

Embargo: Only to be published or disseminated at 1200 hour, Thursday, October 16th 2025



MEDIA STATEMENT

**MINISTRY OF ECONOMY
DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA**

Block C6 & C7, Complex C,
Federal Government Administrative Centre, Precinct 1,
62514 Federal Territory of Putrajaya
Telephone : 03 - 8090 4681

CRIME STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, 2025 OCTOBER 2025

Crime Index Malaysia recorded 11.1 per cent in 2024

PUTRAJAYA, OCTOBER 16TH, 2025 – Today, the Department of Statistics Malaysia released **Crime Statistics, Malaysia, 2025**. The report, which covers crime statistics from 2022 to 2024. For the first time, Malaysia's crime statistics are fully aligned with the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) Version 1.0, developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). This alignment enables clearer international comparisons and deeper insights into crime patterns across 11 major sections. In addition, a chapter on correctional statistics is included to broaden the perspective on the national justice system.

Malaysia's Crime Index in 2024 rose by 11.1 per cent, with 58,255 cases reported as compared to 52,444 in 2023. This increase was largely driven by property crimes, which surged by 12.4 per cent to 47,188 cases. Assault crimes also saw a modest rise of 5.9 per cent, totaling 11,067 cases.

Despite the overall increase, there was a notable decline in homicide cases. Intentional homicides dropped by 9.5 per cent to 237 cases, while non-intentional homicides remained unchanged at two cases. Kidnapping cases also fell slightly to 17, with children accounting for 11 of those cases.

Sexual offences presented a mixed trend. Rape cases rose by 12.1 per cent to 1,899 cases. Rape without force increase 29.3 per cent, meanwhile, rape with force declined by 15.3 per cent, suggesting shifts in reporting or perpetration patterns.

Robbery cases decreased by 6.8 per cent, totaling 4,276 cases. Majority cases involved robbery from the person (41.7%), followed by other types (38.2%), robbery of an establishment or institution (13.5%) and robbery of a vehicle (6.7%). House break-in & theft cases also declined by 1.8 per cent, with 77.6 per cent of cases occurring at night.

Drug related cases involving drug supply and possession continued to climb, with a 10.6 per cent increase bringing the total to 81,090 cases. Supply drug cases rose by 4.6 per cent, while possession cases jumped by 12.7 per cent, reflecting intensified enforcement and possibly increased substance use.

Arrest for bribery cases involving giving and accepting bribery surged by 24.6 per cent, with 764 individuals apprehended. Giving bribery cases rose sharply by 51.2 per cent, while accepting bribery increased by 20.3 per cent, highlighting ongoing efforts to combat graft.

Misappropriation of controlled goods activities intensified, with 2,243 cases recorded, a 19.1 per cent increase from the previous year. Diesel was the most misappropriated item (30%), followed by petrol (26.7%), cooking oil (19.8%), sugar (10.1%), liquefied petroleum gas (9.1%) and wheat flour (4.4%).

Health and safety at work offences saw the steepest rise, increasing by 71.1 per cent to 296 cases. The manufacturing sector accounted for over half of these offences (57.4%), followed by construction (27.4%) and business services (8.1%).

Animal-related offences declined to 12 cases, including cruelty to animals and pets, and welfare violations. Sea robbery remained rare in Malaysia, with no cases reported in 2024.

Sea robbery cases are rare in Malaysia. Only one case of sea robbery was reported in 2023, while no cases of sea robbery were recorded in 2024.

Correctional statistics revealed a significant increase in convicted prisoners, rising by 28.4 per cent to 128,916 individuals. Male prisoners made up 90.9 per cent of the total, while female prisoners accounted for 9.1 per cent.

The full report *Crime Statistics, Malaysia, 2025* can be downloaded for free on the Department of Statistics, Malaysia portal (www.dosm.gov.my).

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.

