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ALL 156 ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS RECORDED NON-CITIZENS POPULATION IN 2025 WITH 33 ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS EXCEED NATIONAL LEVEL NON-CITIZENS COMPOSITION (9.9%)

PUTRAJAYA, 24th DECEMBER, 2025 – The Non-citizens population in Malaysia is estimated at 3.38 million in 2025 with the growth rate declining to -0.5 per cent as compared to 2024. The proportion of Non-citizens also shows a decrease from 10.0 per cent in 2024 to 9.9 per cent in 2025. Overall, 33 administrative districts exceed national level Non-citizens composition (9.9%) in 2025.

For the first time, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has released the *International Migration Statistics, Malaysia, 2025* which aligns with the United Nations' *Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration and Temporary Mobility 2025* which recommend member countries to produce integrated and continuous statistics on both the stock and flow of international migration.

This report presents the stock statistics of Non-citizens in Malaysia through the 2025 current estimates of Non-citizens disaggregated to the administrative district level as well as satellite statistics such as employment, education and crime statistics from other DOSM publications and relevant agencies. In addition, the stock of Malaysian citizens abroad is also included in this publication. The 2025 current estimates of Non-citizens are mid-year estimates based on Malaysia Population and Housing Census, 2020.

Commenting on the report, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia said, "The number of males exceeded females at 2.35 million and 1.03 million respectively resulting in a sex ratio of 228 males for every 100 females. The high sex ratio was contributed by the high number of male foreign workers in Malaysia. The median age of Non-citizens in 2025 is 29.2 years, an increase of 0.2 years from 29.0 years in 2024".

The composition of Non-citizens aged 15-64 years (working age) decreased to 79.8 per cent (2025) from 79.9 per cent in 2024. Meanwhile, the percentage of Non-citizens aged 65 years and over (old age) increased to 4.7 per cent from 4.6 per cent for the same period. The composition of Non-citizens aged 0-14 years (young age) in 2025 remained unchanged as compared to 2024 with 15.5 per cent.

From the employment perspective, the number of employed Non-citizens increased to 2,360.6 thousand in 2024 compared to 2,004.0 thousand in 2023. The labour force participation rate (LFPR) of Non-citizens also rose from 87.2 per cent in 2023 to 88.9 per cent in 2024 indicating that the main purpose for Non-citizens entering Malaysia is for employment.

The Chief Statistician Malaysia also said, "This publication serves as a foundation for developing a more structured and consistent international migration data system in line with international standards. For the initial phase of Malaysia's international migration statistics, the focus is on migration stock statistics, that is the compilation of comprehensive statistics on Non-citizens in Malaysia and Malaysian citizens abroad. The preparation of these stock statistics will continue to be improved through broader data coverage and methodological enhancements to ensure accuracy, reliability and consistency of the data. Moving forward, DOSM will continue to strengthen coordination with related agencies to support the production of more accurate, comprehensive and policy-relevant international migration statistics."

These statistics are important input for the formulation of policies and the planning of programs related to international migration, as well as a reference for researchers and academics. International migration plays a crucial role in shaping the country's

