



MINISTRY OF ECONOMY  
DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS MALAYSIA, SECOND QUARTER 2026

#### Live births decreased by 6.1 per cent and deaths increased 0.6 per cent in the second quarter of 2026

**PUTRAJAYA, 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026** – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published **Demographic Statistics Malaysia, Second Quarter 2026**. This report presents estimated population, live births and deaths in Malaysia and the states for the second quarter of 2026.

In a statement today, DOSM reported that 90,726 births were recorded in the second quarter of 2026, a decrease of 6.1 per cent as compared to the second quarter of 2025. This comprised 46,953 male babies and 43,773 female babies. Sex ratio at birth was 107 males for every 100 females. Selangor recorded the highest live births with 16,828 births (18.5%) while Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan recorded the lowest with 305 births (0.3%). Mothers aged 30-39 years recorded the highest live births with 47,693 births (52.6%), followed by mothers aged 20-29 years (39.7%), 40 years and over (5.9%) and mothers aged less than 20 years (1.8%).

In term of ethnicity, Malay accounted for 67.3 per cent (61,117 births) of all live births in the second quarter 2026 (Q2 2025: 64,925 births, 67.1%). Meanwhile, the composition of Chinese and Indians recorded a decrease from 8.7 per cent and 4.3 per cent in the second quarter 2025 to 7.5 per cent and 3.8 per cent in the second quarter 2026, respectively. Live births for Other Bumiputera increased to 14.3 per cent as compared to 12.8 per cent in the same period. Other Bumiputera consists of Sabah Bumiputera, Sarawak Bumiputera and other Bumiputera Peninsular Malaysia. Sabah Bumiputera contributed 59.6 per cent of Other Bumiputera which comprised Kadazan/ Dusun (35.2%), Bajau (30.5%), Murut (6.7%) and other Sabah Bumiputera (27.6%). Meanwhile, Sarawak Bumiputera recorded 33.6 per cent which comprised Iban (57.8%), Bidayuh (16.3%), Melanau (12.9%) and other Sarawak Bumiputera (13.0%).

DOSM also reported, a total of 49,827 deaths were recorded in the second quarter 2026, increased 0.6 per cent as compared to the second quarter 2025 (49,552 deaths). The number of deaths recorded for males were 28,390 while 21,437 deaths for females. Mortality sex ratio was 132 males for every 100 females. Selangor recorded the highest number of deaths with 7,924 deaths (15.9%), while

Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya recorded the lowest with 81 deaths (0.2%). Population aged 60 years and over recorded the highest number of deaths with 35,525 deaths (71.3%), followed by 41-59 years (19.9%), 15-40 years (6.9%) and 0-14 years (1.9%).

Malay registered 52.4 per cent (26,098 deaths) of total number of deaths (Q2 2025: 26,171 deaths, 52.8%). At the same time, the composition of Other Bumiputera and Chinese increased from 10.6 per cent and 25.6 per cent in the second quarter of 2025 to 10.9 per cent and 26.2 per cent in the second quarter 2026, respectively. Meanwhile, Indians showed a decrease from 8.2 per cent to 7.8 per cent for the same period. Sabah Bumiputera contributed 50.4 per cent of Other Bumiputera which comprised Kadazan/ Dusun (38.5%), Bajau (27.9%), Murut (5.2%) and other Sabah Bumiputera (28.4%). Meanwhile, Sarawak Bumiputera recorded 43.2 per cent which comprised Iban (62.2%), Bidayuh (16.9%), Melanau (10.9%) and other Sarawak Bumiputera (10.0%).

In tandem with the decrease in the number of live births in the second quarter 2026, Malaysia's total population was estimated at 34.4 million as compared to 34.2 million in the second quarter 2025 with a growth of 0.5 per cent. The total population composition in second quarter comprised 31.0 million (90.2%) Citizens and 3.4 million (9.8%) Non-citizens. Males population increased to 18.0 million from 17.9 million in the second quarter 2025 and females rose to 16.4 million from 16.3 million in the same period. The overall sex ratio of population was 110 males for every 100 females while sex ratio for Citizens was 102 males for every 100 females. The composition of old population (65 years and over) increased from 8.0 per cent to 8.4 per cent in the second quarter 2026. Meanwhile, young age population (0-14 years) recorded a decrease from 21.6 per cent to 21.2 per cent. The working age population (15-64 years) remained at 70.4 per cent during the same period.