Malaysia, for the first time, ranked as number one (1) globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20th October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

Table 1: Crime Index by type, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024

Type of crime	2023	2024	Percentage change (%)
Crime Index	52,444	58,255	11.1
Assault crime	10,453	11,067	5.9
Property crime	41,991	47,188	12.4

Source: Royal Malaysia Police

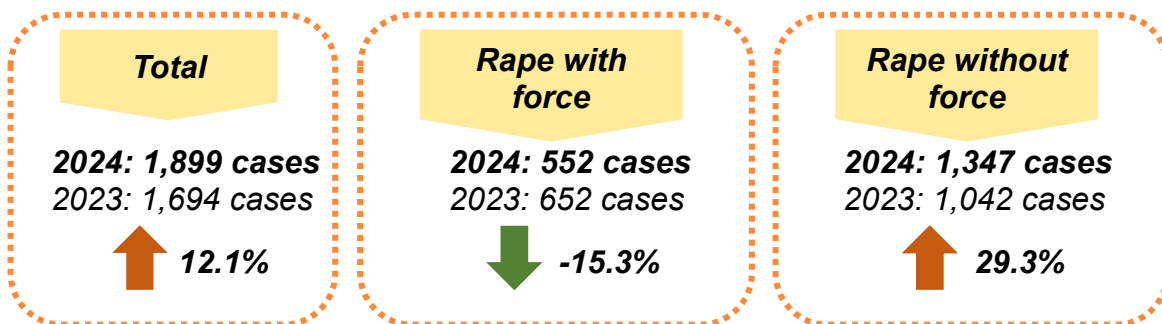
Table 2: Number of murder cases by type, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024

Type of crime	2023	2024	Percentage change (%)
Intentional homicide	262	237	-9.5
Non-intentional homicide	2	2	-
Total	264	239	-9.5

Note: - No changes

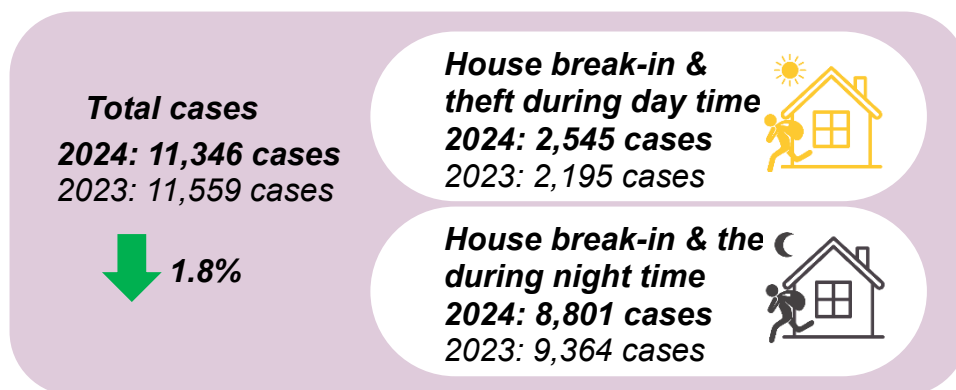
Source: Royal Malaysia Police

Exhibit 1: Number of rape cases by type, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024



Source: Royal Malaysia Police

Exhibit 2: Number of house break-in & theft cases by time of occurrence, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024



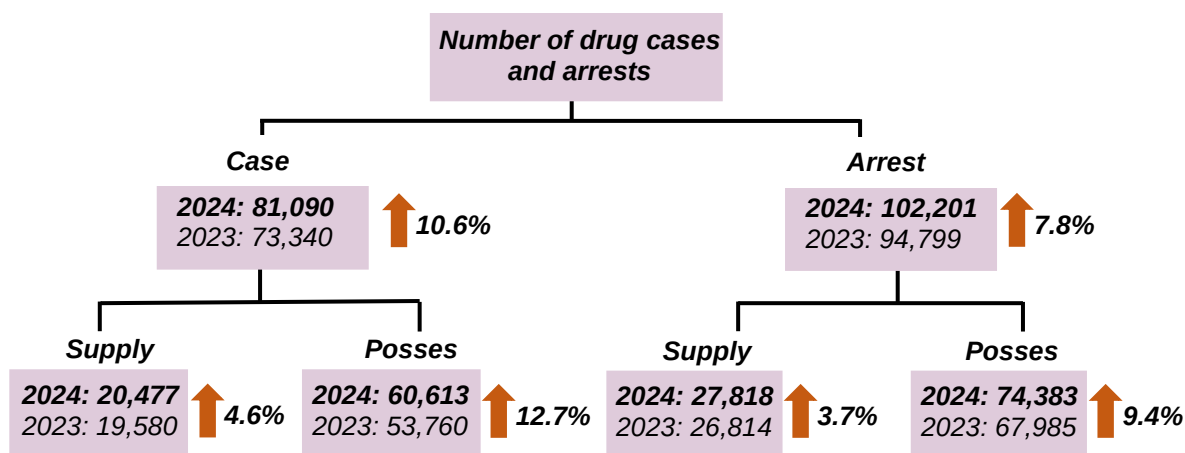
Source: Royal Malaysia Police

Table 3: Number of robbery cases by type, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024

