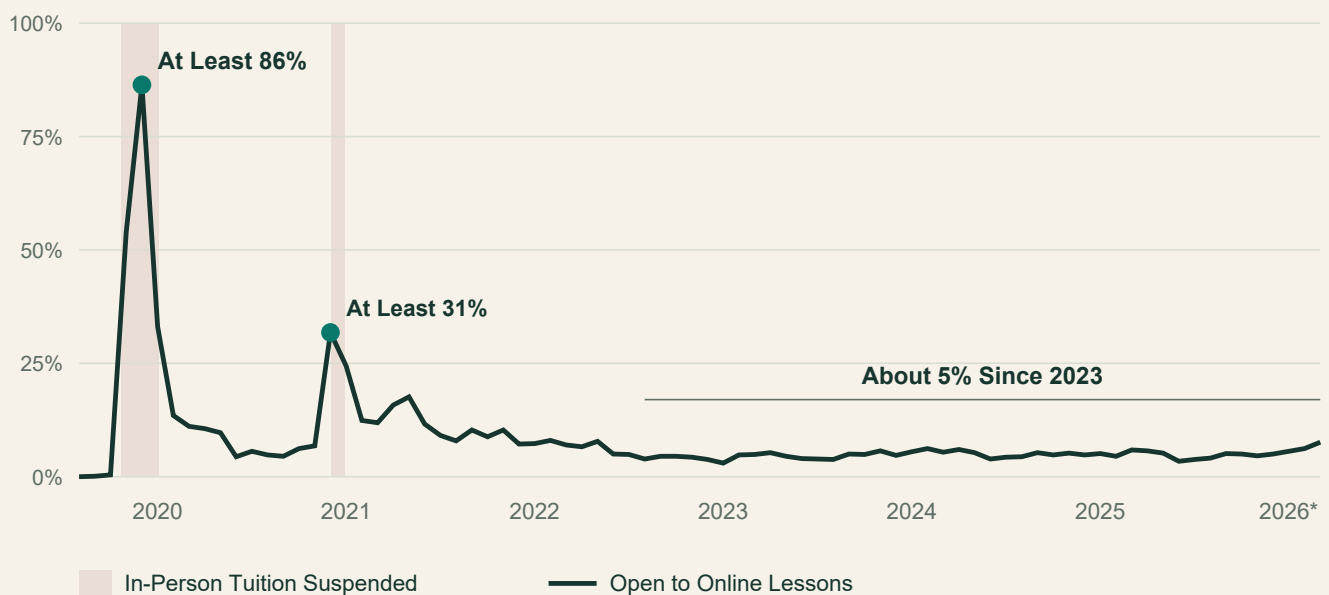
Online Tuition Was a Lockdown Necessity, Not a Lasting Preference

The surge in online tuition was driven by the rules, not by choice. Twice, in-person lessons were suspended; twice, openness to online lessons rose, then fell back once the restrictions lifted.

Before the Circuit Breaker, almost no family asked for online tuition: from January to March 2020, 1% or less of enquiries were open to it. When in-person home tuition was suspended from 7 April to 18 June 2020, at least 86% of May's enquiries were open to online lessons. In July, the first full month after home tuition resumed, that had fallen to around 14%.

FIGURE 14 / Openness to Online Tuition, 2020 to 2026

Share of enquiries open to online lessons, by month. Shaded periods: in-person tuition suspended. *2026: January to August.

