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MALAYSIAN WELL-BEING INDEX (MyWI) 2023

The Malaysian Well-being Index 2023 increased by 0.7 per cent supported by an increase in the economic well-being of 0.5 per cent and social well-being of 0.8 per cent

PUTRAJAYA, 4 DECEMBER 2024 – Today, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published the **Malaysian Well-Being Index Report (MyWI), 2023** to measure the well-being of Malaysians from economic and social perspective. This report is the sixth publication issued by Department of Statistics Malaysia. Starting from 2024, MyWI at State Level Report is published separately from the Malaysian Well-being Index (MyWI) Report.

MyWI comprises of two well-being sub-composites namely economic well-being and social well-being. Economic well-being sub-composites includes five main components namely transportation, communication, education, income and distribution as well as working life. Meanwhile, social well-being sub-composites comprises of nine components, namely housing, entertainment and recreation, public safety, social participation, governance, culture, health, environment and family. There are 70 indicators for MyWI and 63 indicators for MyWI at state level.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "The Malaysian well-being in 2023 recorded a continuous increase by 0.7 per cent, indicating the community's ability to adapt to the reality of post-pandemic life. Daily activities such as culture, family, entertainment and recreation are vibrant once again, reflecting the energy and optimism of the Malaysians. However, this increase is also affected by ongoing global challenges."

The country's recovery from the COVID-19 epidemic crisis two years ago continues to positively impact the Malaysian well-being. This is evident from the performance of MyWI in 2023, which shows that all component indices recorded values exceeding the base index of the year 2000.

Overall, MyWI increased by 21.3 index points over the past 23 years. The economic well-being sub-composite index rose by 30.7 index points for the period of 2023 as compared to 2000. Similarly, the social well-being sub-composite index increased by 16.0 index points for the same period.

MyWI performance in 2023 improved by 0.7 per cent to 121.3 points as compared to 120.4 points in 2022. Both well-being sub-composites showed an increase in 2023. The economic well-being sub-composite index recorded an increase of 0.5 per cent in 2023 to 130.7 points as compared to 130.0 points in 2022 and the social well-being sub-composite index increased by 0.8 per cent to 116.0 points in the same period.

Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin also said, "Positive growth in the Malaysian well-being index contributed by increases in nine out of 14 economic and social components in 2023. Among the highest components that contribute to the increase in MyWI 2023 are culture (6.0%), transportation (2.4%), entertainment and recreation (2.2%) as well as family (2.2%).

The analysis showed that three components in the economic well-being sub-composite recorded an increase in 2023, namely transportation (2.4%), education (0.8%) and communication (0.2%). At the same time, two components from the economic well-being

sub-composite showed a decrease as compared to 2022. The working life index decreased 0.6 per cent to 124.5 points in 2023 as compared to 125.3 points in 2022 due to an increase in the industrial and travel accidents rate and an increase in the number of trade disputes. The income and distribution index decreased 0.1 per cent to 128.9 points in 2023 as compared to 129.0 points in 2022 due to the decrease in gross national income per capita (GNI).

Six components in the social well-being sub-composite inclined namely culture (6.0%), entertainment and recreation (2.2%), family (2.2%), social participation (1.2%), governance (1.0%) and health (0.8%). However, the three components that recorded a decline for the social well-being sub-composite are the environment, public safety and housing. The environment index decreased 3.9 per cent to 106.0 points in 2023 as compared to 110.3 points in 2022 due to the deterioration of water quality, air quality and average maximum temperature. The public safety index decreased by 1.3 per cent to 127.6 points in 2023 as compared to 129.3 points in 2022, due to an increase in crime rates and increase in the number of traffic accidents. In addition, the housing index also decreased 0.2 per cent to 118.2 points in 2023 as compared to 118.4 points in 2022.

MyWI at the State Level Performance

MyWI performance at the state level showed that five states recorded an increase in index points in 2023 as compared to 2022. Terengganu still remained unchanged while the remaining eight states recorded a decrease in index points for the same period. Three states with the highest increase in 2023 as compared to 2022 were Perlis (1.4%) followed by Johor (1.0%) and Pahang (0.5%). Conversely, the three states which recorded the highest decreased were Sabah (-2.2%), Wilayah Persekutuan (-0.8%) and Pulau Pinang (-0.7%).

In terms of the economic sub-composite, all states recorded a decrease in index points in 2023 except for three states that recorded an increase in index points as compared to 2022. The three states that recorded the highest decrease were Sabah with a decrease of 3.4 index points to 126.2 points in 2023. This was followed by Kedah and

Negeri Sembilan which decreased 1.5 index points and 1.1 index points to 126.5 and 125.2 points respectively in the same period. This situation was driven by a decline in the components of transportation and working life for the three states.

