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THE BASIC AMENITIES (BA) SURVEY, MALAYSIA, 2024

**Malaysia recorded 78.0 per cent home ownership in 2024 with
near-universal access to electricity (99.9 per cent)
and piped water (97.2 per cent)**

PUTRAJAYA, 24th December 2025 – Today, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has released the **Basic Amenities (BA) Survey Report, Malaysia**, which presents the level of access among Malaysian citizen households to essential basic amenities that support overall well-being. The report provides information on home ownership, access to utilities, proximity to health and education facilities, and ownership of various household equipment, such as digital devices, appliances, and vehicles. Data on home ownership by income group is available, and the survey introduces new tables detailing home ownership of living quarters by ethnic group of the Head of Household. These new tables provide insights into housing patterns across different ethnic groups at both national and state levels, offering a more detailed perspective on home ownership distribution among Malaysian households.

Emphasising Malaysia's progress in household access to housing and essential utilities, Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin stated, "National home ownership stood at 78.0 per cent. Ownership of living quarters by ethnicity showed that Bumiputera households recorded 75.0 per cent, compared to 73.3 per cent previously. Ownership by income group indicated that 85.5 per cent of households in Deciles 9–10, 75.9 per cent in Deciles 5–8, and 76.3 per cent in Deciles 1–4 owned their living quarters (where Decile refers to income deciles, with Decile 1

being the lowest and Decile 10 the highest). Treated piped water supply reached 97.2 per cent nationwide. Electricity supply coverage was nearly universal at 99.9 per cent. Waste collection services increased to 75.4 per cent nationally. These findings demonstrate that Malaysian households have substantial access to housing and essential utilities across income deciles and ethnic groups.”

In view of the widespread healthcare services, Malaysians continue to benefit from substantial availability of medical facilities. A total of 97.8 per cent of households are located within 5 km of a public health centre, while 92.8 per cent are within a similar distance to private health facilities. The survey highlights that both urban and rural households have substantial access to medical services, contributing to equitable healthcare coverage across the country. These figures demonstrate that healthcare services remain accessible to the majority of the population, supporting national objectives for inclusive and comprehensive health coverage.

Educational institutions remain widely accessible for Malaysian households. The report records that 98.7 per cent of households are within 5 km of a primary school, 95.9 per cent near a secondary school, and 98.2 per cent near a public kindergarten. Private kindergartens are within 5 km of 88.5 per cent of households. These findings indicate that schools and kindergartens remain within close reach for families nationwide.

Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin also highlighted that Malaysian households are increasingly equipped with essential technology to support communication, learning, and access to information. Households continue to enjoy broad availability of household appliances and devices. Malaysian households maintain strong access to digital technology, with smartphone ownership reaching 98.4 per cent and internet subscription increasing to 99.6 per cent, up from 96.4 per cent previously. Laptop ownership rose to 57.6 per cent, compared to 53.1 per cent earlier, indicating improved access to digital tools and connectivity. Ownership of water filters increased to 72.0 per cent, and air conditioners to 68.8 per cent. Car ownership climbed to 92.4 per cent, and motorcycles to 78.4 per cent, reflecting improved mobility among households.

In addition to national-level findings, the survey also highlights variations across states in both living quarters ownership and key household equipment ownership. In 2024, living quarters ownership by state showed strong levels of home ownership nationwide, with most states recording rates above 80 per cent. The highest ownership was observed in Melaka at 85.6 per cent, Perlis at 85.8 per cent, Kedah at 85.3 per cent, Kelantan at 85.0 per cent and Perak at 85.2 per cent, followed by Sarawak with 84.5 per cent. Several highly urbanised areas recorded comparatively lower ownership levels, including W.P. Kuala Lumpur with 61.4 per cent and W.P. Labuan with 61.1 per cent, while W.P. Putrajaya recorded the lowest ownership level at 27.1 per cent. These differences reflect demographic composition, housing market conditions and urban–rural characteristics across states.