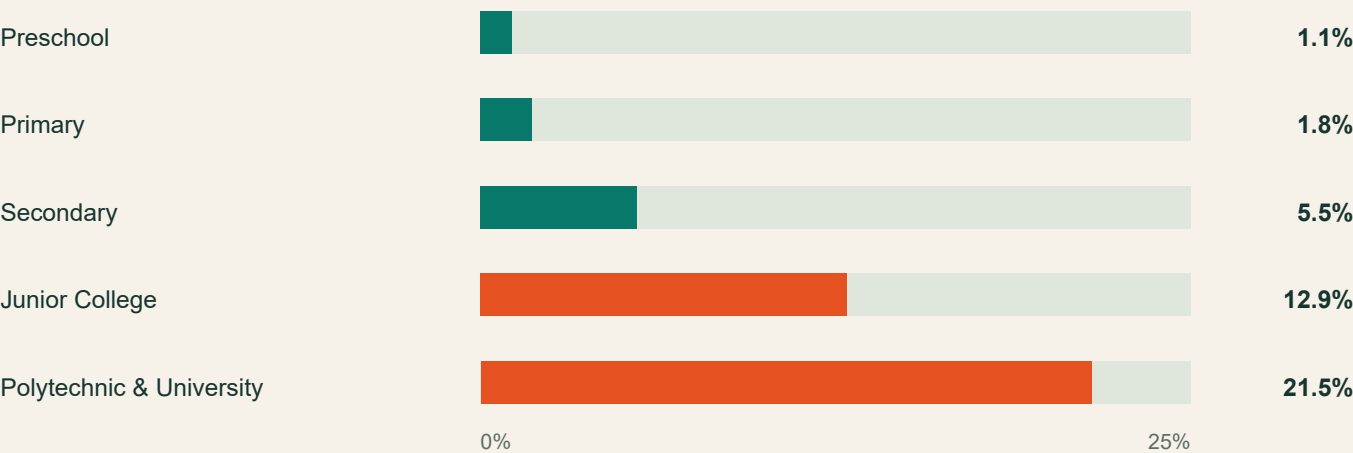


The pattern repeated in 2021. When in-person tuition for students aged 18 and under was suspended again from 19 May to 13 June, the share of enquiries open to online lessons rose to at least 31%, then fell back as lessons resumed.

What remains is a small shift. Since 2023, around 5% of families have been willing to consider online lessons, up from almost none before the pandemic.

FIGURE 15 / Older Students Are the Most Open to Online Tuition

Share of enquiries open to online lessons, January 2024 – August 2026. Orange marks the 2 stages where more than 10% are open.



Openness to online lessons rises at every stage of school: about 1% at Preschool, 2% at Primary, 6% at Secondary, 13% at Junior College and 22% at Polytechnic and University. For younger children, home tuition remains almost entirely in person; online lessons are mainly an option for older students.

WHAT THIS MEANS

Since 2023, about 95% of families have asked only for a tutor in the home. Openness to online lessons is highest among older students.

Figures show families open to online lessons, not lessons taught online. Junior College figures include International Curriculum students.

FINDING 10 / HOW LESSONS HAPPEN

As Children Grow, Tuition Moves to Evenings and Weekends

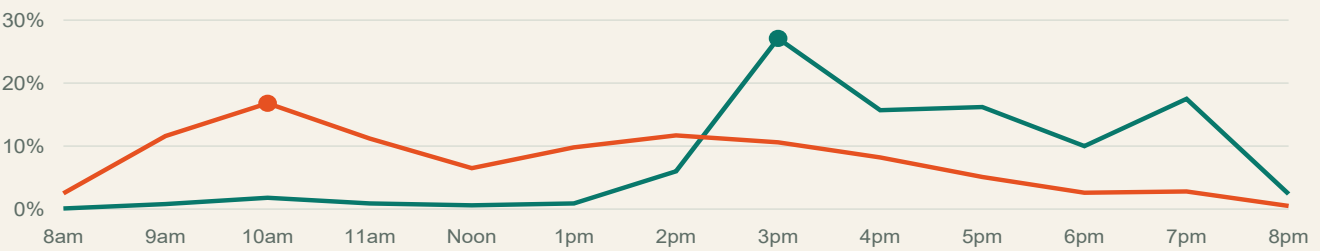
Lessons start later and move to the weekend as children grow: 25% of Primary arrangements start on a Saturday or Sunday, rising to 48% at Junior College.

Primary pupils most often start lessons at 3pm on a weekday; for Secondary and Junior College students, the most popular weekday start is 7pm. On weekdays, about 30% of Primary first lessons start at 6pm or later, against about 45% at Secondary and about 55% at Junior College.

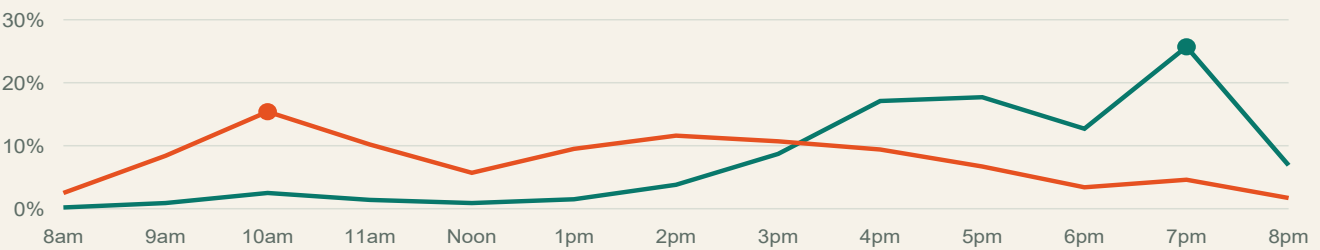
FIGURE 16 / When Lessons Start

Share of first lessons starting at each hour. Weekdays and weekends are measured separately, so each line adds up to about 100%. Dots mark the most common start times.

