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MIGRATION SURVEY REPORT, MALAYSIA, 2024

***Migration increases to 301.1 thousand in 2024 with
Selangor leading as the main destination of 97.6 thousand in-migrants***

PUTRAJAYA, 18 DECEMBER 2025 – The number of population aged one year and over who migrated in 2024 increased to 301.1 thousand people, nearly double as compared to 158.8 thousand people in 2022. The migration rate also rose to 0.9 per cent (2022: 0.5%).

The Migration Survey Report, Malaysia, 2024 presents statistics on population migration related to migration rates, internal and international migration. The Migration Survey 2024 was conducted in 2024 for the reference period of 2023 to 2024. The report provides statistics on migration at the state level as well as demographic and socio-economic characteristics including sex, age group, ethnic group, marital status, educational attainment, strata, occupation and industry. Migrants in this report are defined as population with different localities of usual residence at two points of time (dates) within one year apart, excluding those who moved within the same locality.

Commenting on the report, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Malaysia said, “Internal migration remained dominant at 63.5 per cent as compared to 62.3 per cent in 2022. Johor recorded the highest percentage of internal migrants in 2024 at 70.3 per cent, followed by Selangor (69.5%) and Sabah (68.7%). Meanwhile, W.P. Putrajaya recorded the lowest percentage of internal migrants at 11.5 per cent. W.P. Kuala Lumpur showed the highest increase in internal migrants at 65.5 per cent.”

Intra-state migration flows in 2024 were dominated by urban to urban at 84.6 per cent, increase from 79.3 per cent in 2022, followed by rural to rural (7.6%), urban to rural (7.2%) and rural to urban (0.6%). All states recorded the highest movement from urban to urban, except Kelantan and Pahang, which recorded the highest movement from urban to rural. This shows migration flows were fully concentrated in urban areas, in line with the role of cities as economic hubs and centers of employment opportunities. Four states recorded more than 90 per cent urban to urban migration, namely Melaka (100.0%), Selangor (96.2%), Negeri Sembilan (94.7%) and Pulau Pinang (93.5%).

The Chief Statistician added that inter-state migration recorded a slight decline in 2024 to 30.2 per cent (2022: 30.3%). W.P. Putrajaya recorded the highest percentage of inter-state migrants at 88.5 per cent, followed by Kedah (60.3%) and Pahang (52.8%). Overall, all states showed a decline in inter-state migration percentages except Johor, Kedah and Pahang. Kedah recorded the highest increase in 2024 at 60.3 per cent as compared to 27.1 per cent in 2022.

Selangor recorded the highest number of in-migrants at 97.6 thousand people and was the main recipient state in 2024 with 8.4 thousand people (2022: -8.8 thousand). The majority of migrants entering Selangor were from W.P. Kuala Lumpur (13.8 thousand), followed by Negeri Sembilan (2.6 thousand) and Pulau Pinang (2.0 thousand). Selangor also recorded the highest number of out-migrants at 89.2 thousand people, with most moving to W.P. Kuala Lumpur (6.6 thousand) and Johor (3.0 thousand). Meanwhile, W.P. Kuala Lumpur and Pulau Pinang remained the sending states in 2024, with 7.6 thousand people (2022: -1.7 thousand) and 4.2 thousand people (2022: -0.2 thousand), respectively.

The Chief Statistician also said, international migration recorded 6.3 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points as compared to 2022 (7.4%). Seven states recorded an increase in international migrants in 2024 with Perak increased to 31.2 per cent, followed by Sabah (12.5%), Terengganu (9.8%), Pulau Pinang (9.3%), Kedah (2.9%), Johor (1.0%) and Pahang (1.4%).