The survey also reports state-level household equipment ownership, showing consistently high smartphone ownership across all states, with most recording rates above 96 per cent. Car ownership also demonstrated strong levels nationwide, with Pulau Pinang recording 97.3 per cent, followed by Johor at 96.3 per cent and Selangor at 96.4 per cent. Meanwhile, Sabah recorded a comparatively lower level of car ownership at 82.5 per cent, while Sarawak recorded 83.5 per cent. These patterns reflect differences in mobility needs, geographic conditions and socioeconomic characteristics across the country. Overall, the state-level findings reinforce that households nationwide continue to maintain strong access to essential equipment that supports communication, mobility and daily living needs.

Underlining Malaysia's progress in household well-being, Malaysian households continue to demonstrate strong home ownership across income groups and ethnicities, substantial access to piped water, electricity and waste collection services, close proximity to healthcare and educational facilities, and widespread availability of digital technology, household appliances and diverse entertainment options. These findings underscore positive trends in living standards and the increasing accessibility and convenience of essential amenities for Malaysian families nationwide.

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Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully recorded 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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APPENDIX 1

EXHIBIT 1: TYPE OF LIVING QUARTERS OWNERSHIP

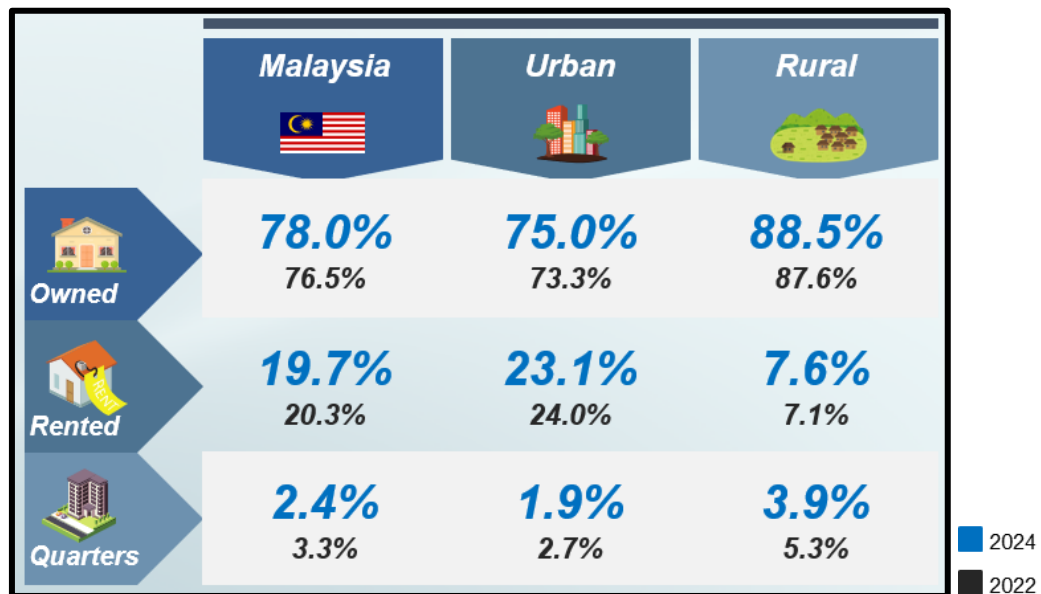
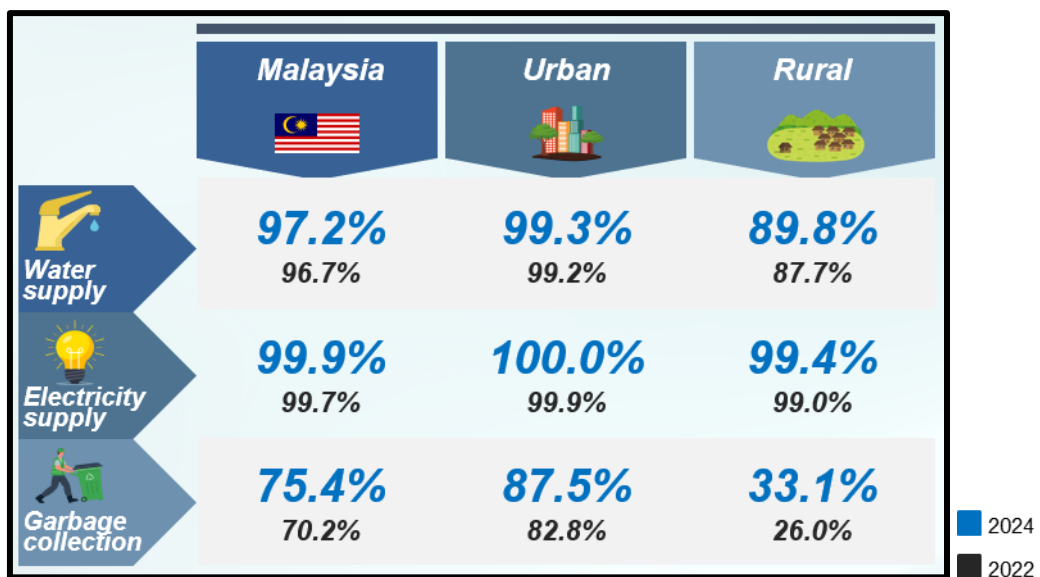