Malay accounted 58.4 per cent of the citizen population in the second quarter 2026 (Q2 2025: 58.2%). Other Bumiputera and Indians remained unchanged as compared to second quarter 2025 at 12.3 per cent and 6.5 per cent, respectively. Meanwhile, the composition of Chinese recorded a decrease from 22.2 per cent from second quarter 2025 to 22.0 per cent in second quarter 2026. Bumiputera Sabah contributed 55.3 per cent of Other Bumiputera which comprised Kadazan/ Dusun (31.7%), Bajau (26.5%), Murut (5.1%) and other Sabah Bumiputera (36.7%). Meanwhile, Bumiputera Sarawak (32.3%) comprised Iban (59.1%), Bidayuh (17.1%), Melanau (10.6%) and other Sarawak Bumiputera (13.2%).

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed “**Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat**”. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation's economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

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Chart 1: Live births and deaths (number and rate) by quarterly, 2019-2026<sup>p</sup>, Malaysia

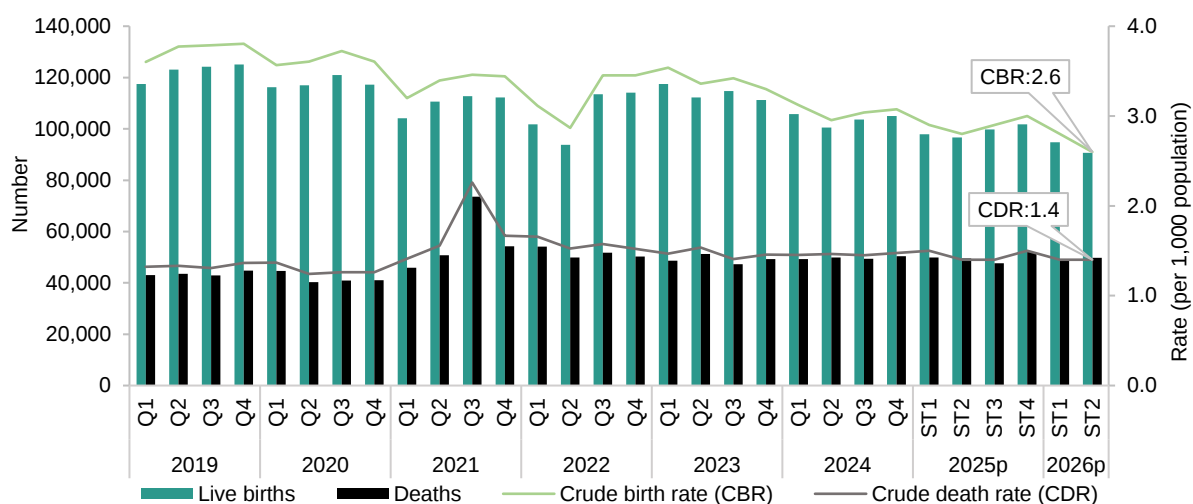


Table 1: Demographic statistics for second quarter, 2025 and 2026, Malaysia

| Year                 | Total   |         | Male    |         | Female  |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                      | Q2 2025 | Q2 2026 | Q2 2025 | Q2 2026 | Q2 2025 | Q2 2026 |
| Population (million) | 34.2    | 34.4    | 17.9    | 18.0    | 16.3    | 16.4    |
| Live births          | 96,669  | 90,726  | 50,156  | 46,953  | 46,513  | 43,773  |
| Deaths               | 49,552  | 49,827  | 28,239  | 28,390  | 21,313  | 21,437  |
| Growth rate (%)      |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Population           | 0.5     | 0.5     | 0.4     | 0.5     | 0.6     | 0.5     |
| Live births          | -3.9    | -6.1    | -3.1    | -6.4    | -4.7    | -5.9    |
| Deaths               | -0.7    | 0.6     | -0.6    | 0.5     | -0.8    | 0.6     |