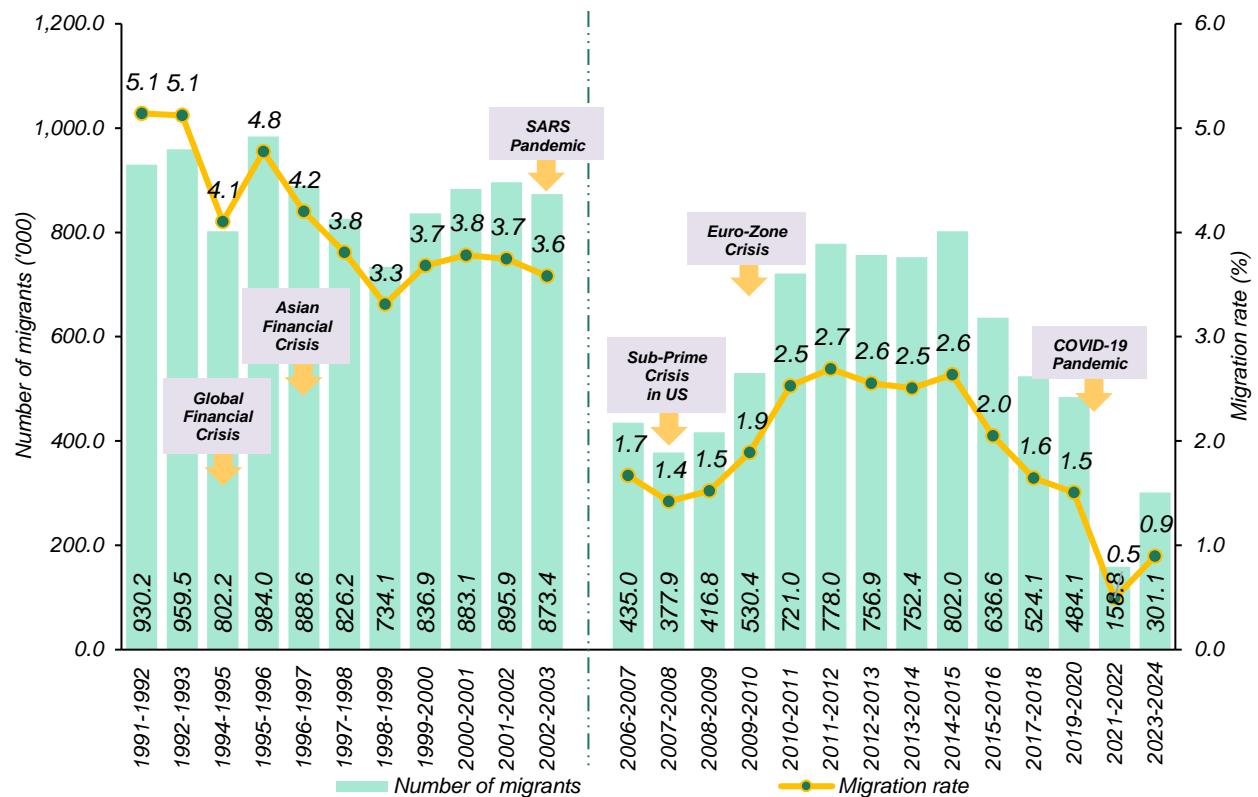
Demographic characteristics of internal migration showed that population aged 25-34 years had the highest internal migration rate in 2022 at 0.8 per cent, with males at 0.8 per cent and females at 0.7 per cent. Meanwhile, population aged 65 years and over were the least likely to migrate at 0.3 per cent. The age group 25-34 years dominated internal migration in 2024 at 47.7 per cent, followed by the 1-14 years (43.3%) and the 15-24 years (37.0%). By sex, males dominated with 57.5 per cent, while females accounted for 42.5 per cent.

The Chief Statistician highlighted, migration due to following family remained the main reason for migration in 2024, with the percentage declining to 46.2 per cent compared to 47.3 per cent in 2022. This was followed by environment (26.1%), career (17.2%), marriage and divorce (3.7%) and education (3.0%).

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the top position 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.