Type of crime	2023	2024	Percentage change (%)	Share 2024 (%)
Robbery from the person	1,449	1,783	23.1	41.7
Robbery of a vehicle	350	285	-18.6	6.7
Robbery of an establishment or institution	964	575	-40.4	13.5
Others robbery	1,825	1,633	-10.5	38.2
Total	4,588	4,276	-6.8	100.0

Source: Royal Malaysia Police

Exhibit 3: Number of drug cases and arrests by type of offence, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024



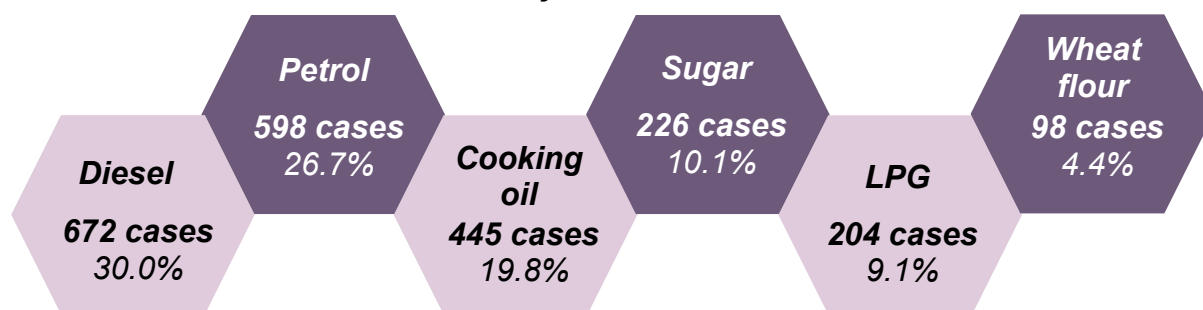
Source: Royal Malaysia Police

Table 4: Number of bribery cases arrests by type, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024

Type of bribery	2023	2024	Percentage change (%)
Giving bribery	86	130	51.2
Accepting bribery	527	634	20.3
Total	613	764	24.6

Source: Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission

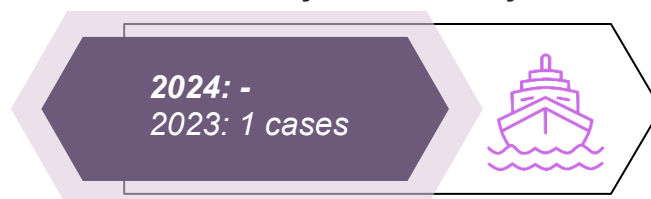
Exhibit 4: Percentage share of misappropriation of controlled goods by type, Malaysia, 2024



Data as at 31st December 2024

Source: Ministry of Domestic Trade and Costs of Living

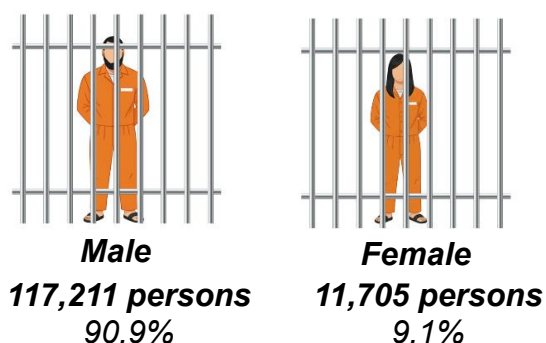
Exhibit 5: Number of sea robbery cases, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024



Note: - No cases

Source: Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency

Exhibit 6: Number of convicted prisoners by sex, Malaysia, 2024



Source: Department of Prison Malaysia

Released by:

**THE OFFICE OF CHIEF STATISTICIAN MALAYSIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA
16TH OCTOBER 2025**