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INTRODUCTION

Children Statistics, Malaysia, 2016 presents selected child[1] statistics as the basis to measure the quality of life and well-being of children at the national and state level. The compilation of statistics in this publication consists of four main fields, namely population, health, education and child protection. The statistics were obtained from secondary sources which involved various ministries/departments/government agencies. The selected child statistics in the areas of Education and Child Protection are presented as follows:

(A) EDUCATION

In 2015, the number of pre-school students in government & government-aided schools increased 1.2 per cent to 198,574 from 196,264 (2014). Female students recorded a higher increase of 1.6 per cent compared to male (0.8%).

Table 1: Pre-school student in government & government-aided schools by sex, Malaysia, 2014 and 2015

	2014	2015
Total	196,264	198,574
Male	99,541	100,288
Female	96,723	98,286

Source : Ministry of Education, Malaysia

The number of primary school students in government & government-aided schools recorded a decrease of 0.9 per cent from 2,709,340 (2014) to 2,683,992 (2015). Both male and female students registered declines of 1.0 per cent and 0.9 per cent respectively.

Table 2: Primary school student in government & government-aided schools by sex, Malaysia, 2014 and 2015

	2014	2015
Total	2,709,340	2,683,992
Male	1,392,484	1,378,766
Female	1,316,856	1,305,226

Source : Ministry of Education, Malaysia

[1] *A child refers to a person under the age of eighteen years old.*

The number of secondary school students in government & government-aided schools registered a decrease of 4.1 per cent from 2,159,906 (2014) to 2,072,162 (2015). Both male and female students declined 4.8 per cent and 3.3 per cent respectively.

Table 3: Secondary school student in government & government-aided schools by sex, Malaysia, 2014 and 2015

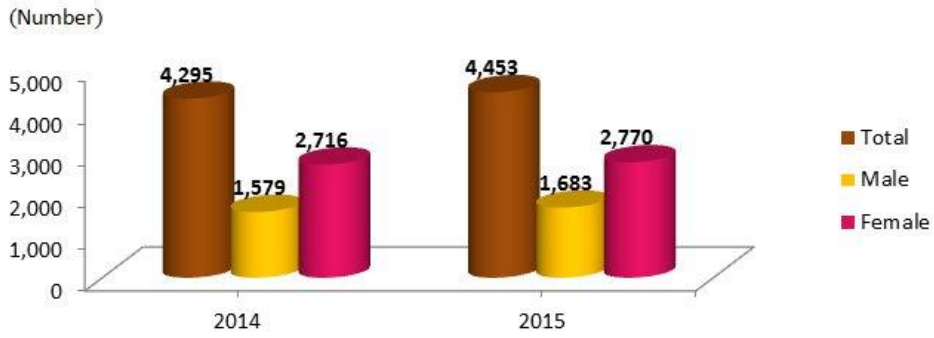
	2014	2015
Total	2,159,906	2,072,162
Male	1,081,729	1,029,375
Female	1,078,177	1,042,787

Source : Ministry of Education, Malaysia

(B) CHILD PROTECTION

The number of children in need of care and protection increased 3.7 per cent from 4,295 (2014) to 4,453 (2015). Both male and female increased 104 and 54 persons respectively.

Chart 1: Children in need of care and protection by sex, Malaysia, 2014 and 2015



Source : Department of Social Welfare, Malaysia

The number of juvenile offenders declined 10.3 per cent from 5,096 cases (2014) to 4,569 cases (2015). The first offence decreased 12.1 per cent. On the other hand, repeated offence recorded an increase of 12.4 per cent from 371 cases (2014) to 417 cases (2015).