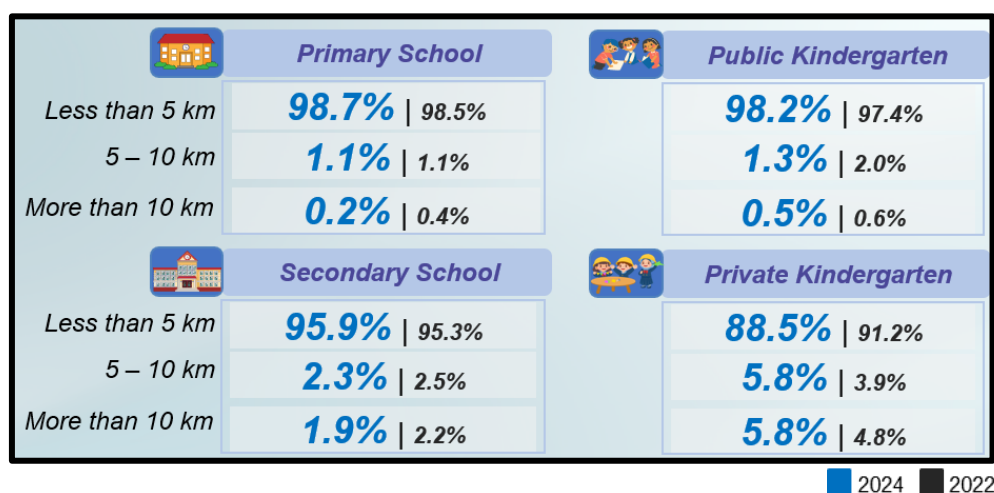
EXHIBIT 2: ACCESS TO UTILITIES AT LIVING QUARTERS



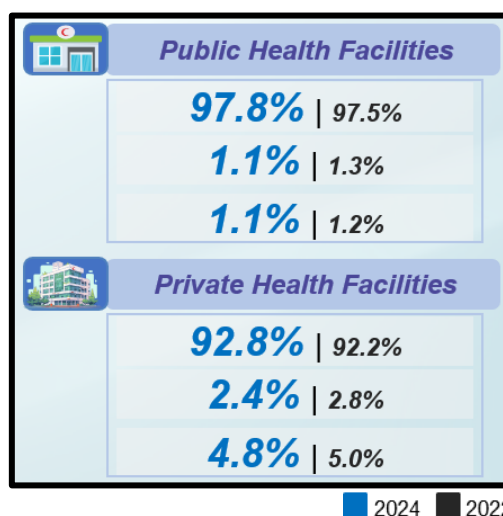
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EXHIBIT 3: DISTANCE FROM LIVING QUARTERS TO EDUCATION INSTITUTION AND HEALTH FACILITIES