Chart 2: Citizens by ethnic group, second quarter, 2025 and 2026, Malaysia

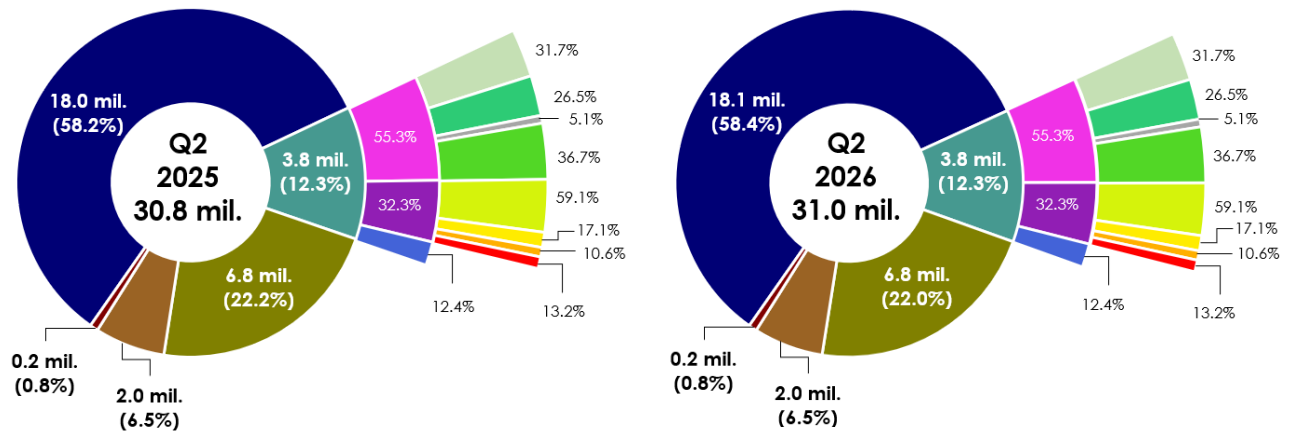


Chart 3: Live births by ethnic group, second quarter, 2025 and 2026, Malaysia

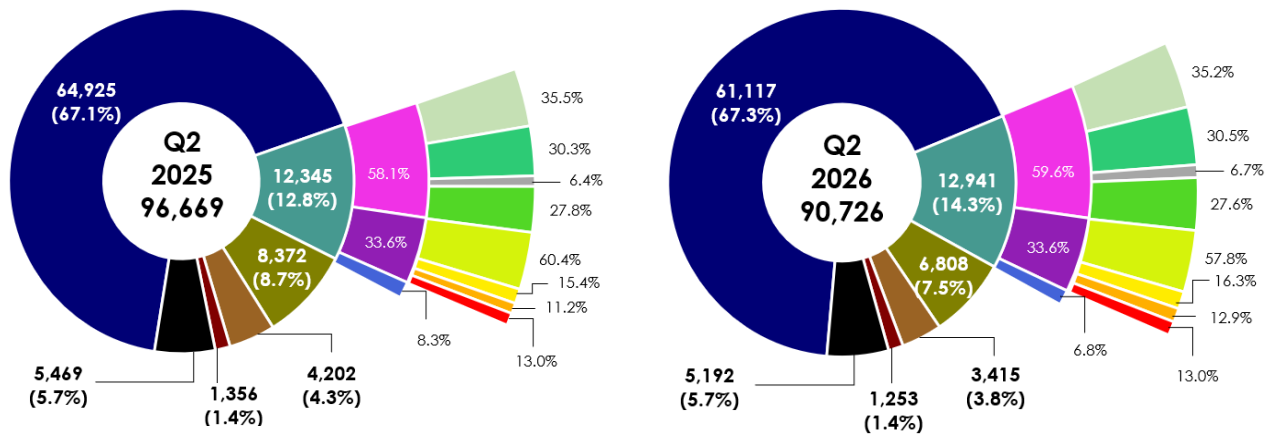
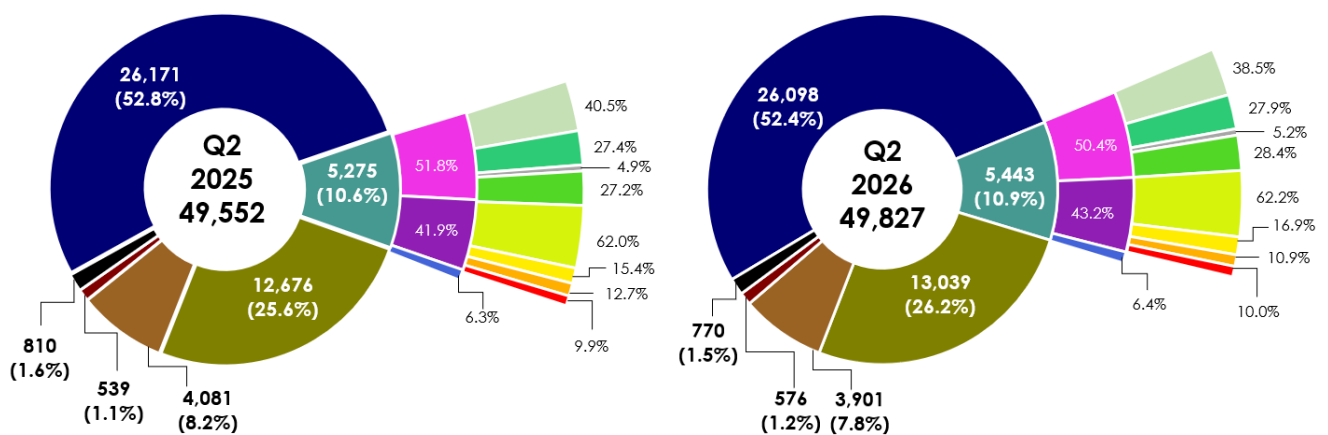