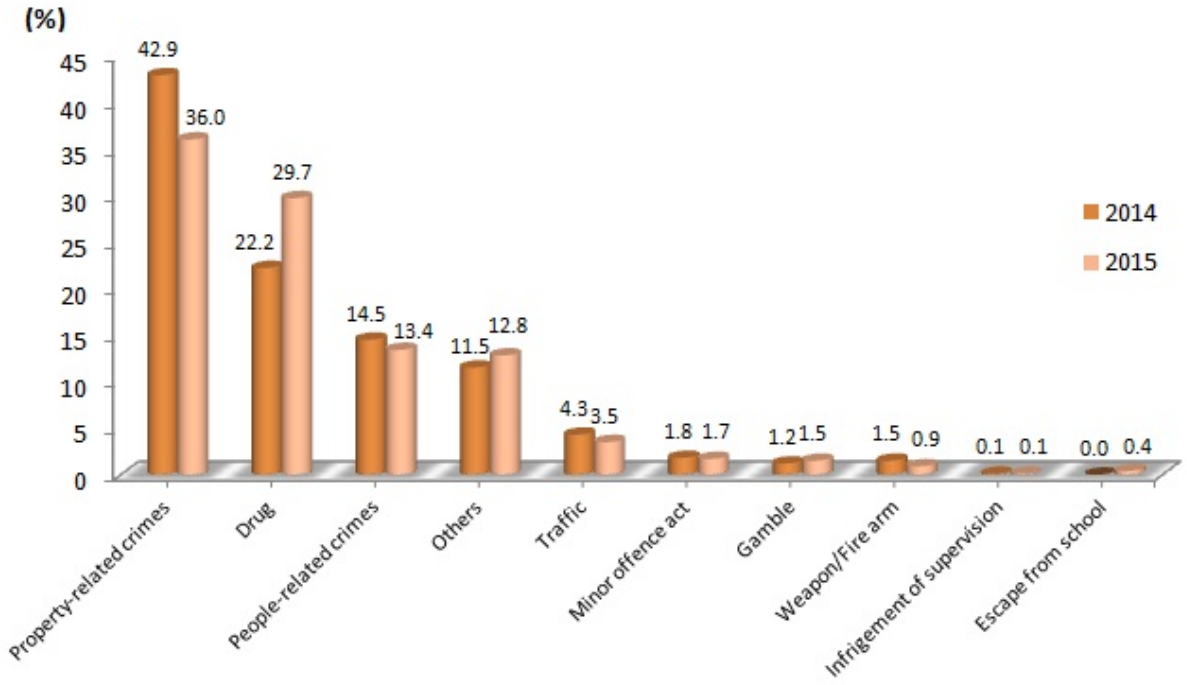
Table 4: Juvenile offender, Malaysia, 2014 and 2015

	2014			2015
Total	5,096		Total	4,569
First offence	4,725		First offence	4,152
Repeated offence	371		Repeated offence	417

Source : Department of Social Welfare, Malaysia

The highest percentage of children involved in crime was property-related crimes that was 36.0 per cent (2015) compared to 42.9 per cent (2014). This was followed by drug (29.7%) and people-related crimes (13.4%).

Chart 2: Children involved in crime by type of crime, Malaysia, 2014 and 2015



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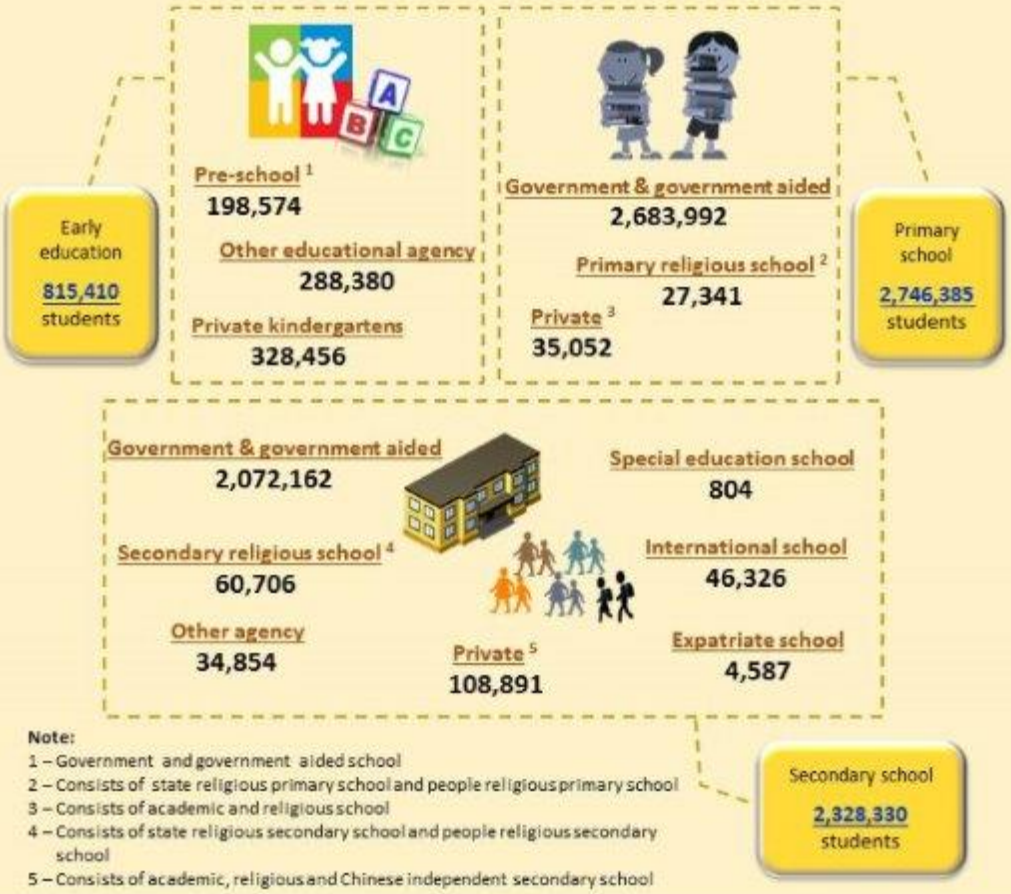
Student in Malaysia, 2015