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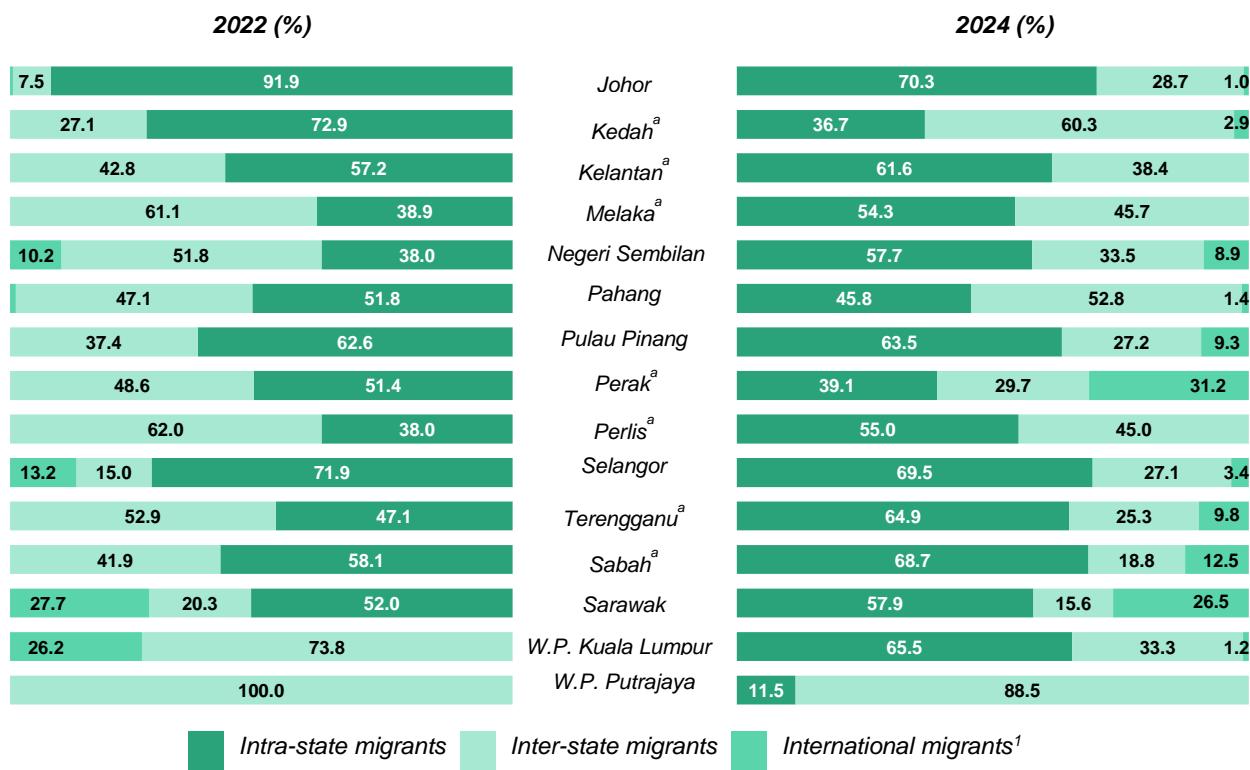
Chart 1: Time series of migration, Malaysia, 1991-2024



Note:

Break time series of 2004-2006 due to adjusted following changes in the frequency of Migration Survey from quarterly to monthly

