

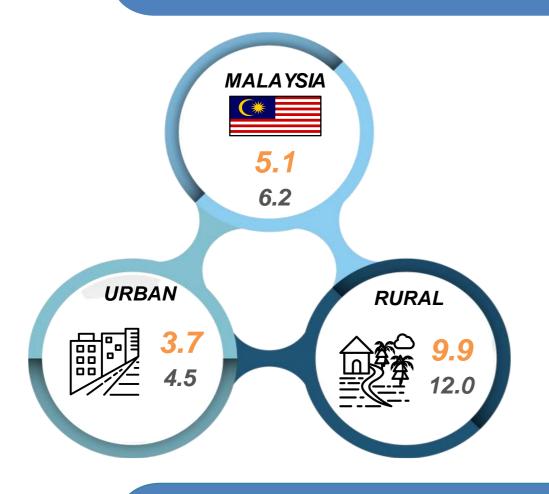
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POVERTY IN MALAYSIA 2024

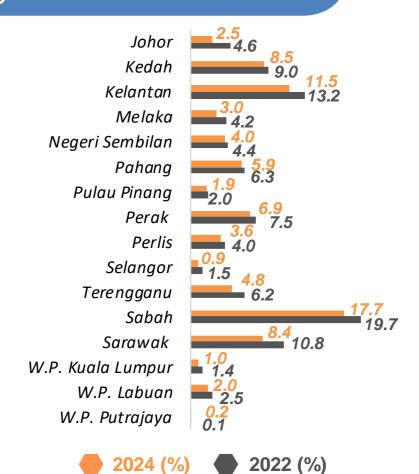
INCIDENCE OF ABSOLUTE POVERTY BY STRATA, ETHNIC & STATE



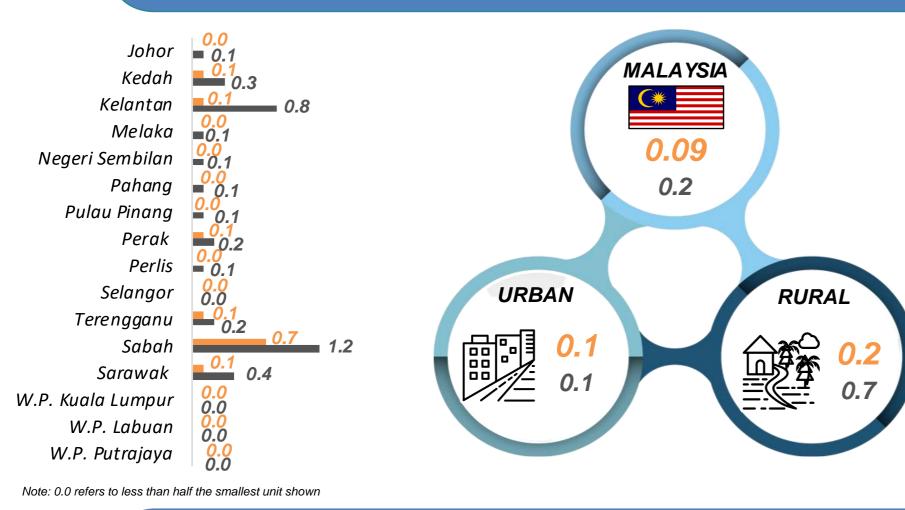
BUMIPUTERA 6.6 7.9

CHINESE 1.9

INDIANS 3.2 5.4



INCIDENCE OF HARDCORE POVERTY BY STATE, STRATA & ETHNIC

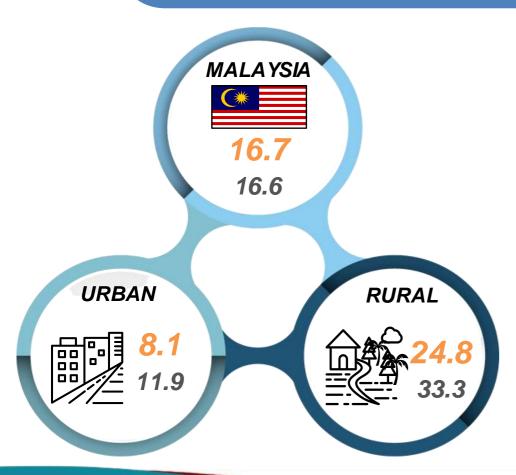


BUMIPUTERA 0.3

CHINESE 0.0 0.0

INDIANS 0.1 2024 (%) 2022 (%)

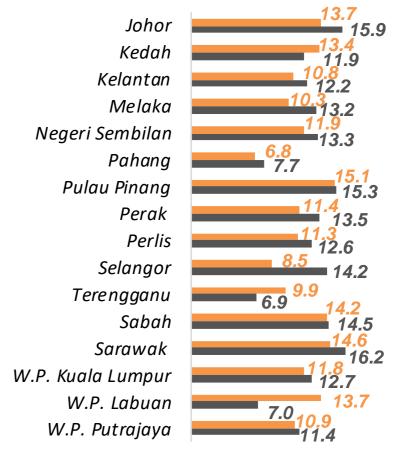
INCIDENCE OF RELATIVE POVERTY BY STRATA, ETHNIC & STATE



BUMIPUTERA 18.6

CHINESE 9.5 12.1

INDIANS 13.7



Note: Relative poverty for strata and ethnic is according to the national income threshold Relative poverty for the state is according to the state income threshold Source: Report of Poverty in Malaysia, Department of Statistics

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The Incidence of Absolute Poverty in Malaysia was 5.1 per cent in 2024

Incidence of Poverty

- The average Poverty Line Income (PLI) for 2024 was RM2,705 (2022: RM2,589), with the average food PLI amounting to RM1,236 (2022: RM1,198).
- The incidence of absolute poverty in 2024 was 5.1 per cent.
- Urban poverty incidence decreased from 4.5 per cent in 2022 to 3.7 per cent in 2024, while rural areas recorded a decline from 12.0 per cent to 9.9 per cent.
- All states recorded low hardcore poverty incidences, ranging between 0.0 per cent and 0.1 per cent, except for Sabah which recorded 0.7 per cent.
- The poverty incidence among Bumiputera declined to 6.6 per cent compared to 7.9 per cent (2022). Poverty incidence also decreased among the Chinese and Indian communities, to 1.5 per cent (2019: 1.9%) and 3.2 per cent (2022: 5.4%), respectively.
- Sabah recorded the highest poverty incidence at 17.7 per cent, followed by Kelantan (11.5%).

Relative Poverty

• The relative poverty line is determined based on half of the median gross household income. In 2024, the relative poverty line was RM3,509 (2022: RM3,169), with a relative poverty rate of 16.7% (2022: 16.6%).