Note:

1 – Government and government aided school
2 – Consists of state religious primary school and people religious primary school
3 – Consists of academic and religious school
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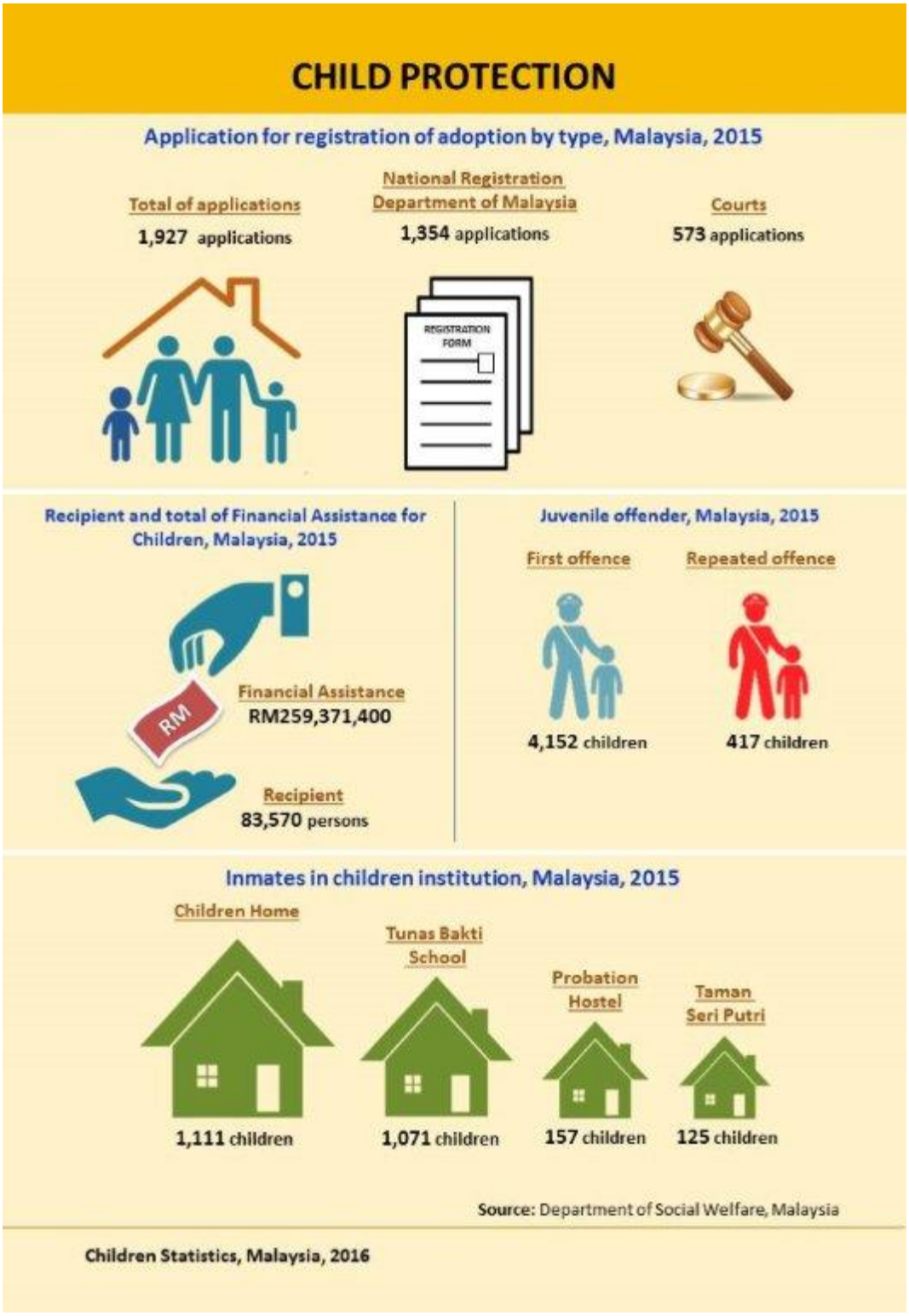
5 – Consists of academic, religious and Chinese independent secondary school

Number of recipients of school aid in government & government aided school, Malaysia, 2015

Source: Ministry of Education, Malaysia



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