From the perspective of the social well-being sub-composite, it was found that eight out of 14 states showed a decrease in index points. The three states that recorded the highest decrease in index points were Sabah with 2.1 index points to 109.8 points in 2023, followed by Wilayah Persekutuan which decreased by 1.1 index points to 110.3 points and Pulau Pinang with a decrease of 0.7 index points to 113.6 points in 2023. The main contributors to this decrease in this index point were environment, governance, public safety and housing components.

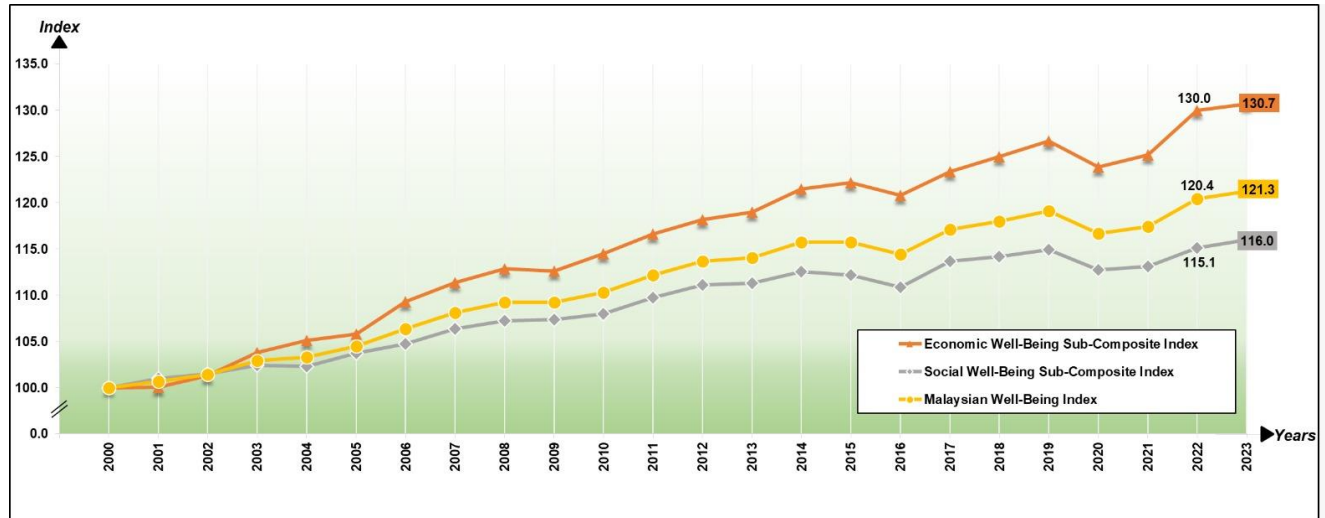
The availability of statistics at the national and state levels benefits the government in improving policies and programmes as well as the socioeconomic needs of the Malaysians. The MyWI statistics are essential in mainstreaming sustainable economic growth by emphasizing on Malaysian well-being.

The Malaysian Well-Being Index Report, 2023 can be downloaded for free at the Department of Statistics Malaysia portal www.dosm.gov.my.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has launched OpenDOSM NextGen as a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

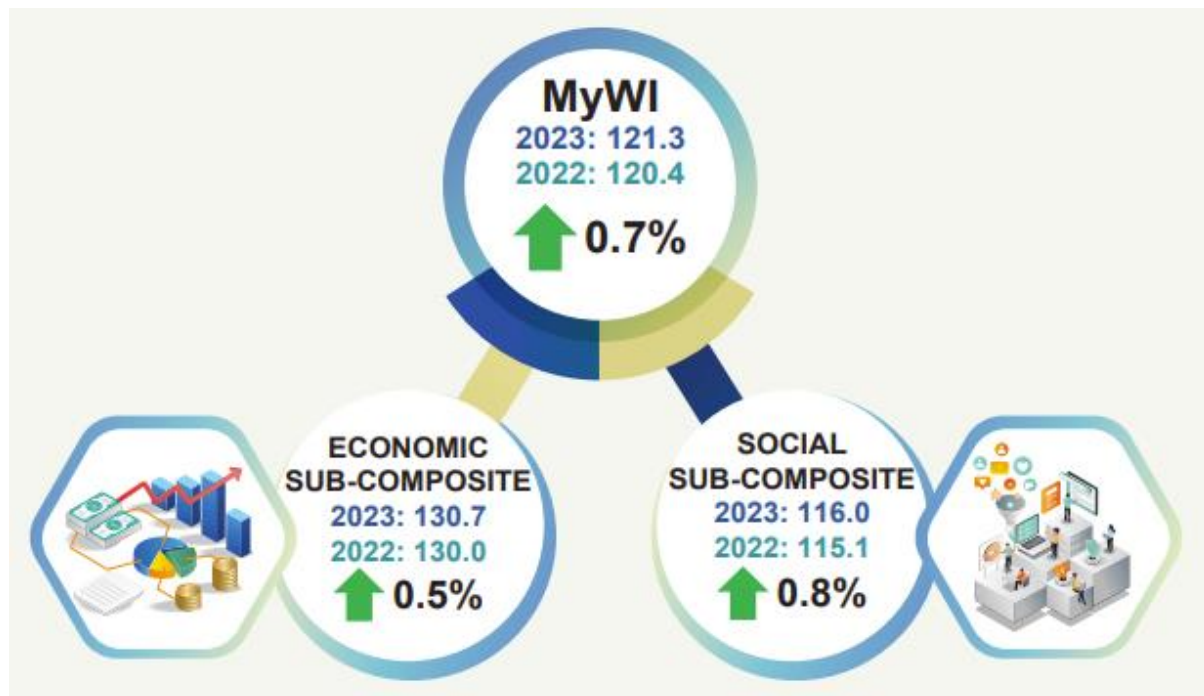
The Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on 20th October. MyStats Day theme is “Statistics is the Essence of Life”. DOSM commemorates its 75th Diamond Jubilee in 2024.

