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# MY LOCAL STATS, MALAYSIA, 2024 NOVEMBER 2025

## Malaysia's ICT access nears universal coverage: 99.5 per cent mobile phone ownership, 96.8 per cent internet access

**PUTRAJAYA, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2025** – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has published **My Local Stats, Malaysia, 2024**, a comprehensive publication that compiles social, economic and environmental statistics down to the district level. The report is prepared based on the guidelines of the Handbook on Social Indicators issued by the United Nations Statistics Division, making it an important reference for a deeper understanding of the nation's conditions.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, stated: "Malaysia's total **population** in 2024 is estimated at 34.1 million, comprising 90.0 per cent citizens and 10.0 per cent non-citizens. The annual population growth rate in 2024 recorded 1.9 per cent as compared to 2.1 per cent in the previous year. The sex ratio stood at 111 males for every 100 females, while life expectancy at birth reached 74.9 years".

In terms of the economy, Malaysia's **labour market** continued to show positive development. The labour force grew to 16.9 million, an increase of 3.3 per cent compared to 2023. This growth was driven by higher number of employment and declining of unemployment rate, supported by strong domestic demand, recovery in the external sector and the implementation of strategic government policies. The labour force participation rate reached a high record of 70.6 per cent, reflecting public confidence in the job market.

At the same time, **household access to technology** became more widespread. Nearly all households owned mobile phones, televisions and radios, while Internet access reached 96.8 per cent and computer ownership 92.2 per cent.

**Education** recorded moderate progress. The number of government and government-aided schools stood at 10,233 with a small increase in teacher numbers. Students at the secondary level rose, while primary and post-secondary levels registered declines. The pupil-to-teacher ratio in primary schools improved, while in secondary schools it increased slightly.

**Health** indicators also showed improvement. Malaysia's population-to-doctor ratio stood at 1:404 in 2024, compared to 1:406 the previous year. Several states, including Kelantan, Perlis, Pulau Pinang, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, W.P. Kuala Lumpur and W.P. Putrajaya recorded better ratios than the national average, reflecting improved access to healthcare in those areas.

The **well-being** of the population was further reflected in the decline of absolute poverty rate, which fell from 6.2 per cent in 2022 to 5.1 per cent in 2024. Meanwhile, the relative poverty threshold, aligned with median household income, rose from RM3,169 to RM3,509.

In terms of **welfare**, the number of beneficiaries under the Department of Social Welfare increased to 605,109 persons in 2024, with total disbursements amounting to RM2.61 billion, a 9.5 per cent rise as compared to the previous year. Sabah recorded the highest number of beneficiaries, followed by Johor and Selangor, while W.P. Putrajaya was the only territory to show a slight decline.

In terms of **crime statistics** aspect, Malaysia's crime index rose by 11.1 per cent to 58,255 cases in 2024, with assault crimes increased by 5.9 per cent property crimes surged by 12.4 per cent.

The My Local Stats, Malaysia, 2024 publication is publicly accessible, offering key statistics for government planning and serving as an essential reference for the private sector, academia and individuals in assessing social welfare and economic performance at national, state and district levels.

The full report My Local Stats, Malaysia, 2024 can be downloaded for free on the Department of Statistics Malaysia portal (<a href="www.dosm.gov.my">www.dosm.gov.my</a>).

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 67<sup>th</sup> position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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

Table 1: Principal statistics of population, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024

Indicator	2023	2024	
Population <sup>a</sup>			
Total ('000)	33,401.8	34,052.1	
Male ('000)	17,472.3	17,878.8	
Female ('000)	15,929.5	16,173.3	
Annual population growth rate (%)	2.1	1.9	
Sex ratio	110	111	
Citizenship (%)			
Citizens	91.1	90.0	
Non-citizens	8.9	10.0	
Life expectancy at birth			
Both sexes	74.0	74.9p	
Male	71.8	72.7p	
Female	76.6	77.6°	
Births			
Number of live births	455,761	414,918	
Crude birth rate <sup>b</sup>	13.6	12.2	
Total fertility rate <sup>c</sup>	1.7	1.6	
Deaths			
Number of deaths	196,965	198,992	
Crude death rate <sup>b</sup>	5.9	5.8	

#### Notes

Chart 1: Labour force, employed person, labour force participation rate and employment ratio to population, Malaysia, 2016–2024



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Data refers to the mid-year current population estimates based on Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> The rate are per 1,000 population

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The rate are per women aged 15-49 years