**Chart 2: Migrants by state of destination and migration status,
Malaysia, 2022 and 2024**



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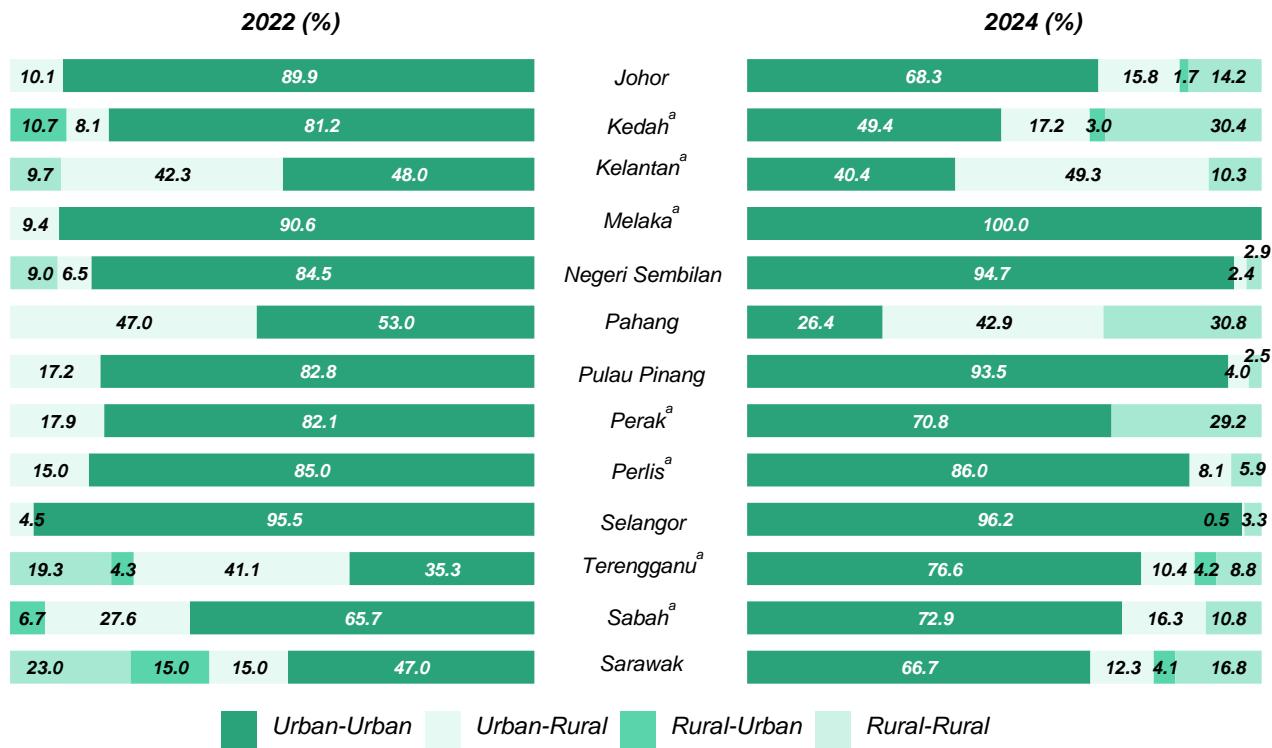
¹ Exclude migrants from Malaysia to other countries

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Chart 3: Intra-state migrants by state and migration flow, Malaysia, 2022 and 2024

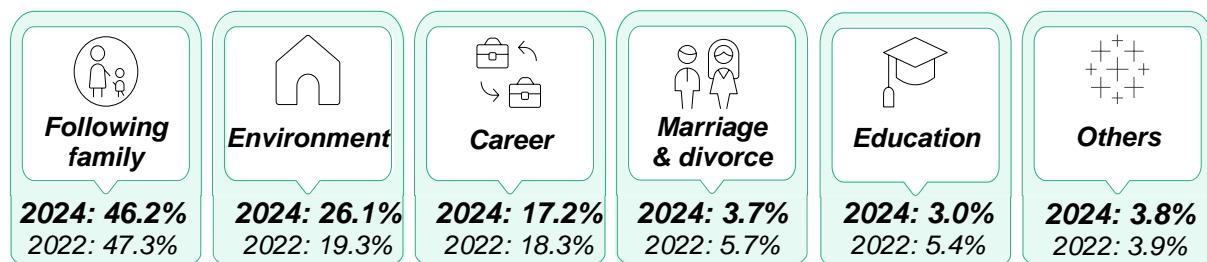


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Exhibit 1: Internal migrants by reason for migration, Malaysia, 2022 and 2024



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