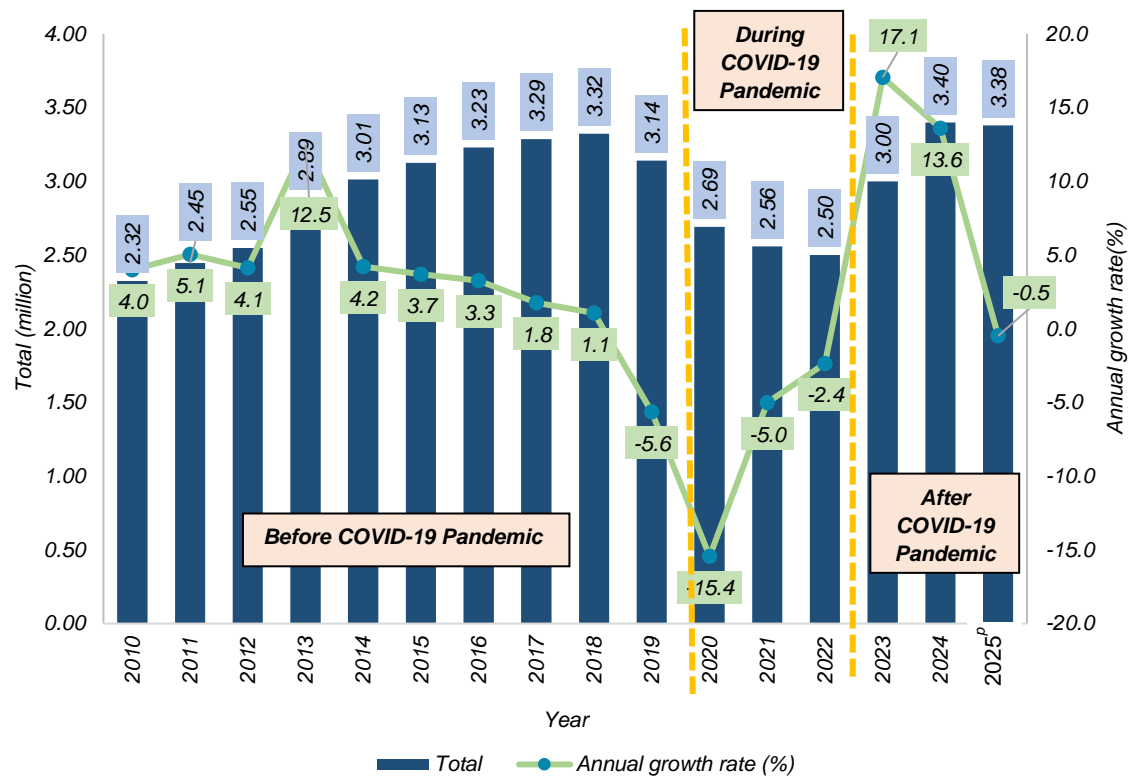
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population structure, with direct implications for the labor market, provision of social services, and socio-economic development planning. Therefore, the availability of high-quality and reliable international migration statistics is a fundamental basis for supporting policy and decision making.

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.

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>.

Chart 1: Non-citizens stock in Malaysia, 2010-2025^P



Source: Current Population Estimates, 2010-2025^P

Note: 2020-2025^P Current Population Estimates based on Population and Housing Census 2020

P: Preliminary

Table 1: Number and annual growth rate of Non-citizens by state, Malaysia, 2025^P

State	Number of Non-citizens (000')	Annual growth rate (%)
Malaysia	3,380.7	-0.48
<i>Johor</i>	<i>385.1</i>	<i>-0.73</i>
<i>Kedah</i>	<i>111.0</i>	<i>-1.68</i>
<i>Kelantan</i>	<i>47.1</i>	<i>-0.04</i>
<i>Melaka</i>	<i>91.5</i>	<i>-0.37</i>
<i>Negeri Sembilan</i>	<i>73.5</i>	<i>-1.45</i>
<i>Pahang</i>	<i>101.9</i>	<i>-0.32</i>
<i>Perak</i>	<i>159.5</i>	<i>-0.58</i>
<i>Perlis</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>-2.39</i>
<i>Pulau Pinang</i>	<i>179.9</i>	<i>-0.58</i>
<i>Sabah</i>	<i>1,040.2</i>	<i>-0.32</i>
<i>Sarawak</i>	<i>126.8</i>	<i>-0.71</i>
<i>Selangor</i>	<i>727.9</i>	<i>-0.10</i>
<i>Terengganu</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>-0.81</i>
<i>W.P. Kuala Lumpur</i>	<i>270.7</i>	<i>-0.28</i>
<i>W.P. Labuan</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>-6.23</i>
<i>W.P. Putrajaya</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>-18.37</i>

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