

# Malaysian population at 34m in first quarter

**PUTRAJAYA:** Malaysia's population in the first quarter of 2024 was estimated at 34 million, an increase of 2.3% as compared with 33.2 million recorded in the same period of 2023, according to a Demographic Statistics report.

Statistics Malaysia Department (DOSM) chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said in a statement yesterday the total population comprised 90% or 30.6 million citizens and 10% or 3.4 million non-citizens.

He said the country's male population increased to 17.8 million from 17.4 million in the first quarter of 2023, and females rose to 16.1 million from 15.8 million in the same period.

"The overall sex ratio of population was 111 males per 100 females while sex ratio for citizens was 103 males per 100 females," he said.

He added that Malay accounted 57.9% (17.7 million) of the population in the first quarter 2024 (Q1 2023: 17.6 million), while Chinese, Indians and other Bumiputeras remained at 22.6%, 6.6% and 12.2%, respectively.

Mohd Uzir said the number of live births in the first quarter of 2024 recorded a decrease of 9.4% or 106,386 births as compared with 117,413 births recorded in the same period of the previous year.

Selangor recorded the highest live births with 19,951 (18.8%) while Labuan recorded the lowest at 323 (0.3%).

A total of 47,964 deaths were recorded in the first quarter of 2024, with Selangor recording the highest at 7,730, while Putrajaya recorded the lowest with 68 deaths. – Bernama