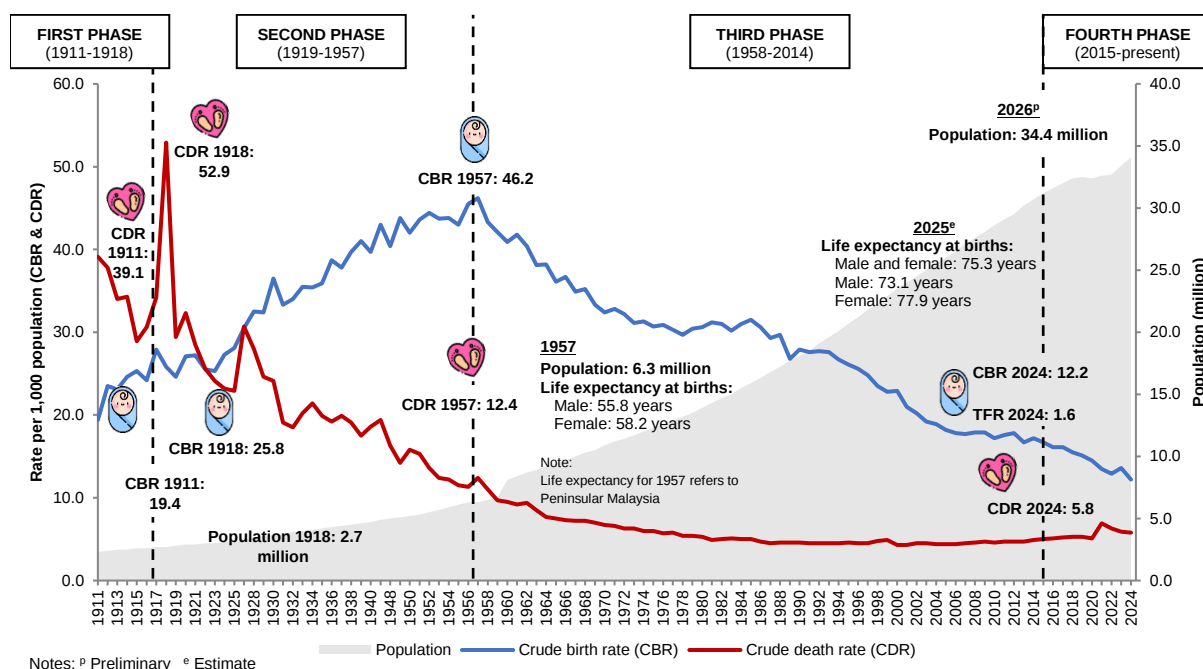
Chart 4: Deaths by ethnic group, second quarter, 2025 and 2026, Malaysia



### Legends

- Malay
- Other Bumiputera
- Chinese
- Indians
- Others
- Non-citizens
- Sabah Bumiputera
- Sarawak Bumiputera
- Other Bumiputera Peninsular Malaysia
- Kadazan/ Dusun
- Bajau
- Murut
- Other Sabah Bumiputera
- Iban
- Bidayuh
- Melanau
- Other Sarawak Bumiputera

Chart 5: Demographic transition, Malaysia, 1911-2024



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