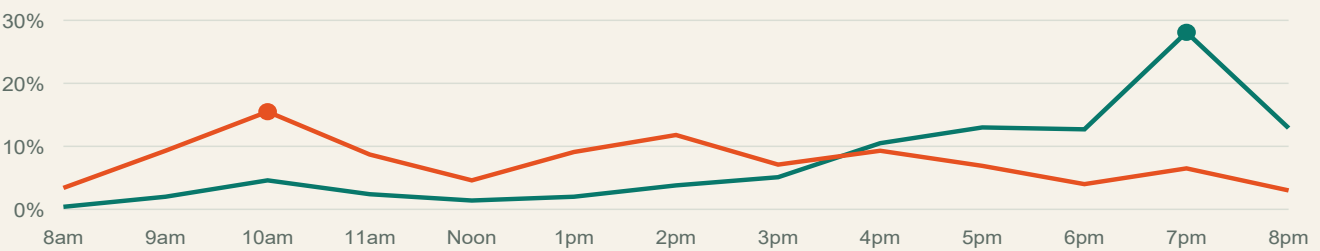
Primary



Secondary



Junior College

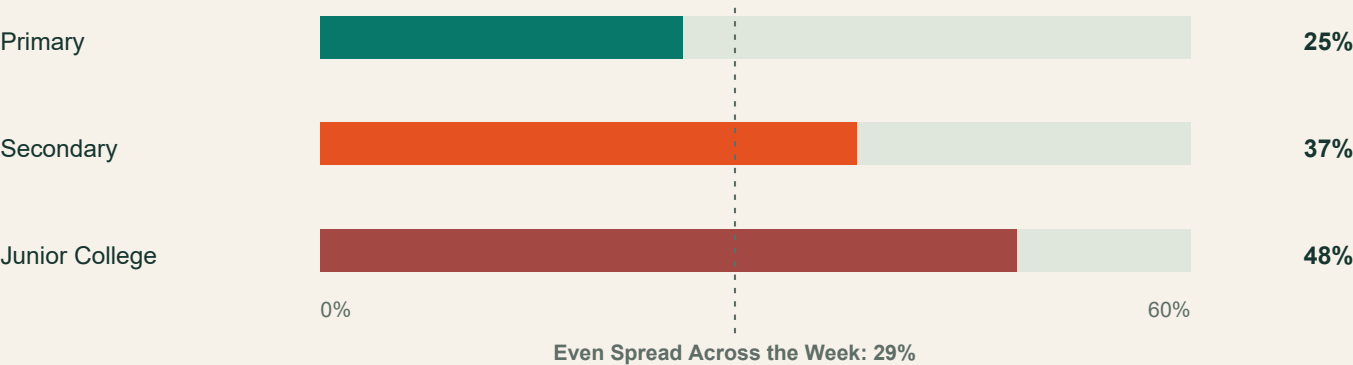


Weekday Weekend

The weekend share rises with each stage: 25% at Primary, 37% at Secondary and 48% at Junior College. At every level, the favourite weekend slot is 10am.

FIGURE 17 / First Lessons on a Weekend

Share of arrangements whose first lesson falls on a Saturday or Sunday.



If first lessons were spread evenly across the week, about 29% would fall on a weekend, since weekends are 2 of 7 days; the dashed line marks that level. Primary sits below that mark, while Secondary and Junior College are well above it. At Junior College, Saturday alone accounts for about 25% of first lessons.

WHAT THIS MEANS

The older the student, the later tuition starts on weekdays and the more likely it starts on a weekend: from 25% at Primary to 48% at Junior College.

Based on the first lesson of each arrangement.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

About the Data

This report draws on more than 100,000 home tuition arrangements, and the enquiries behind them, recorded by MindFlex Education from October 2019 to August 2026. An enquiry, or request, is a family asking for a tutor; an arrangement is a confirmed match with one. Prices are what families agreed to pay, not advertised rates. Monthly costs are per tutor arrangement, based on hourly rate, lesson length and lessons per week. Rates and costs are medians unless stated otherwise. Where no other period is given, figures cover January 2024 to August 2026; those on subjects per request and per child cover 2022 to 2026. Seasonal patterns compare each month with a typical month, that year's monthly average, across the complete years 2022 to 2025. Online openness before 2023 is based on what families wrote in their requests. Inflation figures use Singapore Department of Statistics consumer price data. The findings describe MindFlex's records, not every household in Singapore.

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About MindFlex Education

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