Chart 1: Malaysian Well-being Index, 2000-2023



Note: MyWI Base Year (2000=100)

Exhibit 1: Malaysian Well-being Index by Economic and Social Sub-composites, 2022 and 2023



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**Exhibit 2: Malaysian Well-being Index for Economic Sub-Composite
by Component, 2022 and 2023**



Note: MyWI Base Year (2000=100)

**Exhibit 3: Malaysian Well-being Index for Social Sub-Composite
by Component, 2022 and 2023**



Note: MyWI Base Year (2000=100)

Exhibit 4: Malaysian Well-Being Index at State Level, 2022 and 2023

STATE	MyWI			ECONOMIC			SOCIAL		
 Johor	2023 : 117.3 2022 : 116.1	↑	1.0%	2023 : 127.2 2022 : 126.1	↑	0.9%	2023 : 111.8 2022 : 110.5	↑	1.2%
 Kedah	2023 : 115.8 2022 : 116.5	↓	-0.6%	2023 : 126.5 2022 : 128.0	↓	-1.2%	2023 : 109.8 2022 : 110.1	↓	-0.3%
 Kelantan	2023 : 114.9 2022 : 115.1	↓	-0.2%	2023 : 123.6 2022 : 123.8	↓	-0.2%	2023 : 110.1 2022 : 110.2	↓	-0.1%
 Melaka	2023 : 116.4 2022 : 116.6	↓	-0.2%	2023 : 124.2 2022 : 124.6	↓	-0.3%	2023 : 112.0 2022 : 112.2	↓	-0.2%
 Negeri Sembilan	2023 : 116.9 2022 : 116.8	↑	0.1%	2023 : 125.2 2022 : 126.4	↓	-0.9%	2023 : 112.3 2022 : 111.5	↑	0.7%
 Pahang	2023 : 117.0 2022 : 116.4	↑	0.5%	2023 : 128.5 2022 : 128.7	↓	-0.2%	2023 : 110.7 2022 : 109.5	↑	1.0%
 Pulau Pinang	2023 : 118.3 2022 : 119.2	↓	-0.7%	2023 : 126.8 2022 : 127.9	↓	-0.8%	2023 : 113.6 2022 : 114.3	↓	-0.6%
 Perak	2023 : 117.6 2022 : 117.7	↓	-0.1%	2023 : 128.8 2022 : 128.1	↑	0.5%	2023 : 111.4 2022 : 111.9	↓	-0.4%
 Perlis	2023 : 116.7 2022 : 115.1	↑	1.4%	2023 : 124.0 2022 : 124.2	↓	-0.2%	2023 : 112.7 2022 : 110.1	↑	2.4%
 Selangor	2023 : 115.8 2022 : 116.0	↓	-0.2%	2023 : 125.2 2022 : 125.0	↑	0.1%	2023 : 110.5 2022 : 110.9	↓	-0.4%
 Terengganu	2023 : 117.4 2022 : 117.4	↔	0.0%	2023 : 124.5 2022 : 125.0	↓	-0.4%	2023 : 113.4 2022 : 113.2	↑	0.2%
 Sabah	2023 : 115.6 2022 : 118.2	↓	-2.2%	2023 : 126.2 2022 : 129.6	↓	-2.6%	2023 : 109.8 2022 : 111.9	↓	-1.9%
 Sarawak	2023 : 119.2 2022 : 119.1	↑	0.1%	2023 : 131.7 2022 : 132.3	↓	-0.4%	2023 : 112.3 2022 : 111.7	↑	0.5%
 Wilayah Persekutuan	2023 : 113.8 2022 : 114.7	↓	-0.8%	2023 : 120.0 2022 : 120.8	↓	-0.6%	2023 : 110.3 2022 : 111.4	↓	-1.0%

Note: MyWI at the State Level Base Year (2010=100)

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