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>p</sup> Preliminary

Exhibit 1: Access to ICT services and equipment by households, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024

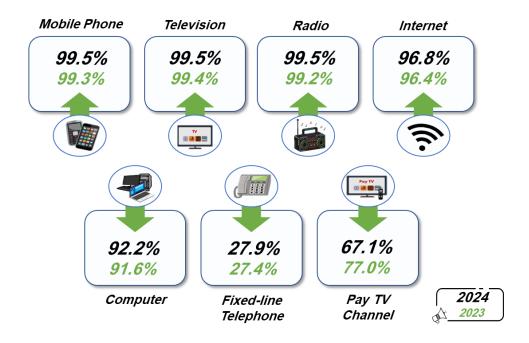


Exhibit 2: Number of school, teacher, pupils and pupils-teacher ratio in government and government-aided schools, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024

		2023		2024		
		Primary school	Secondary school	Primary school	Secondary school	
	School	7,779	2,452	7,776	2,457	
100	Teacher	232,669	178,619	235,426	180,339	
	Pupil	2,779,131	Secondary level Post secondary level 1,986,513 71,073	2,774,767	Secondary level Post secondary level level 2,028,829 67,242	
Pupil-teacher ratio		12.4	11.5	12.3	11.6	

Source: Ministry of Education Malaysia

Table 2: Population-to-doctor ratio by state, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024

State	Population-to-doctor ratio 2023 2024		
Malaysia	406	404	
Johor	580	577	
Kedah	508	507	
Kelantan	400	389	
Melaka	368	351	
Negeri Sembilan	339	338	
Pahang	460	442	
Pulau Pinang	386	380	
Perak	463	456	
Perlis	394	383	
Selangor	697	436	
Terengganu	510	441	
Sabah	443	729	
Sarawak	453	516	
W.P. Kuala Lumpur	200	189	
W.P. Labuan	639	520	
W.P. Putrajaya	64	63	

Source: Ministry of Health Malaysia

### Note:

The ration is based on the mid-year current population estimates for the reference year

Chart 2: Incidence of absolute poverty by state, Malaysia, 2022 and 2024

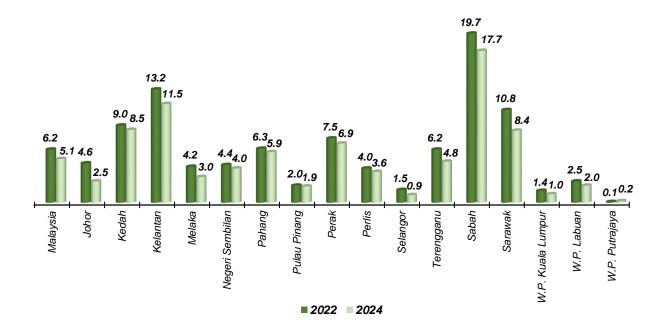


Table 3: Number of beneficiaries and total amount of assistance under Department of Social Welfare by state, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024

State	Number of beneficiaries			Total amount of assistance (RM'000)	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	change (%)
Malaysia	552,822	605,109	2,535,035.4	2,610,789.7	9.5
Johor	55,549	62,125	269,736.3	275,861.2	11.8
Kedah	45,784	50,667	18,127.3	223,663.6	10.7
Kelantan	49,305	56,140	222,067.9	232,316.4	13.9
Melaka	27,467	31,409	127,136.1	135,721.7	14.4
Negeri Sembilan	29,299	29,954	131,789.9	128,839.5	2.2
Pahang	30,737	33,718	151,500.5	153,680.7	9.7
Pulau Pinang	21,888	24,234	109,877.5	112,998.3	10.7
Perak	49,693	56,705	229,001.5	253,422.8	14.1
Perlis	9,301	10,310	38,873.8	40,167.8	10.8
Selangor	52,814	59,391	243,324.7	248,424.9	12.5
Terengganu	42,886	45,827	162,812.8	168,817.9	6.9
Sabah	66,266	70,732	305,363.0	317,399.0	6.7
Sarawak	54,431	55,085	246,380.1	240,372.1	1.2
W.P. Kuala Lumpur	15,904	17,289	72,468.4	72,472.3	8.7
W.P. Labuan	1,167	1,203	5,085.7	5,268.1	3.1
W.P. Putrajaya	331	320	1,489.9	1,363.7	-3.3

Source: Department of Social Welfare

Exhibit 3: Crime index, assault crime and property crime, Malaysia, 2023 and 2024



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