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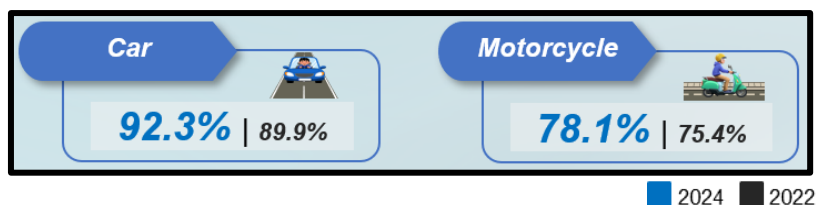
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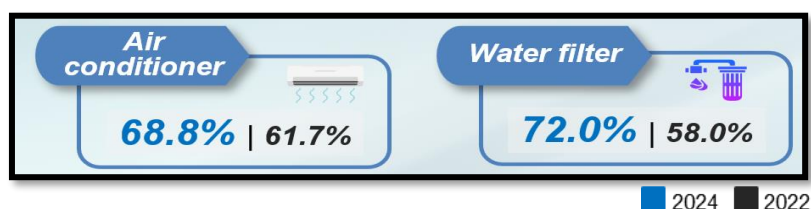
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EXHIBIT 4: SELECTED HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & SERVICES OWNERSHIP

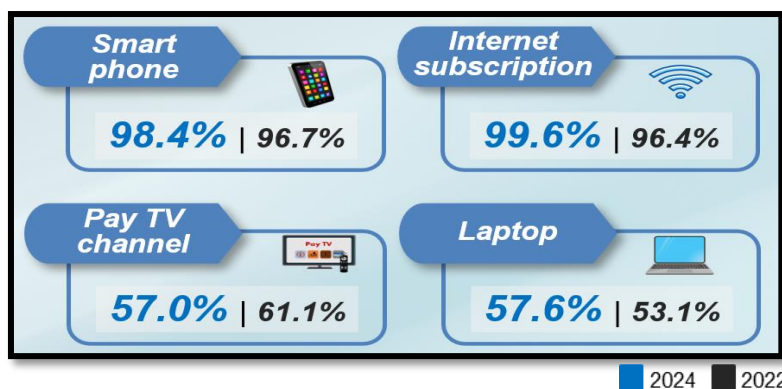
a) VEHICLES



b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

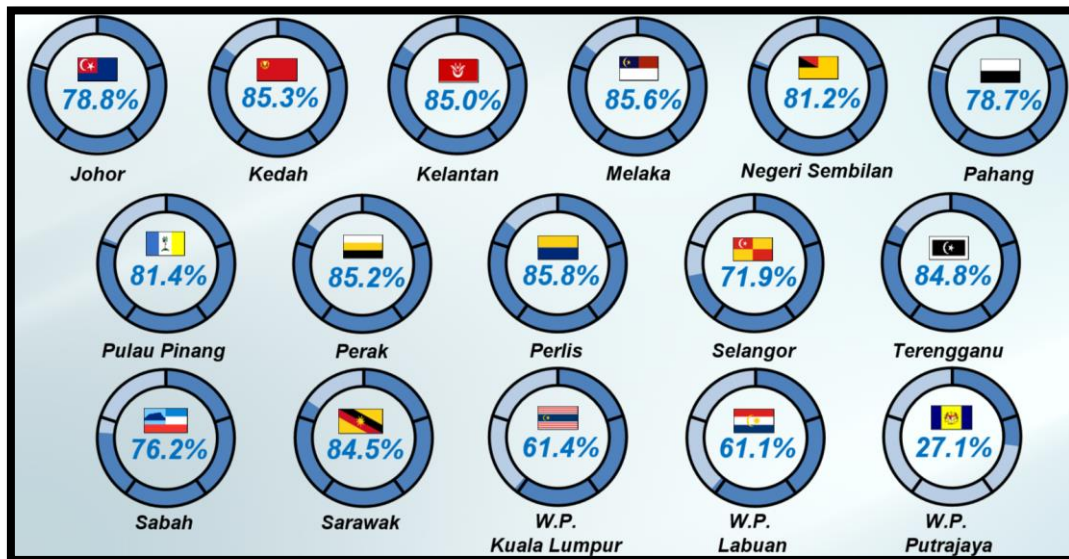


c) COMMUNICATION



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**EXHIBIT 5: PERCENTAGE OF OWNED LIVING QUARTERS
BY STATE, 2024**



**EXHIBIT 6: SELECTED HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT OWNERSHIP
BY STATE, 2024**

