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When it comes to having children in Singapore, the biggest hurdle that many young Singaporeans seem to face is the financial pressure that comes along with it. This was the finding of a joint study by Nanyang Technological University and market research recruitment agency Research Network on the attitudes of Singaporean youths towards parenthood.

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According to the survey results released on Wednesday, 70 per cent of the 230 respondents aged 18 to 35 cited the high cost of living and the financial demands of raising a family in Singapore as the top barrier to having children.

By surveying participants through the AI platform, it is believed that respondents can share their candid opinions without social pressure or fear of judgment from a human interviewer, resulting in more authentic insights, according to the press release.

One respondent noted: "I feel like in Singapore, there's not much support around therapy and being ready to have a kid, especially in an Asian culture where there is a lot of generational trauma."